

TODAY'S FOOTBALL

PORT BEAT TORRENS BY 8 PTS.; BAYS SURPRISE

PORT defeated Torrens by eight points in a keen league football tussle at Thebarton Oval today, and gained a two-point lead on the blue-and-golds in second place on the premiership list.

Glenelg sprang a surprise by defeating Sturt (fourth). They gained a clear-cut win and gave a new twist to the fight for the final four.

West drew level on points with Sturt in beating South, and displaced North from fifth place. North were well beaten by Norwood.

Standard Wasn't High

By ROY COLMER

PORT owed their victory over Torrens to their steadiness under pressure and a pronounced superiority in the air and on one centre wing in the closing stages.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1—3	4—4	5—8	7—10	52
Torrens	2—5	3—6	4—12	5—14	44

THROUGHOUT the first half the teams demonstrated fully that they could not play the game hard and maintain a good standard of football.

I have not seen such poor football for years as in the first quarter. None of the players had any idea what to do with the ball. The man with the ball was never lonely—he had hands clutching at him from all angles.

There was hardly one good flash of football in the first quarter. The ball was rushed along in scrimmages.

In one or two patches in the second quarter the teams did reach a good standard. Torrens had one spell of accurate footpassing and Port used handball effectively to gain the lead just before half-time.

Goalkickers—Port: R. McLean (5), Hall, Gates, Torrens; **Prior (2), Mehafeley, Coverlid, Oates.**

Best Players—Port: McParlane, R. McLean, Kretschmer, Tapp, Russell, Schumann, Growden. **Torrens:** Bob Hank, Cox, Oates, Hutchinson, Commans, Sully, Mehafeley.

Premiership Table

	P.	W.	L.	For.	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.
Norwood	12	10	2	1,261	1,002	20	
Port	12	9	3	1,102	931	18	
Torrens	12	8	4	1,079	944	16	
Sturt	12	6	6	1,153	997	12	
West	12	6	6	1,137	1,105	12	
North	12	5	7	1,079	1,152	10	
Glenelg	12	2	10	1,063	1,343	4	
South	12	2	10	927	1,327	4	

Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Lehmann (North)	4	56
Churchett (Glenelg)	6	44
A. R. McLean (Port)	5	43
Ptyor (South)	2	40
Pynor (Sturt)	1	40
Langley (Sturt)	3	31
Way (Norwood)	3	31
Prior (Torrens)	2	30

Norwood Win By 76 Pts.

By Lawrie Jervis, Jun.

Hopes that were raised in the hearts of North supporters in the first half were dashed in a flood of Norwood goals in the third term at Norwood today. Early the red-legs looked as if they might be hard pressed to avoid defeat. After half-time they scored goals at will.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	6—2	10—7	19—11	25—18	168
North	4—3	9—5	12—6	14—8	92

Best Players—Norwood: Way, Giles, Teague, Dalwood, Holmesby, Olds, Drage. **North:** Coulls, Arbon, O'Leary, Pash, Veal, Cox, Donisthorpe.

Goalkickers—Norwood: Farrow (6), Bell, Danste, Way (each 3), Marriott, Drage, Dalwood (each 2), Trestrail, Burke, Olds, Gallagher. **North:** Lehmann (4), Pash (3), Coulls, Arbon, Donisthorpe (each 2), Pedersen.

31,406 AT MATCHES

ATTEENDANCES at league football matches today totalled 31,406—Thebarton 11,473, Norwood 9,960, Unley 5,184, Adelaide 4,789.

The aggregate attendance for the corresponding series last year was 24,700.

WEST IN EASY WIN

By Colin Hay

West more than doubled South's score to win by 72 points in a dull match at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	3—7	7—9	12—12	17—22	124
South	1—0	3—5	7—8	7—10	52

West's 10 scoring shots to one in the opening quarter was a true indication of the play. South could not subdue the elusive Slattery, who roved grandly.

Goalkickers—West: C. Smith, Zeuner (4), Williams, Broadstock, Slattery (2), Atkins, Braidwood, Cannon. **South:** Guthridge (3), Ptyor, Veitch (2).

