

**TODAY'S FOOTBALL**

# TORRENS BEATEN, OUT OF TOP FOUR

# AGAIN

**TORRENS**, well beaten by Norwood at Thebarton Oval today, again dropped out of the top four in the league football competition. West moved from fifth position to third by defeating South, and Sturt retained fourth place in winning from Glenelg.

Port won the other game today after conceding a lead in the first half to North.

## Redlegs in Form

By Roy Colmer

**NORWOOD** were too well balanced for Torrens. The blue-and-golds put up a good fight in the first half, but Norwood were all over them after that.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4-7	9-11	12-17	17-18	120
Torrens	2-3	6-3	7-4	11-5	71

**NORWOOD** appeared easily the better side in the opening exchanges and worked with precision, although inclined to overdo handball. Torrens gained poise, picked up speed, and forced the redlegs into errors. Norwood kicked accurately at the start, but lapsed because of the tigerish bustling work of the Torrens defence.

Goalkeepers—Norwood: Farrow (6), Marriott (3), Oatey, Dansie, Williams (each 2), Dalwood, Burke. Torrens: Coverlid (3), McInnes, Mehaffey (each 2), Wood, Quick, Smith, Hutchinson. Best Players—Norwood: Drage, Dansie, Le Page, Gallagher, Williams, Dalwood, Farrow. Torrens: Cox, Mehaffey, Bob Hank, Sully, Pyatt, Quick, McKenzie.

## Games Seen By 26,700

**AGGREGATE**, attendance at league football matches today was 26,700—9,100 more than last week. Crowds at the grounds were:—Thebarton, 13,000; Glenelg, 6,000; Adelaide, 4,000; Prospect, 3,700.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.
Norwood	16	14	2	1753	1295	28
Port	16	13	3	1534	1177	26
West	16	9	7	1632	1443	18
Sturt	16	9	7	1536	1365	18
Torrens	16	9	7	1374	1325	18
North	16	5	11	1394	1021	10
Glenelg	16	3	13	1359	1769	6
South	16	2	14	1164	1753	4

### Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Lehmann (North)	4	67
A. R. McLean (Port)	4	61
Churchett (Glenelg)	9	63
Pynor (Sturt)	5	57
Pryor (South)	5	47
Langley (Sturt)	4	11
Way (Norwood)	—	37
Mehaffey (Torrens)	2	36
Williams (West)	5	34

## Bays Go Down Fighting

By Colin Hay

In one of the best games of the season, Sturt defeated Glenelg by 17 points at the Bay this afternoon.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	8-7	10-11	15-13	18-16	112
Glenelg	4-4	10-4	12-7	14-11	90

In one of the fastest openings of the season, Glenelg found Tilley a thorn in their side. The brilliant Sturt centre half-back turned back four successive thrusts, and Glenelg then went forward through Crabb at half-forward right.

Glenelg were on top in the rucks, and at centre, where Manning showed to advantage, but they were losing on the centre wings, where Kleinig and Lowe held sway.

Glenelg held a three-point lead at the end of the first quarter.

Langley, at half-forward left, was all over the place, in the second term, and his leading out and weaving through the Bay defence gave him two smart goals. He was also responsible for goals from Pynor and Scott, and largely because of his brilliance Sturt took a 16-point lead.

Sturt had now taken charge in the rucks, where Schober dominated the knock-outs.

Hasse was switched to stand Langley in place of Hannaford, who had had an excellent first quarter, but, although playing well in the second term, was no match for the Sturt captain, who played like a man inspired.

### Brilliant Football

Now Glenelg came back into their own in the rucks, with Crabb and Laffin doing splendidly. Manning gave a brilliant display at centre, where his speed and powerful drop-kicking were highlights.

Churchett was at his best at the goal-front. His ground work could not be faulted, while his kicking for goal was uncanny. From seemingly impossible angles, he continued to goal, and from four shots kicked as many goals.

Tilley, who had played grandly, was sent back in an attempt to subdue the dashing forward, who had held too many guns for Gibson.

In a high-scoring quarter of brilliant, exciting football, Sturt kicked 7-4 and Glenelg 6-0.

With half of the last quarter gone Betson played loose in front of the Glenelg half-back line, and, using his weight with telling effect repeatedly kept Sturt out, only to see Tilley stop the move.

Churchett had a grand opportunity to goal seven minutes before time, when Glenelg were down by 17 points, but his hurried shot was astray.

Langley's brilliance in the second quarter, when he paved the way for Sturt's win; Tilley's grand work at full back, and Sturt's supremacy on the centre wings for the whole of the game, were the deciding factors in their win.

Goalkickers—Sturt: Pynor (5), Langley (4), Scott (3), Black (2), Merchant, Cave. Glenelg—Churchett (9), McPherson (3), Manning, Laffin.

Best Players—Sturt: Tilley, Langley, Kleinig, Manning, Scott, Yeo, Cave, Glenelg—Manning, Robjent, Crabb, Haussen, McPherson, Churchett, Laffin.

