• Sturt may be side to miss out as— FOOTBALL LIFT-OUT

EAGLES STAKE CLAIM...

...and double chance is West's aim

By DOUG STEELE

Torrens with their impressive win over Norwood today have made firm claims for final four inclusion.

Sturt may be the team to miss out.

Their defeat by Port and Torrens' win today now puts Sturt back in fifth position, just one point behind Torrens.

West, because of their win and Norwood's defeat, have now moved into second place on the premiership table.

It is a ranking they will fight hard to hold to get the right of a double chance.

Sturt and Torrens will clash next week in what will be the main game as far as final four prospects are concerned.

A win would put Sturt back into the fourth position again, but Torrens, meeting North, South, and Glenelg in the remaining minor round games, have an easier draw than Sturt, who will have to overcome West then Glenelg and South.

West may be the big stumbling block in Sturt's path to the four.

100 in sight?

Today, West's crack goalgetter, Peter Phipps, kicked six goals to bring his total to 69. With the final round included Phipps stands a good chance of kicking more than a century of goals in his first full season of league.

Phipps' closest rival for top goalgetter is Port forward Rex Johns, who has kicked 63.

At Thebarton Oval today, Torrens, defeated by Glenelg, in their last game, surprised by defeating Norwood.

Norwood were without Posdike and Dickson and Head was a last-minute withdrawal from Torrens. After having trouble with Norwood's half-back line early, Torrens' forwards soon gained their mobility to get the ball to last leading forward Clingly, who kicked six.

At the other end, Ashby was in the way of many Norwood drives in their last-quarter effort to pull the game out of the fire.

43-pt. setback

At Unley Oval 18,000 saw Sturt suffer a severe setback when they went down by 43 points to Port.

Until half-time, when they led by six points, and part of the way through the third quarter, Sturt looked as good as Port.

But Port shifted Motley to centre late in the second term and this, coupled with Port's complete control of wings and Obst dangerous at centre half-forward, was too much for Sturt to handle.

Never in doubt

The Mail football writer, Vic Johnson, says that at one stage Port appeared to be a little tired and sluggish, but they returned to winning form with a splendid burst which should restore any confidence they may have lost.

At Adelaide Oval the game was never in doubt, with West the complete masters. South started with a dazzling burst but, after the first quarter, they scored only three goals.

West were on top in most positions, particularly at centre, where Benton held control all day.

North returned to winning form at Glenelg Oval with a strong last quarter burst.

From half-way through the second quarter, Glenelg looked the better side but North finished with more determination and purpose than they have shown for a long time.

Glenelg's rovers threatened to establish a matchwinning lead in the third quarter but North's defence was strong enough to keep them in check.

NORTH DASH HOME BY 17 POINTS

By SAM GALLAGHER

Eight points down at three-quarter time, North finished with determination and purpose for a 17-point win, after Glenelg's rovers had threatened to take the game away at Glenelg Oval today.

It was a game of fluctuating fortunes.

North had 10 scoring shots to three by Glenelg in the first quarter but led by only two points on the siren.

Glenelg had a clear winner in Edwards on one wing, while Wilson's experienced roving made up for a slight ruck deficiency.

Reliable forward

Wright led Glenelg's attack brilliantly, and Hewett won the early points from Lindner, who took some time to settle down in the central position.

North got their drive mainly from Barbary's dashing wing play and the aerial strength of their big men.

Trenorden at half-forward left was their only reliable forward, and this lack of a concerted attacking division was the main reason for North's inaccuracy.

Robinson closed one half-forward flank, and farther back Evans gave Johnston no freedo mto get the run in to mark.

North's counterattack late in the first quarter was set in motion by Lindner. He drove a long dropkick in for Brice to mark in front of a pack and put North a point in front with a goal.

Pressure stays

Lindner continued to shade Hewett as the second quarter opened, and North took temporary control across centre to race to a 15-point lead.

Evans and Robinson battled hard in defence, but North's aerial power, with Bubner in particular marking strongly, kept the pressure on.

However, Glenelg swung back into gear with startling suddenness. Edwards won back control of his wing from Yates, Hewett improved at centre, and Fraser roved with tremendous dash.

