

SPORTS SECTION

NORWOOD VICTORY DROPS WEST FROM TOP FOUR

WEST gave Norwood a hard fight in the main league football match at Kensington Oval today, but lost by 15 points and the defeat dropped them to fifth place in the premiership list.

Torrens, by defeating South, moved from fifth to third, and Sturt, who were third, went down one place from their loss to Port. Glenelg scored their third for the season when they defeated North.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	Points		Ptm.
				For	Ag.	
Norwood	15	13	2	1633	1224	26
Port	15	12	3	1416	1093	24
Torrens	15	9	6	1303	1205	18
Sturt	15	8	7	1424	1270	16
West	15	8	7	1503	1364	16
North	15	5	10	1312	1503	10
Glenelg	15	3	12	1264	1657	6
South	15	2	13	1085	1624	4

Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Lehmann (North)	—	63
A. R. McLean (Port)	3	59
Churchett (Glenelg)	3	54
Pynor (Sturt)	2	52
Pryor (South)	1	42
Langley (Sturt)	1	37
Way (Norwood)	4	37
Mehaffey (Torrens)	2	34

League Matches Seen by 17,600

ATTENDANCES at league football matches today totalled 17,600. The crowds at the grounds were: — Kensington, 6,100; Alberton, 6,000; Adelaide, 4,000; Prospect, 1,500.

Port Had Edge In Rucks

By Lawrie Jervis, Jun.

Port adapted themselves to the bad weather conditions more quickly and intelligently than did Sturt at Alberton, and this gave them victory.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	2.3	5.5	9.8	13.9	87
Sturt	1.1	1.4	3.6	8.8	56

MUCH of the magpies win was due to the heady work of Lew Roberts at centre half-forward, who co-ordinated their attacks.

Goalkickers—Port: McLean, Quinn, Marrett (each 3), Fletcher, Weise, Gates, Nicholls. Sturt: Merchant, Pynor (each 2), Langley, Scott, Potter, Sanders.

Best Players—Port: Growden, Kretschmer, Roberts, Quinn, Gates, Weise, Nicholls. Sturt: L. G. Giles, Gibson, Yeo, Merchant, Scott, Black, Cobb.

Ruck Strength Told

By ROY COLMER

STRONG ruck work throughout and steadiness in the closing stages allowed Norwood to defeat West at Kensington Oval. Played under bad weather and ground conditions, the game was nevertheless exciting from start to finish.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	1—1	6—4	7—7	14—10	94
West	2—9	3—12	7—19	10—19	79

WEST should have held a big lead at the end of the first quarter, but were badly astray in their kicking—because they were forced to take long shots for goal and because of the robust work of the Norwood backline, where LePage and Holmesby were at their top.

Until they reached the goalfont, West were supreme. Williams starred on the ruck fringes, and the strong work of Sutherland gave them an edge in the close going.

There was a good reason for the poor standard of football. The ground was sodden, a strong wind made the heavy ball play tricky, and showers and weak sunshine alternated throughout the first quarter.

West scored one goal from their first eight shots. A goal from Williams (Norwood's first) cut the West lead to 14 points after West had had 11 scoring shots.

Oatey played most of the first quarter behind centre to crowd the defence. He left the roving mainly to Drage and Dansie. As a score-saving move, the tactics were successful, although Brown, playing a loose-man game round centre, kept West on the offensive.

Goalkickers—Norwood: Way (4), Williams (3), Drage, Dansie (each 2), Marriott, Bell, Matthews. West: Slattery (6), Williams (2), C. Smith, Cannon.

Best Players—Norwood: Oatey, Dalwood, Holmesby, Dansie, Roberts, LePage, Drage. West: Burkett, Williams, Sutherland, Slattery, Cannon, B. Smith, Broadstock.

Captains On The Play...

JACK Oatey (Norwood)—In the close, hard game our packs were strong enough to swing the score in our favor.

Bernie Smith (West) — They were the slightly better team on the day. We believe we can beat them in the grand final.

REG Masters (Glenelg): We fought it out better than Norths. I was particularly pleased with the way we lasted in the last quarter.

Alan Burton (North Adelaide): It was a good, hard game. It was good to see the way our men fought to the finish.

BOB Quinn (Port): We adapted ourselves better to the squally conditions.