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

Sturt—Backs: Sanders, Gibson, L. Giles. Half-backs: Yeo, Tilley, Crawley. Centres: Lowe, Bartlett, Kleinig. Half-forwards: Black, Cave, Scott. Forwards: Merchant, Pynor, Cobb, Ruck, Schober, P. N. Giles, Langley. Reserves: Thomas, Higgie.

## PORT'S GOOD 2nd HALF

By Amos Bottroff

After trailing North at half-time, Port ran away to win by nearly six goals at Prospect Oval this afternoon.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-3	4-5	13-9	18-10	118
North	2-5	7-7	11-9	12-12	84

Bob McLean's great showing in the last half made him the match winner for the magpies.

North's success in the first quarter centred in the brilliant football sense of Galoway, who time and again helped team mates out of difficult situations, and with Arbon and Coulls gave North an early scoring advantage.

The red-and-whites would have had more goals on the board but for the sound defence of McFarlane, Schumann, and Weise, each of whom marked and cleared strongly.

Kretschmer became very prominent as Port played round his flank, and then the Roberts-Quinn-McLean triangle was set in motion to raise two goals and give Port the lead.

North returned to the attack in the second term, and Coulls goalied early to give them the lead.

Coulls, showing great anticipation, posted two more majors, and North had an advantage of 27 points just before the close of the term, and looked like masters of the game.

For nearly 10 minutes of the third quarter spectators were treated to a great display of football—fast and vigorous.

A goal to Griffin (North) and a similar score to Bob McLean at the other end, were the only additions during this hectic period.

Then, like a team inspired, Port crashed through North's defence, and in a rapid succession of thrusts, they left the red-and-whites flatfooted.

By piling on nine goals to three, they regained the lead, and in turn appeared to have taken complete control.

North fought desperately in the last quarter, but Port produced a repetition, at least as far as scoring went, of their successful third term.

Again Bob McLean was the star. He finished the game with eight goals to give Port the winning margin of 34 points.

Best Players—Port: A. R. McLean, McFarlane, Kretschmer, Schumann, Growden, L. G. McLean, Tapp. North: Arbon, Galloway, Hancock, Hay, Coulls, Asmott.

Goalkickers—Port: Bob McLean (8), Quinn, Marrett (each 3), Growden, Fletcher, Dayman, Gates. North: Lehmann (4), Coulls (3), Tuckey (2), Arbon, West, Griffin.

## West Always Too Strong

By Lawrie Jervis, Jun.

**WEST** played a better brand of football than South at Adelaide Oval and won easily. South challenged in earnest only in the first quarter for a while and for the first 10 minutes of the third term.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	6-4	11-11	14-16	18-21	129
South	3-7	3-8	7-9	11-13	79

West began confidently and developed system from the outset. Colin Smith, Gar Burkett, and Williams had command of most of the play round centre, and South could barely halt the drives, let alone attack. West were always on the move, while South were caught flatfooted.

Broadstock again demonstrated his class early. Twice he unselfishly handpassed and both times West had shots.

South remedied many of these faults about halfway through the term, and paced it with West. But as South took more than their share of the play, their goalshooting fell away in accuracy.

Burkett completely dominated the centre in the second term. West did

much as they liked, and kept South down to one point.

For the first 10 minutes of the third term, after a wholesale reorganisation of placings, South looked dangerous. They played West at their own game of fast, open football, and put on four goals.

West at last broke through with a goal from Broadstock. Slattery added his second for the term, and West were able to hold their lead.

West were untroubled in the last quarter.

Goalkickers—West: Slattery, Williams (5), Zeuner (3), C. Smith (2), B. Smith, Broadstock, Cannon. South: Pryor (5), Laphorne (2), Veitch, Broderick, Deane, Bishop.

Best Players—West: Burkett, Williams, Semmler, Broadstock, O'Donoghue, Beaton, Slattery. South: Hickinbotham, Laphorne, Ryan, Price, Edgword, Deane, Pryor, Bilney.

## SWAPSHOTS

**I**N a day of excellent shooting for goal, Ern Pynor and Colin Churchett, full forwards for Sturt and Glenelg respectively, were at their best at the Glenelg Oval. One of Pynor's—a drop kick from 60 yards out—was a gem, while Churchett goalied twice from angles so acute that he could not see the goal opening.

**JACK** Alderman, Sturt time-keeper, had to dash on to the Glenelg Oval at the end of the first quarter today to tell central umpire Burns the quarter had ended. The trouble was a failure in the electrical system, and a hand bell had to be obtained from the Glenelg rooms. More than a minute was lost, and in that time Merchant added a behind for Sturt.

**A**UTOGRAPH hunters mobbed the players as they were leaving the field after the game between Norwood and Torrens at Thebarton Oval. Bob Hank was the last man to get to the dressing room. He was held up every few yards by boys, girls, and one or two adults seeking his signature.

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