

GLENELG'S WIN OVER STURT KEEPS TORRENS IN FIGHT FOR FINAL FOUR

GLENELG kept the fight for the league football four open by a five-point win over Sturt today—their first for the season. Sturt's defeat gives Torrens, beaten today by Norwood, another chance to qualify for the finals.

Norwood returned to winning form with their runaway win over Torrens, who led early, but were beaten by 34 points.

Port registered the highest score of the day with an easy win over North at Alberton. West made certain of their place in the finals by defeating South at Adelaide Oval.

League Crowds At 24,700

ATTENDANCES at today's league football games totalled 24,700. Gate takings were £1,300.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE						
	P.	W.	L.	For	Pts.	
Norwood	15	12	3	1628	1186	24
Port	15	11	4	1440	1180	22
West	15	10	5	1552	1257	20
Sturt	15	9	6	1406	1269	18
Torrens	15	8	7	1372	1264	16
South	15	5	10	1192	1634	10
North	15	4	11	1130	1490	8
Glenelg	15	1	14	1077	1556	2

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Dalwood (Norwood)	4	68
Coad (West)	4	43
Jolly (Port)	6	46
Williams (Norwood)	2	39
Gibson (Sturt)	3	39
L. Taylor (West)	1	37
Melnes (Torrens)	—	36
Pender (Port)	4	25

Bays' Win Was Well Deserved

By Colin Hay

Glenelg deserved their five-point win over Sturt at Glenelg today. They won after a gruelling, even match, in which the lead changed seven times and the scores were equal on three occasions.

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	6.2	6.6	8.11	11.14	80
Sturt	5.2	6.10	9.15	10.15	75

THE Bays' rugged tactics and grit kept them in touch with the double-blues after they recovered from the visitors' terrific onslaught in the first six minutes, when they rushed to a four-goal lead.

Trailing 15 points with most of the last quarter remaining, Glenelg fought back gamely. When Crabbe, Masters, and Link goaled to put them three points ahead, they scented victory, and, urged on by the large Glenelg following, their play became more purposeful.

With their big men (Betson and Crabbe) gaining a new lease of life, and Masters brilliant at centre half-forward, they added another two points to win their first game since August 18 last year.

Then they defeated South at Adelaide Oval by five points.

In the closing stages Glenelg combined excellently, and, following the fine example given by Keane, with his cool-headed position play at centre half-back, they hung on tenaciously to their slight lead.

Early ruck supremacy by Giles and Schober and accurate shooting for goal gave Sturt a four-goal lead. Then Betson dominated the packs and was responsible for a determined Glenelg attack which brought them to within five points.

After 22 minutes, scores were equal, and Hender's goal as the bell was ringing gave Glenelg a six-point lead at the change.

CHANGING FORTUNES

Sturt were finding Glenelg a tough proposition, and Langley's lone goal for the second quarter snatched a slender one-point lead for Sturt 10 minutes after the second quarter opened.

Glenelg added only four behinds for the term, but Sturt gave an inglorious kicking display and added five points in a row to lead by four points at half-time. Twice during the term the scores had been equal.

With both sides fighting hard for an opening, the third term was vigorous with hard bumps being freely exchanged and at times tempers becoming slightly frayed.

Glenelg twice led by three points, but each time it was immediately wiped out, and they were down 10 points at the last change.

Best Players.—Glenelg: Crabbe, Keane, Hunt, Betson, Haussen, Morphett, Lowe. Sturt: Langley, Bartlett, Schober, Leak, Zucker, Tonkin, Potter.

Goalkickers.—Glenelg: Crabbe (4), Hender (3), Betson, Masters, Cook, Link, Sturt: Langley (4), Gibson (3), Merchant (2), Reddin.

Umpire: W. J. Edgword.

Glenelg.—Backs: Lowe, Hunt, Corbett, Half-backs: Window, Keane, Tippins, Centres: Owens, Churchett, Hannaford, Half-forwards: Cook, Masters, Morphett, Forwards: Crabbe, Hender, White, Ruck, Betson, Link, Haussen. Reserves: Croucher, Edwards.

Sturt.—Backs: Lance, Ingham, Tilley, Half-backs: Heaton, Bartlett, Crawley, Centres: Correll, Leak, Tonkin, Half-forwards: Reddin, Reynolds, Potter, Forwards: Schober, Gibson, Merchant, Ruck, Zucker, Giles, Langley, Reserves: Tester, Fry.

Flood of Goals by Norwood

By Roy Colmer

NORWOOD swamped Torrens with a flood of goals in the third quarter to win the game at Thebarton Oval today. Torrens faded badly after leading the redlegs in the first half. The redlegs kicked 10 goals straight at one stage.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	1—4	6—7	15—9	17—11	113
Torrens	2—5	6—11	8—16	10—19	79

CLEVER tactics as well as fast, purposeful football won the game for Norwood.

Torrens were a shade better in the first half, and until half-way through the second quarter held control in the rucks and in the air. Because of this, they were able to retain the initiative for long periods, but they slumped badly when they got to within kicking distance.

