

NORWOOD, LEAGUE LEADERS, WELL BEATEN BY STURT

Three Teams Score Easy Victories

STURT registered the outstanding performance in league football today by soundly defeating Norwood, top team on the premiership list. Their win puts the double-blues in the top four again on a percentage advantage over Torrens.

Port scored the easiest win of the day with a margin of 85 points over South. This win allowed the magpies to maintain their two-point lead over the teams fighting for third and fourth places.

West had an easy win over North, but Torrens were given a fright by Glenelg, who have not yet won a game.

Sturt Ruckmen Hold Sway

By ROY COLMER

RUCK strength, speed, and an advantage in most of the key positions gave Sturt their easy win over Norwood at Unley Oval. The redlegs were scoreless kicking against the wind in the first quarter, and in the third term kicked only one point.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Sturt	6—2	8—3	12—9	15—10	100
Norwood	0—0	5—3	5—4	8—9	57

Leak has to take main credit for Sturt gaining a big lead in the first quarter. He was never beaten at centre. Norwood tried three men there, but Leak made the pivot a strong point for his side.

It was Leak who took the rough edges off the followers' game and transformed it into a well-directed drive for goal.

Although Sturt had a fair breeze behind them in the first quarter, this did not account for their lead. The advantage of the breeze at the most could be assessed at a goal or two.

From first bell to last, Sturt played the better football. Norwood played aimlessly. They missed the driving force of Oatey and Way, particularly when the game got to close quarters. Then the redlegs did not have the physical strength to withstand the double-blues.

There was another factor in the game. I thought Sturt adapted themselves the better to the umpiring, which was concentrated on keeping the game moving. It succeeded in that aim, but there were too many frees missed.

Norwood threatened danger only once in the game. That was just before half-time, when their smaller men scampered into the open spaces and for the only time outpaced Sturt.

The redlegs improved slightly, too, in the last quarter, but then they found Ingham in brilliant form. He got the ball so many times when Norwood attacked that he should have been charged rent for it.

Although Sturt always had a comfortable margin in their favor, the game was not uninteresting. This was due to the clever work

Premiership Table

Team	Points			For	Ag.	Pct.
	P.	W.	L.			
Norwood	13	11	2	1114	993	22
Port	13	9	4	1175	1032	18
West	13	8	5	1322	1164	16
Sturt	13	8	5	1297	1060	16
Torrens	12	8	4	1200	1063	16
North	13	4	9	978	1218	8
South	13	4	9	1032	1432	8
Glenelg	13	—	13	911	1363	—

Leading Goalkickers

Player	Today	Total
Dalwood (Norwood)	1	35
McInnes (Torrens)	—	36
L. Taylor (West)	1	34
Coad (West)	2	34
Williams (Norwood)	1	32
Jolly (Port)	2	30
Pender (Port)	3	29
Gibson (Sturt)	1	27
Bell (Norwood)	2	27
Turner (Torrens)	—	25
Way (Norwood)	—	25
McLean (Port)	6	25

of individuals, and the robust way in which the close work was fought.

Goalkickers—Sturt: Zucker (4), Merchant, Schober (3), Reynolds (2), Langley, Gibson, Giles. Norwood: Drage, Bell, Warhurst (2), Dalwood, Williams. Best Players—Sturt: Leak, Langley, Bartlett, Schober, Giles, Heaton, Ingham. Norwood: Holmesby, Giles, Williams, Warhurst, Holliday, Drage, Old. Umpire: H. W. Bunton.

Torrens Extended To Beat Bays

By Amos Bottroff

With a superiority in ruck and holding a strongpoint at centre, where Bob Hank dominated much of the play, Torrens retained a slender lead from Glenelg throughout the game and won by 14 points at the Norwood Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3—9	6—11	11—15	13—20	98
Glenelg	1—0	7—1	10—5	13—6	84

Had they not been let down by their forwards, Torrens would have held a big lead before the end of the first quarter.

The magnificent play of Hunt, which was evident to the final bell, tended to demoralise the gold-and-blue forwards.

Torrens were first away, but foolish handball marred their scoring chances. Glenelg soon forced their way forward, and from a brilliant mark, Robjent goaled.

Then Torrens took control through R. Hank, and forceful rucks, but their forwards lapsed into inaccuracy in front of goal.

They were a more polished combination, making position well and feeding their forwards.

With support from Nicholls and Glastonbury, and an elusive exhibition from McKenzie, Torrens early had the Bay defence in trouble.

But a run of points did little to clinch their better efforts further afield.

