

SURPRISES LIKELY FROM NOW ON

By SAM GALLAGHER

The defeat of Port and North and a close call for Torrens against bottom team Glenelg in today's league matches suggest there are more surprises in store before the composition of the final four is decided.

Today's details at a glance

AT ADELAIDE

Sturt	3-5	7-5	12-8	14-11	95
South	1-2	6-5	10-9	12-13	85

BEST PLAYERS.—STURT: Schoff, Halbert, Rigney, Bagshaw, Dunn, Shearman, Murphy. **SOUTH:** Roberts, Ross, Darley, Shaw, Schmidt, Howe, Ploenges, Kerley.

SCORERS.—STURT: Halbert 5.1, Jones 4.1, Dunn 1.2, Raymond 1.1, Rigney 1.1, Miels 1.0, Schoff 1.0, Murphy 0.1, Tilbrook 0.1, Bagshaw 0.1, Chessell 0.1, rushed 0.1. **SOUTH:** Ross 5.0, Kantilla 3.1, White 1.2, Skuse 1.2, Whitford 1.1, Howe 1.0, Thredgold 0.3, Alexander 0.1, Whitford 1.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS.—STURT: Raymond (ankle) by Thomas during the last term. Dunn (ankle) by Kretschmer during the last term. **SOUTH:** Judd (leg), by O'Brien, during the last term. Alexander (leg) by Howlett during the last term.

UMPIRE—K. Cunningham.

AT NORWOOD

Nwd.	3-2	9-4	13-6	14-10	94
Port	3-3	4-5	9-7	12-10	82

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Wedding, Bunton, Vertudaches, Oatey, Redden, Woolford, Vickers, Modra. **PORT:** Cahill, Haslam, Obst, Spiers, Potter, Spencer.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Brewer 3.2, Oatey 3.1, Blood 2.0, Hillman 2.0, Sutter 1.2, Bunton 1.1, Harrison 1.1, Vertudaches 1.0, Woodcock 0.1, Wedding 0.1, rushed 0.1. **PORT:** Potter 4.2, Freeman 4.1, Salmon 2.1, Spencer 1.1, Traynor 1.1, Philp 0.1, Haslam 0.1, Moore 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: Abbott (bruised thigh) replaced by Sutter at half-time. **PORT:** Traynor (cramp) replaced by Beaufoy during the last term.

UMPIRE—R. Hall

AT RICHMOND

West	0-7	1-11	3-16	7-18	60
North	2-4	3-5	5-10	6-10	46

BEST PLAYERS.—WEST: Day, Hooper, McInerney, Hughes, Thompson, Jonas, Pfitzner, Sims. **NORTH:** Robinson, H. Lindner, Paull, Stringer, Bloch, Farrell, Geisler, Sutter.

SCORERS.—WEST: Sims 4.7, McInerney 1.1, Shuard 1.0, Burkett 1.0, Hooper 0.5, Pannenberg 0.3, Jamieson 0.1, McCarthy 0.1. **NORTH:** Taylor 2.1, Coleman 1.1, Wilkinson 1.1, Martin 1.1, Anderson 1.0, Geisler 0.3, Dixon 0.1, Sheridan 0.1, Bloch 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—WEST: Llewellyn by O'Driscoll during the last term. **NORTH:** Coleman (ankle) by Anstey during the third term. Martin (ankle) by Page during the last term.

UMPIRE—M. Posa

AT THEBARTON

Torr.	2-2	3-6	4-7	11-7	73
Glen.	2-4	4-6	8-8	9-9	63

BEST PLAYERS.—TORRENS: Head, Gibson, Giblett, Braidwood, Bills, Young. **GLENELG:** Richens, McGowan, B. Long, Blackburn, Sutherland, Williams, Anesbury.

SCORERS.—TORRENS: Young 2.1, Pill 2.0, Tye 2.0, Wildy 1.2, Head 1.1, Kingston 1.1, Gibson 1.0, Cowling 1.0, Lawson 0.1, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Button 2.1, Ward 2.2, Anesbury 1.0, McGowan 1.2, Sutherland 1.1, Sinclair 1.0, Neill 1.1, B. Long 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS.—TORRENS: Williams by Tye during the third term. Lawson replaced by Miller during the third term. **GLENELG:** Cahill (cramp) by Mills during the last term.

UMPIRE—M. Ducker

AT WOODVILLE

Wdv.	2-2	6-5	7-7	10-10	70
Cent.	4-3	5-4	5-8	5-12	42

BEST PLAYERS.—WOODVILLE: Simunsen, Braidwood, West, Bradley, Hansch, Fneebone, O'Connor, Jackson. **CENTRALS:** Stutley, Grlusich, Eustice, Smith, Phillips, Hayes, McGee.

SCORERS.—WOODVILLE: O'Connor 5.0, Obsi 1.1, Simunsen 1.1, W. Kelly 1.1, Roache 1.1, Perry 1.0, Young 0.2, Tee 0.1, Bradley 0.1, Braidwood 0.1, rushed 0.1. **CENTRALS:** Stanton 2.2, Barron 1.1, Smith 1.0, Haylock 1.0, McGee 0.2, Webber 0.2, Medhurst 0.1, Davis 0.1, Grlusich 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRE—D. Foster

ATTENDANCES

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Adelaide	16,261
Norwood	10,811
Thebarton	5,730
Woodville	2,502
Richmond	6,142
TOTAL	41,446

NEXT WEEK

South v. Norwood (Adelaide).
Port v. Sturt (Alberton).
Centrals v. Torrens (Elizabeth).
Glenelg v. North (Glenelg).
Woodville v. West (Woodville).