From a score of three goals, Glenelg increased their tally to eight before they scored their first behind.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	2—8	5—10	7—11	13—13	91
Glenelg	3—0	8—1	9—7	11—8	74

Baldock effectively challenged the aerial supremacy of North's rucks, and the Bays' small men cut through North's defence with ease.

North looked a worried side. John Blunden's hair receded even further as he struggled against the pace of Glenelg's dashing attack.

North brought Tidswell out from full back for the start of the third quarter, and from then on he alternated with Rogerson in ruck.

The move had no immediate effect, and North made up only a point of their leeway in this quarter. Finding a team-mate with much greater certainty, Glenelg still looked the better side.

McLeod and Richens gave them added dash in the field play, but it was Glenelg's turn to be inaccurate, as they managed one goal from seven attempts.

Goals from Johnston and Trenorden kept North within reach, but with Brian Wright flashing into prominence as the quarter ended Glenelg appeared to have the reserve power to win.

But the Bays were overrun as North came home. The running of Tidswell in ruck now paid off handsomely. He provided the necessary inspiration, and the whole side ahead of centre responded.

Trenorden gave North a safe avenue at half-forward, and Johnston marked strongly against heavy opposition at full forward.

Revitalised

Sheppard and Stone wrested control of the ruck fringes away from Glenelg, and Tanner finished on a high note in ruck.

Wilson and Hewett strove to set the Bays on an even keel again, but they were never able to make headway against the revitalised North.

After a flurried second quarter, Blunden played with his customary sureness and serenity to stop Glenelg's spasmodic attacks.

Lindner completed a fairly successful debut at centre by winning the last quarter, while new ruckman Brice marked well.

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Today's Voting

SOUTH ADELAIDE
Peucker (2)
Gurr (1)

NORTH ADELAIDE
Bubner (2)
Barbary (1)

PORT ADELAIDE
Thompson (2)
Hayes (1)

GLENELG
Fraser (2)
Wilson (1)

NORWOOD
Aish (2)
Young (1)

STURT
Goodchild (2)
Freundt (1)

WEST TORRENS
Townsend (2)
Ashby (1)

WEST ADELAIDE
Benton (2)
Phipps (1)

PROGRESSIVE TOTAL

Deane (S.A.)	14
Goodchild (St.)	14
Morrell (T.)	8
Davies (G.)	6
Benton (W.)	8

Today's details at a glance

GROUNDS: Hard and fast

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Glenelg	3—0	8—1	9—7	11—8	74

(At Glenelg Oval)

BEST PLAYERS.—**NORTH:** Bubner, Barbary, Blunden, Trenorden, Lindner, Sheppard, Rogerson. **GLENELG:** Fraser, Wilson, Wright, Evans, Hewett, Robinson, Edwards.

SCORERS.—**NORTH:** Johnston 4.3, Trenorden 3.1, Sheppard, Lindner each 2.0, Brice 1.3, Stone 1.1, Barbary, Tanner each 0.2, Yates 0.1. **GLENELG:** Wilson 3.1, Abley, Baldock, Fraser each 2.0, Hewett, McLeod each 1.0, Wright 0.4, Milbank, Edwards, Richens each 0.1.

Torrens	4—2	7—11	10—12	17—14	116
Norwood	4—8	7—9	10—10	15—11	101

(At Thebarton Oval)

BEST PLAYERS.—**TORRENS:** Townsend, Ashby, Bob Hank, Clingly, Ray Hank, Livesey, Roberts, Batt. **NORWOOD:** Young, Aish, Vivian, Wedding, Butler Olds, Walker.

SCORERS.—**TORRENS:** Clingly 6.3, Livesey 3.3, Fischer 2.1, Tucker 2.0, Ray Hank, Townsend each 1.3, Cunningham 1.1, Bat 1.0. **NORWOOD:** Hoffman 3.2, Sawley 3.0, Butler 2.2, Young 2.1, Vivian 1.3, Walker, Skinner each 1.1, Kite, Keenihan each 1.0, rushed 0.1.

