

MAGPIES SCRAPE HOME AFTER DULL

Fine Finish at Alberton

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port-Torrens	5-5	7-10	10-12	15-16	106
West-Glenelg	2-4	5-8	12-13	14-18	102

By Vic Johnson

After a very ordinary first half, in which the football was not attractive, Port-Torrens and West-Glenelg staged a battle royal in the second half and gave the spectators at Alberton another of their fine exhibitions for which their clashes have become noted this season.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Sturt-South	12	7	5	1345	1197	14
Port-Torrens	12	7	5	1250	1225	14
West-Glenelg	12	7	5	1238	1229	14
Norw'd-North	12	3	9	1092	1274	6

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Reynolds (St.-S.)	1	42
Burt (W.-G.)	2	35
Shaw (P.-T.)	3	34
Scott (P.-T.)	1	30
Rusby (St.-S.)	6	28
Langley (St.-S.)	3	26
Cearns (N.-N.)	—	24
Isaac (N.-N.)	5	24
Biggs (St.-S.)	4	24
Butler (N.-N.)	3	24

TIGERS SHOULD WIN SEMI-FINAL

By Vic Johnson

West-Glenelg (third) and Norwood-North (fourth) will meet in the first semi-final at the Adelaide Oval next Saturday, the loser to drop out of the premiership fight.

While I expect Norwood-North to play well, and they have beaten West-Glenelg twice this season, I anticipate a tiger victory.

GOOD LUCK AND BAD

If West-Glenelg fail to win the 1942 premiership, many of their supporters will put some of the blame on an incident in the last quarter of today's game.

Port-Torrens were attacking, and a kick from Scott appeared to hit the goalpost near the bottom and bounce into Kellaway's hands. Kellaway booted the ball through and a goal was signalled.

This made a difference of five points to the magpies, who won by four points, and the win resulted in them, and not the tigers, gaining a double chance in the finals.

It is impossible to forecast what would have happened had the ball been kicked off by the West-Glenelg full back instead of taken to the centre and bounced, but the tigers have had some luck in their encounters with the magpies this season, winning two matches with kicks after the bell. The others they lost by three and four points respectively.

KEN FARMER IN DOUBLE BLUE

Ken Farmer reappeared on the Prospect Oval today, but this time for the Air Force double-blue jersey.

Farmer was a streamlined figure compared with the past few seasons.

He said that he has lost 25 lb., and now stripped about 12½ st. Ken added that Air Force life was "the goods" for physical fitness.

One of his six goals today was a typical snap off the side of his foot.

Bill McCallum (Air Force), former Norwood star and Magarey Medalist, was prominent rucking and placed.

R.A.A.F. BEAT LEAGUE RESERVES

Air Force beat League Reserves by a goal at the University Oval this afternoon in the hardest match the reserve side has played in this season, the final scores being 17-9 to 15-15.

Air Force opened the game with two quick goals, and from then on, with the exception of a few minutes at the end of the first quarter, they held a narrow lead.

It was a fast, hard-fought match. In the last few minutes League Reserves came close to equalising, but the air force managed to stave them off.

Best Players—R.A.A.F.: Warren, King, McNight, Oatway, Brittain, Malzard. Reserves: Solomon, Christopherson, Duke, Stanton, Cobiac, Hammerstein, Hamilton.

Goalkickers—R.A.A.F.: Brittain (6), McNight (5), Heath (2), O'Day, Ralcliffe, Jamieson, Hill. Reserves: Matson (6), Stanton, Solomon (each 4), Searle.

VICTORIAN LEAGUE

Carlton 18-19, Richmond 10-14; Footscray 19-15, Fitzroy 14-8; South Melbourne 14-23, Melbourne 14-7; Collingwood 16-21, Hawthorn 13-13; Essendon 8-6, North Melbourne 5-8.

FIRST HALF

BLUES ROUT REDLEGS

61-Point Win

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt-Sth.	4.5	12.8	15.13	29.17	137
N.-North	3.2	5.4	6.9	11.10	76

By H. G. B.

SWEEPING everything before them in a devastating second quarter, Sturt-South paved the way to a runaway 61-point win against Norwood-North at Adelaide Oval.

The blues were at the top of their form, and their fast system and goalkicking were first class. Except in occasional flashes the redlegs were powerless to throw out a challenge.

STURT-SOUTH.—Backs: Wilson, Haines, Rail. Half-backs: Baker, Tuohy, Jim Dawes. Centres: Doherty, Templeton, Cahill. Half-forwards: House, Bussenschutt, Cockburn. Forwards: Jack Dawes, Reynolds, Rusby. Ruck: Zucker. Biggs, Langley, Heylen (19th).

NORWOOD-NORTH.—Backs: Hogan, Martin, Eaton. Half-backs: Anmodt, Lush, Bugg. Centres: Whittaker, Sawley, Coleman. Half-forwards: Hoskins, Farrow, Burke. Forwards: Isaac, Cooper, Butler. Ruck: Price, Winward, Oatey, Hancock (19th).
Umpire, P. A. Read.

Turning on the speed from the bounce, Sturt-South piled up a lead of 46 points in a fast first half. They outmarked and outclassed Norwood-North in a dazzling display of system after a fairly even first quarter.

In the ruck the blues were much too strong for the redlegs, and their foot-passing was also far superior.

In the opening term Norwood-North battled hard for every point, but were faced with a leeway of nine points at the bell.

In the closing stages of the term the Sturt-South defenders rose to the occasion in great style, clearing incessantly.

Spirited Burst

The redlegs began the second quarter with a spirited burst, which put them in front for a brief interval. Isaac had snapped three of their first five goals at this stage, but the turning point came when the blues again dominated the rucks.

