

# Steve McKee On Final Four Prospects of League Teams

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P. T. MORTON, Sturt full forward, who has shown brilliant form in recent games.

## TWO GLENELG MOVES

### Jacka May Play

GLENELG are not likely to make many changes in the team for the big game against Sturt at the Bay Oval. Their officials were satisfied with the way in which their team downed North, and they are confident of another victory coming their way on Saturday.

Glenelg had five regular players out of the team for the North match because of injuries, but most of these have resumed training.

Colyer has recovered from the ankle injury that kept him off the active list for a few weeks, and Michalanney has notified the selectors that he will be fit to play this week.

Bergin, who did well at centre wing, returned to Gladstone to rest an injured ankle, and it will not be known until tonight whether he is fit to play or not.

It seems that Whitaker will be given another trial at full back. He was included in place of James (injured) for the North game. James is still on the injured list, and his name is not likely to go before the selectors.

Jacka has recovered from the head injury received at Thebarton, and had a run with the association team in the last game. It seems certain that he will be included this week.

Glenelg used Hale on a half-back wing against North, but probably Jacka will take over at half-back left, and Hale will be used as a ruck shepherd. Jacka played at centre half-back before his injury, but Brock has done so well there since that he is not likely to be shifted.

Colyer looks to be the only other player with prospects of gaining inclusion this week. He may be included to share the roving with Link and Leak.

Apart from these two alterations Glenelg are not likely to change their side. Johnston has recovered from a slight attack of influenza.

Goldsworthy played his best football against North when changing into the ruck with Johnston from the full forward position. It is likely, however, that he will be used at centre half-forward again, and that there will be short ruck changes to relieve the other followers.

Bob Pratt, South Melbourne's leading forward, is well on the way to putting up record goalgetting figures this season. In 10 matches so far this season he has kicked 85 goals—an average of 8½ goals for each game. He kicked nine goals against Melbourne in the last series of Melbourne League games.

## NORTH MUST IMPROVE TO RETAIN POSITION

### Defeat of Sturt Will Assist Glenelg

From a position of apparent security, attained chiefly through a winning sequence of five matches, North have descended rapidly to a position on the premiership list that demands an early return to better form from them. Otherwise their prospects of figuring in the semi-finals will be seriously jeopardised.

When North were beaten by Sturt at Unley a month ago there was no cause for undue concern. Sturt registered their best goal-getting effort of the season, one unapproached by the double-blues before or since, and North wasted scoring chances innumerable.

North handed that game away to Sturt, as, apart from weak and erratic goalshooting, there was nothing radically wrong with their form.

However, this was not the case at the showgrounds a week later, when West defeated the red-and-whites, and came back strongly into semi-final consideration.

North were outpaced and outplayed by West, and last Saturday Glenelg ran the red-and-whites off their legs.

Allowing that the poor form of their interstate men contributed to North's third successive defeat, it is clear that a defensive instability is chiefly responsible for their lapses.

When their forwards are held down as capably as they were by Glenelg, North are made to appear a very ordinary combination, certainly not a potential premiership side.

North must fight their way out of the rut of mediocrity into which they have fallen by sheer attacking strength, or infuse more pace and wider aerial support to Burton behind centre.

North have contested a semi-final in each of the last four seasons, but if they go down to Port at Prospect they will be in danger of missing that distinction. The draw, however, finds them with four games still to be played at Prospect, and this may help them.

Norwood can abandon all hope if they lose to Torrens. The redlegs have figured in every major round but one since 1919. The redlegs were bottom in that year, but a great crop of young players, including "Wat" Scott, Schumacher, and Toovey, assisted Sid White, Guy Stephens, Packham, and other seasoned players to dispute the grand final with North in 1920.

Bruce Townsend staged the most remarkable football "comeback" in my memory to lead Norwood in that season.

Townsend began his league career in 1904, and dropped out in 1914. After six seasons of inaction he returned to the game in 1920, and played useful football.

Norwood in 1920 built a solid foundation for a decade of football power

which secured four premierships, between 1922 and 1929, partly through their good fortune in unearthing many talented juniors, and partly through the inclusion of players from outside districts.

Lill was an outstanding example of the former, and Bryant, Bent, Potts, Barbary, and Daly serve to illustrate the class of men included from outside sources.

Since Lill and Scott dropped out, Norwood have lacked a real champion. A "Blue" Johnston would be invaluable to the redlegs at the moment.

