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# Steve McKee on Fight for Final Four

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## STURT HAVE SEVERE TASK AHEAD OF THEM

### No Side Immune From Exclusion

The defeats of Torrens and Sturt last Saturday have given a surprising twist to the struggle for positions in the major round, and unless Norwood, who are definitely out, take an unexpectedly strong hand in shaping the final four by beating West, North, and Glenelg, Sturt and Torrens are in grave danger of missing a place.

Sturt have a particularly severe task ahead of them, with matches at Thebarton and Alberton. The odds are against their winning either engagement, but they should defeat South comfortably when they meet at Unley. That would give Sturt 20 premiership points, but it is highly probable that Glenelg and Port—and possibly West—will have earned 21 points at the end of the qualifying round.

The third meeting of Torrens and Sturt, at Thebarton on Saturday week, is of great importance to both teams. Whichever team wins will be safely in the four, and the loser will be eliminated.

It will be necessary for Glenelg to win two of their remaining games to equal the possible maximum of premiership points that can be gained by Port and West if those teams win all three of their engagements.

The superior "percentage" record of Port would then entitle them to precedence over Glenelg and West, while the Bay team would in turn finish ahead of West unless the red-and-blacks greatly widen the margin of match points in their favor against Norwood on Saturday.

Percentages will not affect Torrens or Sturt either way, except for an improbable draw between Glenelg and West.

Torrens and Sturt will go into the four with a definite advantage in premiership points, according to their success or failure at Alberton and Thebarton, or their survival will depend upon North and Norwood striking winning form against West before the end of the qualifying round.

One defeat will make it virtually impossible for West to head Torrens or Sturt, as the latter two have to meet South at Thebarton and Unley respectively. The leaders should have no great difficulty in winning those games.

North Adelaide's only hope of reaching the major round lies in Glenelg losing twice and Port and West each once, coupled with a triple success to the red-and-whites. Such a combination of results is highly improbable.

But if it should happen, North's unequalled "percentage" would earn precedence over Glenelg, Port, or West.

North must defeat Glenelg at Adelaide Oval on Saturday to remain in the fight. Failure will eliminate North from semi-final discussions for the sixth time in post-war league games.

I cannot recall a similar position so late in the season. With August almost ended not one of the eight competing clubs is immune from the possibility of exclusion.

Weighing the form of the contestants and taking into account the grounds upon which the minor round will be completed, I believe that Torrens and Port have a better chance of qualifying than any of their rivals at the moment.

Torrens should comfortably maintain leadership at the expense of South on Saturday. Sturt meanwhile will have to defeat Port at Alberton to avoid the risk of dropping to third position, while a week later the double-blues meet Torrens at Thebarton, and that will not be an easy game.

If Sturt lose these two games and Glenelg, West, and Port keep on their winning way the double-blues will drop to fifth place, and the last place in the final four will then depend upon the results of the games between West and North at Prospect, and Glenelg and Norwood at Norwood.

If the home teams win these games Sturt will scrape into the major round. If they are defeated it appears inevitable that Sturt, in spite of their brilliant sequence of successes in mid-season, will finish in fifth position.

Of the four teams that contested the major round of 1933 Norwood are out,

## HOW TEAMS STAND

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts	%
Torrens	14	9	5	-	1289	1175	18	52.31
Sturt	14	9	5	-	1353	1334	18	50.35
Glenelg	14	8	5	1	1490	1427	17	51.08
Port	14	7	6	1	1511	1400	15	51.91
West	14	7	6	1	1452	1422	15	50.52
North	14	6	7	1	1453	1271	13	53.34
Norwood	14	5	9	-	1366	1557	10	46.73
South	14	3	11	-	1435	1763	6	44.87

## Saturday's Games

### LEAGUE

North v. Glenelg, Adelaide Oval.  
West v. Norwood, Showgrounds.  
Torrens v. South, Thebarton Oval.  
Port v. Sturt, Alberton Oval.

### ASSOCIATION (Semi-finals)

North v. Torrens, Norwood Oval.  
Port v. Glenelg, Prospect Oval.

North are trembling on the brink. Sturt are definitely up against it, and Torrens are not yet secure.

Such a situation did not appear possible three weeks ago. Port first confused the issue by overthrowing North at Prospect.

That success gave the magpies a chance of which they have since fully availed themselves, and West came strongly into the picture by decisively defeating Sturt last Saturday.

