

# NORWOOD AND STURT SURE OF TWO TOP PLACES

As a result of Sturt and Norwood winning today, and Port losing to West, the double chance in the major round will go to Norwood and Sturt even if they are beaten on September 6, when the last series of minor round games will be played.

## West's High-Class Display

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West . . . . .	4-4	5-12	12-15	14-17	101
Port . . . . .	3-1	4-1	5-5	14-6	90

By Vic Johnson

Playing football of the highest class, West set up a match-winning lead in the third quarter at Adelaide Oval, and then staved off a last-quarter burst by Port to win by 11 points and deprive the magpies of third position on the premiership table.

WEST'S victory was due to their undoubted superiority on both wings, where O'Donoghue and Clune, except for a short period in the last term, were on top all day, and the steadiness of their forwards, despite illness in shooting for goal.

But for the sturdy defence of McArthur, Simon, and Powell, Port must have built up a handy lead early in the first term.

They had opportunities in plenty, but a lack of understanding and the dash and resourcefulness of the West defence proved too much for them.

The early superiority of the West wingman was most noticeable, O'Donoghue in particular playing finely.

Actually the football in this term was a battle between the defence and attack of both teams, Bampton and Meers rendering fine service to Port. Even at this stage the West forwards appeared more tradesman-like.

With the advantage of the wind in the second term, it was thought that Port would possibly give a taste of that ability which had won for them their nine previous games, but it was not to be.

Smith, West leader, wisely played loosely across centre when it was his turn on the ball, and this offset the slight superiority Roberts was holding over Broadstock at centre.

### Hit Post Four Times

West were not as accurate in their kicking for goal in this term as they might have been, although they were unlucky in that they hit the post three times in this term, making it four for the two quarters.

Apart from that, they played much better than Port, their defence proving too strong for the Port attack, excepting McLean, and gave the magpie defence no respite, where Bampton was outstanding.

West's football in the third term was good enough to win any premiership. Fast and purposeful, they beat Port everywhere. Their forwards moved to position like clockwork, and took full toll of the Port defence, although it must be admitted that this department stood up to its task manfully for Port.

Port's football in this term was full of errors. Short hand passes when a kick would have been of much more value, were frequent, and the speedy West players intercepted many of these and converted them to their own account.

By three-quarter time West had got far enough ahead to clinch the game.

In an effort to pull the game out of the fire, Port switched their wings and half-forwards over for the last term. These had been the deciding positions throughout the game, and it appeared as though the moves were made rather late in the day.

### Overpowered Centre Line

Port were quickly in their stride, and overpowering the West centre line, made frequent forward drives. McLean out-marked all opposition in front of goal, and in a trice had West worried by kicking with deadly accuracy.

Sensing the danger Colin Smith swung West wings over again, and Port's advantage there was nullified.

Immediately West took command again, and I think Port could have again followed suit, as it was most noticeable that, whenever the West wingmen were opposed to their original opponents, West advanced.

## North's 35-Pt. Victory Against South

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North . . . . .	1.1	8.8	9.8	16.13	109
South . . . . .	4.7	4.10	7.21	8.26	74

By D. A. S.

MAKING better use of the wind, and foiling strongly, North were too good for South at Prospect. With the wind behind them in the last quarter, they won by 35 points. South's poor kicking for goal contributed to their defeat.

South wore arm bands as a token of respect to N. Searie, who played for them last year, and whose father died last night.

With a stiff wind down the ground it was a game for the opportunists. North, in the first quarter held South with stab passes into the wind, but late in the quarter a breakaway, with South's centre line in control, resulted in a 24-point lead for the city side at quarter time.

Similarly, South's crowding and foiling tactics were successful at the start of the second quarter, but when North got the run of the ball they rattled on seven goals for the quarter, to be 22 points up at the long interval.

Features were Cockburn's strong ruck work, Cahill's command of the wing, and Rusby's cool roving for South. For the Prospect team K. West was outstanding at centre half-forward, putting system into his team's goalward drives. Lush was playing a great game, too, at centre half-back.

South's atrocious kicking—they got 3-11 for the third quarter—left them in a precarious position. At three-quarter time they were only a point ahead, and the wind had freshened for North's final term.

North's bustling tactics in the back line contributed to South's scoring lapses. North made the game certain within the first 12 minutes of the last quarter, when Farmer secured four goals and Ken West one, to put them 31 points ahead.