Some of the singles scored by Torrens were due to the bustling work of the Norwood defence, but many of the easy shots that went astray were inexcusable.

The turning point came in the second quarter. Then it was the smaller Norwood men who began to give their side leeway. The redlegs closed up the game to prevent Torrens using their pace. Once they succeeded with those tactics, the smaller men began to drop behind the riving packs to pick up the ball from the spoilers.

It was not pretty football to watch in the first half, but it was exciting, with the players fighting vigorously for the ball at close quarters.

A big change came over the game in the third quarter. Torrens cut through the Norwood defence to score two goals within a minute, but then they did not add to their goal tally until 11 minutes of the last quarter had gone.

Norwood set out to play Torrens at their own game after the blue-and-golds had run to an 18-point lead. Sawley came into the game at centre half-forward to give his best display of the season, Bell opened a road through the right half-forward wing, and a centre-line supremacy became even more pronounced.

Torrens crumbled before the onslaught, and then the Norwood rucks, with Matthews leaping high for the centre knock-out, jumped into the picture to complete the rout.

The showing by Norwood in the second half brought them right back to the form that gained them a six-point lead at the top of the premiers list earlier in the season.

Goalkickers.—Norwood: Sawley, Dalwood (each 4), Bell, Ralph (each 3), Williams (2), Danie, Torrens, Turner, W. Hank (each 2), Nicholls, Hodgins, Prior, McKenzie, Phillips, Coverlid. **Best Players.**—Norwood: Olds, Blackmore, Sawley, Dalwood, Holmesby, Oatey, Bell, Torrens: Turner, A. Roberts, R. Roberts, W. Hank, Cox, Coverlid, McKenzie. **Umpire:** K. L. Aplin.

Port's System And Speed Outclass North

By Amos Bottroff

By sheer speed and precision Port outclassed North in a disappointing game at Alberton Oval this afternoon.

	1st.	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	8.5	9.8	16.17	21.21	147
North	1.2	5.3	5.4	9.8	62

In most positions the magpies outpaced and outmarked their opponents, and their methods of disposal made North's moves look cumbersome and unfinished.

Goalkickers.—Port: Jolly (6), McLean, Pender (each 4), Mann, Hall (each 2), O'Leary, Beeching, Pash, Aamodt.

Best Players.—Port: Roberts, Jolly, Hoffman, Growden, Mills. North: Hoskins, Arbon (each 2), Donisthorpe, McLean, McParlane, Kretschmer, Mann, Pender. North: O'Leary, Arbon, Priest, Pash, Burton, Pedersen, Beeching. **Umpire:** H. W. Bunton.

South Never Had Chance Against West

By Lawrie Jervis, Jun.

WORKING with a system that gave South little chance of settling down, West ran out easy winners on the Adelaide Oval. In the first quarter, particularly, the red-and-blacks moved with a precision which made the game look easy.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	6.4	9.8	11.19	16.22	118
South	0.1	4.4	6.7	7.10	52

West opened up with the kind of football that wins premierships. They were faster, marked more surely, and made position so well that South seemed always on the wrong foot.

Goalkickers.—West: Slattery (5), Coad (4), Williams (3), Zeuner (2), L. Taylor, Cannon. South: Scott (3), Laphorne (2), Brown, Mildenhall.

Best Players.—West: L. Taylor, Burket, Zeuner, B. Smith, D. Taylor, Beaton, O'Donoghue. South: Smith, Hickinbotham, Laphorne, Hearne, Scott, Mildenhall, Ryan. **Umpire:** E. J. McLoughlin.



ENTHUSIASM ran high at Glenelg when the home side defeated Sturt by five points, and the crowd surged on to the oval. Norm Betson, who gave a sterling performance in the ruck, was carried shoulder high to the dressing room. Glenelg players found it difficult to force their way through the crowd to get to the dressing room.

"BO" Morton, Sturt coach, was one of the first into Glenelg's dressing room to offer congratulations on the Bays' first win for the season. He told them that the better team won on the day.

NORTH were a disorganised side when, early in the last quarter against Port, Hancock was carried from the field with a leg injury. Their two reserves had been called into play earlier in the game, and North had to finish with 17 men.

HIGH scoring means minutes added to a quarter. At Thebarton today 6 min. 46 sec. had to be added to the third quarter because of the tall scoring by Norwood. In one instance, the ball was lost in the crowd, and it took 69 seconds for the boundary umpires to get the ball back to the centre.

Doug Olds, Norwood and State wingman, was in grand form at Thebarton. Torrens tried three men on him in the course of the game, but he still held his wing for the redlegs.

CYL Langley, Sturt and State rover, was a doubtful starter for today's match against Glenelg. He was nursing a bad ankle, but decided to risk it. He handled the ball as much as usual.

CANNON'S powerful drop-kick in the first quarter, which got West's fourth goal, travelled every inch of 60 yards.