Altogether, a more interesting struggle could not be imagined. Every game on Saturday can vitally affect the ranking on the premiership table, and Torrens alone can take the field secure in the knowledge that a win is more or less a certainty.

At showgrounds and Adelaide well-fought contests should result, while Port's traditional power at Alberton suggests that they will win.

## GLENELG ARE CONFIDENT No Injured List

Once again Glenelg have no one on the injured list. No changes are likely in the team this week. They will face North at Adelaide Oval, and are confident that they can again beat the red-and-whites.

Glenelg tied with North at Prospect early in the season, but won when they met at Glenelg last month.

The coach (Bruce McGregor) gave the players hard work this week, and is confident that his charges will play a big part in the premiership this season. Glenelg's prospects are the brightest in their history, and with the team well suited to the big arena at Adelaide Oval their officials are expecting them to do well.

James is about the only man on the training list who may be considered by the selectors. He held the full back position safely until he was injured in July, but since then Whitaker has done well in his place.

He has been opposed by the leading forwards of the league, and so it is likely that he will be entrusted with the task of checking Farmer on Saturday. Whitaker was opposed to Farmer in the last game, and although the North crack had the better of matters on that occasion the bay man has since improved greatly.

It is not known when Colyer will be available for selection. He has been out of the game for a long time because of an ankle injury. He is expected to return from holidays this week, and may resume training soon.

## SEMI-FINAL GAMES ON SATURDAY

### Association Teams Fit

INTEREST in the association games has increased with the minor round finished, and the semi-finals due to be played on Saturday. The four teams to fight out the finals had made their places secure long before the end of the eliminating round, so interest had waned over the last few weeks.

North, Torrens, Glenelg, and Port are the teams to survive, and the final series should produce some good football.

The games will begin at 2.50 p.m. instead of 3 p.m. This will bring them into line with the league games. During the minor series the association teams were forced to start their matches 10 minutes later than the senior sides, because at the last minute reserves were often sent back from the main ovals.

North have good reason to face the finals with confidence. They have proved the outstanding team in the competition, and it would not surprise if they found only one of the other three teams a strong opponent for the premiership.

The red-and-whites have been defeated only once for the season, and their displays throughout have been creditable. Even when weakened by the promotions of prominent men to the league side, their reserves have been strong enough to allow them to put a winning team in the field.

Many of the juniors with the North team are fit for league company, and it is likely that some of them will be seen with the senior side before the end of the year.

Torrens have been solid without displaying much brilliance, while Port, after their poor displays in the past few weeks, are fortunate to be in the final four.

North's main obstacle to the premiership is likely to be Glenelg. This is the first occasion for 10 years that Glenelg have contested the finals, and on their last appearance in the big series, they found it difficult to field a team. In fact, in the semi-final, they had to play with only 17 men.

It is a different story this season. The Bay team have won their way to the four by sheer merit, and as the only team to defeat the leader in the minor round, have to be respected.

Glenelg will meet Port on Saturday. They defeated the magpies twice at Alberton, and look like winning the semi-final.

North will be at full strength for the semi-final at Norwood Oval with Torrens. No injuries were reported as a result of the game with Port at Alberton.

Boyle, Carvosso, and Oatway, who have been out of action because of injuries, will be available for selection. They should strengthen the side. Carvosso will be used in defence, Oatway will be one of the ruckmen, and Boyle could be used either at centre wing or as a rover.

Parnell will not be able to play. A leg injury kept him out of the game for the greater part of the season, and he suffered a recurrence of the trouble at training.

Speck, who headed the goalkicking list for the season, has been with North for two seasons. Previous to joining up with the team he played with the Prospect Club.

All players on the Glenelg training list will be available for selection. Birrell, who played his first game for some time against West, will be fit. He has given the Bay team good service as a ruckman and forward.

Murphy, who rested from the last game because of a leg injury, trained this week, and will be available. If included, he will be used as a ruckman.

Bungey, a half-back from the Amateur League, may be included. He is a strong player, and would be a great help on the half-back line.

Glenelg are a fast side, and they expect their pace to prove too much for the Port men.

## NORTH CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

### Placing Changes Succeed

NORTH think that they have a team capable of reaching the final four, and will take the field against Glenelg at Adelaide Oval full of confidence.

