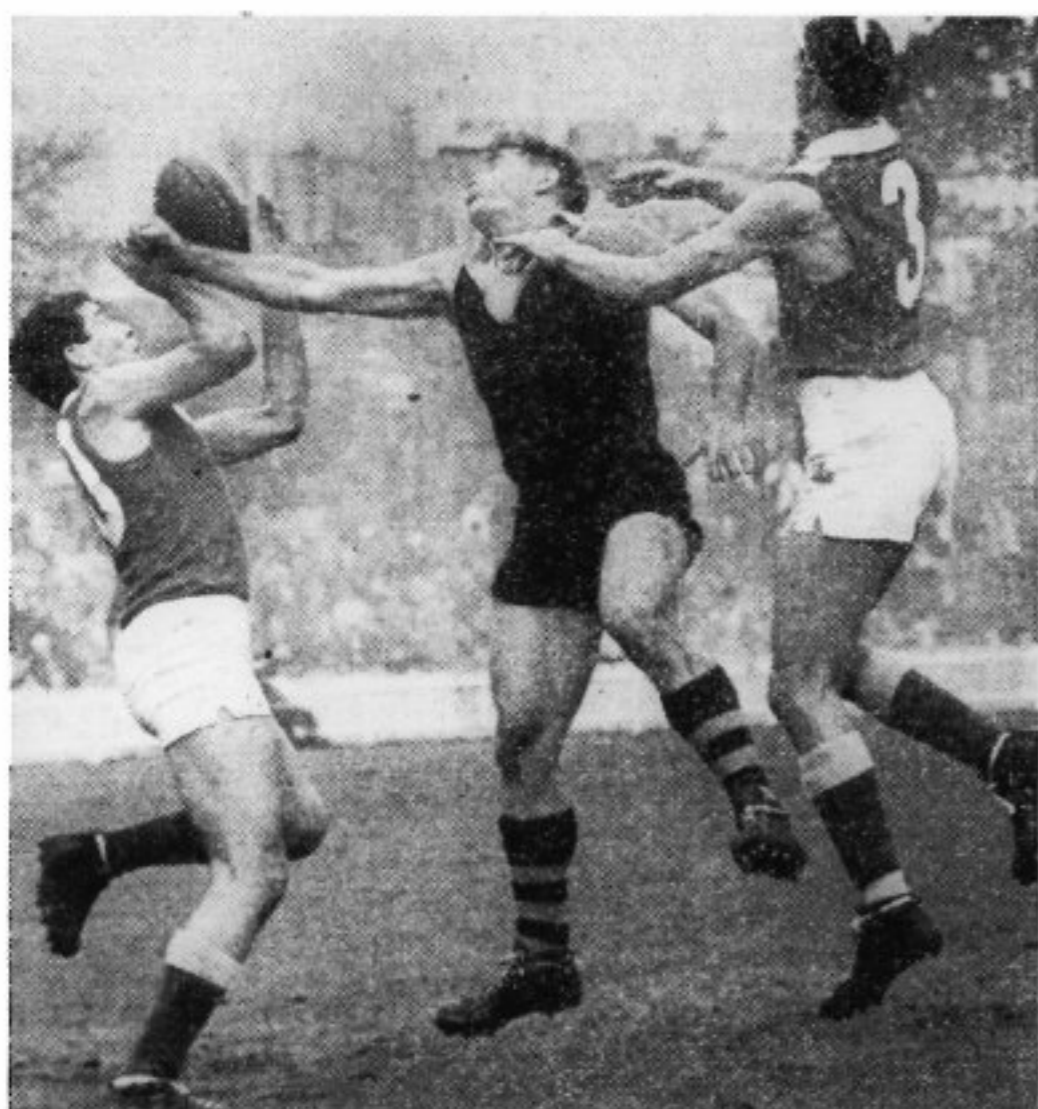


North leap to second place

By SAM GALLAGHER

Although their form was below the standard of their previous three games, North's win over Glenelg today lifted them from fifth to second on the premierships ladder.



