

# FINAL FOUR STILL IN DOUBT

## TORRENS DEFEAT NORTH

### Norwood Surprise Port on Home Ground

#### STURT AND WEST VICTORIOUS

West Torrens increased their chance of premiership honors today by defeating North Adelaide at Thebarton by nine points. Sturt defeated Glenelg at Unley, but Port were unable to cope with Norwood on their home ground, and suffered defeat by eight points.

West Adelaide easily defeated South.

#### POSITION OF CLUBS

	P.	W.	L.	F.	Ag. Pts.	Points, Prem.
West	16	13	3	1479	1097	26
North	16	10	6	1298	981	20
Torrens	16	10	6	1144	1109	20
Sturt	16	10	6	1116	1098	20
Port	16	9	7	1201	1059	18
Norwood	16	6	10	1225	1345	12
Glenelg	16	4	12	1138	1351	8
South	16	2	14	1017	1573	4

## TORRENS REVIVAL

### North Beaten at Thebarton

#### BETTER TEAM WON

West Torrens enhanced their prospects of inclusion in the final four by defeating North Adelaide at Thebarton.

On the day the blue-and-golds were the faster and more skilful team, and deserved their nine-points victory.

TORRENS 3-2 4-8 7-8 9-10

NORTH 1-5 2-9 5-13 7-13

Goalkickers:—Torrens—Geue and Troughton (each 2), McCarthy, Hoeking, Kempster, Phillips, and Mills. North—Townley (2), Furler, Fleet, Thomas, McDonald, and Taylor.

Best Players:—Torrens—Geue, Ashby, Kempster, Mills, Phillips, Brown, Adams, and Troughton. North—Hawke, Ramsay, Dillway, Furler, Lewis, Munn, Ween, and Hargreaves.

## BY EIGHT POINTS

### MAGPIES OUT OF FORM

#### Norwood Defeat Port

Having first use of a fresh breeze Norwood early assumed an ascendancy over Port at Norwood today, and eventually won by eight points.

Only once or twice during the contest did Port show any semblance of team work, and the game, excluding the last quarter, which was played at a great pace, was remarkable for the low standard of football provided by both teams, but especially by Port.

It was the second meeting of the teams this season. In the first encounter, played at Alberton, Port won after an even contest. Though Norwood have been excluded from the finals, interest in the match centred upon Port's ability to win and enhance their prospects of inclusion in the final four.

NORWOOD 3-6 5-6 9-9 12-10

PORT 1-3 4-7 8-11 10-14

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Biddell (5), Johnson and Whitfield (each 2), Conlon, Daly, and Mutton. Port—Logan (5), Hodge and S. Wade (each 2), and Coffen.

Best Players.—Norwood—Whitfield, Biddell, Simmons, Symonds, Scott, Lill, and Daly. Port—J. Wade, Ween, Conole, Galliford, Bampton, Logan, and Hodge.

## WEST WIN EASILY

### Five Goals to Spare

#### CLEAN AND FAST GAME

West established a lead early in the game against South at the Adelaide Oval this afternoon and won by a comfortable margin.

The game was fast and exciting, despite the disparity in the scores. Hard bumps were given and taken, but there was little roughness.

WEST 4-8 9-10 13-16 16-18

SOUTH 1-0 6-3 8-5 12-8

Goalkickers.—West—McGregor, Stokes, and Bennetts (each 3), Payne and Jarvis (each 2), Batt, Oliver, and Bishop. South—Robertson and A. J. Ryan (each 3), Tabe, and Downs (each 2), Oliver, and Gooden.

Best Players.—West—Soloman, McGregor, Payne, Hale, Scanlon, Bennetts, Stokes. South—Robertson, Green, May, A. J. Ryan, Tabe, Lingwood-Smith, Downs, Lewis.

## STURT TOO STRONG

### Glenelg Defeated

#### UNINTERESTING MATCH

On their own ground this afternoon Sturt experienced little difficulty in defeating Glenelg.

After the first quarter the double-blues always appeared to have the game in hand, and the final bell rang leaving them with a margin of 19 points to the good. It was a featureless and an uninteresting contest.

Beyond a few alterations in the placings the teams were nearly identical with those which have done duty during the season.

R. Ellis (injured) and P. Leverington did not strip for the seaisiders, but two good performers in Drew and A. Hack filled the vacancies. The double-blues were without the services of Brady, and K. Dunn, a B Grade man, played in his stead.

Umpire F. S. C. Saxby was in charge of the game in place of Umpire Quinn, who was indisposed.

Handby won the toss and directed his men to kick toward the southern goal, which was favored with a breeze. The visitors secured at the bounce, but Barron returned the ball. Glenelg persisted. Lloyd with a fine drop-kick put the ball in Owens' hands and the first goal of the afternoon was registered.

Sturt took play their way, but wretched kicking spoiled the effort. Smith and Dunn were prominent with their aerial work.

After the double-blues had notched a minor Glenelg took command, but Riley saved. Owens marked superbly, but his kick, which was from a difficult angle, only resulted in a behind. Hill made no mistake when he got the ball, and his kick gave his side a handy lead.

Riley was cheered when he marked in front.

In ground play the visitors were more than holding their own, and favored with the breeze they kept the ball almost continually in the home team's territory.

