

STURT IN FOURTH PLACE WITH DECISIVE WIN OVER WEST

STURT gained fourth place on the league football premiership list as the result of a convincing win over West at Adelaide Oval this afternoon.

Norwood withstood a last-quarter rally by North to win by five points at Prospect. The redlegs are still at the top of the list.

Glenslg showed greatly improved form to run South to a four-point margin at Glenslg Oval. Port returned to winning form to take the points from Torrens at Alberton. The defeat put Torrens in fifth place.

Double-Blues Called the Tune

By ROY COLMER

STURT never appeared in danger of defeat by West. The double-blues called the tune all day, smothered the West attack early, and then riced the red-and-blacks off their feet when they opened out later. Sturt well deserved their 25-point victory.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt . . .	1—1	6—7	12—8	15—12	102
West . . .	1—9	1—9	6—11	10—17	77

STURT won the game in the first quarter, not so much by their scoring but by the effect of their tactics on the West eighteen.

Special plans are never any good unless the men carrying them out know their job. That was where Sturt were fortunate today. They decided to play a loose man in defence when West won the toss. Giles carried out the plan to perfection.

Playing a will-o'-the-wisp game between half-back and centre, he

had West a bewildered side long before the first change. West must have thought Sturt had two teams on the field in the first quarter.

Goalkickers—Sturt: Giles, Potter (each 4), Merchant (3), Gibson (2), Schober, D. A. Cameron. West: Coad (3), Lee (3), Smith, Zeuner.

Best Players—Sturt: Giles, Tilley, Merchant, Whelan, Ingham, Langley, Potter, West, Faehse, Coad, C. Smith, Lewis, Lee, B. Smith, Slattery.

Umpire, K. L. Aplin
Estimated attendance, 11,000

Premiership Table

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Norwood	9	8	1	952	689	16
Port	9	7	2	784	702	14
West	9	6	3	892	779	12
Sturt	9	5	4	835	788	10
Torrens	9	4	5	825	792	8
North	9	3	6	761	858	6
South	9	3	6	765	949	4
Glenslg	9	-	9	616	873	-

Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Dalwood (Norwood)	3	42
McInnes (Torrens)	1	32
Coad (West)	5	27
Jolly (Port)	5	27
L. Taylor (West)	-	22
Turner (Torrens)	1	22
Prior (Torrens)	-	21
Williams (Norwood)	1	21

South Lasted Just Long Enough

By Amos Bottroff

Because of their superiority in the second quarter, when all sections combined in a long kicking, open game, South were able to stave off last-minute defeat by a challenging Glenslg side at the Bay oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	2.2	8.6	9.6	13.7	85
Glenslg	4.6	5.6	9.12	11.15	81

Glenslg posted the last three scoring shots for the day, and only tenacious defence and unselfish individual efforts, in which Haines and Hickenbotham starred, saved South.

Battling along early in a game little more purposeful than a well-played B Grade tussle, first South and then Glenslg made opportunities.

After half the first quarter had gone the game improved, but there was still far too much muddling.

Brown was quieter than usual at centre, but Robjent was playing soundly and relished his old position.

Play moved over most parts of the ground, but generally both defences were too solid for their opposing forwards.

Time and again Ryan and Hickenbotham offered formidable opposition to Glenslg's forward drives, and cleared with long, telling kicks.

MASTERS IN FORM

Masters played a lone hand in Glenslg's outer defence, and Hunt performed excellently as custodian, but South created a superior following division, and combined well in most departments to overwhelm the Bay side.

They overhauled a 16-point lead, and led by 18 points at half-time.

Hunt was switched to centre half-back to oppose Pryor, and Keane went into goal.

The move proved a great success, as Hunt outmanoeuvred and outmarked Pryor, and held South's main avenue of attack.

The game improved greatly, and Glenslg found a new lease of life.

Owens, Cock, Crabbe, and Tipples all came into the play with new vigor.

The lead changed hands, but South regained it through Templeton's position play, and as Glenslg hammered away in desperation South hung on to win by four points.

Goalkickers—South: Smith (4), Pryor, Hearn, Scott (each 3), Deane, Hall, Templeton, Glenslg: Owen (4), Cock, Crabbe, White (each 3), Dishar.

Best Players—South: Hickenbotham, Smith, Ball, Ryan, Templeton, Haines, Edgewood, Glenslg: Masters, Hunt, Robjent, Lipp, Austen, Cock, Crabbe.
Umpire: H. W. Buntion.
Estimated attendance, 1,300

Glenslg—Backs: Austen, Hunt, Tipples, Half-backs: Lipp, Keane, Masters, Centres: Haussen, Robjent, Croucher, Half-forwards: Millard, Cock, Window, Forwards: Owens, Dishar, Betson, Ruck, Crabbe, Corbett, White, Franklin (19th), Goodwin (20th).