The wind made it hopeless for South to fight back. Farmer was keeping the crowd's attention, demonstrating all his old-time skill to get goals from crumhes. His tally for the quarter was five.

Goalkeepers—North: Farmer (7), R. West (3), Rix, Kohrig (each 2), Cearns, Coleman. South: Rusby, Dishar (each 2), Scott, Boyle, Maley, Cockburn.

Best Players—North: Martin, K. West, Lush, Rix, Hogan, Norton, Phillips. South: Cahill, Cockburn, Rusby, Doherty, Templeton, Smith, Wilson.

## Today's Results

West, 14-17 (101); Port, 14-6 (90).  
Sturt, 17-19 (121); Torrens, 6-13 (49)  
North, 16-13 (109); South, 8-26 (74)  
Norwood, 18-16 (124); Glenelg, 15-10 (100).

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	D.	L.	For.	Ag.	Pts.
Norwood	12	—	4	1,930	1,426	24
Sturt	12	—	4	1,586	1,353	24
West	10	1	5	1,845	1,543	21
Port	10	1	5	1,703	1,641	21
Glenelg	5	—	11	1,608	1,739	10
South	5	—	11	1,663	1,785	10
North	5	—	11	1,554	1,844	10
Torrens	4	—	12	1,264	1,722	8

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
B. Schultz (Norwood)	—	100
K. Farmer (North)	7	79
K. Hardiman (Norwood)	5	63
E. Biggs (Sturt)	4	65
H. Langton (West)	3	61
A. R. McLean (Port)	6	57
L. Taylor (West)	3	55
L. Burt (Glenelg)	3	55
J. Skelley (Port)	2	50

### NEXT LEAGUE SERIES

There will be no league football next Saturday, when the All Sports Carnival will be held on Adelaide Oval. The last series of matches in the minor round, which will be played the following Saturday (September 6), will be:—

South v. Glenelg, at Adelaide.  
Port v. Torrens, Alberton.  
Norwood v. North, Norwood.  
Sturt v. West, Unley.

## Last Term Burst Brings Norwood Win at Glenelg

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood . . . . .	1-2	9-6	11-7	18-16	124
Glenelg . . . . .	6-2	7-3	15-8	15-10	100

By H. G. B.

Glenelg (sixth) gave Norwood, the league leaders, a shock by challenging them strongly in the Glenelg game this afternoon. Until the last five minutes the issue was in doubt, but the redlegs finished a rugged match well by scoring quick goals which gave them victory by 24 points.

NORWOOD—Backs: Schmeizkopf, Calder, Kirwan. Half-backs: Seelenmeyer, Taylor, Ralph. Centres: Bennett, A. G. Sawley, Koch. Half-forwards: Bridgman, List, Tugwell. Forwards: G. H. Sawley, Hardiman, Coeks. Ruck: Price, S. A. Roads, Oatey, Bugg (19th).  
Bridgman (injured instead) replaced by Bugg in the third quarter.

GLENELG—Backs: Brock, Waite, Sims. Half-backs: R. Hall, Keane, Goodwin. Centres: Jolly, Ormond, Gillespie. Half-forwards: Trenorden, Hunt, Kappler. Forwards: Woodard, Boyall, Burt. Ruck: McGregor, Corbett, Hender, Inglis (19th).  
Umpire, L. J. Quinn.

Estimated attendance, 2,000.  
Glenelg wore black armbands for the late Don Waite, of the A.I.F. (a brother of their own player Merv Waite), and Norwood for Leo Leahy, a former redleg. A boisterous wind and heavy turf made systematic football difficult in the early stages. Norwood were continually on the defensive in the first quarter. Their back men did a fine job, and it was not until late in the term that the seaiders broke through with a string of goals.

Marcus Bovall kicked three of them, and at the first change of ends the tigers led by 30 points. But Norwood quickly showed that the wind was worth more than that, and in the second term they rapidly overhauled the yellow-and-blacks. Their rucks and forward line functioned smoothly, and hard, purposeful drives in attack gave the redlegs a marked superiority.

Moving with systematic precision, they added 8-1 during the term and pinned the home side down to 1-1 in this period. Hardiman and G. H. Sawley were outstanding for the red-and-blues in this quarter scoring five goals between them in an inspired burst.

