

# STURT SUCCESS CLINCHES PLACE IN FINAL FOUR; WEST NOW SECOND

**STURT** made certain of a place in the league football finals by defeating Torrens at Unley Oval today. West secured a grip on a second chance for the premiership by downing Port and moving into second place.

The final four will be Norwood, West, Port, Sturt. With one series of minor round games to be played, there is little chance of the rankings being altered.

Norwood scored an easy win over Glenelg to maintain a clear lead at the top of the list. In the other game North won convincingly from South.

## Torrens Outstayed at Unley

By Lawrie Jervis, jun.

**STURT** outplayed and outstayed Torrens at Unley today to clinch their place in the four, at the same time deprived the gold-and-blues of their last chance of contesting the finals.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4—2	6—3	8—8	11—15	81
Torrens	6—6	7—9	8—10	9—12	66

At any time until the last 10 minutes, Torrens had the opportunity to win if they had been good enough. At no stage of the second half was there an unbridgeable margin between the teams.

But poor forward work, which has hampered the Thebarton team throughout the season, militated against their chances again today.

Torrens made a gamble in playing Colin McInnes. The State centre half-forward looked as if he needed crutches as he "ran" on to the field before the game; he was obviously favoring his injured leg in the first few minutes of the game, and came off the field 10 minutes before the term ended.

Phillips took his place, but in the second term he wrenched a knee, and he, too, left the field. When Coverlid came on, Torrens were left without a reserve.

In the first half, Torrens looked set to win. They had yards more pace than Sturt, and were making position well. Sturt rucks, however, had the upper hand, with Schober consistently taking the hit out.

Sturt closed the game up in the second term, and it developed into a hard, slogging battle, with neither team able to obtain a clear advantage. Torrens goaled only once (Nicholls), and Sturt put on two goals (Gibson and Schober).

In the third quarter there was still little between the teams, but Sturt had Bartlett showing out, and Schober continuing his fine form.

In the last quarter, Bob Hank was transferred from centre to half-forward right, and for 15 minutes the ball did not come near him, while Glastonbury, although performing serviceably at centre, did not give Torrens an opening for attacks. Hank went back to centre in the closing minutes of the game, but it was too late.

**Goalkickers**—Sturt: Zucker (3), Gibson, Schober (2), Potter, Langley, Merchant, Reynolds. Torrens: Nicholls (3), W. Hank (2), Phillips, Kellaway, Wood, Turner.

**Best Players**—Sturt: Schober, Bartlett, Gibson, Headon, Zucker, Merchant, Lance. Torrens: Cox, Nicholls, Edwards, W. Hank, Pyatt, Mahaffey, A. Roberts. Umpire: H. W. Bunton.

## Premiership Table

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Norwood	16	13	3	1,769	1,263	26
West	16	11	5	1,647	1,329	22
Port	16	11	5	1,512	1,275	22
Sturt	16	10	6	1,487	1,305	20
Torrens	16	8	8	1,438	1,345	16
North	16	5	11	1,245	1,563	10
South	16	5	11	1,265	1,740	10
Glenelg	16	1	15	1,154	1,697	2

## Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Dalwood (Norwood)	3	63
Coad (West)	1	41
Williams (Norwood)	3	42
Gibson (Sturt)	2	41
Jolly (Port)	1	40
Pender (Port)	2	38
L. Taylor (West)	1	38
McInnes (Torrens)	—	36

## League Crowds

**ATTENDANCES** at the league football matches today totalled 32,000. Gate takings were £1,760.

## Redlegs Take Honors

By Colin Hay

Better position play and leading, a marked supremacy in the ruck, and a greater turn of speed, gave Norwood a 64-point win over Glenelg at Norwood this afternoon.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4.5	10.16	11.20	19.27	141
Glenelg	3.1	4.1	9.2	12.5	77

Only in the third quarter, when they added 5—1 to 1—4, did Glenelg have the call over the red-legs, but it had been Norwood's brilliance in the second term that gave them their winning break.

On occasions Norwood looked every bit a premiership side, as they swung into scintillating system in which snappy hand and foot passing sent the ball flashing between players advancing up the field.

However, they will need to show improvement in their goalkicking. The last quarter, when they kicked 8—7, was the only term when they scored more goals than behinds. In contrast was Glenelg's accuracy.

Glenelg were without five of last week's winning team, including Betson and Crabbe, two of their leading followers.

Norwood should have scored at least 10 goals in the second term, but behinds came in quick succession. In eight shots Sawley kicked six behinds and sent two kicks out of bounds. Sawley had played otherwise excellent football.

Masters went to full-forward—he had been outclassed by Holliday at centre half-forward—and he kicked six goals.

