

# REDLEGS, TRAILING FOR 3 QUARTERS, DOWN TORRENS IN THRILLING FINISH

**NORWOOD** scored a fine win over Torrens in the main league football match today to retain top place on the premiership list. The red-legs, scoreless in the first quarter, did not take the lead until the thrilling last quarter.

West won with a last-minute burst against South at Adelaide Oval after a particularly fast and even game. South led until just near the bell, when they were unable to withstand a desperate finish by the red-and-blacks.

Sturt scored a comfortable win over Glenelg at Unley Oval after scores were level at the end of the first quarter. By their win the double-blues drew level for fourth place with Torrens.

## Norwood's Dogged Comeback

By Roy Colmer

**SHEER** determination enabled Norwood to win. Torrens appeared to have the game well in hand at one stage but they could not withstand Norwood's dogged finishing effort which gave them 7-2 to 3-1 in the last term.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	0-0	6-2	9-6	16-8	104
Torrens	1-4	7-8	10-10	13-11	89

**ONE** move played a big part in Norwood's win. They broke down very badly at half-forward for three quarters, and then Williams, who had been shifted to centre half-forward in the third quarter, came right into the game. He opened a way to goal for the redlegs, kicked three of his five goals in the quarter, and took a big hand in the redleg victory.

Torrens had an opportunity to run on a winning score in the first quarter. For most of the time, Norwood never had the ball past the Torrens half-back line, where Ray Roberts turned them repeatedly.

While having nine-tenths of the play, Torrens threw away their supremacy by bad kicking. They made mistakes everywhere in front of centre.

The game all through the first quarter was as ragged as a scarecrow.

### Way in Form

It was not until Torrens scored four goals in quick time early in the second quarter that the game reached anything like recognised league standards.

The burst by Torrens roused Norwood. Their recovery was due mainly to a lion-hearted effort by Kay, who kicked the first three scores by Norwood—two goals and a behind—about 10 minutes after the start of the quarter.

Norwood were in a desperate position up to that stage. Oatey swung Dalwood on the ball to allow Way to go to full forward, and the move was a success, because Way gave the Torrens defenders their first serious opposition.

### Turning Point

Working Dalwood as a follower in short bursts, Norwood broke even in the rucks with Torrens throughout the third quarter. There was little between the teams then.

Gallagher shaded Bob Hank at centre throughout the quarter and, if anything, Norwood had the better of the centre wing duels.

The turning point in the game came in the last quarter when Williams opened a road to goal for Norwood through centre half-forward.

There was another big factor in the win. Oatey, who played quietly for three quarters, did many clever and effective things when Torrens attempted to fight back after losing the lead.

Playing between his half-back and half-forward lines, Oatey played both a defending and an attacking role. He started many of Norwood's winning drives in the last quarter with accurate foot-passing to the player in position.

From the team point of view, the win was a compliment to the determination and physical fitness of the redlegs, because no team even slightly below match condition could have pulled the game out of the fire.

**Goalkickers**—Norwood: Williams (5), Way, Dalwood (3), Oatey, Drage, O'Connor, Oids, Bell. Torrens: Prior (4), Turner (3), Hodgins, McInnes (2), Martin, Phillips.

**Best Players**—Norwood: Way, Bugg, Holliday, Gallagher, Williams, Roberts, Oatey, Torrens; R. Roberts, Cox, Turner, Prior, Wood, Phillips, Bob Hank. Estimated attendance, 10,000.

### Premiership Table

	P.	W.	L.	Points For	Points Against	Pos.
Norwood	8	7	1	874	610	14
West	8	6	2	815	677	12
Port	7	6	1	618	532	12
Torrens	8	4	4	745	692	8
Sturt	8	4	4	733	711	8
North	7	2	5	680	714	4
South	8	2	6	660	808	6
Glenelg	8	—	8	535	788	—

### Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Dalwood (Norwood)	3	30
McInnes (Torrens)	2	31
L. Taylor (West)	—	22
Coad (West)	4	22
Turner (Torrens)	3	21
Jolly (Port)	—	21
Prior (Torrens)	4	21
Williams (Norwood)	5	20
Gibson (Sturt)	3	17

## Sturt Defeat Glenelg By 47 Pts.

By Amos Bottroff

Snatching a ruck superiority from Glenelg midway through the third quarter, Sturt unwound a paralysing burst of vigorous football to win by 47 points at Unley Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4-4	10-5	14-7	28-10	130
Glenelg	4-4	7-9	11-10	12-11	83

With their ruckmen outplaying the Sturt following division, and their forwards opening up well, Glenelg went away to a 16-point lead before Sturt could offer any great resistance.

Glenelg held an advantage on the centre wings, too, and looked like a side capable of holding the double-blues.

Whelan then began to exert an influence in ruck for Sturt, and his co-operation with Langley and Leak at the pivot, gave the Sturt forwards more chances.

Potter's speed and Reynolds' experience in making position gave the double-blues further power in attack, enabling them to even with Glenelg at the first change-over.

Glenelg regained the lead with tigerish efforts from Austen and Corbett, but they were soon overhauled as Reynolds and Gibson piled on six goals between them.

Sturt's forward play was in contrast to that of Glenelg. They made greater use of their fewer forward drives against stubborn resistance, whereas Glenelg had the ball constantly forward of centre, but could not score.

