

PORT STILL UNBEATEN; SCORE 28 PT. WIN AT NORWOOD

Sturt Move Up To 2nd Position

Port	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Sturt	5	4	1	601	452	10
South	5	3	2	592	521	8
Norwood	5	3	2	502	466	6
Torrens	5	2	3	482	430	4
North	5	1	4	458	531	2
West	5	1	4	447	582	2
Glenelg	5	1	4	398	575	2

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Schultz, Norwood (10)	40
Farmer, North (8)	37
Isaac, South (3)	24
Morton, Sturt (8)	22
Hewitt, Torrens (7)	21
Biggs, Sturt (5)	19
Staite, South (1)	15
Burt, Glenelg (4)	15
Skelly, Port (7)	14
L. Taylor, West (—)	14

One-Sided Bay Game

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	6.4	11.4	19.8	23.13	151
Glenelg	3.0	7.5	10.7	13.11	89

By C. A. B.

STURT, playing fast, vigorous football outclassed Glenelg in a drab game at Glenelg. Sturt were in command at most key points throughout, and never looked like losing.

STURT—Backs: Bentley, Lamprell, Lance. Half-backs: Headon, Tuohy, Bagshaw. Centre: Lowe, Leak, Clark. Half-forwards: Harris, Crawley, Gibson. Forwards: Lathlean, Morton, Kaethner. Ruck: Biggs, Tilley, Langley, Nicholas (19th).

GLENELG—Backs: Corbett, Keane, Pike. Half-backs: Toms, Royall, Goodwin. Centre: Hooper, Hunt, Schiphorst. Half-forwards: Phillips, Kemp, Sharpe. Forwards: Halliday, Bailey, Waite. Ruck: Johnston, Brock, Burt, Broadbent (19th).
Umpire—G. H. Bice.

The Glenelg attack functioned spasmodically, in marked contrast to the smooth position play of the Sturt forwards. Glenelg owned their decisive defeat to poor passing, bad position play, and fumbling.

With a strong wind behind them, Sturt carried all before them in the first term. The opening exchanges suggested an even struggle, but the double-blues quickly gained the upper hand.

Outmarking Glenelg and moving into the ball, Sturt rattled on goals from Biggs (2), Lathlean, Morton, and Harris, to a solitary Glenelg six-pointer from Kemp.

Keane, Brock, Burt, and Pike practically carried the Bays in the first quarter. The rest of the team made many mistakes, fumbling the ball in the air and standing flat-footed while Sturt raced to the ball.

Glenelg's play in attack was very weak. The forwards were no match for the opposition either in the air or on the ground. They floundered helplessly, while the nippy Sturt defenders cleared.

Boydall, who was not a shadow of the champion who dominated last week's game against Torrens swung himself into the ruck in an effort to minimise the trouncing which the Bay followers were receiving. He played better on the ball, but the change had little effect on his team's performance.

Bays' Late Rally

Not until late in the second term did Glenelg put any real spurt into their game. After Morton had posted two goals for Sturt and Harris and Langley had each kicked one, the tigers tore in determinedly.

The term was nearly ended when Waite, marking a terrific punt from Hunt, kicked Glenelg's first goal since the change of ends.

The Bay team then swept aside all opposition in an inspiring rally, which brought two more goals from Waite and one from Kemp. Sturt, who in the second term had added five goals without the addition of a point, were not so accurate after the interval. Lathlean cleverly snapped a goal, but then three shots that might easily have been goals only took behinds.

Marking strongly at an acute angle, Morton raised a cheer by steering the ball through. Biggs kicked his fourth goal when he marked a long snap by Morton right in front.

Sturt Take Charge

Almost immediately Morton passed to Langley and the earlier inaccuracy was atoned for with Sturt's third goal straight.

Burt heartened Glenelg with a goal from a long way out, but Sturt quickly resumed command. They moved in systematically, and Gibson and Morton goal.

Glenelg lost a certain goal when Bailey tried to mark a snap by Schiphorst.

Doing practically as they pleased, Sturt swept in smoothly, and Morton and Langley goal.

Fifty-five points to the good, Sturt seemed set for easy victory when the last term began.

