

STURT OVERWHELM WEST AND REGAIN TOP POSITION

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	5-9	12-12	15-15	17-19	121
West	3-1	4-7	5-10	7-17	59

By H. G. B.

Sturt regained lost prestige today, when they routed West at Unley after having lost the three previous games. They overwhelmed the city side and had 62 points to spare at the finish.

OUTCLASSING West in every department, Sturt also ousted them from top position on the premiership list, creating one of the sensations of the season and astonishing even their most ardent supporters by the ease of their win.

West men were not a shadow of their former selves, and were powerless to stop Sturt's rushes. Their faulty goal-shooting added to the debacle.

Sturt surprised their supporters by piling up a 53-point lead in the first half. Sturt's clever spoiling tactics, resourceful ground play, and an unexpected ruck superiority all helped to prevent West from playing open football.

West began fairly well, but after the first 10 minutes Sturt showed flashes of sustained system which had been lacking in recent games.

The Unley men ran up a lead of 20 points by the first bell, but in the second terms the match threatened to develop into a rout.

West overdid the handball, and faulty goal-shooting also let them down. They got only

one goal in seven scoring shots in this term, while Sturt, by devastating football, added 7-3 to their tally.

Of Sturt's first nine goals, four each went to Biggs and Lathlean. All West's efforts to combat their opponents' vigorous onslaught had proved futile.

West switched their wing men after the interval, but Sturt continued to thrash the visitors. Playing with the precision of a machine, Sturt increased their lead to 65 points at lemons. West had long since lost all spirit.

West's goal-shooting was deplorable, and their score, which had read 4-2 at one stage, degenerated to 5-15 midway through the last term.

Sturt were now able to take matters easy, and the only interest left in the match was the extent of their huge win.

Goalkeepers—Sturt: Biggs (6), Lathlean (4), Langley, Zucker, Lowe (each 2), Tilly. West: Langton (3), Hudson (2), D. Taylor, Coad.

Best Players—Sturt: Lathlean, Biggs, Crase, Zucker, Bagshaw, Langley, Tuohy. West: Codd, Budarick, Jackson, Hudson, J. Taylor, Davis, Brown.

Today's Results

Sturt, 17-19; West, 7-17.
South, 16-15; North, 13-21.
Norwood, 20-22; Torrens, 6-11.
Port, 19-9; Glenelg, 15-19.

HOW TEAMS STAND

	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Sturt	8	—	3	1046	954	16
West	7	1	3	1303	1025	15
Norwood	7	—	4	1250	945	14
Port	6	1	4	1119	1140	13
Glenelg	4	—	7	1098	1069	8
Torrens	4	—	7	871	1138	8
North	4	—	7	974	1277	8
South	3	—	8	1124	1257	6

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
B. Schultz (Norwood)	12	79
H. Langton (West)	3	53
K. Farmer (North)	3	53
L. Burt (Glenelg)	1	39
K. Hardiman (Norwood)	3	39
E. Biggs (Sturt)	6	39
A. R. McLean (Port)	9	37
L. Taylor (West)	—	37
L. Rusby (South)	2	34
J. Skelley (Port)	3	31
H. Shaw (Torrens)	1	30

Port Scrape Home at Bay

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	6.0	12.2	14.7	19.9	123
Glenelg	4.3	10.8	12.13	15.19	109

By N. D. W.

IN the closing stages of an exciting last quarter struggle, Port held off Glenelg at the Bay Oval to win by 14 points. Glenelg had the magpies worried throughout the match, and it was only when Port kicked two goals in the last five minutes that they were out of danger.

GLENELG—Backs: Corbett, Waite, Inglis. Half-backs: Curtin, Keane, Goodwin. Centres: McGillick, S. Hall, Pike. Half-forwards: Masters, Hunt, R. Hall. Forwards: Richter, House, Burt. Ruck: Boyall, Brock, Hender, Sims (19th).

PORT—Backs: Johnstone, Obst, Meers. Half-backs: Sweeney, Dayman, Bampton. Centres: Carmichael, Roberts, Gates. Half-forwards: Edwards, McLean, Franklin. Forwards: Brown, Martyn, Hoffman. Ruck: Kellaway, Fullwood, Skelley, Byers (19th).

