

**TODAY'S FOOTBALL**

# NORWOOD TROUNCE TORRENS, LEAD LEAGUE LIST

NORWOOD regained top place on the league football premiership list by trouncing Torrens at Kensington Oval today. The redlegs now have a two-point lead.

Port defeated North to move into second place, and Torrens are third. Sturt retained fourth position by downing South, and West defeated Glenelg.

## Redlegs Always on Top

By ROY COLMER

NORWOOD adapted themselves so well to bad ground conditions they never looked like being beaten. Torrens did not give their supporters the faintest hope of a recovery.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	2-4	6-4	10-6	12-8	80
Torrens	1-1	2-2	4-6	4-11	35

THE only time that Torrens looked like making a game of it was in the first quarter. Then their backline played solid football against a redleg side getting drive from their rucks and centres. Early Norwood had Dalwood to thank for their field supremacy. He prevented Torrens from gaining any play at all from the rucks.

But it was the centre line which kept the Torrens defence under pressure. Blackmore got a hold on the pivot early. Olds followed his lead quickly, and then Gallagher gained the upper hand on his flank to make the advantage complete.

Ground conditions were all against good football. Torrens tried to fan out into open movements and seemed bewildered when the slippery ball and treacherous foothold left them stranded.

Norwood attempted no pretty football, and were content to get the ball, kick it and trust to the man ahead to do his part in turn.

The redlegs won the game in the second quarter. Kicking into a fairly strong breeze, they tried concerted action for the only time, and it succeeded so well it was surprising they did not attempt it in the second half.

Accurate short punt passes to the man racing into position, and a switch to the direct road to goal were the main factors in the redlegs' running to a 26-point lead at half-time.

There was no improvement in the Torrens' play after the long interval. Their play deteriorated, and it was left to a few lion-hearted Thebarton men to attempt to carry the side. Torrens ran two rovers early in the third quarter, but they had no chance of stopping the redlegs.

The redleg game was not pretty to watch, but it was effective. They never allowed the bad conditions to worry them; Torrens obviously let the slippery turf and ball become insurmountable obstacles.

The game finished tamely. It was very clear at three-quarter time that only a miracle could bring a Torrens recovery. The blue-and-golds offered little co-ordinated resistance in the last quarter. Only the courageous efforts of a few men, particularly Roberts and Cox, kept the Norwood scoring down.

Umpire Reeves did a reasonably good job in the circumstances. He might easily have kept the game from providing any entertainment by too much whistle. He was bound to miss many breaches of the rules in such a scrappy game.

Goalkickers—Norwood: Farrow (5), Way, Dalwood (2), Roads, Danzie, Burke. Torrens: Mehaffey, Prior (2).

Best Players—Norwood: Olds, Blackmore, LePage, Dalwood, Gallagher, Farrow, Burke. Torrens: Roberts, Cox, Mehaffey, Sully, R. Hank, Edwards, Hutchinson.

## 31,736 AT MATCHES

ATTENDANCES at the league football matches today totalled 31,736. Crowds at the various grounds were:—Kensington, 15,305; Adelaide, 6,681; Alberton, 6,500; Glenelg, 3,250.

### Premiership Table

	P.	W.	L.	Points	From
Norwood	11	8	2	1,095	910 18
Port	11	8	3	1,050	887 16
Torrens	11	8	3	1,035	892 16
Sturt	11	6	5	1,064	888 17
North	11	5	6	987	954 10
West	11	5	6	1,018	1,054 10
South	11	2	9	875	1,203 4
Glenelg	11	1	10	954	1,254 2

### Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Lehmann (North)	2	52
Pynor (Sturt)	4	39
Churchett (Glenelg)	9	35
A. R. McLean (Port)	1	35
Pryor (South)	—	30
Langley (Sturt)	2	28
Prior (Torrens)	2	28
Way (Norwood)	2	28

## STURT'S KICKING ASTRAY

By Ray Barber

IN spite of atrocious kicking for goal (15-30), Sturt defeated South by 79 points at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	2-12	4-21	8-27	15-30	120
South	1-0	3-0	6-2	6-5	41

Sturt, determined to build up percentage, were on top throughout and won across every line with superior speed, tackling, and teamwork.

South, with four star players—Cahill, Pryor, Brown, and Price—outside the pickets, were never able to get going.

Goalkickers—Sturt: Pynor (4), Schober (3), Langley, Merchant (2), G. Gilles, Cave, Yeo, Willis. South: Deane (2), Laphorne, Linke, Veitch, Guthridge.

Best Players—Sturt: Cave, Tilley, Langley, Schober, Ingham, Merchant, Thomas, Heaton. South: Deane, Hickinbotham (until injured), Hamilton, Biney, McSkimming, Fraser, McEvoy.

### LIGHTNING CARNIVAL

Premiership positions in which the teams finished today decided the order in which they will meet in the lightning premiership at Adelaide Oval on Saturday. Times for the games are:—

- 12.45 p.m.—North v. South.
- 1.30 p.m.—West v. Glenelg.
- 1.55 p.m.—Port v. Sturt.
- 2.30 p.m.—Norwood v. Torrens.
- 3.10 p.m.—First semi-final.
- 3.45 p.m.—Second semi-final.
- 4.25 p.m.—Final.

