

# DAY OF THRILLING FOOTBALL FINISHES; BIGGEST MARGIN, 11 PTS.

THRILLING finishes were seen in all league football matches today to leave Norwood, Port, and South the only unbeaten teams. Eleven points was the widest winning margin for the day, Sturt holding the honor with their win over Glenelg.

South scraped home by three points in a game of sustained brilliant speed against West at Adelaide. Port had only nine points to spare against North.

Torrens provided one of the thrills of the day by a brilliant uphill finish against Norwood to cut a 46-point deficit at three-quarter time to 10 points.

## Sturt Finished Too Strongly for Bays

By C. Starr

Superior pace and position play enabled Sturt to defeat Glenelg by 11 points at Glenelg Oval. Sturt forwards scored 11 goals from 34 scoring shots.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3—5	5—10	9—13	11—23	89
Glenelg	1—4	7—5	10—10	11—12	78

After a sluggish opening by both teams, Sturt's forward line led by their small men, gave their side eight scoring shots to score three goals five behinds.

The moving force in the Sturt attack was Langley, whose tigerish roving in the second quarter enabled Sturt to be within striking distance of Glenelg at half-time.

Brilliant clearing dashes by Hunt for Glenelg turned many dangerous thrusts by Sturt, and he safely held the full-back position all day.

In this quarter a magnificent ruck display by Betson for Glenelg enabled them to turn a deficit of 13 points to a seven-point advantage at the long change.

Brilliant high marking and long kicking by players of both sides raised the enthusiasm of the crowd. The Glenelg defence led by Hunt, Keane, and Robjert closely checked the Sturt forwards, and forced them off the target.

With a reshuffle of positions after half-time, owing to injuries to Leak and Tilley, Sturt staged a stirring recovery.

Hausen, roving for Glenelg, showed plenty of courage in going into the crushes, and created numerous opportunities for the forwards.

After the lead had sea-sawed several times, Watts regained it for the tigers with an angle shot reminiscent of Jack Owens.

Sturt were badly off the target in the last quarter when they scored only two goals from 12 scoring shots.

Clever handball by the Sturt defenders often got the ball away from the danger zone, and during the course of the game they hit the post on four occasions.

Ingham, at full-back for Sturt, continued to dominate the play, while Hockney, in a forward pocket, did many serviceable things in the last quarter.

Glenelg—Backs: Hall, Hunt, Corbett. Half-backs: Lipp, Keane, Robjert. Centres: Croucher, Askew, N. Edwards. Half-forwards: Low, Cock, Window. Forwards: Austen, Watts, Burt, Rucks; Betson, Wedd, Hausen, Hender (19th), Owens (20th).

Sturt—Backs: Bagshaw, Ingham, Lance. Half-backs: Tuohy, Crawley, Bartlett. Centres: Tonkin, Leak, House. Half-forwards: L. G. Giles, Hockney, Gibson. Forwards: Merchant, Reynolds, Schober. Ruck: Zucker, Whelan, Langley, Correll (19th).

Tilley (injured back) replaced by Hockney in the first quarter. Umpire: H. W. Bunton. Estimated attendance: 4,000.

Best Players—Sturt: Ingham, Langley, Gibson, Giles, Hockney, Zucker, Crawley, Bartlett. Glenelg: Hunt, Betson, Keane, Hausen, Austen, Lipp, Window.

Goalkeepers—Sturt: Langley (1); Reynolds, Gibson, Hockney each (2); Giles, Merchant. Glenelg: Betson (3); Hausen, Austen each (2); Burt, Low, Window, White.

## South's Speed Beat West

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	5—5	6—9	10—11	11—18	84
West	3—2	6—3	10—7	12—9	81

Goalkeepers—South: Laphorne (1); Templeton, Pryor, Vetch, Apin (2). West: L. Taylor (1); C. Smith (2); Coad, Cannon, Groves.

Best Players—South: Templeton, Apin, Parnell, Pryor, Smith, Balnaves, Ryan. West: L. Taylor, Leesue, Burkett, Pacha, Cahill, B. Smith, Semmler.

## Port Were All Out To Defeat North

By Keith Butler

Port received a surprise at Prospect Oval today when they trailed a weakened North side for the greater part of the match, and after a hard slogging last quarter managed to take the lead and win by nine points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4—4	8—5	12—10	16—13	109
North	4—4	9—12	12—13	14—16	100

Port looked a far stronger side on paper than did North, but were not so good on the field when North closed the game up after a scambly beginning.

After Port ran away to a 17-point lead, North took control, and, playing away from Roberts at centre, drove through Pash at centre wing to get the ball to the forwards.

