

TODAY'S FOOTBALL

STURT BEATEN IN RUGGED GAME AGAINST TORRENS

TORRENS defeated Sturt by 14 points in one of the most strenuous league football matches of the season at Thebarton Oval this afternoon.

Port and Norwood remain together at the top of the list as the result of their wins over South and Glenelg respectively. North improved their percentage in defeating West by 33 points.

ACCURACY WAS FACTOR

BY ROY COLMER

SPEED and straighter kicking for goal in the second half helped Torrens to defeat Sturt. Flashes of spectacular play kept the spectators on their toes.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	2-4	4-12	8-14	10-18	78
Sturt	2-2	5-3	6-9	8-16	64

BOTH teams played good football in spots, but Torrens always appeared to be going the easier and to have greater command of the position than Sturt.

Although Sturt had a slight breeze in their favor for the first quarter, Torrens beat them in speed. Rather surprisingly, the blue-and-golds more than held their own in the rucks. This was due to the high leaping of Smith. Schober set Sturt moving early and was a great force in the packs, but Smith levelled the scales later. Another factor in Torrens supremacy was the fast roving of Meahaffey.

It was evident early in the game that Prior would have to earn every goal to come his way because Ingham gave him hardly an inch of room.

Torrens broke down badly in attack in the first half. Up to half-time they had had 16 scoring shots to eight and were in front by only three points. They scored 2-8 to 3-1 by Sturt in the second quarter. Speed gave Torrens the upper hand before half-time.

Then Sturt improved greatly. Sanders took some of the weight of the ruck work off Schober's shoulders. This pick-up by the followers gave the Sturt rovers the break they needed to cover the speed of their opposite numbers.

The story of the goalkicking is the story of the match from half-time onwards.

Sturt had the opportunities to drive home a winning score from half-way through the third quarter until the end. They failed badly in their shooting for goal, and scored 1-6 in the third term against 4-2.

Goalkickers—Torrens: Parsons (3), Smith (2), Glastonbury, W. Hank, Meahaffey, Prior, Oates, Sturt; Pynor (4), Langley (2), L. Gilles, Cave.

Best Players—Torrens: Cox, Meahaffey, Smith, Roberts, Glastonbury, Edwards, Pynor, Sturt; Ingham, Headon, Tilley, Schober, Sanders, Langley, Gibson.

What Captains Had to Say

BOB HANK (TORRENS)—The football was not brilliant, but superior speed and stamina gave us the win. We improved our kicking for goal as we went along, but it was a different story with Sturt.

GIL LANGLEY (STURT)—Torrens were just a little too fast for us, particularly in the first half. However, I was well satisfied with our showing.

Alan Burton (North)—I'm very pleased with the way our boys fought. We finished a lot better than West.

Jim Coad (West)—North finished much more strongly, but considering the team we had we did well enough.

Bob Quinn (Port)—On the day we were better all round than South, although they did offer strong opposition in the second quarter.

Don Pryor (South)—I think the loose man move which we could not cope with was a big point in our defeat. Experience also told against us. We have a young side which should mould into a good team.

Jack Oatey (Norwood)—We were faster to the ball, and employed more team work. In position play and overhead we were better, too. Glenelg fought tenaciously, but lacked our polish.

Reg Masters (Glenelg)—Norwood were too pacy, and their position play was good. We were pleased with our second half, particularly in the third quarter, when we outplayed them.

Bays in Game Losing Fight

By Ray Barber

ALTHOUGH Glenelg fought hard, Norwood's position play gained a 38-point win at Glenelg Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	7.5	12.12	14.16	19.20	134
Glenelg	3.5	5.8	10.16	13.18	96

The redlegs got well on the way to victory in the first quarter. Way and Dalwood took charge in the rucks and, backed by Olds and Oatey, cut the Glenelg defence to ribbons. Robjent was the only Glenelg man to do much about it at this stage.

It was Glenelg's turn in the third quarter. With some changes in placings—including putting Churchett at full forward and Woollard at centre half-forward—they dictated the trend of play to the extent of 5-8 to 2-4.

Glenelg can take consolation that today's game produced a competent goalkicker. Churchett scored four goals and shepherded two others in the goalmouth.

The Bays also offered more opposition in the rucks, but apart from this quarter there was too much hit or miss about their play. Norwood dropped back into systematic football in the final spurt.

Goalkickers—Norwood: Oatey (5), Dalwood, Bell (each 3), Farrow (2), Trestrail, Olds, Blackmore, Way, Marriott, Dansie, Glenelg: Churchett (4), Betson (3), Haussen, Link, Woollard, Cock, Smith, Crabb.

Best Players—Norwood: Oatey, Olds, Le Page, Way, Bell, Farrow, Trestrail, Glenelg: Betson, Hunt, Robjent, Churchett, Woollard, Sullivan, Trenorden.

PORT'S LOOSE MAN BAFFLED SOUTH

By Colin Hay

PORT'S clever exploitation of the loose man throughout the game, and supremacy across centre in the first half were big factors in their 46-point win over South at the Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	5-5	8-8	14-15	18-21	129
South	2-3	6-3	9-5	13-5	83

Play was fast and open, with many vigorous clashes. Port were too steady for the less experienced city team and were never in danger of defeat.

South were never able to counter the loose man tactics, although in the second quarter they combined well and gave Port their strongest opposition for the match.

