

EAGLES COULD SOON BE FIGHTING FOR 4 PLACE

By SAM GALLAGHER

West Torrens, beaten by 10 points at Norwood today, could be drawn into the struggle for a place in the major round if they lose their next two matches.

The Eagles, at present two games clear of Norwood and North, are drawn against Port and West in their next two games.

Norwood and North both meet Glenelg and South. Torrens are fortunate in meeting Port at Alberton next Saturday, when the Magpies will be weakened by their strong interstate team representation.

West retained top position with a comfortable 25-point win over Glenelg at the Bay.

At Adelaide Oval, Port held South to one goal in the first half and were never in danger of defeat. They won by 59 points, the day's biggest margin.

John McBain, filling in for injured Rex Johns at full-forward, got eight goals for the Magpies.

North, with a fantastic nine-goal first quarter against Sturt at Prospect, made the rest of the game a formality. They were 43 points clear at the end.

The Norwood - Torrens clash was a typically hard fought affair with the result in doubt all the way.

Norwood's selected side was further weakened when Oatey and Sawley dropped out.

Matchwinner Bill Wedding was also a doubtful starter because of a heavy cold.

Pronounced fit by Alan Killigrew shortly before the game started, Wedding dominated the second half to ensure a Redleg win.

Full forward Phil Stephens made a significant return with five goals.

At Glenelg league leaders West Adelaide took nearly two quarters to find touch against determined Bay opposition.

West were patchy, but the bright patches were frequent enough for them to win comfortably.

Port played all over South to have the game well won by half-time.

According to Jeff Pash, who reported this game, the Magpies looked an accomplished side, winning well across centre and driving to McBain at the goalfront.

In North's devastating first quarter they made full use of a strong breeze straight down the ground and won everywhere from a bewildered Sturt.

Don Lindner, played as an extra man in defence when North turned the other way, was North's best.

Sturt copied the tactic in the third quarter, but the horse had bolted.

The absence of the State team for next Saturday's series could cause some surprises.

At Adelaide South line up against North for what is probably a crucial game in their bid for a place in the finals.

Port meet Torrens at Alberton, Norwood go to the Bay, and West and Sturt clash at Kensington.

Likely winners are North, West, Torrens, and Norwood.

Mildara Trophy

Voting by The Sunday Mail football experts today for the Mildara Trophy was:

Glenelg - C. Richens, W. Herron, H. Kernahan.
 North - D. Lindner, M. Whitford, T. Lindner.
 Norwood - W. Wedding, L. Ross, J. Vickers.
 West - N. Kerley, D. Roach, F. Hogan.
 Torrens - J. Bills, B. Livesey, V. Landers.
 Port - J. McBain, G. Cooper, J. Tierney.
 Sturt - G. Williams, P. McCarthy, J. Halbert.
 South - D. Panizza, G. Christie, K. Johnston.

ATTENDANCES

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| Adelaide | 7,700 |
| Prospect | 5,500 |
| Norwood | 16,400 |
| Glenelg | 6,300 |
| Total | 35,900 |

WEST LACKED USUAL DASH

By SAM GALLAGHER

Slow to begin, West Adelaide showed only flashes of their best form in beating Glenelg by 25 points at the Bay Oval.

Until late in the second quarter, Glenelg could have caused an upset.

But once Hogan began to tidy up some of the loose ends in West's play, Glenelg lost the initiative and accepted what they seemed to regard as the inevitable.

Branson gave the home side a good start in ruck and Richens moved well to carry it on with the breeze.

The Bays changed their rucks on the half-forward flank, forcing Eustice to concede a height advantage. Crompton played in the forward pocket throughout the first half.

The height of Kernahan, Branson and Staite on the half-forward flanks, unsettled West's defence for most of the first half.

With Herron winning centre and Howard also going well, West were forced back to the fine defence of Tregenza and Bennetts more often than expected.

Kerley, Roach, and Benton provided most of West's drive while they were struggling but the Glenelg defence had the forwards pretty well covered.