The Port half-backs in particular were not sticking to their men, and allowed them to get a break of several yards.

Hoskins held his own with Bob McLean in the ruck duels during the second quarter, and with Arbon's tenacious roving, North took the lead, although their kicking was poor—only five goals from 13 shots.

Port brought Jolly on to the ball, and had McLean at full-forward, but they could not stem North's rushes from the bounce. North were 13 points up at half-time.

Four minutes after the start of the third quarter Port had drawn level. They had far the better of the close work, and forced the ball goalwards with everything they had.

Their kicking was accurate, and they might have scored a good deal more but for the magnificent defending of Bolton.

Although the Port half-backs stayed closer to their men, North's two half-forwards, Beeching and Mitchison, continued to pave the way for most of their team's goals.

On three occasions during the third quarter the scores were level, and it was anyone's game with North three points in front at the last change.

Some scambly play in the back lines by North half-way through the last quarter let Port in to score goals from Jolly and Dayman, and they had a 10-point lead with five minutes to play.

North had a chance, but Woolford foolishly over-ran in the forward lines. North were not quite good enough on the day.

Best Players—Port: Hoffmann, A. R. McLean, Quinn, Serotzki, Dolman, Skelley, Roberts. North: Arbon, Pash, Bolton, O'Leary, Beeching, Revien, Mitchinson.

Goalkeepers—Port: Jolly (3), Growden (1). A. R. McLean, Hoffmann each (2), Quinn, Skelley, Dayman, Mills. North: O'Leary (4), Woolford, Arbon each (3), Revien (2), Hoskins, Beeching.

## Big Crowds At Football

Gate takings at league football matches today showed another big increase over the corresponding series last season.

The secretary of the South Australian National Football League (Mr. T. S. Hill) said that the takings today were £1,438, against £596 last year.

### Premiership Table

	P	W.	L.	Pts. for	Pts. agst.	Pre.
Norwood	2	2	—	237	184	4
Port	2	2	—	192	166	4
South	2	2	—	182	165	4
West	2	1	1	188	181	2
Sturt	2	1	1	186	185	2
Glenelg	2	—	2	162	187	—
Torrens	2	—	2	172	200	—
North	2	—	2	177	229	—

### Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
L. Taylor (West)	7	18
Dalwood (Norwood)	7	9
Cocks (Norwood)	7	7
Jolly (Port)	5	7
Betson (Glenelg)	3	4
McInnes (Torrens)	3	6
O'Leary (North)	4	6
Pryor (Torrens)	4	6
Vetch (South)	2	6

## W.T. Rally Rattled Norwood

By Cyril Burley

A MAGNIFICENT late run by Torrens, 46 points down at three-quarter time and 10 points behind at the finish, lifted the Kensington game from a mediocre display of vigor to a thrilling spectacle.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	7.4	9.9	13.78	16.23	127
Torrens	8.4	5.7	9.8	16.11	107

Reeling from the impetus of a tigerish last-term burst by Torrens, the redlegs just struggled home after having looked unbeatable. With another five minutes Torrens, who outscored Norwood by seven goals to one in the last term, would probably have won.

Norwood owed their victory largely to their powerful rucking, consistency in the air, and the robust tactics of their defenders.

Setting at rattling pace, Norwood soon had Torrens right off balance and opened a fusillade which gave them what proved to be a winning break. Play in the Torrens forward lines was more crowded than elsewhere because of the smothering tactics of the redleg defence.

### LEEWAY REDUCED

Torrens occasionally cleared with fast, systematic dashes, which spent themselves on the powerful Norwood outer bastion.

Halfway through the second term, Torrens began to pace it with the redlegs, and smooth position play saw their leeway reduced by four goals without reply from Norwood.

After the interval, Norwood switched from short, sharp leads to long, driving kicks down the centre, obviously designed to get the ball as expeditiously as possible to the glut-like hands of Dalwood.

By the dash with which they began the last term, Torrens appeared undaunted by their 46-point deficit. Speed carried them in for three goals from McInnes, who had been switched to permanent full-forward, and one from Hodgins.

Bob Hank's brilliant play at centre was largely responsible for Torrens' spirited recovery. Torrens turned on a terrific burst of speed near the finish, but just failed to overwhelm the redleg defence.

Best Players—Norwood: Oatey, Holmesby, Dalwood, Olds, Warhurst, Way, Torrens, R. Hank, McInnes, R. Roberts, W. Hank, Pryor, Coad. Goalkeepers—Norwood: Dalwood (1), Cocks, Williams, Drage (2), Blackmore, Oatey, Giles. Torrens: McInnes, Pryor (3), Turner (3), Nicholls, Phillips, Hodgins.