

STURT'S THIRD DEFEAT IN SUCCESSION

West Move Up To First Place PORT STILL WINNING

Results of the tenth series of league football matches played today were:—

Norwood, 20—16 (136 pts.); Sturt, 15—15 (105 pts.).
West, 19—11 (125 pts.); Glenelg, 12—14 (86 pts.).
Port, 15—12 (102 pts.); South, 14—13 (97 pts.).
North, 17—11 (113 pts.); Torrens, 11—22 (88 pts.).

Norwood proved too systematic for Sturt at Unley, and the double-blues suffered their third successive defeat. At Adelaide Oval, West's superior handling of the ball and pace gave them a decisive victory over Glenelg, and put them at the head of the premiership list.

North finished too strongly for Torrens at Thebarton, and Port had five points to spare against South at Alberton. It was Port's fourth successive win.

Redlegs' System Tells

Norwood . . .	3—3	9—8	15—13	20—16	136
Sturt	4—7	9—11	11—12	15—15	105

By H. G. B.

Sturt received another setback to their premiership ambitions today when they suffered their third successive defeat in a fast match against Norwood at Unley.

THE redlegs were slow in getting into their stride, but after a quiet first term their machine-like system functioned so smoothly that they ran out winners by 31 points.

The game was played at terrific pace, with brilliant passing, high scoring, and great vigor its chief features. On their

showing today Norwood looked like making a keen bid for top place.

Goalkeepers—Norwood: Hardiman (7), Schultz (6), McCallum (3), Cochs, List, Schmelskopf, Allen. Sturt: Biggs (5), Langley (3), Lowe (2), Lathlean, Zucker.

Best Players—Norwood: Oatey, Hardiman, Cochs, Fowleraker, McCallum, Schultz, Sawley. Sturt: Biggs, Bentley, Zucker, Lathlean, Leak, Lowe, Langley.

West Beat Bays By Pace and Initiative

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	5—2	9—6	12—8	19—11	125
Glenelg	3—5	5—7	8—13	12—14	86

By Vic Johnson

Although at one stage of the last term, Glenelg seriously threatened them, West's superior pace and initiative, which had kept them in the forefront throughout the day, came to their rescue and enabled them to win comfortably by 39 points at Adelaide Oval today.

THIS victory, coupled with the defeat sustained by Sturt at the hands of Norwood, has placed West at the head of the premiership list.

The game opened with promise of being one of the best of the season, both teams being particularly fast, while the position play, smart leads, and accurate foot-passing were a delight to watch, but after this fine opening the game deteriorated somewhat, and developed into a rugged struggle.

WEST—Backs: Powell, Jackson, Codd. Half-backs: Brown, McArthur, Davis. Centres: Clune, Broadstock, O'Donoghue. Half-forwards: Clarke, Hudson, D. Taylor. Forwards: Coad, Langton, L. Taylor. Ruck: Smith, J. Taylor, Cahill, Budarick (19th).

GLENELG—Backs: Corbett, Waite, Pike. Half-backs: Goodwin, Keane, Curtin. Centres: McGillick, Roby, Gillespie. Half-forwards: Masters, Hunt, Trenorden. Forwards: Burt, House, Post. Ruck: Boyall, Brock, Hender, Hall (19th). Umpire, S. Jacquier.

Trenorden (leg injury) replaced in second term by Hall.

Estimated attendance, 3,000.

Cahill was particularly prominent in West's early attacks. Leading to the open spaces and being rewarded by his team-mates playing to him, he gave West many openings.

For Glenelg, Hunt was doing a fine job at centre half-forward, where his great marking and well-directed long kicks placed the ball well within scoring range.

Brock and Waite did great service in defence for Glenelg, and Davis and Jackson defended strongly for West. Broadstock early assumed command at centre, and, holding the balance of power across this line, West were able to gain a useful lead at quarter-time.

Throwing the Ball Penalised

One of the features of the game, and of the first term in particular, was the number of players who were penalised for throwing the ball.

