

WIN TO STURT IN LAST QUARTER DASH

Keen Football Opens Season

WEST ROUT TORRENS

Results of the first round of league matches played today were:—

- Sturt, 12—20 (92 pts.); Port, 8—10 (58 pts.).
- Norwood, 17—16 (118 pts.); South, 13—15 (93 pts.).
- West, 18—24 (132 pts.); Torrens, 7—12 (54 pts.).
- Glenelg, 17—27 (129 pts.); North, 10—10 (70 pts.).

Sturt, last year's premiers, won the main football match, taking the lead in the last quarter to win by 34 points. Norwood surprised South with their dash and system.

West outclassed Torrens with their speed and vigor and won by 78 points. The young North side paced it with Glenelg for three quarters, but finished 59 points down.

How Sturt Got Home

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	1—4	5—12	5—15	12—20	92
Port	3—4	3—6	7—10	8—10	58

By Vic. Johnson

Although Sturt did not produce at Unley today that splendid brand of football which made them the champions of 1940, they, nevertheless, gave the impression that they always had the ability to run down Port, which they finally did by 34 points.

STURT gave glimpses of their greatness, but the replacing of Morton is a task which Sturt have to face. Bartlett has the ability to go out and get the ball for himself, and possibly he will later prove his worth, but Morton's brains are missing from the Sturt attack, and Sturt usually had to work hard for their goals today.

In my opinion, Sturt owed their victory today to the outstanding excellence of Leak at centre, House at centre wing, Gibson at half-forward, and Tilley at centre half-forward.

These were Sturt's strong points, and coupled with the splendid roving of Langley, Miller, and Lathlean, they proved too much for the comparatively inexperienced Port team.

Best Players—Sturt: Leak, Langley, Gibson, Tilley, Tucky, House, Biggs. **Port:** Skelly, T. Kellaway, Bampton, Martyn, McFarlane, Obst, Hoffman.

Goalkeepers—Sturt: Biggs (4), Langley (3), Gibson, Lathlean, Leak, Miller, Tilley. **Port:** Skelly, Hoffman (each 3), Kellaway (2).

Bays Defeat Young North Team

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3.1	6.11	9.21	17.27	129
North	3.4	6.6	9.9	10.10	70

By R. A. B.

GLENELG triumphed over North Adelaide at Glenelg Oval, but for three quarters they were held by a young North side, which played surprisingly well and showed a lot of promise. Glenelg's system in the early stages suggested that they will mould into a sound side. They had only a 12-point lead at three-quarter time, but pace, stamina, and experience told in the final quarter, and the Bays ran out winners by 59 points.

Glenelg—Backs: Pike, Waite, Corbett. **Half-backs:** Goodwin, Keane, Sims. **Centres:** Oborn, Robjert, Griffiths. **Half-forwards:** Hender, Hunt, Boyall. **Forwards:** Burt, Hall, Hooper. **Ruck:** Brock, Richter, Halliday, R. Dewhurst (19th).

Hooper (injured leg) replaced by Dewhurst in last quarter.

North—Backs: Phillips, O. Martin, Rimmer. **Half-backs:** Cearns, Oluyas, Millowick. **Centres:** Parker, Noonan, Asmodt. **Half-forwards:** Taylor, Templer, Hogben. **Forwards:** Lokan, Farmer, Rix. **Ruck:** Norton, Barraclough, D. West, Brittain (19th).

Barraclough (injured ankle) replaced by Brittain in the third quarter.

Umpire, H. W. Main.

Though Farmer won the toss, Glenelg were first to attack, Brock finding Burt with a neat pass to enable him to kick Glenelg's first goal.

Hogben turned back a promising Glenelg attack, and Keane, when play transferred to the other end, did the same for Glenelg. Brock passed to Hunt, but Martin beat Hall in the race to the ball and drove Glenelg out.

North came in strongly and Farmer snapped first goal. Templer punted beautifully from half-forward left to score North's second.

Boyall and Hunt combined well between centre and half-forward, their system enabling Glenelg to puncture North's defence. Burt and Brock were live wires and safe avenues of attack towards the end of the first term.

Farmer outwitted two Bay defenders to snap his second and North's third goal. At the end of the first term North led by three points, although Glenelg impressed as the better side, their system being superior.

Lead Changes Hands

The standard of play deteriorated in the second quarter, both sides putting more vigor into their work. Had Glenelg's kicking been on a par with their earlier form they would have established a handy lead at half-time.

While Corbett and Pike held up North's forward move, Hall was battling hard against Martin, and his third goal was well deserved. But North were being well led by Farmer, and two more great goals from the North captain put North in front.