Norwood must have embryo Scotts, Lills, and Johnstons playing in the many junior teams within their boundaries. A keen-eyed scout with the necessary qualifications to recognise latent football talent would be a good investment for any of the league clubs, but to North and Norwood in particular it would be invaluable.

Glenelg's continued success is one of the most popular features of the season. In addition to having comparatively slender junior resources at their disposal, the distance of the Glenelg Oval from the city imposes a training disability which gives Bruce McGregor few opportunities of getting a majority of his men to practice in daylight.

Glenelg's wins over Port and North have built the morale of the Bay team to a pitch that makes them confident that on Saturday they can terminate Sturt's run of successes.

And Glenelg must do so if they are to retain a reasonable chance of reaching the major round for the first time, after 15 seasons of stout-hearted trying.

The possibility that West will defeat South at the showgrounds makes it imperative that Norwood and Glenelg should win.

I mentioned earlier that defeat will virtually eliminate Norwood. The consequences are not quite so decisive in Glenelg's case, but if they go down to

## STURT WILL FILL GAPS AT HALF-FORWARD

### Big Problem Faces Selectors

STURT have struck their first bad patch for the last few weeks, and it is certain that changes will have to be made in the team for the game against Glenelg at the Bay Oval on Saturday.

Reeves is suffering from an internal strain, and will not be available for selection this week. Mussman will leave for the South-East tomorrow, and Thomas will be out of action for several weeks with a badly injured ankle.

S. Headon is suffering from a shoulder injury, but he may be able to take his place in the side.

There is a possibility that Fisher may play again this week. He injured a knee while playing with the State team in Perth, and had to stand down from the last game. He did not train on Tuesday, but providing the report on him is satisfactory tonight, he will be included for the Glenelg game.

Fisher's return would allow Tuohy to be placed at half-back again, and if this is done, the filling of the other vacancies will not be so difficult for the double-blue selectors.

It was thought last week that Robertson would be lost to the team because of a business transfer to the country, but it is now certain that the big fol-

lower will be available for the Unley team for the remainder of the season.

Sims has not trained during the period of his suspension, but he is expected to resume next week in readiness for inclusion on Saturday week.

There are two gaps on the half-forward line to be filled, and it is possible that the selectors may decide to play Sawatzke in the key attacking position. Whitehead seems certain to be included as a follower, and if so will relieve Sawatzke for a half-forward post.

Aistrophe may be brought into the team for a place on the half-back line, and so allow Headon, if fit, to play at half-forward. Longmore is another who should be given consideration, and at the moment his prospects of inclusion as a half-forward are bright.

Sturt could improve their half-forward line by transferring Day from centre. This would allow Treleven, King, and Johnstone to comprise their centre line.

With Sawatzke, Day, and Morton in front of goal, Sturt would have a forward section to test the Glenelg defence to its utmost.

## HOW TEAMS STAND

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts	%
Torrens	11	8	3	-	1030	920	16	52.82
Sturt	11	8	3	-	1085	1003	16	51.96
North	11	5	5	1	1119	1006	11	52.66
West	11	5	5	1	1119	1146	11	49.40
Glenelg	11	5	5	1	1091	1184	11	47.96
Port	11	4	6	1	1221	1151	9	51.48
Norwood	11	4	7	-	1104	1247	8	46.96
South	11	3	8	-	1216	1328	6	47.80

## Saturday's Games

Norwood v. Torrens, Norwood Oval.  
West v. South, Showgrounds.  
North v. Port, Prospect Oval.  
Glenelg v. Sturt, Glenelg Oval.

Sturt the tigers will have to win four of their remaining five games, with South and North at Adelaide, Norwood and West at Glenelg, and Norwood at Norwood. Even this is not beyond them in their present form, but can Glenelg hold their form?

Port are not yet disposed of. The magpies have a great chance of winning at least 17 premiership points, even excluding the game with North from consideration.

This would not prove sufficient to carry them into the four, but if, in addition, they defeat North or Torrens at Adelaide Oval, I believe Port will get there.

West must defeat South and Norwood in their two remaining games at the showgrounds, and also win at least twice when they meet Port, North, Sturt, and Glenelg away from home.

The difficulty of accomplishing the latter portion of their contract is readily apparent, and West face the most severe task of all.

Whether Norwood can be discarded will practically be decided on Saturday, but there will be no definite line on the prospects of West, Glenelg, and Port until the fifteenth series of qualifying games have been decided on August 18.

