

TORRENS PLUNGE BY 3 PLACES

By SAM GALLAGHER

Outclassed by the Magpies at Alberton, Torrens went down by 77 points, and crashed from third to fifth place on the premiership ladder.

North finished 16 points up against Norwood today to hold second place — one game clear of Port and South.

Torrens' hopes of surviving are gradually fading.

The Eagles would have been hoping for a Norwood victory at Prospect today.

The Red-and-Whites are now 1½ games clear of Tor-

rens, who must now count on North losing three of their next four games.

This is possible, as North meet South, Sturt, and Port during the next month. Woodville is their other opponent.

Over the same period, Torrens meet Sturt, West, South, and Norwood.

Victory in two of these games would leave them

with a cut-throat game at Prospect in the last round.

Brilliance

If North are successful in any one of their matches against the other sides currently in the four, Torrens' chances are gone — unless they, too, can beat Sturt or South.

The Eagles meet Sturt at Adelaide next week, and will have to show vast improvement if they are to win.

North's chances against South at Prospect are brighter.

This was the game last year in which success would have put North into the four.

The Red-and-Whites today in the first half seemed to have Norwood at their mercy, but did not press home their advantage in the second half.

They have some undoubted brilliance in the side, and will be seen to greater advantage as the grounds get firmer.

One of Norwood's faults today was again indiscriminate handball, and some change of policy is

necessary if they are to realise their full potential next year.

In next week's game at Prospect, the power generated by Darley and Roberts will be North's biggest problem.

This game, and North's subsequent clashes with Sturt and Port, will have season.

North have already beaten South and Port this season.

Against Torrens today, Port's big men jumped right back into form.

Bob Philp and Steve Traynor were at their top.

This, together with the penetration of Cahill and Potter's fine roving, gave the Magpies a grip on the game well before the end.

Sturt were level with Centrals at half-time, but went right away in the second half.

Eight goals

The switch of Shearman to centre half-back at half-time gave the Blues tremendous drive down the middle of the ground.

Jones finished with eight goals.

Darley and Roberts started South on the way

to a comfortable win at Richmond.

The elusive Ross was in fine touch at half-forward.

Woodville's control right across centre and Ost's brilliance at centre half-forward gave the visitors a good win at Glenelg and took them two games clear of Centrals and Glenelg.

New player for Sturt

STURT have so many players with a ton of ability that the future looks fine for them.

Today they tried out young Nunan from Port Pirie, a 16-year-old rover, who showed excellent ball handling.

Nunan was signed up by John Halbert, who beat Port to the gun.

THERE was some excellent kicking at Unley Oval today, especially as the ball was slippery.

Phillips, full back for Centrals, kicked out magnificently, and many times landed the ball almost at centre.

LEAGUE DETAILS

AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-4	10-8	11-13	17-17	119
Torr.	2-2	3-6	4-11	5-12	42

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Cahill, Philp, Traynor, Potter, Salmon, Obst, Nyland. **TORRENS:** Lipp, Butler, Head, Gibson, Lee, Rawson, Tye.

SCORERS — PORT: Potter 4.4, Freeman 4.3, Salmon 3.2, Traynor 3.1, Cahill 2.0, Philp 1.2, Mead 0.2, Pilgrim 0.2, Moore 0.1. **TORRENS:** Lee 1.4, Wildy 1.2, Tye 1.2, Miller 1.0, Graham 1.0, Butler 0.1, Head 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS — PORT: Mead (thigh) by Moore during the third term. **TORRENS:** Gould by Isaac during the third term. Jackson by Payze during the last term.

UMPIRE — K. Cunningham.

AT GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Wdv.	2-3	5-7	11-12	13-17	95
Glen.	5-4	8-8	10-8	12-9	81

BEST PLAYERS—WOODVILLE: Obst, Hansch, Simunsen, Bradley, O'Connor, Allen, Christie. **GLENELG:** Button, Linke, R. Long, Johnson, Phillis, Blackburn.

SCORERS — WOODVILLE: Roache 5.2, Obst 2.4, Simunsen 2.3, O'Connor 2.1, Braidwood 1.2, Perry 1.2, Atkinson 0.2, Christie 0.1, Hoffman 0.1. **GLENELG:** Button 5.1, R. Long 3.0, Anesbury 1.3, Morton 1.1, McGowan 1.1, Colbey 1.1, Ward 0.1, Niell 0.1, Moss 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — WOODVILLE: West (slight concussion) by Young during the last term. **GLENELG:** Edwards (thigh) by Drew during the first term. Moss (cramp) by Moroney during the last term.

UMPIRE — M. Posa.

AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	2-6	6-9	9-10	11-12	78
Nwd.	1-1	2-4	6-9	8-14	62

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Lindner, Taylor, Farrell, Sheridan, Dixon, Cearns, Coppins, A. Sutter. **NORWOOD:** Modra, Kneebone, D. Sutter, Vertudaches, Molloy, Oatey, Bunton, Haines.

SCORERS — NORTH: Taylor 4.0, Thomas 2.4, Anderson 1.2, Wilkinson 1.1, Dixon 1.1, Sheridan 1.1, Geisler 1.0, Cearns 0.1, Robinson 0.1, Jaworskyj 0.1. **NORWOOD:** Brewer 4.5, Sutter 2.0, Harrison 1.2, Chapman 1.1, Oatey 0.2, Wedding 0.1, Bunton 0.1, Modra 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — NORTH: Stringer (hip) by Stewart during the first term. Thomas by Bamford during the last term. **NORWOOD:** Woolford (knee) by Shillabeer during the last term.

UMPIRE — D. Foster.

AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	4-2	7-7	10-17	13-22	100
West	1-2	3-7	6-8	9-12	66

BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH: Ross, Darley, White, Roberts, Pascoe, O'Brien, Judd, Kerley. **WEST:** Hughes, Shueard, Day, Jonas, Hooper, Pope, Roach.