### WILLING EXCHANGES

The game became more willing as it progressed, and players threw themselves into the fray with many heated exchanges ensuing.

This did not detract from the standard of play, but had the crowd on its feet shouting.

Neither side could gain a decisive break as the ball saw-sawed from end to end, and it was only when Bagshaw and Schober began to exhibit their real form that Sturt took complete charge.

Opportunities at Sturt's goal-front were soon evident. Potter, Merchant, and Gibson combined in forward drives, which Glenelg were powerless to frustrate, and even Masters' fine efforts became ineffective.

While they plastered their goals to score more than six goals, Sturt held Glenelg to one.

**Goalkickers**—Sturt: Gibson (5), Reynolds (4), Potter, Langley (each 3), Merchant, Reddin (each 2), Giles, Glenelg, Crabbe (3), Disher, Maxwell (each 2), Austen, Croucher, Owens, White, Betson.

**Best Players**—Sturt: Whelan, Reynolds, Ingham, Langley, Potter, Leak, Gibson, Glenelg; Austen, Crabbe, Masters, Corbett, Owens, Maxwell, Robert.

Estimated attendance, 3,500.

**Sturt**—Backs: Bagshaw, Ingham, Headon. Half-backs: Crawley, Tilley, Bartlett. Centres: May, Leak, D. A. Cameron. Half-forwards: Potter, Reynolds, L. G. Giles. Forwards: Merchant, Gibson, Schober, Ruck; Reddin, Whelan, Langley, D. J. Cameron (19th), Price (20th).

**Glenelg**—Backs: Austen, Hunt, Masters. Half-backs: Lipp, Keane, Robert. Centres: Haussen, Cook, Croucher. Half-forwards: Franklin, Maxwell, Window. Forwards: Disher, Betson, White, Ruck; Crabbe, Corbett, Owens, Tippins (19th), Goodwin (20th).

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**A HIGHLIGHT** of the South-West game at Adelaide Oval was a "soccering" effort by D. Taylor, West half-back. He lifted the ball high, and sent it 50 yards down the field.

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**ROSS** Reynolds performed a miracle mark at Unley Oval after flying high against opposition. Winding the ball round his neck with one hand as he fell, he held it precariously on his back with the other one. His four goals today were the result of clever play.

## West Won With Final Burst

By Cyril Burley

West staged a paralysing last-minute run to defeat South by 16 points at Adelaide Oval. South snatched the lead with a great burst with seven minutes to go, but could not measure up to the speed and precision of West's counter-offensive.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4-1	9-4	11-14	15-18	108
South	3-1	6-8	10-6	14-8	92

Faster leading out and cleaner handling of the ball gave West the better of the early exchanges.

South early made the mistake of playing to the soggy centre patch, when Brown was getting the better of the duel with Burkett.

This slowed down their drives, while West raced round the flanks to hit the front. Brown launched several South thrusts which were foiled by Faehse, J. Taylor, Cahill, and Agars.

Late in the term South evened the pace, but again found the red-and-black defence too solid.

Although losing in the ruck South took the initiative in the second term, mainly through the dash of Scott and Laphorne. Scott was particularly elusive in attack, and kicked four goals straight.

Regaining their first-term aerial ascendancy after the interval, West battled hard to reduce their lee-way. However, bustling tactics by the South defence robustly led by Hickenbotham, kept them down to three points before Jolley and Lee broke the run and evened the scores.

At this stage, West's decisive ruck advantage and nippy field play looked like giving them a handy break. However, their attacks faltered under the fiery South tackling.

Time after time West's smooth system carried them goalward, only to see the move stifled at the goalfront. A sustained offensive, which should have been worth several goals yielded only a goal each from Leesue and Canill.

Players hit the turf hard and often in the vigorous duel for mastery in the last term. South put everything they had into an effort to overtake the red-and-blacks.

West defended magnificently after Scott had goaled for them, but wilted before a four-goal

offensive which gave the blue-and-whites a two-point lead with seven minutes to go.

Undeterred, West countered with a dazzling finishing burst which South could not withstand.

**Goalkickers**—West: Coad (4), C. Smith (3), Scott, Cahill, Leesue, Jolly, Lee, Slattery, Cannon, Zeuner, South; Scott (5), Laphorne (4), Hearn (2), White, Dean, Templeton.

**Best Players**—West: Cahill, C. Smith, J. Taylor, Mackay, B. Smith, Slattery, Agars, South, Hickenbotham, Scott, Laphorne, Brown, Haines, Dean, White. Umpire: R. L. S. Buttery. Estimated attendance, 7,500.

## Port Likely To Beat North

The selected Port team and the probable North placings are:—

(Porte kicking up and names underneath)		
Hoxan Jolly		
Priest Fender	Barbery Dangerfield	
Pedersen Pedersen	McKay Dayman	Bolton Williams
West Greer	Aasmott Roberts	Pash Hoffman
Cearns Schumann	Reeching L. McLean	Cox Wieser
Morse McFarlane	Hoskins Tapp	
Shaw Fletcher		
Rucks—Port: R. McLean, Mills, Quinn; Dangerfield, Tapp, Fender, North; O'Leary, Burton, Arbon; Hoskins, Barbery, Morse.		
Reserves—Port: Dodson, Maynard, North; Phillips, Woolford, Heylen.		
Umpire: R. W. Bunton.		