Gil Langley (Sturt): Port showed more speed and played better as a team.

BOB Hank (Torrens): Determination in our backlines was the main factor in our win. We were faster to the ball.

Laurie Cahill (South): I was very pleased with the way our boys fought on. Torrens were slightly better on the day.

Torrens Just Got There

By Colin Hay

Torrens broke their run of outs when they scraped home by 10 points from South in a scrambling match at Adelaide Oval today. It was their first success since they beat Glenelg on June 28.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3.7	3.9	5.14	6.16	52
South	0.2	3.4	3.4	6.6	42

Goalkickers—Torrens: Mehaffey (2), McInnes, Pyatt, Smith, Oates. South: Templeton (2), Pryor, Allen, Edgword, Guthridge.

Best Players—Torrens: Cox, Bob Hank, Mehaffey, Oates, R. Sully, Smith, Ray Hank. South: Hickinbotham, Hamilton, Fraser, Laphorne, Ryan, Edgword, Guthridge.

Glenelg Hold Late North Bid

By John Stevens

A GRUELLING last quarter in which Glenelg just held a North Adelaide recovery was a climax to a hard game at Prospect Oval this afternoon.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	5—6	5—7	8—12	9—14	68
North	nil	3—7	3—7	7—12	54

Glenelg made better use of the strong wind—especially in the first quarter, when they scored 5—6 to nil. North also failed to score in the third term.

In the second quarter the Glenelg backs did a grand job in holding North Adelaide to 3—7. This effort enabled them to maintain supremacy throughout the match.

North made two clever tactical moves in the last half which nearly won the game.

In the third term, when Glenelg were kicking with the strong wind, they sent Cox from half-forward to act as a loose man in the backlines and concentrated on keeping the ball on the scoreboard wing in which direction the wind was blowing. This kept Glenelg's tally for the term to three goals.

In the last quarter North sent McKay from centre half-back to centre half-forward and Yard took his place. This move proved an immediate success. North's forwards made a spirited attack which the vigorous Glenelg side was just able to withstand.

Glenelg's rucks, in which Crabb was most prominent, won throughout the match.

Goalkickers—Glenelg: Churchett (3), Crabb, Betson, Donaldson, McPherson, Haussen, Woollard. North: Griffin (2), O'Leary, Coulls, Tuckey, Arbon, McKay.

Best Players—Glenelg: Crabb, Hannaford, Haussen, Trenorden, Churchett, Betson. North: O'Leary, Arbon, McKay, Beeching, Yard, Saul.

North—Backs: Beeching, Kennedy, Donnithorpe. **Half-backs:** Yard, McKay, Aamodt. **Centres:** West, Saul, Hancock. **Half-forwards:** Griffin, Pash, Cox. **Forwards:** Coulls, Lehmann, Tuckey, Ruck, O'Leary, Burton, Arbon. **Reserves:** Nicholls, Pedler.

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

SNAPSHOTS

Bob Hank, Torrens captain, and Jim Deane, opposing centre-men in the Adelaide Oval game today had more than an average share of the ball. Between them they had 71 kicks. Hank's totals for the four quarters were: 13, 12, 12, and 6—43. Deane's were: 5, 8, 9, 6—28.

SOME of the spectators who travelled to Kensington Oval in motor cars had a comfortable view of the game today. Many of them drove their cars to the eastern mound, turned them towards the arena, and watched the game from there.

SCRAMBLES in the mud were common at Kensington Oval today. There were many times when six and seven players were in the mud in a scrummaging heap. One of these exciting tussles came in the closing minutes within inches of the goal line at Norwood's scoring end. When Sutherland got off the ground to clear, it was hard to distinguish his uniform.

STRONG wind made attacks at the southern goal at Prospect Oval almost impossible. Glenelg kicked only 1—2 against the wind, and North Adelaide did all its scoring at the northern goal.

BOTH Port and Sturt took their reserves on to the field when they raced out before the start of the Alberton match today. They were forced to do this because Lyall Kretschmer (Port wingman) and Max Lowe (Sturt centre half-forward) were not at the oval. Kretschmer and Lowe were on the Port Pirie express, which was running late. Just before the teams took their positions for the bounce Kretschmer and Lowe ran out on to the field, after a fast trip from the Adelaide Station.