HAYDN LINKE (Glenelg) throws out his arm in an attempt to spoil a mark by Maurie Martin (North Adelaide) during the game at Adelaide Oval today. Kevin Coleman (North) rushes in to lend a hand.

The Red-and-Whites had to withstand a spirited third quarter challenge from the Bays.

They ran out winners by 30 points after Doug Long's great ruck effort faltered and North's speed and superior marking enabled them to seize control.

North's grip on second place is threatened. They meet Torrens at Adelaide next week.

This should be a great clash between the two main challengers to last year's finalists.

Vital series

The ability of both sides to play brilliant, attacking football will provide a spectacle.

North's power across centre and on the half-forward flanks has been a feature of their winning streak.

The outcome of Don Lindner's clash with Lindsay Head at the pivot could be decisive.

Lindner is playing a defensive game, spending a lot of time deep in the backlines.

Against a player as damaging as Head, this policy could be fatal.

The winner of this game should be secure in second position — until they meet again a month later at Thebarton.

During the interval, North meet Centrals, West and Glenelg.

Torrens are drawn against Woodville, Glenelg, and Centrals.

Norwood, separated from the leading division by two games and a big percentage margin, face a crucial series over the next month.

Following next week's game against West at Richmond, the Redlegs meet Sturt and Port at Norwood and South at Adelaide.

West's win today lifted

them one game clear of Woodville, Centrals, and Glenelg.

The Redlegs have an uphill battle to make the four.

A win against West would leave them with five wins at the end of the first round, equalling their 1965 performance.

Contenders

Last year Norwood won eight of their last 10 games to scrape into the four — more as a result of North's failure than by their own efforts.

This year, Torrens also are contenders.

The Redlegs now are probably faced with a contract to win nine out of 10.

Their form against South on the holiday was their best since beating Port, but at this stage they must be classed outsiders in the field.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

| | W. | L. | For | Agst. | Prem. Pts. | % |
|-----------|----|----|-----|-------|------------|-------|
| Sturt | 7 | 2 | 939 | 674 | 14 | 58.21 |
| North | 7 | 2 | 773 | 645 | 14 | 54.51 |
| Torrens | 6 | 3 | 850 | 629 | 12 | 57.46 |
| South | 6 | 3 | 838 | 677 | 12 | 55.31 |
| Port | 6 | 3 | 752 | 612 | 12 | 55.13 |
| Norwood | 4 | 5 | 710 | 837 | 8 | 45.89 |
| West | 3 | 6 | 696 | 799 | 6 | 46.55 |
| Woodville | 2 | 7 | 633 | 821 | 4 | 43.53 |
| Centrals | 2 | 7 | 651 | 884 | 4 | 42.41 |
| Glenelg | 2 | 7 | 613 | 877 | 4 | 41.14 |

AT ADELAIDE

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|
| North | 5-1 | 8-8 | 9-9 | 14-11 | 95 |
| Glen. | 2-1 | 3-1 | 9-4 | 10-5 | 65 |

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Don Lindner, Martin, Dixon, Robinson, Farrell, Anstey, Trenorden, Paul. **GLENELG:** D. Long, McGowan, Richens, Mills, Sutherland, Edwards, Phillis, Blackburn.

GOALKICKERS — NORTH: Martin 3.4, Braunack 3.0, Cearns 2.1, Anstey 2.0, Dixon 1.3, Page 1.1, Robinson 1.0, Coleman 1.0, Sheridan 0.1, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Sutherland 3.2, Colbey 2.0, Neill 1.2, D. Long 1.1, Button, 1.0, Anesbury 1.0, Edwards 1.0.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Coleman (ankle) by Sheridan in the second term. Gilmore (leg) by Koehne at three-quarter time. **GLENELG:** Lane (leg) by Kendall at half time. Anesbury (shoulder) by Schumacher during last term.

UMPIRE—M. O'Connell.