Their effort was shortlived, and in the third quarter Port raced on a 50-point lead, and for the greater part of the final term did practically as they liked.

Best Players—Port: Hull, Jolly, Quinn, Bob McLean, Roberts, Growden, Schumann, South: Laphorne, Deane, Veitch, Haines, Pryor, Ryan, Guthridge.

Goalkickers—Port: Jolly (8), Quinn, Bob McLean (3), Fletcher (2), Kretschmer, Mann, Dick Hall, Gates. South: Laphorne (5), Pryor (4), Linke, Cochran, Price, Guthridge.

30,000 at Games

Attendances at today's league football matches totalled 30,000, about 17,000 more than saw the games on the corresponding day last year, when it was wet.

Premiership Table

	P.	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.	Prem.
Port	7	6	1	693	560	12	
Norwood	7	6	1	722	638	12	
Torrens	7	5	2	761	590	10	
Sturt	7	3	4	691	611	6	
North	7	3	4	628	596	6	
West	7	3	4	660	666	6	
South	7	2	5	571	736	4	
Glenelg	7	—	7	543	822	—	

Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Lehmann (North)	7	32
Pryor (South)	4	28
A. R. McLean (Port)	3	28
Pynor (Sturt)	4	24
Langley (Sturt)	2	20
W. Hank (Torrens)	1	18
Gates (Port)	1	18

Next Series of Games

Saturday
West v. Norwood, Adelaide Oval.
Torrens v. South, Thebarton Oval.
North v. Glenelg, Prospect Oval.
June 16 (holiday)
Port v. Sturt, Adelaide Oval.

SNAP SHOTS

AT one stage of the game at Prospect today, cricketing clubmates in Brian Faehse and Ian McKay were opposed. Both play for Adelaide in district cricket, and although they are normally centre half-backs, McKay went to centre half-forward in the third term for North.

RAY Hunt displayed the best bit of individual play at Glenelg Oval today. Thirty yards from the goals, Jack Oatey attempted to handball over Hunt's head to Marriott, who was standing on the goal line waiting for it. Hunt, with a big leap, intercepted it, and turned back the attack.

PHIL Read, league umpire's coach, was at the Adelaide Oval for the first half of the Port-South game to see new umpire K. G. Jeffery in action. He watched the first half of the Colts game at Thebarton and was back at Thebarton for the second half of the main match.

GLENELG has two dressing gowns with the club's colors and monogram for their two reserves. But Glen McPherson was far too small for one today. As he returned to his position on the boundary at three-quarter time he shook part of the sleeves, which were inches past the tips of his fingers, in answer to the spectators' amusement.

ALAN Hickinbotham, South centre half-back, today dislocated his right shoulder, and it went back into place before he fully realised what had happened. The mishap occurred in the first quarter of the Adelaide Oval game when he fell heavily. He left the ground as soon as the second quarter started, when he found his arm painful. A doctor in the room set his mind at ease when he explained the injury.

McLean's 200th League Game

BOB McLean, State and Port ruckman, played his 200th league game when he played against South at Adelaide Oval today.



McLean played more than 70 games with Norwood before he transferred to Port in 1939. He has also played for St. Kilda in the Victorian League. Other Adelaide men to play more than 200 games are Frank Golding (Sturt), "Blue" Johnston (Glenelg), Ken Farmer (North), Ned Hender (Port and Glenelg), and Jack Mackay (South and North).

NORTH'S PACE BEAT WEST

By Lawrie Jervis, Jun.

NORTH staged yet another reversal of form today to down West at Prospect.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	6-3	8-4	10-11	15-13	103
West	1-4	5-14	7-15	9-16	70

The red-and-whites' speed in the first term seemed to unsettle West so much that the red-and-blacks, even when they had the chance to go past North in the second term, threw away the chance by faulty kicking for goal.

Opening with an amazing burst of speed, North had five goals up in 10 minutes with no reply from West. Round the centre bounces they swarmed on to the ball like ants, and then drove straight down to where Lehmann, at full forward,

and Pedler, in a pocket, were waiting.

West settled down after the breather at the end of the term, and then followed a reversal of form for which North have become peculiarly known lately.

For much of the term the red-and-blacks kept play confined to their end. North got to within attacking range less than half a dozen times.

But West threw away what should have been a good lead by shocking kicking, much of it the result of hasty shooting.

They managed only 4-10 from nearly 20 shots at the goals. North crowded the play as much as possible.

North tried to repeat their runaway tactics in the third quarter, with McKay at centre half-forward. This time, though, it was their turn to fall down in accuracy.

West crowded the play in an endeavor to keep North's lead down, and North developed hasty kicking, which produced points where goals should have been taken.

West threw every ounce into the last quarter, and halfway through, the term had drawn to within two points of North.

They had had to fight hard for every yard of ground, though. Then, like a bolt from the blue, North opened out with fine systematic play again, and with Edwards, Pash, and Beeching as prime movers in the offensive got two quick goals from Coulls and Lehmann, which settled West's chances.

Goalkickers—North: Lehmann (7), Pedler, Coulls (each 3), Edwards, O'Leary. West: Coad (3), Lee (2), Williams, Semmler, Souter, Cannon.

Best Players—North: Aamodt, Lehmann, Edwards, Pash, McKay, Barbary, Pedler. West: Faehse, Brown, Agars, Williams, Coad, Cannon, Atkins.