The red-and-whites consider that the transfer of Nettlefold into the ruck, with a rest in a forward pocket, has been of great service to the side. Nettlefold is a strongly built player, and should make an ideal ruck shepherd. He has plenty of pace, and plays the fast, tear-through game well.

A twofold benefit was derived from the move, because it has allowed Melvin to be used solely as a half-back. Melvin played his best game of the season on a half-back flank against South, and with Taylor playing soundly at centre think their defence will hold the bay forwards.

Hawke will be available again this week, but the North selectors will be

set a problem in placing him. Under ordinary circumstances he would take over at centre half-forward, but Martin did so well there against South that the selectors may not desire to move him.

Martin has played brilliant football with the association team this season, and he was marked down for promotion early in the year. He was allowed to play with the junior team only to gain experience, and now he should find a permanent place in the league team.

Batt, who was promoted from the association team, is another who looks like holding his place in the side. He comes from Jamestown, and played with the junior team as a rover before he got his chance in big company.

K. Burns will be available for selection this week, and he has bright prospects of inclusion. It is likely that he will be played at centre wing in view of his fine performance against Norwood in that position.

Burton has not recovered sufficiently to be included in the team. He had a light run this week, but he may not be able to play for about a fortnight.

Fleet did not train on Tuesday. He rested a slight ankle injury, but he should be fit by Saturday.



J. Nettlefold



# South, North, Port, and West Win

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## SIX TEAMS IN RUNNING FOR PLACES IN FOUR

### Torrens Still on Top in Spite Of Surprise Defeat by South

#### PORT POSSIBILITY FOR TOP

Victories to North, West, Port, and South in today's league football did not throw any light on the ultimate composition of the final four. On the contrary, it made the position more intriguing.

Torrens and Sturt, who a fortnight ago appeared certain to occupy first and second positions, were defeated today by South and Port respectively, and now lead by only one point from Glenelg, Port, and West, while North, fighting hard, are only two points away.

Port, favored by the fact that the remaining two matches will take place on their own ground, are a possibility for the minor premiership.

Finishing the third and last terms with amazing bursts, a weakened South team recorded a surprise victory over Torrens at Thebarton.

Port displayed great determination to defeat Sturt at Alberton. Aided by a stiff breeze in the first quarter, Sturt were unable to break away, and finished the term a point in arrears.

Showing superior pace to the ball and better ground play, West defeated Norwood at the showgrounds. A strong finishing effort by Glenelg carried them to within three points of North at Adelaide, after an evenly fought match.

#### GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Bennetts (West)	5	82
Farmer (North)	6	81
Munro (South)	-	74
Prideaux (Port)	3	72
Owens (Glenelg)	3	64
Schultz (Norwood)	-	60
Brown (Norwood)	2	49
Link (Glenelg)	1	42
Wundersitz (Sturt)	1	38
Morton (Sturt)	-	34
Parry (West)	3	32
Pontifex (Torrens)	-	32

## HOW GAMES ENDED

Adelaide					
North	17-18	d.	Glenelg	17-15	
Thebarton					
South	15-14	d.	Torrens	12-18	
Wayville					
West	14-14	d.	Norwood	10-17	
Alberton					
Port	14-11	d.	Sturt	11-11	

## HOW TEAMS STAND

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts	%
Torrens	15	9	6	-	1379	1279	18	51.88
Sturt	15	9	6	-	1430	1429	18	50.02
Port	15	8	6	1	1606	1477	17	52.09
Glenelg	15	8	6	1	1607	1547	17	50.95
West	15	8	6	1	1550	1499	17	50.84
North	15	7	7	1	1573	1388	15	53.12
Norwood	15	5	10	-	1443	1655	10	46.58
South	15	4	11	-	1539	1853	8	45.37

### Bell Saves North From Likely Loss, Says Furler

## KEEN FINISH IN EVEN BATTLE WITH BAYS Strength in Ruck And Across Centre Big Help

(By Percy Furler)

In an evenly fought match North just managed to stave off defeat by Glenelg, and so remain in the premiership fight. North won mainly because of their strength in the ruck, and their advantage across centre.

North produced systematic football from the bounce, and had Glenelg rattled with brilliant exchanges. B. Burns, on a half-forward flank, was enjoying the open nature of the game; he frequently raced away to give the red-and-whites opportunities. But weak kicking nullified promising attacks.