Linke, although he could not always cope with Phipps' height — found it harder and harder as

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|---------|-----|-----|-------|-------|------|
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| Glenelg | 2—3 | 6—5 | 9—6 | 12—9 | 81 |

the game went on — reached great heights in a dashing second quarter.

Hunt and Sinclair gave him sound support.

Garnett looked potentially West's most dangerous forward and it was down his flank that West attacked for four quick goals to take the lead late in the second term.

Kerley's soaring mark in the goalsquare started this burst and Hogan cut holes in Glenelg's defence as West showed their best form.

Ryan, who had been shut out by Herron, made position ahead of centre as West began to throw the ball about in typical style.

After this show of power by West, Glenelg's game



Bennetts



Branson

lost much of its earlier sting.

Bray and Eustice tightened their game across half-back, cutting off what had been a reasonably efficient line for Glenelg.

West dominated the third quarter but handball errors and inaccuracy kept their three-quarter-time margin down to 25 points.

Herron, who had taken a heavy knock at the end of the second quarter, was much quieter and Glenelg brought Crompton on the ball in an effort to liven things up.

The Bays also switched Kernahan to centre half-forward but could manage only 3-1 to West's 5-8.

West's sustained speed gave Glenelg no hope of retrieving the game in an even last quarter.

West had few players who were prominent for four quarters. Kerley, rarely off the ball in the first half, was at his best when his side was struggling.

Roach's speed had a lot to do with West's eventual breakaway, while Hogan's neat roving also was important.

Bennetts gave an almost faultless exhibition of back pocket play.

Richens fought strongly in an uneven Glenelg performance. He is gradually working into top form.

Herron won centre. He had a particularly good first half, but gave Ryan too much room ahead of centre in the second.

Kernahan marked well at half-forward and Branson gave West some anxious moments in ruck in the first half.

WEST captain Neil Kerley brought off a perfectly timed one-handed mark to intercept Neil Crompton's pass in Glenelg's forward lines in the third quarter.

Moving at top speed, Kerley flashed in front of an opponent to take the ball left-handed at full stretch.

GLENELG full back Kevin Abley kicked off with great power against West. One drop kick in the third quarter reached centre wing before Benton drove it back.

Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: GOOD

At Norwood

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|
| N'wood | 4—0 | 5—2 | 8—8 | 12—9 | 81 |
| Torrens | 3—2 | 5—7 | 7—8 | 10—11 | 71 |

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Wedding, Ross, Vickers, Lill, Harrison, Stephens, Inglis. **TORRENS:** Bills, Livesey, Landers, Robertson, Mitchell, Shearman, Gibson, Townsend.

GOALKICKERS—NORWOOD: Stephens 5.2, Vickers 4.0, Lill 1.0, Cousins 1.0, Feehan 1.0, Daly 0.3, Brenchley 0.1, Ross 0.1, Vivian 0.1, rushed 0.1. **TORRENS:** Kingston 3.3, Townsend 2.0, Head 1.5, Young 1.0, Bills 1.0, Livesey 1.0, Mitchell 1.0, Coleman 0.1, Shearman 0.1, Robertson 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Ross (ankle injury), replaced by Curtis in last quarter. **TORRENS:** Bills (bruised ribs), replaced in last quarter by Treagus.

At Prospect

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|
| North | 9—4 | 9—6 | 12—9 | 13—13 | 91 |
| Sturt | 1—0 | 4—8 | 4—8 | 6—12 | 48 |

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Don Lindner, Whitford, T. Lindner, Pascoe, Hammond, Potts, Gambling, Barbary, Dixon, Gilbourne. **STURT:** Williams, McCarthy, Halbert, Cunningham, Rigney, Blows, Goodchild.