Sweeney (leg injury) replaced by Byers in last quarter.

Umpire—E. J. Hine.
Estimated attendance, 1,500.

Though Glenelg held a slight wind advantage in the first quarter, they were slow in settling down, and the magpies raced away to build up a quick lead. Taking the direct route to goals, they had three goals before the Bays found their feet.

Port's ruck work was definitely superior in the opening stages. Half-way through the quarter the Bay team came with a paralysing burst which brought them four quick goals, three of them from Hender.

Port retaliated vigorously, and a series of strong forward thrusts found their mark, yielding quick goals from Martyn (2) and Hoffman shortly before the bell.

With good marking and neat team work Glenelg took up the offensive immediately, and the second quarter resolved itself into a determined struggle, with the lead seesawing with each goal.

The Bays were proving a good match for the magpies, who seemed to lack cohesion and were incapable of any sustained resistance to Glenelg's vigorous play.

Port's six-point advantage at half-time was due chiefly to their accurate kicking for goal. They had 10 goals on the board before they scored their first behind, and their 14 scoring shots in the first half included 12 goals.

Only a Point Behind

With an even chance of downing the magpies, Glenelg continued to throw in everything they had, and a goal to Richter brought them within a point of Port's tally.

McLean, who had been switched to full forward, used his height to advantage, and seldom missed a mark. He booted his sixth goal for the match half-way through the third quarter.

Honors were even for the quarter, with Port still holding a six-point advantage at the last change.

In a thrilling last quarter struggle, Port gradually drew away in the face of desperate opposition from the tigers.

Glenelg frequently beat their man to the ball, but their efforts to break through the solid Port defences were repeatedly turned back.

A goal from Masters brought Glenelg again within five points of the Port team, but Masters scored with another short angle shot shortly after.

In the closing stages, Glenelg drew to within three points with a couple of singles, but goals to Skelley and McLean in the last five minutes put Port out of danger. McLean's ninth goal gave Port a 14-point win.

Goalkeepers—Port: McLean (9), Skelley (3), Martyn, Hoffman, Bampton (each 2), Kellaway. Glenelg: Hender and House (each 4), Boyall (3), Hunt, Masters, Richter, Burt.

Best Players—Port: Skelley, Martyn, McLean, Kellaway, Brown, Hoffman. Glenelg: Boyall, Brock, Hender, Keane, Richter, Waite.

Glenelg Player To Be Reported

After the Glenelg match, Umpire E. J. Hine said that T. Curtin (Glenelg) would be reported for allegedly striking L. Roberts (Port) during the last quarter.

1,000 Goals To G. Doig of W.A.

PERTH.—Within nine minutes of the start of play in league football today, George Doig, of East Fremantle, scored the two goals he required for his thousand goals in league football.

When Doig achieved his ambition the game was momentarily held up while players rushed to congratulate him.

Better Kicking Gives South Victory Over North

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	5-7	8-8	13-10	16-15	111
North	2-4	5-9	9-19	13-21	99

By Vic Johnson

Holding a slight advantage in the ruck, the balance of power across centre, and aided by extremely bad kicking for goal by North at close range, South were able to withstand a determined last-quarter effort and win a hard-fought game by 12 points at Adelaide Oval today.

ON their efforts today, I would say that both teams have improved immeasurably since I last saw them.

North were ragged and undisciplined when I saw them play earlier in the season; today they will extend the best of them.

As for South, they looked much more like the South of old, and although their chance of reaching the four is

almost negligible, they must still be classed as a force to be reckoned with.

Goalkeepers—South: Maley (6), Cockburn (3), Laphorne, Pearce, Rusby (each 2), Boyle. North: Farmer (5), Cearns, Burton (each 2), Rix, West, Summersides, Taylor.

Best Players—South: Rusby, Templeton, Crawford, Doherty, Jim Dawes, Maley, Wilson. North: G. Hogan, Burton, Rix, West, Norton, Martin, Summersides.

Norwood's Runaway Win; Schultz, 12

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	3.3	9.13	12.16	20.22	142
Torrens	1.2	3.3	4.7	6.11	47

By R. A. B.

