

SOUTH THUMPED BACK TO EARTH

By SAM GALLAGHER

In a startling reversal of form by both sides, Torrens brought South back to earth with a jolt at Thebarton today when they beat the Panthers by 17 points.

The Eagles' hopes slumped after defeat at Elizabeth last week while South's confidence was high following their victory over Port.

Torrens' attack got a big lift from Mulvihill at centre half forward. They won across centre and defended resolutely when South made an effort in the last quarter with the breeze.

The wintry conditions kept attendances down and all games were played on heavy grounds. In this respect the Port-Glenelg game at the Bay was the worst affected.

Large areas of the oval were waterlogged and the Magpies handled the conditions with much more confidence to score a five-goal win.

Umpire Ducker's exhibition in the circumstances was particularly good.

Convincing

After three even quar-

ters at Adelaide Sturt, in control in key positions raced to a 37-point win over North.

At Elizabeth, Norwood conceded first use of the breeze and a 31-point first quarter margin to the Bulldogs, but won convincingly by 18 points.

West Adelaide stayed in top place with a 59-point win over Woodville. The Red-and-Blacks, with Weideman switched into ruck settled the issue when they kicked 5-2 into the wind in the second quarter.

As a result of today's round West, Port and Sturt have a two-game break at the top of the ladder.

Torrens moved into fifth place, but they strike Sturt next week and defeat would leave them vulnerable to

trials at Adelaide.

Superiority

The margin separating the top three from the rest could be narrowed next week, as Port meet West at Alberton.

The Magpies today had a clear superiority across centre.

Glenelg shuffled their three centre-line players but could make little impression on the control of Sweeney and Cahill.

Glenelg made a belated bid early in the last quarter, but the game then was lost.

The Bays hold fourth place on percentage over Torrens. They meet South at Glenelg next week.

If they lose, the Tigers could have four teams breathing down their necks.

They meet West while the State side is in Melbourne and then strike North at Adelaide in a game that could be vital.

Drawn against Woodville at Norwood next week, the Redlegs have the chance to throw out a stronger challenge for a place in the four.

Their following game is against Port at Alberton, when the Magpies' strength will be reduced by State representation.

Switches set West 'afire'

Gerry Harrison says: The switch of Weideman into ruck and Sims to centre half-forward early in the second quarter was the signal for West to set about crushing Woodville.

Although kicking into a stiff wind, they scored 5-2 to a miserable 1-3 by Woodville to open up a match-winning seven-goal break at half-time.

Even though Barbary offered strong opposition at centre, West controlled the centreline with Jamieson, in particular, creating a feast of opportunities for the forwards.

Added to this, West were given terrific rebound from the long-kicking Loveday and Bray at half-back. They repeatedly turned defence into attack.

Once they moved the ball ahead of centre their forwards combined extremely well, using intelligent short-passing and creative handball.

The Woodpeckers' game was a comedy of errors and not even

the herculean efforts of Barbary and Teasdale could change the pattern.

Team effort by Eagles

STAN WICKHAM says that Torrens owed their win to a solid team effort, with every man in the side playing his part strongly, while South were carried along by a few.

It was a strongly defensive game, with both backlines on top for long periods, but it was the ability of Mulvihill and the Eagle centre line to generate sufficient power for them to break through and score when needed most.

Mulvihill was given too much room to move by Bais and took many uncontested marks — eight till half-time and 14 for the game.

Torrens, to a man, put the body in line with the ball and were prepared to take a thump or two in the process.

Torrens beat South to the ball repeatedly but erred when going down wind by kicking wide to the flanks.

Down the middle would have made their task easier. This accounted for many of their 13 behinds.

Skuse, whether loose in defence, roving or at half forward, was a busy worker for the Panthers all day.

Apart from Darley and Cock, South lacked consistent effort from their players.

Darley worked tirelessly in the ruck to get his side cracking, but it was Birt and Lee who invariably took the ball away to reduce his effectiveness.

