SOUTH HOT CHOICE FOR FIRST SEMI.

South are tipped to beat North in the first semi-final next Saturday at Adelaide Oval by all The Sunday Mail football writers.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Sturt	18	2	—	2246	1443	36	60.88
Port	14	6	—	1813	1267	28	58.86
South	14	6	—	1966	1382	28	58.72
North	13	7	—	1595	1579	26	50.25
Torrens	10	9	1	1707	1572	21	52.06
West	10	10	—	1627	1710	20	48.76
Norwood	9	11	—	1629	1792	18	47.62
W'dville	4	15	1	1393	1958	9	41.57
Centrals	4	16	—	1325	1870	8	41.47
Glenelg	3	17	—	1340	2069	6	39.31

The final four in order is Sturt, Port, South, and North.

Today Port defeated South by 29 points, thus taking second place and the double chance [See P. 56].

Here is how the writers sum up for the semi-final.

By Sam Gallagher

After today's reverses, both South and North have some thinking to do about next Saturday's semi-final.

South's loss to Port was hardly a remote possibility, but North's 10-goal defeat by Torrens certainly was a surprise.

Despite the probable loss of White, I think South can win their way to the preliminary final.

They have the speed to match North and, provided Kantilla is played in ruck, he and Darley should provide match - winning drive.

By Bob Hank

Although both South and North have been somewhat inconsistent in the late stage of the minor round, South have shown more power than North.

North are undoubtedly a talented side.

They have had some good wins—their defeat of Port last week was a good example.

Form is not a reliable guide.

White's injury today will weaken South, but Kerley should be able to rally South enough to get them into the preliminary final.

By Stan Wickham

South should beat North with ease.

The Panthers lost little in their defeat by Port, but North must have second thoughts about their defeat by Torrens.

South, to my mind, have better team-work, especially in defence, than the individually brilliant North men.

I feel South have the players to contain North's strong points, and still set up their own winning positions.

Darley and Roberts should be able to starve North in the ruck and aerial duels, and this is a big start in their favor.

By Bill Henderson

South's eagerness to have another crack at Port will be enough incentive to overcome their setback.

They have gradually built themselves up to a peak in the past few weeks, but they will miss Pascoe and White—who was injured today—unless these players recover quickly.

North will not be easy if they are in the mood.

They have proved that Adelaide Oval is their happy hunting ground.

Everything will have to go right for North.

They look too chancy to depend upon.

By Ron Hewitt in the absence of Dean Stringer

Although South fell down in their forward lines against Port, I don't expect North's defence to exert the same pressure and restrict South to a low score again.

The loss of Alan White will be felt, but with either Thredgold or Mills to come in as a replacement, the roving will not be seriously weakened.

This is where North will be struggling.

The return of Bob Schmidt to half-back will close one avenue of attack for North.

I don't think North will be able to generate enough power from their centre line to penetrate South's defence often enough to kick a winning score.

There will, of course, be some stocktaking in the South camp after today's loss.

But surely North will be more worried after losing to Torrens, a much lesser side than Port Adelaide.

QUICK LOOK AT LEAGUE GAMES

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	8—3	11—6	18—8	24—11	155
Nwd.	3—2	4—12	5—16	7—19	61

BEST PLAYERS.—**STURT:** Miels, Bagshaw, Rigney, Schwarz, Dunn, Halbert, Hicks, Chessell. **NORWOOD:** Shillabeer, Kneebone, Brewer, Redden, Wedding, Bunton, Adams.

SCORERS—**STURT:** Jones 6.1, Halbert 6.0, Dunn 4.1, Tilbrook 2.1, Chessell 2.1. Rigney 2.0, Green 2.0, Miels 0.3, Roads 0.1, rushed 0.3. **NORWOOD:** Brewer 5.5, Chapman 1.2, P. Oatey 1.2, Bunton 0.3, R. Oatey 0.2, Sutter 0.1, Wedding 0.1, Martin 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—**STURT:** Adcock slightly bruised thigh) replaced by Martin during the second term. Tilbrook (bruised thigh) replaced by Roads during the last term. **NORWOOD:** Modra (gashed hand) replaced by R. Martin during the first term.

UMPIRE—K. Cunningham.

AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1—2	3—5	7—6	12—9	81
South	1—3	2—4	5—8	7—10	52

BEST PLAYERS. — **PORT:** Obst, Philp, Cooper, Elleway, Traynor, Errey, Pilgrim, Cahill. **SOUTH:** Darley, Ploenges, Shaw, Judd, Durbridge, B. Foster, Ross.

SCORERS—**PORT:** Pilgrim 4.0, Freeman, 3.1, Traynor 2.0, Potter 1.1, Haslam 1.0, Errey 1.0, Salmon 0.2, Gill 0.2, Cahill 0.1, rushed 0.2. **SOUTH:** Skuse 2.3, W. Foster 1.3, Rivers 1.1, Eckert 1.0, Alexander 1.0, Ross 1.0, Kantilla 0.2, Roberts 0.1

REPLACEMENTS—**PORT:** Mead replaced by Moore during the last term. Clayton replaced by Beaufoy during the last term. **SOUTH:** White (suspected ruptured spleen) replaced by W. Foster during the second term. Butcher replaced by Alexander during the last term.