The third quarter was full of interest, with fortunes fluctuating. Glenelg had the better of matters, however, and midway through the term they recaptured the lead. Three smart goals by Burt were a telling factor in their recovery. Twice in quick succession the Bay men had the misfortune to see their shots hit a goal post.

It was all Glenelg in the latter stages of the term, and the home side set out hotly to gain a lead that would be sufficient for them to challenge Norwood against the wind in the last quarter. The tigers began the last term 25 points ahead.

Play was very willing after the last change of ends, and with Norwood scenting a last-minute rally a keen finish looked likely. Within 10 minutes the visitors added three goals, and Glenelg's task of holding off their opponents became increasingly difficult.

Glenelg fought quickly towards the end, but goals from Oatey and Schmeizkopf clinched the game for the redlegs.

Goalkeepers—Norwood: Hardiman, Oatey (3), G. H. Sawley, Tugwell (2), List, Bugg, Schmeizkopf, Price. Glenelg—Boyall (4), Burt (3), Hunt, Brock (2), Hender, Trenorden, Corbett, Kappler.

Best Players—Norwood: G. H. Sawley, Oatey, Tugwell, Price, Hardiman, Ralph, S. Roads, Glenelg: Hunt, Waite, Brock, Burt, Boyall, Goodwin, Trenorden.

Sturt routed Torrens in a one-sided game by 72 points at Unley Oval. The double-blues' brilliant second and last quarter efforts gave them their twelfth win. Greater ruck power, more solid forward work, and better despatch found the double-blues in command at most points. Torrens' best form was in the third quarter, when they prevented Sturt from scoring

Before the game a silent tribute was paid to Cpl. Don Waite, former vice-captain of West Torrens, who has been killed in action. Players, who wore arm bands, and officials stood in V formation.

Torrens did not make full use of a useful breeze. Rugged defence by Crawley and Tuohy kept them out. Sturt thrusts were isolated, and Schober's snap goal was the first major of the game.

Scott kicked Torrens' fifth single in a row, and another was added before their first goal was registered by the same player. A heavy shower late in the term made handling difficult, and kicking off the ground became general. The Sturt defence had combined well, and enabled the double-blues to finish only three points in arrears.

The game was now played at close quarters, with showers frequent. Torrens started impressively, restricting Sturt's scoring in the first seven minutes, but Zucker, Biggs, and Langley rattled on full-pointers to give their side a handy lead.

Bagshaw's powerful kicking out was a feature, and was the signal for the home side to go further ahead.

Torrens were finding it hard to pass the half-forward line. Tilley earned applause for a magnificent 60-yard punt to goal. Leak and Biggs had come into prominence for the double-blues, while Scott and Thomas were showing out for the visitors.

Torrens opened their goal account for the quarter when Tonkin kicked a major on the bell. Sturt's demoralising second quarter, when they scored 10-4 to a goal had given them a lead of 58 points.

Torrens, out-matching Sturt in speed, began to play more impressively. Tonkin, Scott, and Shaw added goals. It was Sturt's turn to be kept out, the gold-and-blues rucks being on top.

Goalkeepers—Sturt: Langley, Biggs (4), Tilley (3), Zucker (2), Schober, Lowe, Palmer, Sarré. Torrens: Scott, Tonkin (2), Shaw, Olsson.

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Torrens' inaccurate kicking had prevented them from scoring more. They added 4-7 while keeping the double-blues scoreless. Sturt were finding it hard to counter Torrens' vigor and determination, but Langley's two running goals revitalised the double-blues.

The double-blues were continually in attack but they could kick only behinds. Thiele was brilliant at full back and held up many forward moves.

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## Earned a Cheer

BAMPTON was the pick of the Port team today. The veteran lived up to his best form, and rarely made a mistake at half-back.

COLIN Smith did a fine job for West. His leadership was brainy and inspiring, and he played a big part in West's victory over Port.

BAGSHAW'S terrific hitting out in ruck was a highlight of the Sturt-Torrens game. He frequently sent the ball from centre to half-forward.

RAY Hunt, of Glenelg, who won the trophy in the lightning premiership recently as the outstanding player for the carnival, reproduced his best form again today with a fine effort in attack against Norwood. One of his goals, from a long way out, was a gem.

G. H. Sawley, who re-appeared for Norwood today after an absence was a live wire in attack against Glenelg. His clever ground work was usually capped by reliable kicking.

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