SCORERS.—SOUTH: Howlett 3.3, White 3.1, Ros 2.3, Eckert 1.3, Pascoe 1.2, Roberts 1.1, Darley 1.0, Kerley 1.0, Skuse 0.5, Rivers 0.2, Butcher 0.1, rushed 0.1. **WEST:** Sims 4.2, Hooper 2.1, Pannenberg 2.0, Burkett 1.1, Shueard 0.3, Fraser 0.2, Roach 0.1, Bertelsmeier 0.17, McInerney 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Roberts by Kantilla during the last term. **WEST:** Pannenberg (hip) by O'Driscoll during the last term.

UMPIRE.—R. Hall.

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4-4	6-8	11-13	19-15	129
Cent.	4-2	7-2	7-2	9-2	56

BEST PLAYERS — STURT: Shearman, Jones, Rigney, Halbert, Adcock, Clarkson, Schwarz. **CENTRALS:** Edmonds, Chenoweth, Eustice, Martin, Haynes, Morey.

SCORERS. — STURT: Jones 8.3, Rigney 3.4, Chessell 2.2, Miels 2.1, Halbert 2.1, Tilbrook 1.0, Dunn 1.0, Greenslade 0.2, Clarkson 0.1, rushed 0.1. **CENTRALS:** Daly 2.0, Grusich 1.1, Skinner 1.0, Window 1.0, McGee 1.0, Morey 1.0, Barron 1.0, Edmonds 1.0, Kennedy 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS. — STURT: Murphy (thigh) by Roads during the third term. Schoff (shoulder) by Thomas during the third term. **CENTRALS:** Phillips (ankle) by Burns during the third term.

UMPIRE.—M. Ducker.

HOW W'VILLE WON

By DEAN STRINGER

After being outplayed by Glenelg in the first half, Woodville came back strongly to kick six goals in the third term which enabled them to win a hard game at Glenelg Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
W'ville	2-3	5-7	11-12	13-17	95
Glenelg	5-4	8-8	10-8	12-9	81

On the day, Woodville had far more of the play and many more good players than did Glenelg.

Woodville's winning rucks and rovers, clear ascendancy across centre and Obst's domination of centre half-forward, were the major factors in their win.

Glenelg began confidently and opened up a handy early lead with quick goals from Anesbury and Morton.

Simunsen drove the Woodpeckers forward and Roache marked strongly at the goalfront and made his kick count for full points.

Edwards, who had opened very well at centre wing, drove the ball goalward and two brilliant marks by Button enabled him to kick goals with beautiful long punts.

Colbey followed with another late in the term and gave the Bays a handy three-goal lead.

Glenelg lost Edwards late in the term. This was unfortunate for them as he had been going particularly well.

Late in the term, Glenelg rallied and McGowan goaled after being freed close in.

This appeared to spur on the Bays and Button again flashed into the game and brought up two quick goals.

Curb on Obst

Glenelg switched Phillis and Linke at half-time in an attempt to control Obst.

Linke had been doing well on a flank and did manage to curb Obst to some extent after he was moved.

The third quarter was all Woodville's.

They showed much more enthusiasm and combined together much better than in the first half.

Good, constructive handball enabled Woodville to break away from the packs and gain six goals for the term.

Woodville carried on with the task at the start of the last quarter.

Perry got an early chance, but was off-line with his kick.

Shortly afterwards, good teamwork between Perry, Roache, and Obst resulted in Obst goaling from close range.

Woodville were now handling the wet, heavy conditions much better than Glenelg, and they appeared to have plenty in reserve.

Long marked strongly in the pocket midway through the term, and brought up two more goals for the Bays to keep the game alive.

However, Simunsen again broke loose from centre, and followed the ball down to goal and virtually sewed up the game for Woodville.

Woodville had many good players today, and they decisively won more than their share of the set positions.

Captain-coach Peter Obst was probably their best. He was a thorn in the side of the Glenelg defence all day, and some of his marks and passes were very good.

Hansch gave his rovers an armchair ride throughout, and marked strongly in the field play.

Bradley, Allen, and Simunsen made up a winning trio across centre, while West was sound in defence.

Good players for Glenelg were much harder to find.

Ray Button, with five goals, was probably their best, but unfortunately he only flashed into the play spasmodically, and did not sustain his effort.

Linke was unbeaten before half-time, but he was not so prominent when shifted on to Obst after the long break.

Long and Blackburn battled gamely in the ruck and were valuable in the field play.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
Sturt	13	2	—	1598	1127	26	58.64	
North	11	4	—	1212	1067	22	53.18	
Port	10	5	—	1274	937	20	57.62	
South	10	5	—	1396	1083	20	56.31	
Torrens	9	5	1	1283	1081	19	54.27	
West	7	8	—	1168	1231	14	48.69	
Norwood	6	9	—	1152	1325	12	46.51	
W'ville	4	10	1	1104	1370	9	44.62	
Centrals	2	13	—	929	1379	4	40.25	
Glenelg	2	13	—	975	1491	4	39.54	

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Brewer (Norwood)	4-5	15	55-29
Freeman (Port)	4-3	14	50-29
Sims (West)	4-2	15	45-44
Halbert (Sturt)	2-1	15	45-34
Jones (Sturt)	8-3	10	34-24
Glewlett (South)	3-3	13	31-11
Howlich (Centrals)	1-1	14	27-14
Button (Glenelg)	5-1	12	27-13
White (South)	3-1	15	25-25

ATTENDANCES

Alberton	12,765
Prospect	10,426
Unley	6,190
Richmond	5,842
Glenelg	3,518

TOTAL 38,741

NEXT WEEK

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