

# Sturt Avenge 1936 Final Defeat; 23-Point Win

## Port Tire In Fast Struggle

### NORTH AND BAYS DRAW AT PROSPECT Norwood, South Win

Conducted by Vic. Johnson

Sturt avenged their defeat at the hands of Port in the 1936 grand final with a 23-point win over the magpies in the second league football round today. Tactics, fast and purposeful play were the main factors in their victory.

Sturt, 17—11 (113 pts.) d. Port, 13.12 (90).  
North, 14—12 (96) drew with Glenelg, 14—12 (96).  
Norwood, 17—8 (110) d. Torrens, 10—10 (70).  
South, 14—17 (101) d. West, 14—9.

Twenty-five points behind at the final change, Glenelg, bombarding the goal relentlessly, drew with North in a stirring finish at Prospect.

Norwood played their best football in the first half of the match against Torrens. The westerners held control in the third quarter, but a fighting finish gave Norwood a comparatively comfortable win.

West did well, after their mediocre opening, to press South so strongly in the final term. It was a game of vigorous exchanges.

#### Smith Marks and Staves off a Port Attack



SMITH (STURT) AND QUINN (PORT) contesting a mark during the thrilling game on the Unley Oval this afternoon. Smith took the mark and cleared for Sturt at a critical stage. Whiteman (Port) is on the left and Toms (Sturt), Hay (Port), and Herbert (Sturt) are the other players.

#### How Teams Stand

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points From		
					For.	Ag.	Pts.
Norwood	2	2	-	-	230	180	4
Sturt	2	2	-	-	202	178	4
Port	2	1	1	-	230	181	2
South	2	1	1	-	180	182	2
Torrens	2	1	1	-	178	190	2
North	2	-	1	1	176	201	1
Glenelg	2	-	1	1	164	226	1
West	2	-	2	-	132	220	-

#### Leading Goalkickers

	Today.	Total.
Brown (Norwood)	9	16
Farmer (North)	7	15
Munro (South)	1	10
Longmore (Sturt)	3	8
Percy (Glenelg)	7	8
Boyle (Glenelg)	1	7
Codd (West)	7	7
Hollingworth (Port)	4	7
Mullins (Torrens)	2	7
Wightman (Port)	1	7

## Torrens Show Fighting Spirit Against Norwood

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	6.1	10.7	13.8	17.8	110
Torrens	1.3	2.3	7.9	10.10	70

**OUTCLASSED** by Norwood in practically every department during the first half, Torrens, after the long interval, staged a determined uphill battle, and actually scored 12 points more than their opponents. Norwood, however, had amassed such a big lead, chiefly due to superior high marking, effective long kicking, and smart work forward, that their position was never really dangerous. It was another meritorious victory for Norwood, but it is a pity that some of the successful changes by Torrens were not made earlier than half-time. Early in the opening term Norwood swept into the goaling region time after time only to be beaten by the superior work in the air of Dinison and Foote, Torrens defenders. At the other end W. McCallum, at centre half-back, was doing splendid work for Norwood.

Quick to grasp the situation, Norwood concentrated on low passes in the forward division. These tactics won the game for Norwood at such an early stage.

#### SUCCESSFUL TACTICS

Employing beautiful chain passes and keeping the ball little more than a foot or two above the ground, they repeatedly swept into the goaling region, allowing Brown, who was scouting particularly well, and Travers to pile on the goals.

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Brown (9), Travers (3), Headon (2), McLean, Kaebe, Nicholas. Torrens—Bridgman (3), Mullins, and Drury (each 2), M. G. Waite, Isaacs, and Scott.

Best Players.—Norwood—Sawley, Woodroffe, Brown, McLean, McCallum, Plunkett, O'Brien. Torrens—Mullins, Bridgman, Drury, Foote, Roads, Filsell, Coulter.

## Tactics Play Big Part at Unley Sturt Men Handled To Best Advantage

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4.5	6.7	11.10	17.11	113
Port	1.2	9.6	10.8	13.12	90

**PORT** Adelaide, 1936 premiers, went under to Sturt at the Unley Oval today in a stirring game in which tactics, such as I have never seen before, played the deciding part in the double-blues' victory by 23 points.

Day, the Sturt captain, did not hesitate to move his men to gain an advantage over the magpies, while Port, to my mind, committed a definite error in leaving Wightman at full forward when he might have exerted a much more powerful influence over the game as a follower.

