

# Sturt Crushinglly Defeat Second Top Team

## Port Win By Point With Score on Bell

### NORWOOD SAVED TOO, IN FINAL QUARTER

### West Have Easy Win at Glenelg

The final scores in today's league football matches were:—

- Norwood 11—13 (79 points) d. Torrens 9—10 (64 points).
- West 19—18 (132 points) d. Glenelg 10—12 (72 points).
- Sturt 20—15 (135 points) d. South 11—10 (76 points).
- Port 12—14 (86 points) d. North 12—13 (85 points).

Winning at every position on the field Sturt played brilliant football to overwhelm South. Brilliant marking and superior team work won the day. As a result of their victory Sturt displace North from fourth place on the premiership table.

Fighting in determined fashion North just failed to defeat Port, at Alberton. The maggies scored a goal within 40 seconds of the final bell, and pulled the game out of the fire.

After being three goals in arrears at the last change Norwood staged a remarkable recovery to completely overwhelm Torrens in the last term. Norwood scored 6 goals 3 behinds to one goal by Torrens in their brilliant burst of play.

Outmarking their opponents and winning in the rucks West comfortably defeated Glenelg.

## Sturt Prove Premier Contenders

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4.4	9.9	17.11	20.15	135
South	3.3	5.5	6.8	11.10	76

(By Percy Furler)

STURT produced premiership football at Unley to lead throughout the game and check South's run of success. Brilliant high marking, snappy ground play, and vigorous man-to-man clashes held the interest of the crowd throughout the game.

It is a long time since I have seen spectators so deeply interested, and a repetition of such sustained action would ensure an uplift in attendances and a revival of interest in the Australian code. Hard bumps were exchanged by both sides, and there were times when strained relations seemed likely to develop into trouble.

Holding definite power in the ruck and excelling on the wing, Sturt forced themselves into premiership discussions. Their high marking had South completely out of touch, and the blue-and-whites were unable to produce the system which has characterised their previous displays. The double-blues had too much pace for their opponents, and their close checking of the South forwards proved that their backmen worked with perfect understanding.

I think South were troubled by the small oval, and their failure must not be taken as an indication that South have lost power. On the more open Adelaide Oval they will have a greater opportunity for combined play.

South's defeat will not do them any harm. The morale of the side should not be shaken by their defeat. South gave me the impression in the first half that they were taking their opponents too cheaply.

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Sawatzke (4), Wundersitz and Biggs (each 3), Morton, Lowe, Longmore, and Booth (each 2), Baxter and Jasper. South—Gravell and Munro (each 4), Tully, Murdy, and Rosewarne.

Best Players.—Sturt—King, Sawatzke, Robertson, Headon, Anderson, Treleaven. South—Cockburn, Murdy, Mulcahy, Gravell, Jim Dawes, Reddaway.

## League Close-Ups

COLYER was the outstanding man for Glenelg against West. He is roving in grand style, and today gave another finished exhibition. He was in the play from start to finish, and was always doing some service to the side. His position play was a feature, and it is a pity that some of his team mates would not learn from him.

MATTISKE, the State goalkeeper, was again one of West's outstanding men today. He marked and kicked well, and his repeated clearances were indispensable to his side.

NEXT to Colyer, Brock was the best of a bad lot for Glenelg against West. At centre half-back he had a difficult job against C. Bennett, the West captain. Frequently during the match they appeared to split up, and while Bennett would be doing good service in one section, Brock would counteract the move in another part. On the day Brock was beaten by Bennett but not disgraced.

HEADON (Sturt) was dashing in defence, and after the first term reduced Rosewarne's effectiveness. His marking and fast ground play allowed him to turn back many South attacks.

BENNETTS, the West full-forward, gave a splendid exhibition of tricky goalgetting at Glenelg. When Nash went off he was stationed at full-forward in front of the goals. Here he had Richter as his direct opponent, but he played such elusive football that the Glenelg men could not counter him. His clever shots, including one over his head, brought nine goals. In addition he did much valuable work for his side.

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## West Should Have Won By Much Bigger Margin

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	6.8	9.12	14.16	19.18	132
Glenelg	3.1	7.4	8.8	10.12	72

(By M. W. J.)

WEST Adelaide crushinglly defeated Glenelg at Glenelg, but there was little credit attached to their victory. They had weak opposition in practically every part of the field, and never looked like being beaten.

Really the surprise was that the winning margin was not much bigger than 60 points. Both sides missed many chances in front of goal, and the West men were erratic in their shooting.

There was not a department in which West were beaten all day. They marked more cleanly and at times were head and shoulders over their opponents. Their long kicking was good, they played better on the ground than their opponents, and the team work was a feature all day.

Glenelg would have found difficulty in winning an association game. Their form was far below league standard, and while West appeared content with their comfortable winning margin, they would have done better by playing the game out in the same confident style they showed earlier.

### BENNETTS' ACCURACY

The red-and-blacks always showed better anticipation and were faster to the ball and despatched it more accurately. They profited considerably by the repeated mistakes of the other side.