SCORERS—NORTH: Pascoe 4.3, D. Lindner 4.1, Potts 3.1, Hewett 1.1, Dixon 1.0, Thomas 0.2, Kent 0.1, Gilbourne 0.1, Trenorden 0.1, rushed 0.2. **STURT:** Williams 2.1, Rigney 1.3, Jones 1.1, Blows 1.0, Thompson 1.0, McCarthy 0.2, Halbert 0.1, Goodchild 0.1, Schoff 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Simmons (ankle), replaced by Codd during second quarter, Thomas (ankle), replaced by Sheppard during third quarter. **STURT:** Nil.

TOP GOALKICKERS

| Name | Today | Matches | Total |
|--------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Kingston (Torrens) | 3.3 | 11 | 54.40 |
| Hogan (West) | 4.1 | 12 | 32.26 |
| Crompton (Glenelg) | 3.3 | 12 | 30.24 |
| R. Johns (Port) | — | 9 | 28.34 |
| Kantilla (South) | 3.2 | 12 | 24.22 |
| Phipps (West) | 0.2 | 11 | 23.24 |
| Wright (West) | 2.0 | 9 | 21.12 |
| Richens (Glenelg) | 2.2 | 12 | 19.26 |
| Lill (Norwood) | 1.0 | 12 | 19.17 |
| Garnett (West) | 2.3 | 10 | 19.16 |
| Thomas (North) | 0.2 | 11 | 18.18 |
| Sawley (Norwood) | — | 9 | 17.13 |
| Panizza (South) | 1.1 | 11 | 16.13 |
| Webber (Glenelg) | — | 7 | 16.10 |

At Adelaide

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------|------|
| Port | 6—3 | 9—7 | 11—12 | 14—17 | 101 |
| South | 0—1 | 1—5 | 5—5 | 6—6 | 42 |

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: McBain, Cooper, Tierney, Motley, Thompson, Cahill, Potter, Hayes. **SOUTH:** Panizza, Christie, Johnston, Durbridge, Kimber, Hilder, Kantilla, Wilson.

SCORERS—PORT: McBain 8.4, Thompson 2.3, Traynor 2.1, Philp 1.2, Potter 1.1, Bond 0.1, I. Hannaford 0.1, Whelan 0.1, rushed 0.3. **SOUTH:** Kantilla 3.2, Panizza 1.1, Day 1.0, Chirgwin 1.0, Wilson 0.2, Parham 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Tierney (heavy knock), replaced by Huddleston in the last quarter. Bond (injured leg), replaced by Bates in the last quarter. **SOUTH:** Nil.

At Glenelg

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BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Kerley, Roach, Hogan, Bennetts, Benton, Bray, Ryan. **GLENELG:** Richens, Herron, Kernahan, Branson, Hunt, Linke, Howard.

SCORERS—WEST: Hogan 4.1, Costello 2.3, Garnett 2.3, Kerley 2.0, Wright 2.0, Roach 1.3, Shrubsole 1.1, Debrouge 1.0, Phipps 0.2, Johnson 0.1, Ryan 0.1, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Rowe 4.1, Crompton 3.3, Richens 2.2, Kernahan 2.0, Branson 1.0, Fraser 0.1, Staite 0.1, Blackburn 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Nil. **GLENELG:** Webber (leg injury), replaced by Kendall last quarter.

LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

| | W. | L. | For | Agst. | Pts. | % |
|---------|----|----|------|-------|------|-------|
| West | 10 | 2 | 1149 | 738 | 20 | 60.89 |
| Port | 9 | 3 | 991 | 787 | 18 | 55.73 |
| Torrens | 8 | 4 | 1042 | 856 | 16 | 54.89 |
| Norwood | 6 | 6 | 934 | 877 | 12 | 51.57 |
| North | 6 | 6 | 933 | 912 | 12 | 50.56 |
| South | 5 | 7 | 819 | 1140 | 10 | 41.80 |
| Glenelg | 3 | 9 | 976 | 1222 | 6 | 44.40 |
| Sturt | 1 | 11 | 779 | 1091 | 2 | 41.65 |