Centrals on wrong flank

BILL SUTHERLAND said: After Centrals took full advantage of the wind in the first term, they let Norwood back in by playing the wrong flank in the second quarter.

Robert Oatey's demand at half time that the Redlegs play the outer flank was well heeded as the Bulldogs were restricted to 1-7 while Norwood added two goals into the wind.

Centrals battled hard for the first 10 minutes of the final term but Norwood, well led by Oatey and with Molloy, Menz and Woodcock playing on well, drew away.

Stutley had a fine first half despite the fact that Hutchinson kicked two goals late in the second quarter, and his switch over at half time was surprising.

The Bulldogs had received a lot of drive from Stutley in the first quarter.

But Molloy's terrific effort as a ruck rover was the big difference in the sides. This fellow isn't just a plodder. He finishes his work off with long, raking kicks.

Norwood's handball today was intercepted quite often, but as the younger players (12 of them under 21) cotton on to when it should be used and to back up quicker this method will certainly pay off.

They got plenty of drive today through their handball.

North attack floundered

BILL HENDERSON says: Sturt opened slowly and it was not until the end of the second term that they took the lead from North.

North's idea of using Sachse and Robran in ruck looked good.

Sachse held his own with Clarkson, but Clarkson stayed on the ball longer and when Sachse rested the Sturt ruckman was right on top.

Robran, on the other hand, did not play well on the ball. But he turned out many Sturt attacks when resting.

One factor in North's downfall was that they did not have a real winning position up forward. Robran would have been mighty handy there at times.

Sturt's backs, especially Nelson and Jarrett, were always on top.

Sturt had a winner across every line, with Schoff at centre half-forward playing strongly and giving his team plenty of penetration.

Sturt's greater strength all over the ground enabled them to keep North goalless in the last term, while they added 4-9 themselves.

LEAGUE DETAILS

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	2-2	8-9	9-15	13-23	101
North	4-5	6-6	9-7	9-10	64

SCORERS—STURT: Endersbee 4.2, Jones 3.4, Schoff 2.3, Chessell 2.4, Clarkson 1.1, Murphy 1.0, Rigney 0.2, Shearman 0.2, Greenslade 0.1, Tilbrook 0.1, rushed 0.3. NORTH: Lehmann 2.1, Bradtke 2.1, Cairns 2.0, Bamford 1.2, Robinson 1.1, Von Bertouch 1.0, Sachse 0.2, Robran 0.1, Anstey 0.1, Phillips 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Nelson, Endersbee, Schoff, Murphy, Jarrett, Rigney, Short, Greenslade. NORTH: Robinson, Robran, Barr, Jaworsky, Cairns, Stringer, Bamford.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Bagshaw (stomach) by Martin, last term. NORTH: Anstey (leg), by Norton, second term.

UMPIRE—M. O'Connell.

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4-5	9-7	11-11	13-13	91
Wdv.	1-1	2-4	2-4	4-8	32

SCORERS—WEST: Pannenburg 3.2, Sims 2.1, Russian 2.0, Jamieson 2.0, Bitmead 1.3, Burkett 1.2, Verrier 1.1, Higgins 1.0, Fraser 0.2, DeBrouge 0.1, Roach 0.1. WOODVILLE: Boscence 1.3, Teasdale 1.1, Huppertz 1.0, Buckley 1.0, Reeves 0.1, Christie 0.1, Atkinson 0.1, Barbary 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Loveday, Jamieson, Bray, Weideman, Sims, Pannenburg, Burkett.

WOODVILLE: Barbary, Teasdale, Huppertz, Christie, Allen, Simonsen.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Higgins (split lip) by Milsom, last term. Sims (cramp) by Plew, last term. WOODVILLE: Peach (ankle) by West, half-time.

UMPIRE—R. Hall.