NORWOOD outclassed Torrens at Norwood Oval today, winning by 95 points.

With practically every man pulling his weight, the centre and back lines excelling, Norwood found the blue-and-golds with very few players in form.

Although inaccurate in their kicking for goal, the redlegs' attack functioned well, Schultz dominating the goalfrost with a fine bag of 12 goals.

Torrens threw away the advantage of a useful breeze in the first term.

Norwood, benefiting by the brilliance of Oatey, Hardiman, and Schultz, were able to head the blue-and-golds for the whole quarter. Norwood's play was startling, in direct contrast to the Thebarton side.

At quarter-time the redlegs, having lost the toss, led 3-8 to 1-2.

Torrens' play brightened early in the second term, when Shortridge and Shaw scored the blue-and-golds' only majors for the quarter.

Norwood, still displaying fine form, rattled on four goals straight, with Schultz still proving a menace at the goalfrost. Sawley was now dominating the pivot, and with his efforts imparting drives to the redlegs' attacks, they continually pressed in.

When Torrens did cross the centre the sturdy Norwood defence, with Foweraker, Schmelskopt, turned them back.

Heavy Rain Tests Versatility

A heavy shower late in the term tested both teams' versatility, with the redlegs still going the better. At half-time Norwood had a commanding grip on the game, leading by 46 points.

When Schultz added two goals, Norwood went away to a 10-goal lead. Kershaw struck a purple patch, but the Torrens forwards were sadly out of position. With Shaw being outpointed by Calder, the Thebarton side had no forward to finish off attacks.

Torrens for the first time in the match were now challenging Norwood's supremacy, but they could not increase their goal tally. Schultz took his tally to double figures with seven minutes to go, and at the final bell Norwood were 95 points ahead.

Goalkeepers—Norwood: Schultz (12), Hardiman (3), Coeks (2), List, McCallum, Oatey. Torrens: Daly, Kershaw (each 2), Shortridge, Shaw.

Best Players—Norwood: Schultz, Oatey, Sawley, Foweraker, Hardiman, List, Calder. Torrens: Thiele, Kershaw, Tonkin, Olson, Daly, Roberts, Dearing.

Scramble to Fill B Grade Teams

Sometimes having to drag committeemen and former players off the mounds, or making last-minute inclusions of junior colts players to make up 18 men, clubs in the Football Association are having a worrying time nearly every Saturday with short teams.

This is happening as munition employment and military camps make bigger demands on younger men who hitherto had every Saturday afternoon free.

It is feared that the position will become worse as growing munition works in this State take away more men on shift work.

Two clubs—North and Port—have played 54 men this season, and 53 is the total for West, the present leaders in B Grade.

West, in an early match against Sturt at Unley, were faced with nine last-minute withdrawals between 12 and 1.30 p.m., and they had to round up two committeemen and three junior colts to make up the team.

In another match at Kensington, three Port officials and two Colts donned the black-and-white guernseys to make up the 18.

Often taxicabs and officials' cars have gone scurrying round the district at the last minute to pick up men.

Officials called on at the last minute have not played for years, and some of the junior Colts asked to make up teams have just come off the field from playing in their own association games.

With calls also being made on their team from A Grade, it needs only a few injuries to start a B Grade club searching for players.

"We always manage somehow," said one official "and that's the main thing—to keep the game going."

"There are two good points we can place on the credit side."

"The present position of teams has evened up the competition, and it also has given junior footballers the chance of a lifetime to reach B Grade and for the best of them A Grade."

They Won a Cheer

A. Olson, in his first league game, played usefully at centre half-forward for Torrens at Norwood. He comes from the association side.

NOTED for his consistency rather than brilliant football, Codd, the determined West defender, played the game of his life against Sturt. Stationed in a back pocket, he was one of the few men to pace it with Sturt.

NIPPY and elusive, Lathlean was always in the thick of the fray for Sturt. Apart from roving with skill and dash, this diminutive player was a force to be reckoned with in attack.

FOR heady and effective football no player at Adelaide Oval today was superior to Laurie Rusby South's fine rover. Unperturbed by the fierceness of clashes, Rusby made every kick a winning one.