Best Players—West: Sutherland, B. Smith, Williams, Souter, Brown, C. Smith, Taylor. **South:** Veitch, Ryan, Laphorne, Done, Guthridge, McAvaney, Ptyor.

Captains On The Play...

Low Roberts (Port).—Superior goalkicking, the steadiness of our half-back line, and the fact that our centre wings shaded their kicking and poor handling of the opponents won the match.

Bob Hank (Torrens).—Shocking ball were the main factors in our defeat.

REG MASTERS (Glenelg).—I am very pleased with our fellows. Our position play and pace beat Sturt. We have been working up to this result for some time.

GIL LANGLEY (Sturt).—Glenelg were definitely the better side and played particularly well. They owed their win to their teamwork and better backing up. Their first ruck beat ours.

DICK HOLMESBY (Norwood).—The scores speak for themselves.

ALAN BURTON (North).—Norwood's overwhelming ruck supremacy and Way's dominance at half-forward were too much for us.

JOHNNY TAYLOR (West).—Better teamwork and men in set positions out-pointing their opponents gave us an easy victory.

DON PRIOR (South).—On the day our rucks won, but West won the game with their superior play and set positions.

Bays Outplay Sturt

By Ray Barber

Glenelg rose from bottom position when they outplayed Sturt to win by 20 points at Unley Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3—5	8—10	13—10	16—13	100
Sturt	2—2	4—5	8—12	12—17	89

GLENELG played their best systematic football for the season, and were only in danger of defeat for one brief period—when Sturt rattled on two goals after half-time. Then the Bays led by 17 points.

It was a case of every Bay man pulling his weight against a team that muddled along.

There were three positions in which Glenelg gained control, and held it.

Betson led a sound rucking division in which Haussen gave grand support on the fringes. Churchett's six goals, and others to teammates necessitated the transfer of Ingham at one stage. Trenorden held one centre wing safely all day.

At quarter-time the tigers should have held a lead of four goals instead of nine points.

They held their own in the ruck, won right across centre, and Churchett was dangerous near the goals.

Sturt at Sea

Against greater pace, position play, and tenacious tackling, Sturt became disorganised early.

The Bay defence worked the Sturt forwards out of position, and no Sturt player looked like kicking goals up to half-time.

During this time the high marking of both sides was dazzling.

After the long interval Sturt made field changes, with Headdon at centre and Black at centre half-forward, and they looked for 10 minutes as if they might drag the game out of the fire.

But the Bays had other ideas, and, started by their rucks, they went into the last quarter with a 28-point lead.

Sturt were the first to score with a point after "lemons," but Croucher, who was in the right position at the right time generally, and Donaldson, put the Bays further ahead.

Betson, spelling in a back pocket, held Sturt up with marks over flying packs. This settled the issue.

Goalkickers—Glenelg—Churchett (6), Donaldson (3), Croucher, Woollard (each 2), Betson, Link, Millard, Sturt; Merchant, Cave, Langley (each 3), Schober, G. Giles, Pynor.

Best Players—Glenelg: Betson, Churchett, Haussen, Trenorden, Robjent, Hunt, Donaldson, Hannaford. **Sturt:** Sanders, Langley, Merchant, Black, Headdon, Tilley, Schober.

Sturt—Backs: F. N. Giles, Ingham, Gibson. **Half-backs:** Crawley, Tilley, Headdon. **Centres:** Thomas, Yeo, Lowe. **Half-forwards:** Black, Cave, L. Giles. **Forwards:** Merchant, Pynor, Cobb. **Ruck:** Schober, Sanders, Langley. **Reserves:** Trezise, Willis.

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

Umpire: R. G. Jeffery. Estimated attendance, 5,500.



GEOFF MOTLEY, the only Woodville boy in the State schoolboy football team, was today presented with a kitbag and pocketmoney to use on the Perth trip. It was donated by the Woodville Amateur League team. Woodville captain (H. Blight) and players are congratulating Geoff before their match against Walkerville.