AT GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4-3	6-3	9-8	9-9	63
Glen.	1-2	1-5	1-6	4-9	33

SCORERS—PORT: Ebert 3.0, Potter 2.1, Leal 2.0, Philp 1.1, Salmon 1.1, Broadbridge 0.1, Sweeney 0.1, Cahill 0.1, Beaufoy 0.1, Haslam 0.1, rushed 0.1. GLENELG: R. Rowe 3.2, Cornes 1.0, D. Phillis 0.2, Hamilton 0.1, D. Long, 0.1, Paech 0.1, Marker 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Sweeney, Cahill, Errey, Philp, Potter, Fletcher, Leal. GLENELG: D. Phillis, Hamilton, Colbey, Paech, R. Rowe, D. Long.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Thiele by Light last term. GLENELG: Colbey by Pattinson, last term.

UMPIRE—M. Ducker.

AT THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torr.	3-6	3-9	7-13	7-13	55
South	1-2	2-3	3-4	5-8	38

SCORERS—TORRENS: Carson 4.2, Barnes 1.1, Phil 1.1, Eltridge 1.0, Birt 0.2, Lee 0.2, Bills 0.2, Forsyth 0.1, rushed 0.2. SOUTH: Norman 2.0, Cock 1.1, Thredgold 1.1, Parsons 1.1, Backman 0.1, Darley 0.1, Coombe 0.1, Jones 0.1, Howe 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Bills, Mulvihill, Lee, Phillipou, Birt, Gibson, Perks, Lipp. SOUTH: Skuse, Darley, Cock, Coombe, Roennfeldt, Parsons.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Barnes (cramp) by Turpin last term. SOUTH: White (thigh) by O'Brien, half-time. Schmidt (thigh) by Teasdale, half-time.

UMPIRE—P. Craig.

AT ELIZABETH

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	0-1	6-5	8-6	11-12	78
Cent.	5-2	7-4	8-11	8-12	60

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Hutchinson 3.2, Woodcock 3.0, Poulter 2.0, R. Oatey 1.3, Wedding 1.0, Cobiac 1.0, P. Oatey 0.3, Molloy 0.2, rushed 0.2. CENTRALS: Vidovich 2.1, Webber 2.0, Daly 1.1, Farnham 1.0, Smith 1.0, Edmonds 1.1, Shortill 0.5, Swinestead 0.1, Mulholland 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Molloy, Woodcock, R. Oatey, Inglis, Menz, Wedding, Porritt, Hutchinson. CENTRALS: Mulholland, Daly, Koch, Edmonds, Shortill, Smith, Jackson, Andrews.

REPLACEMENTS—CENTRALS: Farnham by Kroehn, last quarter. Mulholland by Kennedy, last quarter.

UMPIRE—D. Russell.

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Ebert (Port)	3.0	6	24.12
Vidovich (Centrals)	2.1	6	21.9
Jones (Sturt)	3.4	6	22.12
Sachse (North)	0.2	6	19.12
Sims (West)	2.1	6	15.12
Pannenburg (West)	3.2	6	15.10
Fitzgerald (Glenelg)	—	6	14.9
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	0.2	6	13.20

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
West	5	1	510	331	10	60.64	
Port	5	1	438	325	10	57.40	
Sturt	5	1	560	424	10	56.91	
Glenelg	3	3	456	408	6	52.78	
Torrens	3	3	422	440	6	48.96	
North	2	4	427	431	4	49.77	
Centrals	2	4	512	523	4	48.99	
Norwood	2	4	438	480	4	47.71	
Woodville	2	4	432	579	4	42.73	
South	1	5	325	569	2	36.35	

MAGPIES CAPITALISE ON CHANCES, CRUSH BAYS

By SAM GALLAGHER

Winning well across centre and making the most of their chances in attack, Port were clearly superior to Glenelg on the waterlogged Glenelg Oval.

Three goals to Ron Rowe early in the last quarter lifted Glenelg's hopes, but the Magpies' 44-point lead at the last change was too much.