The handball rule has been tightened up, yet it was surprising to see players still persist in a hand pass which was obviously a throw.

Colin Smith's strong ruck work gave West an advantage in the packs when the game was resumed, and this, coupled with Cahill's elusiveness—he appeared to be the key point in West's attack—had Glenelg in trouble.

Boyall was finding Smith a hard man to get over in the packs, and West gained further ground.

Brock's tenacious field play and Waite's cleverness in instituting attacks made openings for Glenelg, but many of their players appeared to be hurried and indecisive in their delivery of the ball, and by half-time West were further ahead.

Did Not Counter Broadstock

It came rather as a surprise to see no effort made to curb Broadstock at centre when the game was resumed.

I think Glenelg should have brought Hunt to the centre, where his fine marking and long kicking would have proved of inestimable value to them.

Glenelg did much better in this term than in any of the others, but unfortunately for them they were not right on the target

HOW TEAMS STAND

	W.	D.	L.	For.	Ag.	Pts.
West	7	1	2	1244	904	15
Sturt	7	—	3	925	895	14
Norwood	6	—	4	1108	898	12
Port	5	1	4	996	1031	11
Glenelg	4	—	6	989	946	8
Torrens	4	—	6	824	996	8
North	4	—	6	875	1106	8
South	2	—	8	1012	1138	4

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
B. Schultz (Norwood)	6	67
H. Langton (West)	5	52
K. Farmer (North)	2	47
L. Taylor (West)	6	40
L. Burt (Glenelg)	3	38
K. Hardiman (Norwood)	7	36
E. Biggs (Sturt)	8	33
L. Rusby (South)	3	32
H. Shaw (Torrens)	3	29
J. Skelley (Port)	3	28
A. R. McLean (Port)	5	28

and many easy shots at goal went astray. Hender and Burt, in particular, strove valiantly to decrease the gap, but Glenelg were still unable to check Broadstock at centre, and he, with Smith, were the means of West equalising Glenelg's goal tally for the term.

I was disappointed with West's showing in this term. Previously, whenever possible, they used the boot to get rid of the ball, but in this quarter quite a deal of unnecessary handball was used. It is hard to understand why a player who has sufficient time in which to kick the ball will persist in handballing.

Boyall and Brock Team Well

Boyall, who had not been as conspicuous as in previous games, combined well with Brock in an intelligent display of ruck work, which placed Glenelg in a position to seriously threaten West when the last quarter began, but the high marking of Powell and the great dash of Davis and Codd, offset this, and kept Glenelg scoring powers in check.

Then West unfolded a great burst of speed, and, with their forwards keeping out wide, and leading well to the open spaces, their goals were won with much more ease than those of Glenelg, which were generally gained by grim determination.

Although West were going further away as the quarter wore on, Glenelg refused to admit defeat.

The city team were playing better at the close of the game than any phase since the opening minutes of play, and had the game well won before the final bell rang.

Goalkeepers—West: L. Taylor (4), Langton (5), Clarke, Hudson (each 2), Smith, Cahill, Coad, O'Donoghue. Glenelg: Burt (3), House, Hender, Richter (each 2), McGillick, Boyall, Hall.

Best Players—West: Broadstock, Smith, Davis, L. Taylor, Hudson, Clarke, J. Taylor. Glenelg: Hunt, Brock, Waite, Hender, Burt, Masters, Gillespie.

NONE did better for Glenelg today than Ray Hunt, their centre half-forward. There was no more consistent high mark on the ground, and his kicking was of fine length. He won Glenelg's trophy for their best player.

Accurate Shooting And Great Rally At End Give North Victory

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	5—3	9—6	11—10	17—11	113
Torrens	1—4	5—13	10—19	11—22	88

By D. A. S.

Kicking more accurately for goal, North defeated Torrens with a strong last-quarter effort, in which they scored six goals without reply. North were all over Torrens at the finish, and won by 25 points.