West	3—4	8—9	15—12	16—19	115
South	4—7	5—10	7—12	7—13	55

(At Adelaide Oval)

BEST PLAYERS.— **WEST:** Benton (until injured), Phipps, Lovegrove, Rossetto, Chynoweth, Costello, Slattery. **SOUTH:** Peucker, Guy, Hage, (until injured), Jackson, Deane, Yates, Parkinson.

SCORERS.—**WEST:** Phipps 6.3, Chynoweth 3.3, Williams, Bray each 2.1, Rossetto 1.5, Benton Slattery each 1.0, Tregenza, Brown, Day each 0.1, rushed 0.3. **SOUTH:** Peucker 3.1, Richards 2.6, Yates, Polden each 1.0 Atkins 0.2, Judd, Kitchen, each 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS.—**WEST:** Wright (thigh) replaced by Tregenza in second quarter. Benton (ankle) replaced by Pratt in last quarter. **SOUTH:** Fulwood (ankle) replaced by Arthur at end of first quarter. Adams (leg) replaced by Dalton in third quarter. Hage (ankle) left field in last quarter.

Port	3—2	5—3	11—5	16—12	108
Sturt	2—0	6—3	8—9	9—11	65

(At Unley Oval)

BEST PLAYERS.—**PORT:** Thompson, Hayes, Obst, Zucker, Whelan Garland, Motley, Fabian. **STURT:** Goodchild, Freundt, Rattigan, Thompson, Halbert, Tuckwell, Olds.

SCORERS.—**PORT:** Johns 3.1, Jaggard, Obst each 2.2, Boyd 2.1, Garland, Motely, Sawford each 1.1, Tom Williams, Fos Williams, Zucker, Hayes each 1.0, rushed 0.3. **STURT:** Blows 2.2, Harris 2.0, Hocking 1.2, Goodchild, Marshall each 1.1, Dunn, Olds each 1.0, Freundt, Thompson, Hunter each 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS.—**PORT:** F. Williams (ankle) replaced by Jaggard in second term. **STURT:** Ellis (leg) replaced by Little in third quarter.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	Points For	Points Agst.	Prem. Pts.	%
Port	11	2	1	1512	1064	23	58.69
West	9	5	—	1367	1154	18	54.22
N'wood.	9	5	—	1379	1208	18	53.30
Torrens	7	6	1	1174	1174	15	50.00
Sturt	7	7	—	1223	1293	14	48.60
North	6	8	—	1091	1141	12	48.87
Glenelg	4	10	—	1087	1391	8	43.86
South	2	12	—	1060	1549	4	40.62

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Phipps (West)	6.3	69.35
Johns (Port	3.1	63.40
Clingly (Torrens)	6.3	32.17
Peucker (South)	3.1	31.37
Abley (Glenelg)	2.0	30.27
Sawford (Port)	1.1	27.22
Vivian (Norwood)	1.3	26.29

ATTENDANCES

Unley	18,000
Thebarton	11,500
Adelaide	5,600
Glenelg	4,750
Total	39,850

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

West v. Norwood at Adelaide
Port v. North at Alberton
Glenelg v. South at Glenelg
Torrens v. Sturt at Kensington

Lindner's magnificent goal was a highlight of North's powerful last quarter at Glenelg. Drifting down to half-forward with Blunden covering centre, he marked and drove one 60 yards plus — straight as a die through the Northern goal.

NORTH were naturally jubiliant at today's win over Glenelg after six successive losses. Their dressingroom was noticeably noisier after the game than before.

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GLENELG'S burly ruckman Milbank got some good knocks against North's powerful followers. When he was able to make front position he invariably found a teammate, palming the ball with both hands.

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NO one can accuse West's sharpshooting star, Peter Phipps, of being selfish. Not only does he earn his big bag of goals each week by high marking and deadly kicking, but he often passes to teammates nearer the big posts. This happened today when he ignored a personal attempt for a seventh goal by passing on the ball.

★ ★

SOUTH finished their game against West with only 17 men. Wingman Fulwood and rover Atkins were both replaced by reserves when they left the field, injured. Then, as a last straw, half-back flanker Des Hage was carried off on a stretcher midway through the last term.

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NORWOOD and Torrens were both supposedly weakened by the absence of rovers today. Fosdike and Dickson were missing from Norwood, while Taylor and Head were out for Torrens. However, all replacement rovers were among the best players.