The league premiership competition will be suspended for the carnival.

## TIGERS LOST CHANCES

By Colin Hay

Poor kicking in the first quarter, when they had the use of a strong wind, lost Glenelg whatever chance they had of defeating West at Glenelg today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	1-4	6-9	10-12	14-17	101
Glenelg	2-8	5-9	9-14	12-16	88

IT was a scrambling, congested game, in which neither side was able to swing into sustained system.

Glenelg built up a 15-point lead in the second quarter, and then it was gradually whittled down until West led by six points at half-time.

From then on the Bays never got their nose in front.

West clinched the game in the third quarter, when they scored only two points less than the home side.

The rucks were well matched throughout, but West had the call on the fringes, where Williams roved dashing.

Glenelg badly needed some first-class rovers to cap off the excellent work done by their ruckmen.

Glenelg showed better judgment in the air in the second quarter, and they displayed sound football until West found their legs.

Broadstock, who gave an intelligent display at centre half-forward, gave West an open road. He exerted a powerful influence over the game with his brilliant, heady play.

It was difficult to work out why Glenelg shifted Millard from centre after half-time. He had worried Burkett, and would have done better than Donaldson, who was yards behind the West man.

After half-time Burkett practically did as he liked, and he and Broadstock played a big part in West's success.

West showed some of their best form to get 27 points in front with 10 minutes to go, and then seemed to slacken off when they found they could not improve their percentage to any great extent.

Goalkickers—West: Zeuner (4), Williams (3), Slattery, Cannon (2), Atkins, Broadstock, Trewartha. Glenelg: Churchett (9), Hasse, Haussen, Woollard.

Best Players—West: Broadstock, Williams, Sutherland, Burkett, Taylor, O'Donoghue, B. Smith. Glenelg: Crabb, Churchett, Betson, Link, Hunt, Low, Woollard.

Glenelg—Backs: Low, Hunt, Masters. Half-backs: Hannaford, Robbent, Hasse. Centres: McPherson, Millard, Trenorden. Half-forwards: Donaldson, Woollard, Croucher. Forwards: Crabb, Churchett, Cock, Ruck, Betson, Link, Haussen. Reserves: Laffin, Sullivan.

West—Backs: Sutherland, Semmler, Brown. Half-backs: Souter, Faehse, B. Smith. Centres: Beaton, Burkett, O'Donoghue. Half-forwards: Atkins, Broadstock, Slattery. Forwards: Trewartha, Zeuner, Cannon, Ruck, C. Smith, Taylor, Williams. Reserves: Agars, Lewis.

Semmler (injured shoulder) replaced by Agars in first quarter. Umpire: K. L. Aplin.

## PORT WIN WAS DRAB AFFAIR

By Lawrie Jarvis, Jun.

In a game of more scrambles than any wrestling bout, Port took revenge on North at Alberton today for their defeat by the red-and-whites two months ago.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-4	3-9	8-13	11-17	83
North	2-4	3-6	4-6	5-8	38

SPECTATORS' main concern in the second half was diverted to the extent of the injuries to prospective State team stars, Bob Quinn and Ian Hull, both of whom were carried from the ground on stretchers.

In the first term the shape of depressing things to come was early discernible when neither team was able to pick the ball up, mark, nor kick with any degree of accuracy.

The next quarter was probably the most uselessly employed 25 minutes played by any two league teams this year.

It was just a succession of scrimmages, with men milling in bunches, seemingly incapable of gripping the ball at first contact or delivering it anywhere with certainty. Veal, of North, was the only man to kick a goal.

Umpire B. M. Harvey probably established a new low in this term for inconsistency of decision, and his mishandling of the whistle was in no small part responsible for the constantly recurring, tangled masses of players.

### Quinn Leaves Field

In the third term Quinn fell wounded to the ground, and was found later to have pulled a muscle in the back of his thigh. Rather than aggravate the injury he came off the field.

In the last quarter, Hull—best man for Port on the day—was felled by a North player, and was carried off by stretcher.

After half-time Port produced some semblance of combination, and broke through North's defence at intervals to kick five goals, while Lehmann emerged temporarily from eclipse to score North's only goal.

From then until the end of the game the magpies were in complete control.

Lou Roberts did a little better than break even on the day at centre with Cox. On the centre wings D. West (North) hardly gave a look-in, while Kretschmer (Port) directed his kicks to far better advantage on the other flank than did Donnithorpe.

Schumann did better than McKay, while the best of others for Port were "Congie" McLean and Jolly.

Best Players—Port: Hull, Kretschmer, Schumann, L. G. McLean, Jolly, A. R. McLean, Gates. North: West, Cron, Coulls, Kennedy, O'Leary, Veal, Orbon.

Goalkickers—Port: Jolly (3), Gates, Hubbert, R. Hall (each 2), Kretschmer, A. R. McLean (North: Lehmann, Veal (each 2), Coulls.