AT RICHMOND

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|------|-----|------|------|-------|------|
| West | 4-6 | 6-13 | 7-22 | 10-27 | 87 |
| Wdv. | 0-2 | 0-4 | 0-6 | 2-7 | 19 |

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Jonas, Pope, Hooper, Hughes, DeBroughe, Pannenberg. **WOODVILLE:** Roache, Stone, Baker, Jackson, West Allen.

GOALKICKERS—WEST: Sims 4.6, Bertelsmeier 2.0, Pisani 2.0, Jamieson 1.2, Hooper 1.2, DeBroughe 1.0, Burkett 0.4, Shueard 0.4, Thompson 0.3, O'Driscoll 0.1, Pope 0.1, rushed 0.2. **WOODVILLE:** Hoffmann 1.1, Stone 1.0, Christie 0.2, Perry 0.1, Braidwood 0.1, Hansch 0.1, Hodges 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Nil. **WOODVILLE:** Baker (cramp) replaced by Peach in last term. Hodges (ankle) by Huppatz during last term.

UMPIRE—M. Ducker.

ATTENDANCES

| | |
|----------|--------|
| Adelaide | 10,498 |
| Richmond | 3,215 |

TOTAL 13,713

HIGHEST, LOWEST

LEAGUE: North 14-11 (95); Woodville 2.7 (19). **SECONDS:** North 19-13 (127); Woodville 9-9 (63).

NEXT WEEK

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

North stave off rally

By BOB HANK

Temporarily threatened by a great third quarter recovery by Glenelg, North regained superiority and went on to a five-goal victory at Adelaide Oval.

During a pitiful first half, both sides were guilty of a succession of errors.

North produced spasms of constructive play, and with accurate goal shooting soon went to an early lead.

The Tigers began promisingly with quick goals to Colbey and Button, but until Sutherland goaled half-way through the second term, their score was stationary.

With perfect winter conditions, it was surprising to see so much miskicking, poor ball handling, and dropped marks.

New 6 ft. 5 in. North ruckman Ian Anstey began in promising fashion, but generally the ruck-work was indecisive.

McGowan grabbed the ball often enough for Glenelg, but was unable to do much with it.

Wide open

Don Lindner played more as a ruck-rover, leaving the pivot wide open most of the time.

This gave the wingmen plenty of scope, with Robinson, for North, and Edwards, for the Tigers, sending their sides in.

Cearns didn't look completely fit, but when Dixon and Martin got going on his flanks, North were in attack most of the time.

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Lindner gathered kicks from varying points and Glenelg's defence was under constant pressure.

Phillips, on a flank, and Richens, in the pocket, did their best to stem North's attacks.

North lost goalsneak Coleman, but Martin filled in well with good leaping and pacy ground play.

At half-time Glenelg were in a hopeless position.

Revitalised

Anstey had covered the absence of Anderson and Taylor quite well, although the Glenelg ruckmen had failed dismally to capitalise on this North tender spot.

In a minor reshuffle at half-time Glenelg had Mills at centre wing and Colbey on a flank.

Doug Long and Sutherland immediately took control in ruck and with McGowan taking advantage, the Tigers suddenly were revitalised.

Mills and Edwards lifted the value of the centre-line and Colbey looked better suited to his new position.

Glenelg's thrusts now had purpose. Everything went right now their confidence was restored.

Phillis, Linke, and Richens led the Glenelg defenders as they threw back nearly all North's forward moves.

Had chance

Glenelg had made their recovery without the strong breeze that was there earlier.

Only five points down at the last change, the Tigers had a chance to take the game away.

Dixon went roving with the retirement of Gilmour, and with Anstey and Braunack getting their share of the ruck, North came back strongly to "kill" the Tigers' hopes.

Robinson, on the wing, and Don Lindner, at centre, sparked many of North's attacks.

In defence, Hank Lindner, Paul, Trenorden, and Farrell, doggedly kept Glenelg out and rebounded the ball back into attack.

Four goals straight to North before Sutherland scored Glenelg's only last quarter goal, put the issue beyond doubt.

The finish had been far better than one could have anticipated, following an insipid first half.