Kevin Rowe replaced Bruce Long (knee injury) in the Glenelg side. Rowe went to full forward and D. Phillis into ruck. Port were unchanged. Umpire was M. Ducker.

The ground was almost completely waterlogged.

Port won the toss and kicked to the northern goal with a strong breeze. Umpire Ducker threw the ball up from the start.

Peter Obst drove to Ebert who fought on strongly to snap his first goal.

Heavy rain made the conditions even more difficult as Glenelg attacked into driving wind, and Cornes, from a free, goaled to take the Tigers two points clear.

Petered out

Errey attacked from half-back and a free against Smith for kicking out of bounds gave Peter Obst a shot for goal.

Glenelg relieved and Voigt found Hamilton. The attack petered out, but the Bays looked a bit smoother through half-forward.

Redford's dashing defence twice stopped Port, but they levelled the score when Haslam's handpass found Sweeney racing through from the wing.

Sweeney so far had the better of Enstiee.

Port went 13 points clear with two goals from Potter—one from a free and the other a left-foot snap that slid through.

Playing in front, Port burst through again and Leal marked courageously to boot the Magpies 19 points clear on the siren.

In the conditions it was a valuable lead. First quarter scores were Port 4-3, Glenelg 1-2.

Hail was falling as the second quarter joined

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4-3	6-3	9-8	9-9	63
Glenelg	1-2	1-5	1-6	4-9	33

Potter's clearing kick was marked by Hamilton but Potter was again in the way as Hamilton's kick fell short.

Winning centre, Cahill attacked through Salmon and Ebert soccered a goal to give Port a 25-point lead.

Fine rucking

Fred Phillis going well as a ruckman, drove in a Glenelg attack and then soccered to D. Long for a behind.

Glenelg kept the ball ahead of centre with Hamilton going well at half-forward, but the Bays failed to make the most of their chances.

Port had switched Errey to oppose Hamilton. They also switched half-forward flanks to put Haslam on the attacking wing.

Sweeney was again in front of Eustiee to start a Port attack, carried on by Cahill.

Quick goals

Beaufoy's strength took them through half-forward, and Salmon raced through to the line to soccer the Magpies' sixth goal.

R. Rowe marked on the siren, but his shot was right across goal and Port, 28 points clear, seemed to have a match-winning lead.

Half-time scores were Port 6-3, Glenelg 1-5.

Port went into attack at once, and after three behinds straight, Beaufoy's handpass made an opening and Leal dashed clear to goal.

Haslam found Leal with another handpass and Ebert grabbed Broadbridge's snap to kick his third goal.

Port were 43 points clear. Glenelg had Voigt at centre on Cahill, Rosewarne moving to the wing.

Port's superiority across centre was the main reason for their strong grip on the game.

Glenelg twice went through Marker, but a behind from Fred Phillis was the only result.

Errey's long clearing kick found Phillis, who followed up to snap a behind. Port were 43 points clear with about 10 minutes of the quarter left, and rain pelting down again.

Port switched P Obst to the wing. From a free he started an attack and Philp's long shot was shepherded through by Ebert.

Third-quarter scores were Port 9-8, Glenelg 1-6.

A heavy shower swept the ground as the quarter opened.

Glenelg made further changes across centre Eustiee taking the pivot and Voigt moving on to Sweeney.

From a free, R. Rowe got Glenelg's first goal since the first quarter. Glenelg kept the pressure on and R. Rowe grabbed Paech's snap to goal again.

Pattinson replaced Colbey, Redford going to half-back. Fitzgerald and Paech put Glenelg in again for a behind to Paech. Light replaced Thiele.

Finishing strongly, R. Rowe from a free, got his third goal for the term, and the Bays had cut their deficit to 30 points, with 15 minutes gone.

Haslam kicked straight from a free on the boundary, but umpire Ducker made him kick again over his mark. His second shot missed.

Glenelg came again out could not break through the crowded Port defence.

Final scores were Port 9-9, Glenelg 4-9.