Smith scored a behind for the double-blues after G. Scrutton had flashed out across the centre, but the yellow-and-blacks were in command again. Scouting well, Owens snapped up a mark and booted his second goal. His next try was only productive of a behind. After the ball had gone out of bounds twice Johnson, who was giving a sparkling exhibition, snapped a behind.

#### Quarter Time

GLENELG 3-5

STURT 0-2

With the wind behind them Sturt went away with a will, and a minute after the quarter had commenced G. Scrutton goaled. Smart ground play gave the visiting forwards a chance, and Drew notched his side's fourth full-pointer.

Barron was applauded when he kicked a goal from a difficult position. The visitors made valiant attempts to score, but the defence was too strong.

In quick succession G. Scrutton added majors, but a wild kick by Smith went out of bounds. From a free Scrutton scored his fourth goal and placed his side in the lead.

Golding, who had shifted into the forward lines, was cheered when he booted a six-pointer. For a few moments the visitors had their share of the play, but they could not score.

G. Scrutton, who was one of the most prominent men on the oval, notched his fifth goal with a running shot. The play during the term was not of a high standard, but this to some extent was due to the breeze, which played all kinds of tricks with the ball.

#### Half Time

STURT 7-7

GLENELG 4-6

Whitehead got a goal immediately after the quarter commenced, and for the next few minutes the double-blues were in command.

Wadham saved well, but his kick was picked up by Bail, who scored his side's fifth major. The visitors attacked strongly from the bounce and Owens snapped a minor, which was supplemented with a six-pointer by Lloyd in the next move forward. McGaffin stopped another yellow-and-black thrust, and Guiney, after making a fine run, kicked out of bounds.

#### Leading Goalkickers

Owens (Glenelg)	74
Logan (Port)	58
Ryan, A. J. (South)	52
McGregor (West)	40
Bennetts (West)	39
McCarthy (Torrens)	38
Biddell (Norwood)	36
Scrutton, G. (Sturt)	35
Dayman (Port)	32
Payne (West)	31
Taylor (North)	30
Townley (North)	30
Furler (North)	28
Kempster (Torrens)	27
Troughton (Torrens)	23
Mutton (Norwood)	22
Bishop (West)	21
Stokes (West)	21
Thomas (North)	21

#### Attendances and Takings

	Attendance	Taking
Thebarton Oval—		
North v. Torrens	8,031	£316
Norwood Oval—		
Norwood v. Port	7,200	277
Unley Oval—		
Glenelg v. Sturt	4,500	183
Adelaide Oval—		
South v. West	4,000	145
Grand totals	23,731	£921

A period of up-and-down play followed. Sturt asserted themselves, and from a free Barron raised the two flags.

Owens equalised that score with a long drop-kick. Riley and Handby were seen at their best in the air, while Page performed herculean feats in defence. Sharp was doing equally as well for the double-blues in the back lines. Whitehead and Owens kicked goals for their respective sides as the term ended.

#### Three-quarter Time

STURT 10-8

GLENELG 8-7

With a lead of 13 behinds, and on their showing against the wind in the previous quarter, the match appeared to be in the keeping of Sturt. Attacking strongly the double-blues transferred the ball to the southern end, but a wild kick by Smith spoiled the effort.

Whitehead and Guiney should have scored goals, but over-eagerness was their undoing. Thompson also missed an easy chance to score full points.

The first goal for the quarter came from Hack after a period of give-and-take play. Though both sides battled hard to score it was only toward the last minute or so that success crowned the efforts of Sturt, a goal coming from Guiney. A behind was added by Owens just before the bell rang.

#### Final Scores

STURT 11-16

GLENELG 9-9

Goalkickers.—Sturt—G. Scrutton (5), Barron and Whitehead (each 2), Guiney and Golding (each 1). Glenelg—Owens (4), Drew, Bail, Hill, Hack, and Lloyd (each 1).

Best Players.—Sturt—G. Scrutton, Wadham, Barron, Riley, Sharp, Whitehead, and Golding. Glenelg—Lloyd, Johnson, Owens, Handby, Sexton, and Barbary.

## NOTES ON THE PLAY

### CHANCES IMPROVED

#### Sturt and Final Four

Sturt improved their chances of inclusion in the final four today by defeating Glenelg after an unexciting match. Both teams appeared to be below form, but weight and co-ordination enabled the double-blues to win.

A tricky breeze which blew toward the southern end played havoc with the kicking, and neither eighteen could make much headway against it.

For the winners G. Scrutton was probably the best. On the forward lines he had no equal, and his kicking was in direct contrast to that of his clubmate, Smith, who could not do anything right. When Sturt had the help of the wind in the second quarter Scrutton did particularly well. His bag of five goals was the highest tally of the afternoon.

Riley was prominent at times, though his aerial work was not as effective as usual. However, he made good use of the ball.

Sharp played a useful game in defence, and was ably supported by Weller and Wadham.

Barron was often in limelight, and Golding and Whitehead were prominent at times.

For Glenelg Johnson performed well, but Barbary, though he gave a creditable performance, was not as effective as hitherto. He had a worthy opponent in C. Scrutton, and on the afternoon's display honors were about even.

Handby battled determinedly to stem the double-blue onslaughts, while Owens performed creditably. He beat his opponents several times in the air, and was successful in kicking four goals.

Other prominent for the seaisiders were Sexton and Lloyd.