It was a splendid game, evenly fought with plenty of vigor used by both sides. But it cannot be said that Umpire Hill's interpretations were always easy to follow. At times it was hard to understand his decisions.

Goalkickers.—Sturt—W. Smith (4), Lowe, Longmore, and Biggs (each 3), Bentley (2), Bird, A. Smith. Port—Hollingworth (4), Hay, and R. Quinn (2), Roberts, Wightman, Johnston, Jacquier, Kellaway.

Best Players.—Sturt—Robertson, Lowe, W. Smith, Treleven, Tuohy, Biggs, Bentley. Port—Hollingworth, Meers, Quinn, Yates, Hender, West, Reval.

#### Attendance

Unley Oval	7,617
Norwood	7,211
Adelaide	3,663
Prospect	3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,491</b>

## South's Costly Policy

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	5.4	8.9	11.15	14.17	101
West	3.2	5.3	11.6	14.9	93

**A DETERMINED** rally by West in the second half nearly gave them victory against South at Adelaide Oval. Had West won, as they looked like doing several times during the final quarter, South would have no one to blame but themselves.

It is true that a reshuffle after half-time seemed to put new life into West, but South nearly threw the game away by discarding their customary system and brilliance, and trying to force a win by sheer brute strength against a team containing just as many heavyweights as the blue-and-whites.

South's speed and high-marking ability were lost in a crowded game, and Mackay, although a veteran, failed as a leader in not ordering his men to keep the game open. Had he done this and set a good example South would have had a comfortable win.

Goalkickers.—South—Murphy (3), Forrester, Hardiman, and Pryor (each 2), Mulcahy, Munro, Martindoff, J. P. Dawes and Raymond. West—Codd (7), Smith (3), Hill (2), Heddle, and Harvey.

Best Players.—South—Murphy, Cockburn, Jim Dawes, Pryor, Hardiman, Jobson, Mackay. West—Mattiske, Smith, Codd, Brady, Jackson, Cahill, Webber.

## Tense Last Term At Prospect

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4.7	5.8	13.10	14.12	96
Glenelg	0.1	5.7	9.9	14.12	96

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**AT** the end of a thoroughly rousing clash, North and Glenelg were 14—12 all at Prospect. The draw was a fitting climax to a game that began drably, but developed into a thrilling man-to-man battle, with fortune smiling first on one and then the other team.

Both North and Glenelg may console themselves with the thought that they were unlucky not to win. North had the game in their grasp when Farmer twice secured at handy range near the end, but kicked inaccurately. Glenelg, in the excitement of the last five minutes, made several costly mistakes.

North, although they gained a lead of 30 points, lost the game in the first term, in which poor kicking cost them two or three goals. Perhaps the highlight of North's performance was a series of lapses by the usually deadly Farmer.

Farmer began in typical fashion with brilliant marks, but failed to follow them up with the judgment which has made him one of the greatest goal-getters in the game. After a long period of eclipse, he swung the game North's way with four quick goals late in the third term.

#### 25-POINT LEAD

As a result of this spectacular individual effort, North began the last term with the useful lead of 25 points. Unluckily for North, their captain just failed in judgment in an atmosphere of excitement likely to unsettle any footballer.

A first term in which North were the better of two teams playing with singular lack of cohesion gave little promise of the excitement to follow. Glenelg kicked with the inaccuracy, and handled the ball with the lack of confidence that characterised their play in the opening match against Port.

North gained their early advantage by maintaining better direction with their kicking, and by an aerial dominance spasmodically maintained by Hayden, Bottroff, Martin, Farmer, and Tuckey.

The red-and-whites were well ahead in the race to the ball, and maintained position better than their opponents.

Glenelg put more fire into their game after the first change and, although still shaded by North in the air, more than held their own in the ground duels. At first it seemed that Glenelg's apparent inability to ram home the ad-

vantage given by the ascendancy of Seeley, Hunt, and Schiphorst across centre would hold them back. When Percy produced five goals in a row, however, the outlook had changed dramatically.

#### TEAM WORK IMPROVES

In the second half it appeared that several individuals, notably Martin, Hayden, Farmer, McInnes, and Burton would force a North victory. Glenelg countered this threat by improved team work, in which every man played his part well.

The lesson of the match, as far as Glenelg are concerned, is the futility of hand passing. They persisted in hand passing time and again after they had lost the ball through precisely the same error. At one stage five Glenelg men handled the ball without a boot touching it.

