

TODAY'S FOOTBALL

NORWOOD AND PORT FAIL, TORRENS ON TOP AGAIN

NORWOOD and Port, two of the top teams in league football, were beaten today to give a new twist to the premiership fight. Torrens are on top again because of a percentage advantage over the redlegs, who lost to Sturt.

West sprang a surprise by their defeat of Port at Alberton after a grim fight. This performance brings West well into the race for the finals.

North kept on level terms with Sturt by defeating South at Adelaide Oval. Torrens scored an easy win over Glenelg in the other league game.

Sturt Strong in Ruck

By ROY COLMER

Schober in the ruck, Tilley at centre half-back, and Ingham at full back played important parts in the Sturt win over Norwood. Ruck strength gave the double-blues their winning break in the third quarter, and a powerful defence held Norwood at bay in the last term, scoreless for the Unley side.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3—9	6—10	11—15	11—15	81
Norwood	0—3	5—6	6—8	9—10	64

Goalkeepers—Sturt: Pynor (3), Cave, Cobb (each 2), Langley, Schober, L. G. Giles, Merchant. Norwood: Way, Dan- sie, Dalwood (each 2), Oatey, Williams, Johns.
Best Players—Sturt: Schober, Tilley, Ingham, Langley, Black, Headon, Yeo. Norwood: Olds, Giles, Gallagher, Black- more, Roberts, Oatey, Dan- sie.

Next Week's Games

South v. Sturt, Adelaide Oval.
Port v. North, Alberton Oval.
Glenelg v. West, Glenelg Oval.
Norwood v. Torrens, Kensington Oval.

Premiership Table

	P.	W.	L.	Points For	Points Ag.	Pts.
Torrens	10	8	2	1000	812	18
Norwood	10	8	2	1013	875	18
Port	10	7	3	967	849	14
Sturt	10	5	5	944	847	10
North	10	5	5	949	901	10
West	10	4	6	912	965	8
South	10	2	8	834	1083	4
Glenelg	10	1	9	866	1153	2

Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Lehmann (North)	13	50
A. R. McLean (Port)	1	37
Pryor (South)	4	34
Pynor (Sturt)	3	33
Churchett (Glenelg)	5	29
Way (Norwood)	2	26
Langley (Sturt)	1	26
Prior (Torrens)	7	24

Torrens Finished Better Than Bays

By Ray Barber

Torrens, with a finishing run that put 6—5 on the board in the last quarter, defeated Glenelg by 42 points at Glenelg Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	2—6	8—11	11—13	17—18	120
Glenelg	3—4	4—9	8—11	11—12	78

TORRENS started the last term with a 20-point credit balance, but the Bays crept to within nine points with half the quarter gone. Then the Thebarton side took control in the rucks, outpaced Glenelg, and battered their defence to pieces.

There was not much to enthuse about in the game, and the first half was just a succession of scrambles. Torrens had their centre line mainly to thank for their win.

Bob Hank started them off by dominating the pivot in their first quarter, and his team had 2—3 up before Glenelg did anything about it.

Then Crabb and Laffin took hold of the ruck situation, which put their side four points ahead at the first change.

But soon after Torrens struck form, and they were well in front at half-time.

Prior's long arms at full forward was a danger spot for Glenelg, and his teammates took advantage of his height by playing the ball high when they saw him having success in going from the front to mark.

Churchett, on the other hand, took three quarters to copy these tactics, and he didn't mark over Commans until the last 25 minutes.

Torrens were always able to go through their wings with safety, and both McKenzie and Edwards had a field day.

In the third term the Bays outscored Torrens when they attacked through Donaldson at half-forward right. With pacy leading and safe marking, he was the best on the ground in this period.

Laffin struck a purple patch at the centre bounce early in the last quarter, and with the ball whisked away to Churchett on the loose. Churchett clapped on three goals straight to give the Bays a chance.

But Torrens drew on their reserves of pace, and poise to put the result beyond doubt.

Goalkickers—Torrens: Prior (7), Coverlid (4), Mehaffey (2), Wood, Hutchinson, Pyatt, Phillips. Glenelg: Churchett (5), White (2), Crabb, McPherson, Woodard, Donaldson.

Best Players—Torrens: Coverlid, McKenzie, R. Hank, Prior, Edwards, Cox, Pyatt, Glenelg: Donaldson, Wood- lard, Masters, Crabb, Laffin, Haussen, Robjent.

32,000 SEE MATCHES

ATTENDANCES at league football matches today totalled 32,000 an increase of 6,000 over the corresponding series of games last season.

The attendance at Unley Oval for the game between Sturt and Norwood was 14,000.

Captains On The Play

Gil Langley (Sturt)—We were faster to the ball. Our all-round brilliance, tenacity, and determination won the game.

Jack Oatey (Norwood)—Sturt were too strong in the third quarter, playing it all over us. In one department where we expected to be on top, they over-ran us all day.

Johnny Taylor (West)—In the crucial moments West pulled better as a team. We lasted better when the pressure was on.

Bob Quinn (Port)—They were a little too good for us. I thought their open forward play was excellent. That won them the game.

Alan Burton (North)—Our forwards were on top throughout, and made full use of every opportunity. South were unlucky to lose Pryor. He might have made a difference to the scoring.