Then the field will have definitely narrowed down.

## PONTIFEX IS FIT

### Torrens Strong

TORRENS expect to be at practically full strength for the game against Norwood at Norwood Oval on Saturday. The captain (Pontifex) did not train on Tuesday because of influenza, but he is expected to be fit to play against the redlegs.

It is doubtful whether Mitta will be able to return to the team this week. He injured an ankle against South, and has been out of action since then. The blue-and-gold officials will not know until tonight whether he is fit to play or not.

McKnight and Dutnie, who are on the senior training list, will be available for selection this week, but both may appear with the association team this week.

It is possible that Torrens may make alterations in the placings of their side for the Norwood game. Frogley has not yet struck form at centre, and he may be used as a ruckman if Pontifex is fit to play.

Frogley showed brilliant form at centre for the Thebarton side in the final matches last season, but has been hampered by a leg injury this season.

If Pontifex is shifted to centre, Torrens will have to find a player for the full forward position. Mitta, if fit, would be certain to take the centre half-forward post, but there is no one standing out at Thebarton for the goal-front position.

There is a possibility that the selectors may decide to rest their ruckmen at full forward, and so obviate many vital changes. Baird was used at centre half-forward in the last game, but was given a run on the ball in the closing stages.

Footie is not likely to be shifted from a half-forward flank, from where he assisted the rovers against West. His long kicking and fine position play make him an excellent man for a half-forward wing, and he has the necessary pace to act as a rover.



# Torrens, Glenelg, West and Port Win

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## NORWOOD AND SOUTH OUT OF RUNNING FOR FOUR

Two Points Separate Teams In Fight for Places

### GLENELG'S CLAIM STRONGER

As a result of today's league matches Norwood and South are definitely out of final discussions. With only two premiership points separating the four teams fighting for third and fourth place on the list, percentage is likely to be taken into consideration.

Glenelg strengthened their claims for inclusion by decisively defeating Sturt at Glenelg. Weakened by the loss of several stars, the double-blues were not able to keep up with the fast pace set by Glenelg, whose vigorous play and accurate goal-shooting left Sturt trailing throughout the match.

Although Torrens were superior in general play against Norwood, their bad kicking in the forward lines allowed Norwood to lead at the end of the third quarter. Producing brilliant, sustained football in the last quarter, they overwhelmed the redlegs, who were left standing.

### GLENELG SHOW GREAT PACE

GLENELG'S marked superiority in ground play and Sturt's failure to stand up to the great pace of the game were responsible for the Bays' overwhelming win at Glenelg. The double-blues' advantage in the air was their only redeeming feature.

**STURT.**—Backs—Wadham, Shuttleworth. Half-backs—Aistrop, Parsons, Hayes. Centres—Treleaven, King, Johnston. Half-forwards—Longmore, Day, Sawatzke. Forwards—Baxter, Morton, C. Whitehead. Ruck—Robertson, Golding, Wundersitz, L. Johnston (19th).

**GLENELG.**—Backs—Griffiths, Whitaker, Rosewarne. Half-backs—Wells, Brock, Hale. Centres—Shakes, Sallis, Hill. Half-forwards—Cornelius, Goldsworthy, Leak. Forwards—Owens, Percy, Edwards, Ruck—Johnston, Olliver, Link, Jacka (19th).  
Umpire—A. A. Raven.  
At Glenelg. Attendance, 3,500.

Owens won the toss and Glenelg kicked to the northern goal. Glenelg, with a spirited dash, had two goals on the board within a minute of the bounce. Edwards snapped the first full-pointer following a long kick from Johnston, and Percy the other, after having marked within easy range.

Sturt were driven back when they attacked, and playing with great dash Glenelg again went forward, and Owens scored the third goal.

Sturt opened with a point, followed by a goal from Whitehead. Inferior mid-field kicking by both teams was spoiling the exchanges.

Sturt, with a burst of system, scored two quick goals, both from Wundersitz.

After several Glenelg thrusts had broken down almost in the goalmouth, Link sent the ball straight to Percy, who called up two flags. Glenelg continued to win in the race for the ball. Another accurate pass by Link found Owens, who punted another goal. Glenelg had scored five goals from six scoring shots.

**First Quarter**

	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG	5	1	31
STURT	3	3	21

Glenelg were playing a systematic game, and were much too fast for Sturt. Two sharp thrusts resulted in goals from wens and Percy. The Bays were exploiting handball to advantage.