REPORT—E. Freeman (Port) reported by goal umpire Axford for allegedly elbowing G. Durbridge during the last term.

UMPIRE—M. Posa.

AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torr.	0—2	7—6	9—6	18—12	120
North	3—5	4—7	8—11	8—12	60

BEST PLAYERS.—**TORRENS:** Bills, Giblett, Butler, Pill, Gould, Lee, Braidwood. **NORTH:** Dixon, Paull, Anderson, D. Lindner, Geisler, Hank Lindner.

SCORERS—**TORRENS:** Mulvihill 8.3, Egan 4.1, Nygaard 2.3, Bills 1.2, Williams 1.1, Gould 1.0, Clarke 1.0, Wildy 0.1, Butler 0.1, Pill 0.1. **NORTH:** 2.2, D. Lindner 2.0, Thomas 1.4, Geisler 1.3, Taylor 1.1, Phillips 1.0, Bloch 0.1, Robinson 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—**TORRENS:** Nil. **NORTH:** Taylor ('flu) replaced by Francou during the last term.

UMPIRE—M. O'Connell.

AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	6—4	7—8	13—13	14—14	98
Glen.	3—1	6—4	7—5	10—8	68

BEST PLAYERS.—**WEST:** DeBroughe, Pfitzner, Della-Polina, Burkett, Pope, Bertelsmeier. **GLENELG:** Richens, Cahill, Colbey, Blackburn, McLeod, Rosewarne.

SCORERS. — **WEST:** Sims 3.0, Burkett 2.1, Thompson 2.0, Bertelsmeier 1.2, Della-Polina 1.2, Pannenburg 1.1, DeBroughe 1.1, Hooper 1.1, Roach 1.0, McInerney 1.0, Shueard 0.4, Fraser 0.1, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Johnson 3.1, Button 2.1, Anesbury 2.0, Pattinson 1.0, Blackburn 1.0, McLeod 1.0, Colbey 0.2, B. Long 0.1, A. Long 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS.—**WEST:** O'Driscoll replaced by Jamieson during the third term. **GLENELG:** Knill replaced by A. Long during the third term.

UMPIRE.—R. Hall.

AT ELIZABETH

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Cent.	2—6	6—10	11—18	14—22	106
Wdv.	2—1	5—3	5—3	9—7	61

BEST PLAYERS.—**CENTRALS:** Grlusich, Daly, Hill, Edmonds, McCartney, Medhurst, Skinner. **WOODVILLE:** Kneebone, Braidwood, Tee, O'Connor, Hansch, Simunsen, Christie.

SCORERS.—**CENTRALS:** Daly 6.4, Medhurst 2.3 Morey 2.1, Skinner 2.1, Barron 1.5, McGee 1.3, Davis 0.2, Eustice 0.1, Window 0.1, Grlusich 0.1. **WOODVILLE:** Atkinson 2.1, Christie 2.1, Braidwood 1.1, Hoffman 1.1, Obst 1.0, Hansch 1.0, Boscence 1.0, Simunsen 0.2, O'Connor 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—**CENTRALS:** Nil. **WOODVILLE:** Perry (cramp) replaced by Petersen during the last term. O'Connor (thigh) replaced by Paterson during the last term.

UMPIRE.—M. Ducker.

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Brewer (Norwood)	5.5	20	76.41
Freeman (Port)	3.1	19	75.38
Sims (West)	3.0	19	61.51
Halbert (Sturt)	6.0	20	60.53
Jones (Sturt)	6.1	14	54.28
Mulvihill (Torrens)	8.3	13	45.30
Daly (Centrals)	6.4	18	37.23
Button (Glenelg)	2.1	17	37.21
Howlett (South)	—	16	36.16

ATTENDANCES

Alberton	16,964
Adelaide	13,580
Prospect	5,863
Richmond	3,317
Elizabeth	2,992
TOTAL	42,716

NEXT WEEK

First semi-final: North v. South

Better handball told for West

By RON HEWITT, in the absence of Dean Stringer

West Adelaide made far better use of the slight wind advantage in the first and third quarters when they were able to develop some system in attack to comfortably defeat Glenelg at Richmond Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	6—4	7—8	13—13	14—14	98
Glenelg	3—1	6—4	7—5	10—8	68

In a game full of errors by both teams, West's use of handball to create opportunities within scoring distance was the decisive factor.

After the third term, the Bays were never a serious threat.

With Brian Colbey a dominant force at centre half-forward, Glenelg did most of the attacking early in the game but fell down in front of goals, where John Pfitzner was playing strongly.

Simon Fraser was a capable substitute for Robert Day at centre.