The Glenelg forwards were showing poor understanding, and frequently spoiled each other in the air. In contrast to this, the North forwards were combining well. The bays found Fleet a stumbling block; he showed outstanding judgment and kicked accurately.

Goldsworthy was too strong for Taylor, and gave Glenelg the advantage at centre half-forward. Strauss was rucking strongly for North, but his kicking calls for attention.

Shocking mid-field kicking by both teams prevented the possibility of high-class football. North forged ahead by virtue of their outstanding aerial ability and the snappy work of Batt on the half-forward line.

#### LINK OUTSTANDING

Walter was a tower of strength to North in the second term. His long, driving kicks resulted in North continually threatening danger, and at this stage they were easily the better side. After 15 minutes of play a solitary Glenelg attack produced a goal from Owens.

Link was outstanding for Glenelg, with brilliant play followed by accurate kicking. Farmer, who had transferred to centre half-forward, following an injury to Hawke, was infusing fire into his play.

Although North were favored by a strong breeze, they had relied solely when advancing upon long kicking.

PORT	14	11	95
STURT	11	11	77

Goalkickers.—Port—Hooper, Prideaux Quinn (each 3), Hollingworth (2), Wightman, Ritch, Yates. Sturt—Longmore (5), Sawatzke (2), Baxter, Wundersitz, Headon, Day.

Best Players.—Port—Hooper, West, Quinn, Dermody, Reval, V. Johnson, Obst, Yates. Sturt—Sims, Golding, Longmore, Wundersitz, Baxter, Headon, Day.

SOUTH	15	14	104
TORRENS	12	18	90

Goalkickers.—South—Rosewarne (5), Ryan (4), Tully, Mason (each 2), V. Cahill, C. Forrester. Torrens—Waite (5), Foote (3), Coulter, Frogley, Hocking, Kersley.

Best Players.—South—Cockburn, Murdy, Ryan, Olliver, Tully, Dawes, L. Cahill. Torrens—Conroy, Adcock, Bridgman, Perkins, Foote, Coulter.

WEST	14	14	98
NORWOOD	10	17	77

Goalkickers.—West—E. J. Bennetts (5), Parry (3), Keane, Heddie (each 2), Jackson, Connell. Norwood—Huxtable, Krome, Hickman, Brown (each 2), G. Page, McLean.

Best Players.—West—Connell, Parry, Shea, Jarvis, Keane, Mattiske, J. F. Bennett, E. J. Bennetts. Norwood—H. Page, Hickman, Huxtable, Krome, Chinnery, Palmer, G. Page, Jones.

#### 17,835 AT TODAY'S MATCHES

Adelaide (North v. Glenelg)	8,243
Alberton (Port v. Sturt)	5,000
Thebarton (Torrens v. South)	2,592
Showgrounds (West v. Norwood)	2,000

## NORTH JUST HOLD GLENELG

SHOCKING kicking in the first quarter, when six successive shots missed the goal, spoiled Glenelg's chances of defeating North at Adelaide.

Eight minutes before time Glenelg were three goals behind. They launched a bold bid, and North, who early in the match had been superior, had just enough energy left to hold them.

NORTH.—Backs, Strauss, Fleet, Mangelndorf; half-backs, Melvin, Taylor, Ruck; centres, Mackay, Knuckey, K. Burns; half-forwards, Batt, Hawke, B. Burns; forwards, Bowman, Farmer, Nettlefold; ruck, Walter, McInnes, Hemers; Foullis (19th), Martin (20th).

GLENELG.—Backs, Griffiths, Whitaker, Male; half-backs, Wells, Brook, King; centres, Shakes, Sallis, Hill; half-forwards, Cornelius, Goldsworthy, Leak; forwards, Owens, Carlos, Edwards; ruck, Johnston, Olliver, Link; Cox (19th). King (leg injury) replaced by Cox at half-time. Umpire—A. A. Raven.

After Owens had won the toss and directed Glenelg to the river end, which was favored by a breeze, Goldsworthy (Glenelg) and Bowman (North) quickly put on a goal each for their respective sides.

Shocking passing in the field and bad goal shooting that was even more costly marred the play.

Melvin and Walter with well-judged passes enabled Hawke to goal before the kicking deteriorated too greatly.

The only straight shot of the series was by Sallis from near centre. It was a "grubber," and it tricked all the players in front of goal except one Glenelg man, who touched it a second before it bounced through.

Then snaps by Owens and Goldsworthy brought much-needed goals to Glenelg, who were having most of the play.