Goldsworthy capped an excellent mark with a long kick to score Glenelg's eighth goal.

When Owens passed to Percy, whose long dropkick sailed through the tall posts, the Bays were outplaying Sturt everywhere, and their accurate goalshooting was piling up an overwhelming lead.

For the first 10 minutes of this quarter Glenelg added five goals straight, while restricting the opposition to one behind. Johnston was not often sighted; he was being closely checked by Sturt's big men.

Hayes saved the double-blues with a brilliant mark in the goalmouth. Superior overhead work in attack was responsible for Sturt's first goal (from Day) for the term.

The double-blues had the advantage in the air, but Glenelg more than compensated for this by phenomenal ground play. After Sawatzke had added full points for Sturt, Glenelg again took the offensive, and Percy kicked his fifth goal.

**Half-time**

	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG	11	2	68
STURT	5	4	34

Umpire Raven required attention at half-time for torn muscles, but he continued to umpire the game. A boundary umpire bounced the ball for him.

### 17,251 AT MATCHES

Norwood (Torrens v. Norwood)	5,450
Glenelg (Glenelg v. Sturt)	5,000
Prospect (Port v. North)	4,681
Showgrounds (West v. South)	2,120

## HOW GAMES ENDED

Glenelg				
Glenelg	20-8	d. Sturt	14-11	
Wayville				
West	18-14	d. South	11-12	
Norwood				
Torrens	11-23	d. Norwood	10-7	
Prospect				
Port	11-11	d. North	10-11	

## HOW TEAMS STAND

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts	%
Torrens	12	9	3	-	1119	987	18	53.13
Sturt	12	8	4	-	1180	1131	16	51.06
West	12	6	5	1	1241	1224	13	50.34
Glenelg	12	6	5	1	1219	1279	13	48.80
North	12	5	6	1	1190	1083	11	52.35
Port	12	5	6	1	1298	1222	11	51.51
Norwood	12	4	8	-	1171	1336	8	46.71
South	12	3	9	-	1294	1450	6	47.16

## GLENELG LOOM AS FINALISTS

### Sturt Outclassed In Every Position

(By Percy Furler)

Outclassing Sturt at practically every position on the field, Glenelg scored an impressive win over the double-blues. Sturt were too slow and cumbersome to match the brilliant play of the tigers, who appear to have a great chance of inclusion in the final four for the first time after 15 years of hard battling.

Glenelg's mid-field kicking in their forward lines prevented them from taking full advantage of their opportunities early in the game.

Link's brilliant roving repeatedly brought him into the picture. The Bays held sway in the first term because of superior pace.

In the second term Glenelg continued with their systematic bursts. Leak, who had been called in as a rover for the Bays, was playing clever football.

Glenelg were still leading in the race for the ball, and as a result were dominating the game.

The Bays pressed home their advantage in general play, and Leak placed them 33 points in front with a smart snap. Employing clever handball, the tigers again pressed forward, and Percy again goaled.

Hale, in his fourteenth year of league football, was rendering great service, and repeatedly cleared with strong dashes. Then Day scored Sturt's first goal for the term with a long screw punt.

The legitimate use of weight was now being employed by both sides, and vigorous football was seen. Sturt were all at sea; their play did not reveal the understanding noticeable in that of Glenelg.

## Stab Kicks and Flick Passes



H. Percy

PERCY was a match winner for the tigers at Glenelg today. In addition to kicking eight goals he was frequently conspicuous for sound marking and useful work in the rucks.

HALE, in his fourteenth year of league football, was one of the outstanding figures of the Glenelg match. He frequently left his younger opponents standing by his fast dashes from half-back.

GRIFFITHS played superbly for Glenelg in a back pocket. His interceptions were carried out with faultless judgment. He never attempted the impossible, and his strong drop-kicking frequently delivered the ball at mid-field.

LEAK, the diminutive Glenelg half-forward, played with particular energy against his former team-mates today. His characteristic dashes and neat half-distance passing frequently outwitted the double-blue defenders.

DAY stood alone in Sturt's attack that was hopelessly outclassed throughout the match at Glenelg. He marked well, and sent the ball on with telling effect.

WUNDERSITZ was the only one of Sturt's small men to exhibit his usual dash. He scored five goals by sound position play, and showed enterprise in working his way through crushes.