Redlegs Win In Keen Finish By North

By Cecil Starr

A FINE ruck effort by O'Leary paved the way for the second half North revival which nearly brought victory over Norwood at Prospect today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	5.4	7.7	10.10	11.12	78
North	2.0	3.6	7.11	10.13	75

North looked a beaten side at half-time when Norwood led by 25 points after what had been a most disappointing display by both teams. Faulty handling and mis-kicking by many players enabled the backlines of both teams to turn attacks with ease.

After an auspicious first quarter Dalwood faded and did not score again.

In the second half Oatey played cleverly. Falling back in defence he repeatedly turned dangerous thrusts by North.

McKay, North centre half-back, and Pedersen continued to play safe, reliable football, and Pash, at centre, was probably North's most reliable man.

GOOD TACTICS

In an exciting last-quarter North made a valiant effort, and with Arbon roving well, North had many opportunities to score.

Warhurst was using good tactics in clearing, and punched from behind to spoil the high-marking North full-forward.

In an attempt to stop O'Leary's ruck effort Oatey threw Dalwood into the pack, but North were on the offensive for most of the quarter, and with two minutes to go North trailed by five points, with the ball in mid-field at the bell.

Both sides had 23 scoring shots, Norwood's straighter kicking giving them the advantage.

Goalkickers—Norwood: Dalwood (3), Wave, Drage (each 2), Oatey, Sawles, Olds, Williams. North: Hogan, Arbon (each 3), Hoskins, Cearns, Woolford, Morse.

Best Players—Norwood: Oatey, Wav, Olds, Warhurst, Bell, Williams. North: Pash, Arbon, Hogan, Pederson. West: Burton, McKay.

Umpire: H. D. Carter.
Estimated attendance, 8,000

South—Backs: Ball, Haines, Ryan, Half-backs: Vaughan, Hickenbotham, Temple, Centres: Parnell, Brown, Edgewood, Half-forwards: Deane, Pryor, Templeton, Forwards: Cockburn, Smith, Scott, Ruck: Hearn, Bainaves, Lapthorne, Hill (19th), Shipp (20th).

PORT BEAT TORRENS IN THE AIR

By Cyril Burley

Port defeated Torrens in a hard, fast game at Alberton by gaining an aerial ascendancy late in the third term, and maintaining it to the end.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1.4	4.13	9.17	13.22	100
Torrens	3.10	4.15	7.21	10.22	82

Although marred by erratic kicking for goal, it was a good game to watch. It was remarkably even until Port won the marking duel, and was often fought at electrifying speed.

With a strong wind behind them, Torrens went in at break-neck speed and looked like piling up a handy lead. However, shot after shot went astray as they bombarded the Port defences.

It looked at this stage as though Torrens were throwing the game away soon after it began, because Port could be expected to make better use of the breeze.

Port appeared to have done a great job in holding the gold-and-blues to an 18-point margin in the first term, but after the change of ends they broke down as completely in attack as had Torrens.

Inspired by Bob Quinn's brilliant roving, the magpies battled hard to catch Torrens, but the gold-and-blues, notably Thiele and Cox, defended so sturdily that they found the job beyond them.

In fact, Torrens took the initiative against the wind, and half-way through the second term had their 18-point lead back.

Their ascendancy across centre and clean handling of the ball were the main factors in Torrens' superiority at this stage. However, the advantage changed when Roberts at centre and Hoffman at centre wing flashed into the picture late in the term.

The third term began with the best football of the game. Marking and kicking well, both teams fought a thrilling duel. With the scores level, 6—16 each, Torrens found the Port defence too solid to let them take full toll of the wind.

Magnificent roving by Quinn, brilliant play by Roberts at centre, and a swift snatching of aerial supremacy were the highlights of a smashing Port counter-offensive which proved to be the turning point in the game.

Best Players—Port: Quinn, Roberts, A. R. McLean, Pender, Jolly, L. G. McLean, Dangerfield. Torrens: Pyatt, McInnes, Hodgins, Nicholls, Ray, Hank, Thiele, Wood.

Goalkickers—Port: Jolly (5), Pender (3), Quinn, Dangerfield (each 2), R. McLean. Torrens: Hodgins (4), Martin, Ray, Hank (each 3), Turner, McInnes.
Umpire: R. L. S. Buttery.
Estimated attendance, 7,000