A few more singles, and then Wells dashed into prominence with two goals. Farmer missed altogether from easy range before Hawke added North's third goal.

#### First Quarter

GLENELG	5	9	39
NORTH	3	4	22

Four minutes after play was resumed North scored three goals that took them past Glenelg's tally. Bowman got the first, and the second came from the same man after Farmer had cleverly eluded his opponents. B. Burns was the third to score.

North were now definitely on top. With the wind behind them, they got the ball forward with high driving kicks. With a leap that took him head and shoulders above the crush, Farmer brought down a mark that enabled him to put on North's fourth goal for the term.

When the Glenelg defenders started promising movements, Walters and Knuckey were usually in the way, and it was not until 15 minutes had gone that they had their first shot for the term—a goal to Owens.

North found their way forward again immediately, and long kicks by Bowman and Farmer posted the team's fifth and sixth goals from seven shots. Farmer was now playing at centre half-forward, and Hawke, who had been slightly hurt, was at full forward.

Then Glenelg's passing improved, and Leak and Link were able to goal. Johnston, towering above the crush in front, kicked accurately to put his team only three points behind.

#### Half-time G. B. Pts.

NORTH	10	6	66
GLENELG	9	9	63

After Hale had run out in a vain attempt to clear, Farmer gained possession and goaled. Glenelg frittered away chances, as they had with the wing in the first term, with inaccurate kicking, and then North went forward again. B. Burns with a long, winding run took the ball to Farmer, who put on his fourth major.

A good mark by Carlos preceded Glenelg's tenth goal from Johnston. Rush, who had gone to centre half-back for North in place of Taylor, was stopping many drives with fast, clever play, but Glenelg got through eventually and Carlos scored full points.

Batt enabled Hemers to goal for North, but in a twinkling Glenelg were off again, and Leak and Owens got goals that placed Glenelg ahead. Batt evened the scores with a North goal just before the bell.

#### Third Quarter

NORTH	14	7	91
GLENELG	13	13	91

Sallis, who had been kicking long distances all day, booted over the heads of the backs, and Edwards, gathering it up, made a fruitful dash for goal, but North replied immediately. Batt drove the ball in, Bowman dribbled it into the goalmouth, and Nettlefold booted it through off the ground.

Then Farmer, with two quick goals—one a beautiful running kick and the other an angle shot from a free—gave North a handy lead. Owens from a scramble at the other end booted over a post, and soon North were driving goalwards again.

Cornelius went to centre and Sallis to half-forward in an attempt to keep the ball at Glenelg's end. But it was in vain, and the string of points took North's lead to three goals.

Glenelg went forward again, and in a minute or two most of North's half-forwards and Glenelg's half-backs had followed it. For some minutes only nine men were left at the North end of the ground, and the ball could not be cleared.

A long boot by Sallis found the goal, and when Carlos, receiving from Johnston, repeated the performance a minute later the crowd was wild with excitement.

Edwards and Link dashed down the wing, and a beautiful angle shot by Edwards went through.

Glenelg were now one point behind. Two points to North, and Leak and Shakes started a promising drive a few seconds before the bell. But a long kick dribbled out of bounds, and the match was over.

#### Final G. B. Pts.

NORTH	17	18	120
GLENELG	17	15	117

Goalkickers.—North—Farmer (6), Bowman (4), Hawke, Nettlefold (each 2), R. Burns, Hemers, Batt, Glenelg, Owens (3), Johnston, Carlos, Edwards, Goldsworthy, Wells, Leak (each 2), Link, and Sallis.

Best Players.—North—Bowman, Batt, Fleet, Melvin, B. Burns, Farmer, Rush, Glenelg—Wells, Johnston, Link, Olliver, Carlos, Sallis.

## Stab Kicks and Flick Passes

WELLS defended stoutly for Glenelg. Safe in the air, he invariably sent the ball on to good effect. He broke up many North drives.

LINK was a live wire for Glenelg. He did not waste an opportunity of placing a team-mate in possession.

JOHNSTON marked brilliantly at times. He was the only Glenelg man to combat Walter in the air. But he tired badly in the closing stages.

WALTER carried the burden of the North rucks. His fine marking and strong ruck work made him the dominating player in the North side.

MATTISKE'S clearances from the goalmouth and his judgment in leaving goals to stave off attacks were factors in West's win against Norwood.