**Goalkickers**—Norwood: Drage (4), Williams, Dalwood, Oatey (3), Farrow (2), Blackmore, Matthews, Ralph, Sawley. Glenelg: Masters (6), Hender (2), Cook, Morohett, Window, Laffin.

**Best Players**—Norwood: Oatey, Dalwood, Blackmore, Holliday, Drage, Oids, Buee, Glenelg: Corbett, Hunt, Window, Masters, Bullock, Hender, Robjett. Umpire—E. J. McLoughlin.

**Norwood**—Backs: Matthews, Warhurst, Holmesby. Half-backs: Bugg, Holliday, Giles. Centres: Bell, Blackmore, Oids. Half-forwards: Farrow, Sawley, Burke. Forwards: Drage, Williams, Ralph. Ruck: Dalwood, Johns, Oatey. Reserves: Roberts, Dansie.

**Glenelg**—Backs: Corbett, Hunt, Low. Half-backs: Tippins, Keane, Hannaford. Centres: Lucas, Robjett, Bullock. Half-forwards: Morphet, Masters, Cook. Forwards: Laffin, Hender, Harry, Ruck. Window, Link, Haussen. Reserves: Boots, Edwards.

Umpire—E. J. McLoughlin. Estimated attendance, 5,000.

**RAY** Hunt, consistent Glenelg and State full back, was presented with a cheque for having completed 100 games with the Bays before today's match against Norwood. The presentation was made by Glenelg chairman ("Cappy" Rix).

**NORWOOD'S** eighteenth goal was the most loudly cheered for the match at Norwood. It was the first that Bert Sawley had kicked, and made his record for the game—1 goal, 8 behinds, and two out of bounds.

## Firm Defence Held Port at Bay

By Roy Colmer

West's victory over Port at Adelaide Oval today was a triumph for a water-tight defence. Although the magpies held a lead at half-time, West played the better football all through, and well deserved their win.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	3—5	6—8	11—16	13—17	95
Port	4—0	8—2	9—6	10—12	72

The game was not without its anxious moments for West, but this was due more to their inaccurate kicking for goal than anything else.

West started the game with great confidence, and although hard pressed at times, they never became rattled. Their early superiority was due primarily to a clear-cut advantage across centre, and the strong work of their followers.

Laurie Taylor countered the Port packs with exceptional leaping for the knock-out at the centre bounces, and this was maintained for the greater part of the game.

West did everything right until they got within range, and then their game fell away. It was noticeable early in the piece that the West defence would worry Port.

The red-and-black defenders went about their work like first-class tradesmen. They never gave the opposing forwards an inch of room, and there was always a team mate leading away for the man in possession.

Port, too, were well served by their defence early, and it became clear that it would be a grim struggle.

The break in the game came in the third quarter when the Port defence crumbled under pressure. Then Colin Smith jumped into the limelight with a brilliant spell of high marking. Smith kicked badly, but his play had the effect of temporarily shattering the magpie defence.

West might well have thrown the game away because they scored seven singles in eight scoring shots at one stage of the third quarter.

It was the West defence that saved the day. Port owed their scoring chances late in the first quarter and again in the second, to a pick-up across centre.

It was Roberts who led them again in the last quarter, combined with a fine spell of roving by Quinn. However, Port lost their early accuracy, and although they had the chances to pull the game out of the fire, they threw them away by bad kicking.

**Goalkickers**—West: Williams, Slattery (3), Zeuner, Cannon (2), C. Smith, L. Taylor, Coad. Port: R. McLean, Hoffman, Pender (2), Quinn, Roberts, Jolly, Schumann.

**Best Players**—West: Faehse, D. Taylor, Burkett (until injured), Semmler, C. Smith, B. Smith, J. Taylor. Port: Dayman, L. McLean, Roberts, R. McLean, Quinn, Hoffman, Hall.

Umpire: L. J. Quinn.

## North Ran Away In Last Quarter

By Amos Bottroff

After an even three quarters North by sheer speed at Prospect today held South scoreless in the last quarter, and combining well won by 33 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	1—1	8—6	10—9	15—16	106
South	4—7	7—9	10—13	10—13	73

**Goalkickers**—North: Hoskins (4), Griffen, Aamodt (3), Pedersen, Hevlen, Beeching, Edwards, Martin. South: Pryor (3), Deane, Scott, Mildenhall (2), Hearn.

**Best Players**—North: Hoskins, Burton, Hogan (until injured), Pash, Beeching, Aamodt. South: Boyle, Hickinbotham, Smith, Ball, Deane, Laphorne. Umpire—K. L. Aplin.