David Bertelsmeier's deep penetration into the forward zone and John Burkett's alert play at half-forward helped West apply the pressure to the Glenelg defence.

Had it not been for the outstanding rebound of Colin Richens in the back pocket the game may have turned into a rout.

Glenelg made a spirited challenge in the second quarter as Ray Button flashed into the game occasionally and kicked two goals to reduce the leeway.

Tackling

Although hard tackling prevented many open passages of play, the game was marred by some shocking ball handling by both teams.

It was only a few individual efforts and Richens' classic defence that lifted the standard out of the doldrums.

Burkett to Brian DeBroughe to John McInerney to Colin Thompson for a goal immediately after the interval was the first sequence of combined football for the match.

After a first half full of errors it was a refreshing passage.

Glenelg, when Pannenberg goaled for West to lead by 22 points, swung Button and Mick Johnson on to the ball in an effort to gain some drive from the rucks.

It was a good move which curbed DeBroughe's dominance, but it robbed the forward lines of the player (Button) most likely to swing the game for the Bays.

Goals from Bob Anesbury and Johnson (two) early in the last quarter kept alive Glenelg's hope.

Although Rod Cahill, who beat Don Roach on the day, sent his team in repeatedly, the West defence held firm.

Richens had a run on the ball and Colbey covered a tremendous amount of ground in efforts to lift their team.

Glenelg finished full of running, probably because West were content to sit on their lead.

Richens second in Mildara

Colin Richens (Glenelg) gained second prize in the Mildara Football Trophy competition today.

Lindsay Head (Torrens) had won first prize last week.

Richens will receive $20 in the competition based on the votes of The Sunday Mail writers.

BEST FOR THE YEAR

19—Head (Torrens).
16—Richens (Glenelg).
15—Bagshaw (Sturt); Darley (South); Grlusich (Centrals).
14—Simunsen (Woodville).
13—Cahill (Port).
12—Day (West); D. Lindner (North).
11—Kerley (South); Bills (Torrens).
10—Wedding (Norwood); Pascoe (South); Obst (Port).

MILDARA

$440

TROPHY

SECONDS

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	F	Ag	Pt	%
Nth.	18	2	—	1829	1207	36	60.24
Port	17	3	—	1766	1021	34	63.37
Nor.	15	4	1	1905	1142	31	62.52
Tor.	14	6	—	1678	1262	28	57.07
West	8	12	—	1478	1693	16	46.61
Sth.	7	13	—	1588	1560	14	50.30
St.	6	12	2	1397	1567	14	47.13
Wood.	5	14	1	1235	1767	11	41.14
Glen.	5	15	—	1393	1887	10	42.47
Cent.	3	17	—	1680	2234	6	32.59

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pt.
West	4.1	9.4	14.8	16.10	106
Glen.	3.1	3.2	6.2	7.5	47

Goalkickers—West: Rutherford 4 Llewellyn 2, Haupt 2, Hehir, Simpson, Delaney, Bernhardt, Bilmead, Seyers, Ryan, McCarthy. Glenelg: Rowe 2, Ward 2, Rouvray 2, Bromley. Best Players—West: Wallace, Ryan, Seyers, Llewellyn, Simpson, Rutherford, Bilmead. Glenelg: Newberry, I. Linke, Rowe Drew, Myer, Ward.

THIRDS

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	F	A	P	%
Nth.	19	1	2001	1025	38	67.11
Sth.	15	5	1731	1181	30	59.44
Gln.	15	5	1863	1297	30	58.96
St.	14	6	1805	1171	28	60.65
Tor.	13	7	1650	1237	26	57.15
Port	10	10	1558	1463	20	51.54
Nor.	5	15	1242	1508	10	45.16
Wdv.	5	15	1201	1764	10	40.51
Cen.	4	16	948	1965	8	32.54
W'st	—	20	992	2478	—	28.50

	1st	2nd	3rd	Fin.	Pts.
Glen'g	8.4	17.12	26.18	33.22	220
West	0.1	2.2	4.3	4.4	28

Goalkickers—Glenelg: Dare 8, Sandland 7, Paech 6, Potter 4, Spencer 2, Lovell 2, Sparrow 2, Dale, Goldfinch. West: Querdoll 2, Bryce, Hooper. Best Players — Glenelg: Sandland, Lovell, Goldfinch, Willington, Bailey, Potter. West: Quer-

COLTS

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	For	Ag. P's	%
Cent.	15	5	—	1543	995	30	60.80
Gl'g.	14	6	—	1327	939	28	58.05
N'th	14	6	—	1285	960	28	57.01
W'dv	12	8	—	1384	982	24	58.49
S'th	12	8	—	1147	859	24	57.18
West	11	9	—	1126	1063	22	51.44
Port	10	9	1	1035	904	21	53.38
Tor.	5	14	1	937	1537	11	37.87
Sturt	5	15	—	846	1366	10	38.25
Nor'd	1	19	—	659	1655	2	28.48