NORTH showed courage in fighting back after being rattled by a torrid bumping onslaught. Torrens enjoyed superiority in pace during the second and third quarters, but their forwards were off the target.

Just before three-quarter time Torrens hit the front for the first time in the match, and in spite of their poor sharpshooting.

Brushing aside all opposition, Torrens forced their way to the goal mouth, but a long offensive brought only one goal.

North, on the other hand, only had to go straight in for a goal from Cearnas. When he goaled shortly afterwards, North were in front again.

Then Farmer soared over a big crash right in front to drag down a finger-tip mark and make the margin eight points.

Torrens were now being outpaced for the first time since the opening of the game. North had fought back with courage after being rattled for a while.

Dinnison was sent to half-forward to try to get the Torrens forward system working again. Torrens were trying hard, but North were now winning across centre, and displaying reckless dash.

When Neville goaled with a long drop-kick North had the game well won. They had scored a string of six goals without a behind, but Farmer broke the run just before the bell when he missed from an angle.

Best Players—North: Rix, Norton, Burton, West, Coleman, Lush, Phillips. Torrens: Kershaw, Dinnison, Cox, Scott, Thiele, Burton, Tonkin.

Goalkeepers—North: West (4), Cearnas (3), Farmer, Neville, Phillips (each 2), Burton, Summersides, Rix, Taylor. Torrens: Shaw, Kershaw (each 3), Freer (2), Scott, Shortridge, Hudson.

Spectators Rush Field

Angry spectators rushed the field after the Sturt-Norwood game at Unley today, and players were hooted as they left the field.

With a little more than three minutes to play, Leak was stopped and brought down heavily when attempting to run with the ball. He did not move when he fell, but two Norwood players, obviously believing he was holding the ball, caught hold of him.

Trainers raced to Leak's assistance, and within a few seconds there was an excited crowd of players and trainers on the spot. A Norwood player was pushed away from Leak when the trainers raced out to him first, and with the players excited police went to the field. Play was held up for a short time. Leak was given a free, but he could only punch the ball to a team-mate before being carried off.

South Just Fail In Game at Alberton

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	6—5	9—6	14—10	15—12	102
South	4—2	8—6	11—9	14—13	97

By R. A. B.

In an even game which sparkled with snappy foot passing and intelligent hand ball Port defeated South at Alberton Oval by five points. The Port rucks were slightly superior, and when resting at full forward presented a problem to the South defenders.

Goalkeepers—Port: McLean (5), Skelley (3), Dayman (2), Kellaway, Brown, Fullwood, Hoffman, Edwards. South: Rusby, Boyle (each 3), Jack, Dawes, Cockburn, Pearce (each 2), Cahill, Mailey.

Best Players—Port: Obst, Skelley, McLean, Martin, Kellaway, Carmichael, Meers. South: Boyle, Crawford, Dawes, Wilson, Doherty, Bourne, Rusby.

WEST B TOP; SCRAPE HOME AT BAY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	6.1	9.5	12.9	14.13	97
Glenelg	4.5	8.8	10.16	13.16	94

Goalkeepers—West: Matson (7), S. Bennett (3), Viney (2), Peters, Fimeri. Glenelg: Longman (5), Toms (3), Robinson, Connolly, Kiley, Oborn, Cooper.

Best Players—West: J. Bennett, Simons, Souter, Hodge, Alexander, Lynch. Glenelg: Kenyan, Cooper, Dangerfield, Longman, Were, McGregor.

ASSOCIATION TABLE

	W.	D.	For.	Agst.	Pts.
West	8	2	1126	841	16
North	7	3	902	788	14
Norwood	5	5	968	824	10
Torrens	5	5	885	793	10
Port	5	5	794	892	10
Glenelg	4	6	908	1043	8
Sturt	4	6	877	942	8
South	2	8	827	1074	4

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Matson (West)	7	26
Longman (Glenelg)	5	27
Butler (Norwood)	2	22
McGregor (Glenelg)	—	20