Laurie Cahill (South)—We were too lackadaisical in the first three quarters and our effort was too late.

Bob Hank (Torrens)—It was a scrambling, unimpressive game. Glenelg made a good bid, but we carried too many guns for them in the final stages.

Reg Masters (Glenelg)—We went quite well under the circumstances. Our fellows did not go on with it as well as they might have, but Torrens finished well.

LEHMANN GETS 13 FOR NORTH

By Lawrie Jervis, Jun.

Lehmann kicked 13 goals and gave North a deadly spearhead against South at Adelaide Oval today. North were many yards faster, marked more surely, and kicked more accurately.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	7—3	13—6	17—10	19—12	126
South	2—3	7—10	8—14	14—18	102

Spectators were given a thrill, though, when South began the last quarter with a burst that brought five goals in 10 minutes while North stood nonplussed.

Then a North attack, more fortuitous than planned, sent the ball to Lehmann and he stopped South's run with a goal. It disturbed South's fluency, and they could not pick up stride quickly enough to drive in and force a win.

Much of the credit for North's win must go to coach Haydn Bunton for a move which increased the efficiency of the ruck. Instead of using an assistant follower to O'Leary, North sent two rovers, Coulls and Arbon, to work with him. In previous games O'Leary's efforts have been wasted because opposition rovers have nipped in.

South captain (Cahill) sent his forward-pocket man on to the ball to nullify the move, and the result was a more crowded game.

Every time North swung the ball from the centre bounce it was sent direct to Lehmann. Opposed to an inexperienced full back in Hamilton, Lehmann moved out with excellent judgment and his kicking was of the same standard.

Coulls and Arbon met their responsibilities, as did O'Leary and Lehmann. The rest of the team was evenly balanced, none showing particularly marked ascendancy over his immediate opponent. What superiority they did show was that extra "edge" that gave them an all-round supremacy.

South's best was rover Len Laphorne, who hoed in all day, undeterred by North's big lead.

Goalkickers—North: Lehmann (13), Veale (3), Coulls (2), Arbon. South: Laphorne (5), Pryor (4), Deane (2), Price, Veitch, Templeton.

Best Players—North: Lehmann, Coulls, Arbon, O'Leary, Veale, Pash, Cox. South: Laphorne, Cahill, Ryan, Deane, Price, Templeton, Veitch.

SNAP SHOTS

THE scores tell the evenness of the West-Port game at Alberton today. On five occasions (twice in the second quarter, once in the third, and twice in the last) scores were equal; five times there was only a point difference, and the lead changed seven times.

F. G. Tilley was appointed Sturt vice-captain today in place of Bartlett, who has been transferred to the country in his employment. Tilley acknowledged the appointment by a good game at centre half-back.

It is not often that a full forward shoots for goal from a set kick with his wrong foot, but Ross Lehmann, North's goal-sneak, did it at the river end in the third term against South today. He was awarded a free about 20 yards out on an acute angle, and banged the ball through off his left foot for his tenth goal.

BOB Hank, McKenzie, Edwards, and Charlie Pyatt won trophies presented by Torrens against Glenelg today. Alec Donaldson (in his first year with Glenelg), Wood- lard, Laffin, and Haussen took the trophies for the Bays.

IAN Millard, who deputised for Ray Hunt as full back for Glenelg, was easy to pick out on the field. Suffering from boils, he had a big bandage on his neck.

AFTER Sturt and Norwood had met for the hundredth time in league football today, Norwood's record was 51 wins to 49 by Sturt.

AN improvement is needed to the first time Oval siren used for the first time today. Many in the huge crowd must have wondered when play stopped. The signal was in- audible in the press box.

11-Point Win For West

By Colin Hay

The thrilling last quarter at Alberton today, when West scraped home from Port by 11 points, compensated for a disappointing display by both teams in the first half.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	2—1	6—9	7—12	14—16	100
Port	1—11	3—11	9—13	12—17	89

PORT opened with a goal in the first minute, and then West took complete charge in midfield. Colin Smith dominated the ruck, and combining with Broadstock sent West forward time and again. It was only solid work by Hull and McFarlane, and later "Congie" McLean, that kept West at bay.

Port saw eight behinds come up in quick time from almost twice as many shots.

The writing was on the wall for them at the first change, as with the strong wind they should have had at least a five-goal advantage.

Instead they had kicked 1—11, and led by only four points.

The last quarter was a thrilling one. Brilliant combination gave West three goals and a behind, which put them in front. With 11 minutes gone, Port snatched back a slender lead of a point.

It was short lived, and then they did not get in front again until four minutes before time, when they led by two points.

West lasted better, and with three minutes to go, were four points in front. With the play at their end, they had the game in safe keeping, and Colin Smith's goal right on the bell put the result beyond doubt.

Goalkickers—West: Colin Smith, Cannon (3), Zeuner, Trewartha (2), Sutherland, Williams, Broadstock. Port: Grouden (3), Quinn, Jolly, Tapp (2). Best McLean, Ron Hall, Gates.

Best Players—West: Bernie Smith, Colin Smith, Taylor. Broadstock, O'Donoghue, Souter, Burkett. Port—Hull, McFarlane, Quinn, Jolly, Grouden, Tapp, Congie McLean.