Glenelg fought gallantly to wipe off the deficit, but could not make much impression on the robust Sturt defence. Half-way through the term the Sturt defence was functioning so confidently that it was evident that the double-blues would win comfortably.

Goalkickers—Sturt: Morton (8), Biggs (5), Langley (4), Lathlean (3), Harris (2), Gibson, Glenelg: Burt (4), Waite Bailey, and Kemp (each 3).

Best Players—Sturt: Biggs, Bentley, Harris, Lance, Lamprell, and Leak. Glenelg: Brock, Burt, Keane, Boydall, Pike, and Kemp.

First Win This Year

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	2.5	6.5	13.13	17.15	117
West	3.2	8.5	8.8	13.12	90

By D. A. S.

STAYING off a last-term rally by West, North won their first game for the season by 27 points at Prospect today.

North played with more determination than in any of their matches this year, and the third quarter burst, which carried them to victory, came after Farmer had rallied his side with three quick goals just before half-time.

Goalkickers—North: Farmer (5), Rix (3), Oatway, Yelver, Pearce, Summersides, West, Hobbs, West, Hudson, and Matson (each 2), Broadstock, Souter, Carmichael (each 1), Powell.

Best Players—North: Currier, Martin, West, Farmer, Pash (until injured), Summersides, Rix, West, Broadstock, Powell, Brown (until injured), Souter, McArthur, Bennetts, Forrester.

Conducted by Vic. Johnson

Torrens Give South Fright

STURT TROUNCE BAYS

Scores in the fifth round of league football played today were:—

Port, 17—21 (123 pts.); Norwood, 13—17 (95 pts.)
South, 16—6 (102 pts.); Torrens, 11—24 (90 pts.)
Sturt, 23—13 (151 pts.); Glenelg, 13—11 (89 pts.)
North, 17—15 (117 pts.); West, 13—12 (90 pts.)

Norwood were trailing all day against Port, and finished 28 points down.

Torrens battled hard in the second half of a thrilling game at Adelaide Oval, but were just beaten by South in the last quarter. Glenelg never looked like downing Sturt, and West faded badly in the third term against North.

Magpies' Fine Third Term

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	8—7	9—10	16—15	17—21	123
Norwood	2—5	7—10	8—11	13—17	95

By Vic. Johnson

With a brilliant burst of football in the third quarter, during which they added 47 points to Norwood's seven, Port maintained their unbeaten record this season and defeated the redlegs at Norwood today.

FOR the greater part of the game Norwood played some fine football, but during this hectic burst by Port there was hardly a position in which the magpies were not on top, and the redlegs appeared powerless to stem the tide.

NORWOOD—Backs: F. McCallum, W. McCallum, Holmesby. Half-backs: West, Taylor, O'Neill. Centre: A. Sawley, Warhurst, Koch. Half-forwards: Foweraker, Connolly, Schmelskopf. Forwards: Price, Schultz, Drage, Ruck; Ingills, Calder, G. Sawley. List (19th).

Foweraker (injured arm) replaced by List in third quarter.

PORT—Backs: Martyn, Obst, Meers. Half-backs: Johnston, L. McLean, Judd. Centre: Carmichael, Roberts, Peters. Half-forwards: Hender, R. Dangerfield, I. Dangerfield, Forwards: Skells, T. Kellaway, C. Kellaway, Ruck; Reval, A. R. McLean, Quinn, Abbott (19th).

Roberts (injured leg) replaced by Abbott in last quarter.

Umpire—L. J. Quinn.

Perhaps the main reason for Port's fine systematic burst was that it was only during this term that Roberts, at centre for Port, gave a real taste of his ability. Roberts, who was reappearing after an absence caused by an injured leg, had played serviceably during the first half, but Warhurst had held the upper hand at centre.

But in the third term Roberts was clearly master of the situation, and with the Port forwards (Skelly in particular playing superbly) making full use of Roberts' long, driving kicks, Port raced away to what turned out to be an unbeatable lead.

Schultz was in wonderful form; in fact, I have never seen him play better. Single-handedly he beat the Port defence time and again, and his goals were all well earned.

But Port had gained too great a break in that third term, and although Norwood appeared to be finishing better, Port had too much in hand, and won comfortably.