Hunt went from centre half-back into goal, and was instrumental in holding many of the Torrens attacks.

The Bays came forcefully into the play in the second quarter, when Betson began to exert an influence in the packs, and soon Torrens had lost the initiative.

Owens began to more than even things with Nicholls, and Hannaford kept the other flank open.

But Hank held firmly at the pivot, and Glenelg were forced to play wide.

The third quarter saw Glenelg still attacking, but Thiele and Sully, and further out, Ray Roberts, repeatedly repelled attacks.

Then Torrens took a turn again, and playing with a greater degree of accuracy, they piled on goals, three of which came from excellent play by McKenzie.

At the third-quarter break their margin of 16 points did not seem to make their position secure.

Fortunes continued to fluctuate, and brilliant saving by Hunt was an outstanding feature of the last term.

Half-way through the quarter players were tired, and could rarely force themselves into position.

The game finished rather lamely, with Torrens 14 points in front.

Goalkickers—Torrens: McKenzie (4), Smith, Phillips, Coverlid (each 2), W. Hank, Glastonbury, Prior, Glenelg, Hender (3), Morphet (2), Betson, Robjent, Cook, Crabbe, White, Hannaford.

Best Players—Torrens: Hank, Glastonbury, W. Hank, Smith, Sully, McKenzie, R. Roberts, Glenelg, Hunt, Robjent, Hender, Window, Owens, Corbett, Crabbe. Umpire: K. L. Aplin.

Torrens—Backs: Sully, Thiele, Kellaway. Half-backs: R. Roberts, Cox, Barnes. Centres: Nicholls, Bob Hank, Edwards. Half-forwards: Hill, Phillips, Glastonbury. Forwards: McKenzie, Coverlid, Smith, Ruck, Prior, Pyatt, W. Hank. Reserves: J. Tonkin, Morgan.

Glenelg—Backs: Corbett, Keane, Low. Half-backs: Tippins, Hunt, Window. Centres: Hannaford, Churchett, Owens. Half-forwards: Morphet, Cook, White. Forwards: Crabbe, Robjent, Hender, Ruck, Betson, Link, Haussen. Reserves: Edwards, Alcock.

WEST ALWAYS IN CHARGE AT PROSPECT

By Cyril Burley

NORTH could not cope with West's speed and vigor, and were easily beaten at Prospect. North seemed unable to raise a gallop and never looked like worrying the red-and-blacks.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4.2	10.9	12.13	16.17	115
North	0.3	2.5	4.9	5.10	40

The power of the rucks and strength across centre were big factors in West's success. Their defence, too, was particularly solid, and Faehse and B. Smith broke North's heart by the consistency with which they drove them back.

Port Kicked Their Best Score of Year

By Colin Hay

Supreme in all departments, Port had an 85-point victory over South at Alberton this afternoon. They kicked their highest score for the season—23.15.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4.2	12.7	15.7	23.15	133
South	2.5	2.5	7.8	10.8	40

It was only in the opening term, when they trailed by five points, that South offered any serious resistance. Port overwhelmed the city side when they had the slight breeze in the second quarter, and rattling on 9—5 to South's 0—2 had the match won at half-time, when they led by 62 points.

Port took things easily after half-time, but Quinn soon marshalled his forces, and the side settled down to brilliant, systematic football. They were never seriously challenged in the last half.

Goalkickers—Port: Bob McLean (6), H. Mills (4), Hoffman and Pender (3), Jolly (2), Quinn, Hall, Darling, Growden, and Kretschmer. South: O'Neil, Veitch (each 2), Templeton, Pryor, Brown, Hearn, Hill, and Laphorne.

Best Players—Port Adelaide: Roberts, McParlane, Jolly, Bob McLean, Quinn, Growden, Darling, Dayman. South: Ball (until retired), Pryor, Vaughan, O'Neil, Ryan, Edword, Veitch.

Hoskins battled hard to rally his team, but North seemed quite unable to pace it with the red-and-blacks. The only redeeming features of their play in the first half were flashes of fine marking.

North faded right out at the finish, and the bell mercifully ended a game that was even more one-sided than the scores suggested.

Goalkickers—West: Zeuner (7), Souter (3), Coad, B. Smith (2), Lee, L. Taylor. North: Hoskins (2), Woolford, Aamodt, Pedersen.

Best Players—West: Zeuner, Coad, Burckett, L. Taylor, J. Taylor, Cahill, O'Donoghue. North: Hoskins, McKay, Hogan, Burton, Bolton, West, Pedersen. Umpire: E. J. McLoughlin.