Unwinding an amazing series of attacks, Sturt-South then added eight goals, while pinning the redlegs down to a couple of behinds.

Three of the blues' goals came from uncannily accurate shots by Langley from awkward angles.

The methods of the teams were in direct contrast. Sturt-South when in possession almost invariably found a team-mate by strong clearing tactics, whereas the reds fumbled many chances.

Their midfield work lacked purpose, and they usually kicked to an opponent.

The lapse of the redlegs was very disappointing after a rather promising start.

Redlegs Switched

In a desperate attempt to counter the blues' strongpoints, Norwood-North made several changes in their placings in the third quarter.

Azmodt went to centre wing, Hogan to half-back, Whittaker into a back pocket, Farrow into ruck, and Burke to centre half-forward.

Biggs came into the picture with his third goal for the southerners, but the diminutive Butler streaked in with one for the redlegs—their first since very early in the second quarter.

Norwood-North were putting more pep into their work now, but five singles in a row spoiled the burst.

Had these been goals it would have given the game a different complexion. The redlegs seemed to lose heart at this and another brilliant Sturt-South offensive gave the blues two more goals. The blues led by 58 points at lemons.

Norwood-North were a dispirited bunch in the last half, and the blues dashed their hopes with further quick goals. It was a tame finish to a dashing opening.

Goalkickers—Sturt-South: Rusby (6), Biggs (4), Langley, Bussenschutt (each 3), House (2), Reynolds, Cahill, Norwood-North: Isaac (5), Butler (3), Oatey, Winward, Price.

Best Players—Sturt-South: Zucker, Langley, Cockburn, Cahill, Haines, Baker, House. Norwood-North: Martin, Sawley, Bugg, Hoskins, Hogan, Eaton, Lush.

Best Players—Port-Torrens: A. P. McLean, Thiele, Reval, Nicholls, Roberts, McFarlane, Kellaway. West-Glenelg: Powell, McArthur, Coad, Codd, J Taylor, Hender, Hudson.

IN a desperate fighting finish Port-Torrens won by four points and clinched second place in the premiership table.

PORT-TORRENS.—Backs: Martyn, Obst, Dearing. Half-backs: L. McLean, Thiele, McFarlane. Centres: M. Nicholls, Roberts, Glastonbury. Half-forwards: Dayman, Mullins, Franklin. Forwards: Shaw, Kellaway, Scott. Ruck: R. McLean, Reval, Skelley. T. Nicholls (19th).

WEST-GLENELG.—Backs: Corbett, Waite, Codd. Half-backs: Keane, Powell, McArthur. Centres: Gillespie, Hender, Simons. Half-forwards: Fimeri, Hudson, Robjent. Forwards: Summersides, Chynoweth, Burt. Ruck: Smith, Taylor, Coad, Bartlett (19th). Umpire, M. F. Armstrong.

Very even football marked the opening of the game. Both teams were struggling hard, but while Port-Torrens did most of the attacking, West-Glenelg appeared more certain in their movements.

Towards the end of the first term the taller magpie followers started to assert their power, and with the forwards playing more openly, they began to go away from the tigers.

Much up-and-down play was seen at the beginning of the second term, and the kicking, which had been anything but first class in the first term, had not improved. There was much fumbling and scrummaging.

West-Glenelg scored the first goal of the term after eight minutes of play, and when Summersides and then Chynoweth goaled, the tigers were ahead.

Weak Kicking

As term progressed Port-Torrens had plenty of opportunities, but weak kicking let them down, and with only four minutes of play left A. R. McLean obtained their first goal for the term.

Reval, who was playing as well as any man on the ground, got another shortly after, and the magpies led by 14 points at the long interval.

Chynoweth had an early goal on the board when the third term began, and then McArthur, with a fine dash from the half-back line, tricked the opposing backs with a long kick, which almost reached the objective, and only six points separated the teams.

Colin Smith's great leaping was unsettling the magpie rucks, and Port-Torrens were finding it very difficult to check his pace.

Magpies Unbalanced

Successive goals from Fimeri, Coad, and then a grand drop kick of Smith's, which found the target, sent West-Glenelg away.

At this stage the magpies appeared unbalanced by the speed and precision of the tigers, and another from Smith only added to their troubles.

Port-Torrens were breaking down badly at half-forward, where Powell was outclassing Mullins, and Dayman's appearance at centre half-forward came as no surprise, the change being long overdue.

Two timely goals from Kellaway retrieved the position for Port-Torrens, but they were not nearly as impressive as West-Glenelg.

Just on the bell Kellaway again goaled from a free, and from a leeway of 14 points at halftime, West-Glenelg had gone to 13 points ahead by three-quarter time.

With both teams fighting desperately, the opening of the last quarter was full of excitement.

A goal from Shaw made the difference seven points, and then Port-Torrens had a lucky break.

A kick from Scott was intercepted by Kellaway, who goaled, but it appeared that Scott's kick had hit the post first.

Lead Changes Hands

Shaw goaled again shortly afterwards, and then the magpies led.

A. R. McLean's powerful marking and kicking had been the deciding factor in their recovery, but Burt goaled, and the tigers led by three points.

When Port-Torrens obtained only two behinds with kicks that could easily have been goals, one point separated the teams.

Fighting their way forward, Shaw goaled for the magpies, but Chynoweth quickly replied for West-Glenelg, for whom Powell was now following, Keane being at centre half-back.

In a desperate last-minute burst Port-Torrens went forward, and McLean, with a giant leap, marked and kicked truly to give the magpies a four-point victory.

Goalkickers—Port-Torrens: Kellaway, Shaw (each 5), A. R. McLean (2), Scott, Dayman, Reval. West-Glenelg: Chynoweth (3), Smith, Summersides, Burt, Coad (each 2), Gillespie, Fimeri, Robjent.