Glenelg must also concentrate upon improved kicking and cleaner handling of the ball. The Bay team undoubtedly has pace that is being nullified by faulty handling.

The tigers failed in the very department in which they were expected to shine—across the half-forward line. Boyle, who played an outstanding game against Port, was capably checked by Bottroff, while Goldsworthy was too slow off the mark. He did his best work in the ruck.

North played with occasional flashes of system and brilliance. The centre line was their weakest link. Tuckey did well at times at centre; but Honniball and Pash saw little of the play. The defenders played solidly, but the forwards lapsed at times.

**NORTH**—Backs—Martin, Alexander, McIntosh. Half-backs—A. Burton, Bottroff, Smart. Centres—Honniball, Tuckey, Pash. Half-forwards—Phillips, Clarke, Drew. Forwards—McInnes, Farmer, Rix, Rork—Hayden, Melvin, Stigwood, Foulis (19th).

**GLENELG**—Backs—McInerney, Lawson, Griffiths. Half-backs—Shearing, Brock Ahrendt. Centres—Seeley, Hunt, Schiphorst. Half-forwards—Goldsworthy, Boyle, Eatis. Forwards—Warne, Percy, Maple, Ruck—Johnston, Corbett, Link, Pike (19th).

Umpire—V Powell.  
Goalkickers.—North—Farmer (7), Rix (3), McInnes, Melvin, Stigwood, Hayden. Glenelg—Percy (7), Goldsworthy (3), Warne, Boyle, Link, Johnston.

Best Players.—North—Martin, Rix, Hayden, Farmer, Bottroff, Burton, Clarke. Glenelg—Warne, Seeley, Hunt, Lawson, Percy, Brock, Corbett.

## ★ Today's Stars ★

**FOLLOWING** his great game against South last week, W. Smith, of Sturt, added to his reputation by a fine performance against Port. He never let up, either roving or at forward.

**A BATTLER** for Port was R. Quinn, the diminutive rover. Always cool and resourceful, he never let up. It was no fault of his that Port were defeated.

**THE** return of B. Mattiske to the full-back position made a big difference to West's defence today. He was always within spitting distance of Munro, and the 17 behinds scored by South gave him the opportunity of showing that he has not lost the art of drop-kicking. Munro scored only one goal. It was stated in the South dressing room after the match that he was suffering from a heavy cold.

**MARTIN** was easily North's best man today. One of the best back-pocket men in the game, he held Glenelg up time after time with brilliant marking and dashing ground play. Burton also defended brilliantly for the red-and-whites.

**PERCY** played a captain's part for Glenelg against North by kicking seven goals. At half-time he had kicked all of his team's five goals.

**SEELEY** was brilliant at centre wing for Glenelg, keeping an avenue open all day. He was going just as well at the finish as at the start.

**MAX** Murdy, South's vice-captain, was probably the best man on the ground at Adelaide Oval. He has a fine sense of position and, in addition to scoring three goals, paved the way for many other scoring moves.

**THE** former Amateur League player, Bentley, excelled today with Sturt at half-forward. He was one of the prime movers in Sturt's recovery after half-time.

**THE** arrival of his clearance by air mail from Perth allowed Gordon Headon to play for Norwood. He more than justified his inclusion. He was stationed at centre half-forward.

**ONE** of the outstanding men in association football, J. Quick, was given a run with Torrens when Dinison was injured today. His splendid defensive work in the second half was a feature. It would not surprise if he wins a permanent place with the blue-and-golds.

**JACK** Cockburn, at centre half-back, was the pivot for South's remarkably sound defence. He and Jim Dawes allowed their stockings to drop down to their ankles, but their bare legs often flashed into the picture as they came through with fine relieving dashes.

**LINK** and Warne roved well for Glenelg at Prospect.

**WHAT** an outstanding footballer—a star in the real sense of the word means to a side was demonstrated by Hollingworth for Port, at Unley Oval. Always in position, he was unbeatable in the air, and kicked splendidly.



**MEERS** was the pick of the Port backmen, defending with wonderful courage and dash. There is a bright future ahead of this young player, who originally came to Port from a junior team.

**H. Hollingworth** Lowe was a definite factor in Sturt's success at Unley. He kicked three goals in the last-quarter rally. He has been played in many positions by the double-blues, and now must be regarded as one of Sturt's most valuable players.