Torrens moved into second place ahead of Port and North, while South slipped a game behind the leaders.

The Panthers are only a game clear of West, who took a big step forward in beating North today and could become the glamor team of the competition in a late bid for the finals.

The Red and Blacks clearly established themselves as a threat to the leaders in beating North.

Judged by their performance against Sturt today, however, South are underrated in fifth place while Torrens and North on current form are flattered by their positions.

Sturt, three points clear now in top place, had to overcome a ruck deficiency throughout to win.

Schoff, at centre and Halbert were the Blues' big winners. South had the same number of scoring shots.

In the day's big upset at Norwood the Redlegs' form lifted with the occasion.

A brilliant second quarter with Wedding back to his dominant best set up a margin that Port could not overcome in a determined second half rally.

Head again

Glenelg had Torrens struggling at the last change, but Head and Gibson got the Eagles out of trouble. Torrens kicked seven goals without a miss in the last quarter to win by 10 points.

For the second week in succession only a great effort by Head has got the Eagles home. They could be in trouble at Elizabeth next week.

West at Richmond nearly threw away their chances by inaccurate kicking for goal.

In a hard-fought game, they finished strongly, as they did against Norwood, to win by 14 points.

Match of the day next week will be the Sturt-Port clash at Alberton. The Blues are deservedly in top place at the present but over recent seasons the Magpies have had their measure.

Apart from its immediate effect on league rankings, the result of this game will be of special significance in the major round. They do not meet again before the finals.

This will be a real pressure game with Sturt out to prove they can do it and Port smarting from today's defeat at Norwood.

There will be plenty of tension in the South-Norwood clash at Adelaide, too.

A loss to South in this one could drop the Panthers two games behind the leaders and leave them neck-and-neck with West.

Torrens came good in last quarter to win

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	2-2	3-6	4-7	11-7	73
Glenelg	2-4	4-6	8-8	9-9	63

By BILL HENDERSON

Torrens, outplayed by Glenelg for three quarters, produced a match-winning final term to snatch victory at Thebarton Oval today.

Torrens kicked seven goals straight in this term in contrast to their poor earlier shooting for goals.

Glenelg let themselves down badly and lost what chances they had by not playing direct football in their forward area. They attacked repeatedly down along the boundary lines.

Torrens must consider themselves lucky to win, for they did not have enough good players willing to drive themselves determinedly for the ball.

In the first half Torrens attacked as often as the Bays, but many times were let down by half-heartedness when the ball was delivered.

Head and Gibson were placing the ball brilliantly to Lawson and company but several chest marks were spilt.

Glenelg capitalised on these errors, as Richens played well to drive the ball back for scoring chances.

Glenelg were a goal up at half-time but had they played directly down the middle might have been appreciably further in front.

In the third term they began to play more through Sutherland at centre half-forward.

Consequently the Bays' game improved so much that they looked real winners, and they outscored the Eagles 4-2 to 1-1 in this term.

Glenelg opened the last quarter as well as Torrens, but after 10 minutes went on the offensive.

This let Torrens in, and after the Eagles managed a couple of goals, one could see life come into them, as they realised victory was not impossible.

With eight minutes to play Head snapped a beautiful left-footer to put them in front for the first time since early in the first term.

Glenelg must be praised for coming back to fight and goal with three minutes left.

But Cowling, then Kingston, goaled to sew the game up.

It was a good effort by the Tigers, who showed more potential than Torrens all day.

It was left to a few players in Head, Gibson, and Giblett to keep Torrens in the game.

Head himself was let down badly by his forwards after he delivered the ball to them decisively. He was Torrens' best.

Gibson was not far behind Head, and he helped immensely to drive the ball in deep for the forwards.

Giblett and Braidwood defended well, while Fred Bills, although showing the effects of a hard game at the end, played well.

Glenelg had many players who showed better form than Torrens, and consequently the best on the ground came from the Bay camp.

Colin Richens gets this vote for a tireless effort and willingness to drive himself at the ball at all times.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	W.	L.	D.	Points		Prem.	%
				For	Agst.		
Sturt	10	2	—	1269	922	20	57.92
Torrens	8	3	1	1088	834	17	56.61
Port	8	4	—	1026	799	16	56.22
North	8	4	—	961	860	16	52.77
South	7	5	—	1062	919	14	53.61
West	6	6	—	960	987	12	49.31
Norwood	5	7	—	962	1100	10	46.65
Woodville	3	8	1	853	1073	7	44.29
Centrals	2	10	—	798	1106	4	41.91
Glenelg	2	10	—	780	1159	4	40.23

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Brewer (Norwood)	3-2	12	45-23
Freeman (Port)	4-1	11	41-22
Sims (West)	4-7	12	39-31
Halbert (Sturt)	5-1	12	36-24
Grlusich (Centrals)	0-1	11	25-10
Coleman (North)	1-1	9	24-19
Jones (Sturt)	4-1	7	22-16
Button (Glenelg)	2-1	11	22-12

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TROPHY THE LEADERS

- 16—Head (Torrens).
- 9—D. Lindner (North); Grlusich (Centrals); Kerley (South).
- 8—D. A. Y. (West); Simunsen (Woodville); Pascoe (South).
- 7—Wedding (Norwood); Richens (Glenelg); Taylor (North).
- 6—Hicks (Sturt); Schmidt (South); Eutler (Torrens); D. Long (Glenelg); Stutley (Centrals); Anderson (North).