Jumping away early the red-and-blacks soon established a handy lead, their forwards showing keen anticipation and marking and kicking well. The lead in the first quarter was chiefly due to the accurate sharp shooting by E. J. Bennetts.

This little man played a clever game all day and in addition to nine goals from snap shots, did much other work to help his side.

Glenelg staged a partial recovery in

the second term, but they could not prevent West scoring against the wind.

The third term was probably one of the most one-sided affairs one could expect to see. The West men dominated the play and the ball did not go out of their forward lines more than once or twice for the term. Even so they missed innumerable opportunities of scoring and should have had a much bigger score.

### RUGGED FINISH

The last term developed into a scrambling exhibition in which the West men abandoned the symptoms of good football they had shown earlier to play rugged, unentertaining football, which provided an exceedingly tame end to what was anything but an inspiring game.

Allowing for the repeated Glenelg mistakes, in which time after time players preferred to give individual exhibitions rather than co-operate with team mates, West owed much to their superiority in the key positions.

Taking a line down the centre, the red-and-blacks on the day were on top in each position. Mattiske at full back gave another finished exhibition, Graham at centre half-back had the better of the duel with Hannam, J. Bennett was easily superior to Sallis at centre, Chris Bennett held the centre half-forward position over Brock, who, however, played well and at the goalfront E. J. Bennetts was in uncanny form.

WEST.—Backs—Brady, Mattiske, Simons. Half-backs—Webber, Graham, Matthews. Centres—Head, J. Bennett, Fowleraker. Half-forwards—Headon, C. Bennett, Slade. Forwards—Tonkin, Nash, Bennetta. Ruck—Jackson, Mesecke, Heddle. Bald (19th).

Nash, West, injured leg, replaced by Bald in the second quarter.

GLENELG.—Backs—Curnow, B. Richter, Corbett. Half-backs—Cox, Brock, Whitaker. Centres—McCarthy, Sallis, Sims. Half-forwards—Percy, Hannam, Bailey. Forwards—Griffiths, Birrell, Colyer. Ruck—Johnston, Alkman, Link, Harford (19th). Umpire—L. E. H. Lewis.

At Glenelg Attendance, 1,500. Best Players.—West—Bennetts, Mattiske, J. Bennett, C. Bennett, Matthews, Graham, Heddle. Glenelg—Colyer, Brock, Johnston, Percy, Link, Corbett, Hannam.

Goalkickers.—West—Bennetts (9), Headon, Nash (each 2), Bennett, Bald, Mesecke, Slade, Tonkin, Heddle. Glenelg—Colyer (3), Johnston, Hannam, Birrell (2), Link.

## Port Win Race With The Clock

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	2.3	3.8	9.9	12.14	86
North	2.5	5.8	7.13	12.15	85

(By "Highflier")

STAGING a wonderful recovery when apparently well beaten, North went within an ace of beating Port at Alberton Oval today. On a magnificent dash by Brown in the last minute of the game enabled Port to win by one point.

Football at its best was seen in this game. The high marking was below standard for part of the time, but over the last half it could not have been bettered.

For sheer speed, fearlessness, accurate foot passing and intelligent handball, the game was the best I have seen for a long time.

The spectators showed their appreciation of the struggle, for they were on their toes within 10 minutes of the start of the game, and were kept at a high pitch of excitement until the final bell.

It was a game of remarkable exchanges, in which tactics played a big part.

One point learned from the game is that North have buttressed their weak points, and from now on will be a serious challenger for premiership honors. Not only must a point defeat at Alberton be regarded as a creditable performance, but North showed stamina and determination far and away in advance of any seen from them this season.

Goalkickers.—Port—Prideaux (5), Hollingworth, Quinn, Hender (each 2), Brown. North—Farmer (5), Hemers, Batt (each 2), Warhurst, Spencer, and Oatway.

Best Players.—Port—Dermody, Meers, Eden, Jacquier, Reval, Quinn, and Wightman. North—Hemers, S. Burton, McInnes, Alexander, Warhurst, Bottroff, and Rush.

## Redleg Win Follows Great Finish

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	3.4	4.8	5.10	11.15	79
Torrens	1.7	7.7	8.10	9.10	61

(By F. K. M.)

AFTER three terms, during which there were only occasional flashes of really first-class football, Norwood staged a brilliant last quarter, which converted a three-quarter-time deficit of 18 points into a 15-point victory.

Norwood's win can be attributed to their staying power, their more forceful play, their speed, and superiority in the air. During the last term also they gave a good display of team work.

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Schultz (6), Brown (4), Huxtable, Torrens—Kinlough (4), Drury (2), Bridgman, Downs, Foote.

Best Players.—Norwood—Woodrooffe, Schultz, Brown, McCallum, Page, Allington, Torrens—Bridgman, Williamson, Kinlough, Adcock, Drury, Downs.

## ATTENDANCES, 17,257

Unley (South v. Sturt) .. .	5,500
Norwood (Norwood v. Torrens) .. .	5,357
Alberton (Port v. North) .. .	4,900
Glenelg (West v. Glenelg) .. .	1,500

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