Sturt altered the placing of their side. Sawatzke playing at full forward. Morton at half-forward left. Cameron at centre half-back, and Parsons in goal.

Outmarking Parsons, Percy kicked his sixth goal. Poor kicking lost scoring opportunities for Sturt, who still held the advantage in the air. However, Glenelg more than made up for the deficiency in this department by clever ground play.

Between two goals by Percy and Link for Glenelg was sandwiched a major by Day for Sturt.

Cornelius immediately added another goal with a snap. Glenelg's goal-shooting was remarkable.

A burst of system by the double-blues brought goals from Day and Wundersitz, the Sturt forwards playing nicely for position.

Johnson (Glenelg) and Golding (Sturt) added goals before the bell.

**Third Quarter**

	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG	16	5	101
STURT	9	7	61

Percy added Glenelg's seventeenth goal with a kick off the ground, and then Whitehead (Sturt) and Owens (Glenelg) scored full points for their respective sides.

Sturt did not at any stage look like overtaking Glenelg. Glenelg were able to answer every challenge made by the double-blues.

Wundersitz's goal relieved an uninteresting period. Sturt's only redeeming feature was their sure aerial work. An accurate thrust by the tigers brought full points from Link. Sturt retaliated with a goal by Longmore.

Owens added Glenelg's twentieth goal. Others who scored goals before the bell were Sawatzke, of Sturt (2), and Goldsworthy (Glenelg).

**Final**

	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG	20	8	128
STURT	14	11	95

**Goalkeepers.**—Glenelg—Percy (8). Owens (5). Link (2). Johnston. Leak. Cornelius, Edwards, Goldsworthy. Sturt—Wundersitz (4). Day, Sawatzke (each 3). Whitehead (2). Golding. Longmore.

**Best Players.**—Glenelg—Hale, Percy, Link, Griffiths, Leak, Olliver, Whitaker, Sallis. Sturt—Robertson, Day, Baxter, Wundersitz, Longmore, Hayes.

## TORRENS WIN: KICK WEAKLY

From 33 scoring shots Torrens could manage only 11 goals, but they were too speedy and systematic for their opponents. In the last quarter Torrens capped a poor game with clever play and took charge.

**TORRENS** 11 23 89  
**NORWOOD** 10 7 67

**Goalkeepers.**—Torrens—Foote (4). Duthie, McLoughlin (each 2), Coulter, Waite, Bridgman. Norwood—Palmer (3), Huxtable, Hickman (each 2), Krantz, Brown, W. McCallum.

**Best Players.**—Torrens—Foote, Hanrahan, Frogley, Shepherd, Duthie, P. Read. Norwood—Allington, Hickman, Krantz, Huxtable, W. McCallum, Brown.

## Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Munro (South)	2	72
Bennetts (West)	6	64
Farmer (North)	-	59
Prideaux (Port)	4	57
Schultz (Norwood)	-	48
Owens (Glenelg)	5	46
Brown (Norwood)	1	39
Link (Glenelg)	2	35
Morton (Sturt)	-	34
Wundersitz (Sturt)	4	30

## NORTH BURST STAVED OFF

STAVING off a last-quarter burst by a weakened North team, Port won by six points at Prospect. Although North were helped by two goals, which doubtful decisions by the umpire helped them to get, they had slightly the better of the play for three quarters.

**PORT** 11 11 77  
**NORTH** 10 11 71

**Goalkeepers.**—Port—Prideaux (4), Hollingworth, Hooper (each 2), Quinn, Ritch, Yates. North—Hay (4), Foullis (2), Melvin, Hawke, Strauss, McInness.

**Best Players.**—Port—Johnson, Ween, Obst, Reval, Wilkinson, Allingham, Bampton. North—Knuckey, Strauss, Nettlefold, Burton, McInnes, Fleet, and Mangelsdorf.

## SOUTH'S WORST GAME OF YEAR

**WEST** 18 14 122  
**SOUTH** 11 12 78

**Goalkeepers.**—West—E. J. Bennetts (6), Parry (4), J. Hill (4), Jackson (3), Simons. South—Tully (3), Munro, Masters (each 2), Rosewarne, Mason, H. Forrester, Rusby.

**Best Players.**—West—M. Jarvis, Matiske, J. Hill, Parry, C. Bennett, E. J. Bennetts. South—J. Cockburn, H. Tully, Olliver, H. Forrester, Dawes.