This is the first occasion I have seen either of these teams in league games this season, and both gave evidence that they will play important parts again in the deciding of the premiership.

Goalkickers—Port: Skelly (7), A. R. McLean, Quinn (each 3), C. Kellaway (2), T. Kellaway, R. Dangerfield. Norwood: Schultz (10), Foweraker (2), Calder.

Best Players—Port: A. R. McLean, Skelly, L. G. McLean, Peters, Johnston, Meers, Hender. Norwood: Schultz, Warhurst, Holmesby, Schmelskopf, Calder, West, A. Sawley.

South Just Get Home

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	5.3	9.3	10.6	16.6	102
Torrens	2.2	6.10	8.16	11.24	90

By G. E. K.

After a gruelling struggle in which greater accuracy in goal shooting proved the deciding factor, South beat off a determined Torrens rally to win by 12 points at Adelaide Oval today.

In the last minutes of the game, when Torrens were straining to snatch the lead, their forwards kicked eight behinds. In the second term when they were striving to make up a first-quarter deficit they kicked six behinds from seven shots.

Vigor was the keynote of the final term, although splashes of scientific football on both sides were often highlights.

Ten points behind and with seven minutes to go, Torrens attacked ferociously. F. T. Nicholls sent them in time and time again, but inaccurate shooting for goal was proving costly. Torrens kicked eight behinds in this term.

Before the bell rang Cahill capped a great effort on a centre wing by racing round the left flank and kicking a goal for South.

Goalkickers—South: Isaac and J. P. Dawes (each 3), Murdy and Laphorne (each 2), Cahill, Templeton, Searle, Staine, Rusby, Crawford. Torrens: Juttner (3), Strauss, Hewitt, and Coulter (each 2), E. M. Nicholls, and Mullins.

Best Players—South: Cahill, Templeton, Laphorne, J. P. Dawes, Haines, Rusby, Murdy, Torrens; Dinnison, Blight, Strauss, F. T. Nicholls, Juttner, and Filsell.

Sturt May Be Dangerous

By Vic. Johnson

ON leaving the Unley Oval after seeing Sturt defeat South I was quite convinced that I had seen a team with strong claims to this season's premiership.

I know only too well that it is foolish to go into raptures over any team's performance on any one Saturday, but one had to admit that Sturt are going to be dangerous.

I realise, too, that Sturt's best victories, I refer to those gained at the expense of Torrens and South, were both at Unley.

This fact must not be lost sight of when assessing Sturt's true strength, because it is only natural that any team, and a youthful one in particular, generally plays so much better at home, because it is only then that they have the full support of their following.

True, Sturt failed rather badly against Port at Alberton, but then it must be remembered that no team can be confident of winning this Alberton game, for Port are notoriously hard to defeat at home, even on the occasions when they do not possess a powerful team.

But there can be no gainsaying the fact that on successive Saturdays, Sturt have in turn defeated the runners-up and the third team of 1939.

These performances alone have definitely established Sturt as a premiership proposition, and I, for one, am prepared to see Sturt go a long way.

Evenness Is Secret

In looking for the source of their power one is struck by their evenness, more than their individual brilliance.

Morton, on his day, is as brilliant an exponent of our game as any that we possess in this State, but beyond him, with the possible exception of Leak, Sturt have as yet few outstanding stars. Perhaps it is just as well.

The rucks are solid and reachy, with a fine roving pair in Langley and a newcomer in Lathlean. The centres, with Leak as the leader, are a go-ahead type, with the one idea of giving the ball to Morton as quickly as possible, and by the shortest possible route.

The backs are very capable. Green, in goals, is playing as well as ever, and is receiving great support from Lance in a pocket. The half-back line is well able to take care of itself, and with Tuohy the leader of this line of defence, has been playing really well.

The forwards are a capable band, with Morton the shining star, and when the captain is having a day on it spells trouble for the opposition.

But this is the one point where Sturt may break down. Morton does have an unusually large number of shots for goal which do not find the mark.

The team, as a whole, is very speedy, and on the Unley Oval will find the weakness in all of the other teams, but just how it will fare on the larger playing arena of the Adelaide Oval against the better teams remains to be seen.

One thing is certain, Sturt will be no sure thing for any team.