Then the game swung to the Bays, and Burt's two goals saw his side once more regain the lead. Farmer kicked his sixth goal when he marked brilliantly and sent his 50-yard punt sailing through the posts.

Glenelg centred their play round the stars, of whom Boyall, Burt, and Brock were prominent.

Hooper goaled soon after lemons, but Glenelg's subsequent attack did not materialise. When North forwarded Farmer goaled again. Scrambling play marred the closing stages. Boyall missed, but Hall made amends with a long punt.

Dewhurst and Boyall (2) and Burt added goals in the last few minutes, but the play was very ragged and scrambling.

Goalkeepers—Glenelg: Burt (6), Boyall, Hall (each 4), Hooper, Brock, Dewhurst. **North:** Farmer (7), Taylor, Norton, Templer.

Best Players—Glenelg: Boyall, Robjert, Pike, Griffiths, Burt, Goodwin, Brock. **North:** Farmer, Norton, Martin, D. West, Hogben, Taylor, Phillips.

Eight League Captains

LIONEL COVENTRY takes a look at the 1941 captains of the eight league teams. Left to right—R. Keane (Glenelg), K. Hardiman (Norwood), J. P. Dawes (South), K. Farmer (North), C. J. Smith (West), G. M. Scott (Torrens), R. F. Green (Sturt), A. Reval (Port).



High Fliers at Unley Oval



ZUCKER (STURT) AND KELLAWAY (PORT) leaping for the ball while Bampton (Port) waits on the ground. Last year's premiers defeated Port at the Unley Oval by 34 points.

Players Who Won a Cheer

WEST were well served by the three Taylor brothers. Jack and Laurie kicked solidly and Don was in good form at half-forward. Laurie took some good marks.

SOUTH were late on the field at Norwood, but they were not altogether to blame. A city manufacturing firm had not been able to complete their orders for new uniforms, and sent out only 11 for today's game. The trainers raced on the ground and took the other seven from members of the Colts' team as they left the field after the curtain raiser.

LENGTHY service has not affected Ken Farmer's brilliance. Besides kicking seven goals, he was a source of inspiration to the newcomers.

BURT (6) was Glenelg's leading goalkicker. He scouted well and was nippy in his ground work. Hall also shone with four goals.

BOYALL showed glimpses of his Collingwood form. Whether marking or forward, he was always looking for a team-mate after gaining possession.

LEAK gave a great exhibition for Sturt at Unley today, when last season's premiers defeated Port. Always in position, the clever centre man did not waste a kick and was probably the best of the double-blues.

LANGLEY reproduced his fine form of last season for Sturt at Unley today. Although he took a little time to warm up, the little rover was in the thick of most of Sturt's winning drives.

Redlegs Win Game Before Half-Time

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood . . .	4—3	12—5	14—12	17—16	118
South	2—1	6—8	8—11	13—15	93

By D. A. S.

Outscoring South in a second term, in which the redlegs faced a keen breeze, Norwood clinched the game before half-time and won by 25 points. The Norwood forwards worked with dash and system, and their backmen defended in typically dogged style. South played their best football in the first term, and in the last, when the match was all over.

Goalkeepers—Norwood: Schultz (9), Hardiman (4), Eaton (2), G. A. Sawley. **South:** Hodgson (4), Rusby (3), Disher (2), Templeton, Laptborne, Crawford, Isaac.

Best Players—Norwood: Hardiman, Schultz, Oatey, Calder, Jorgensen, Fowleraker, Lawrence. **South:** Crawford, Wilson, Disher, Templeton, Deberty, Boyle, Rusby.

West Win By 78 Pts.

By H. G. B.

WITH their team of last season practically intact, West surprised Torrens by their speed and vigor at Adelaide Oval, romping home with 78 points to spare.

Torrens were outclassed in all departments, and with seven new men in their side against one in West's, they lacked cohesion.

West's goalshooting provided remarkable contrasts. In the second quarter they kicked nine behinds straight, but later compensated with nine goals in a row.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	2.11	8.16	14.18	19.24	132
Torrens	1.2	3.4	6.7	7.12	54

Best Players—West: Coad, Codd, Smith, L. Taylor, Cahill, J. Taylor, Langton, Torrens; Kershaw, Cox, Sully, Davis, Shaw, Dinnsion, Edgewood.

Goalkeepers—West: Langton (6), L. Taylor (3), J. Taylor, Smith, Cahill (each 2), Hudson, Coad, D. Taylor, Torrens; Shaw, Sully, Scott (each 2), Hewitt.