

TODAY'S FOOTBALL

BRILLIANT WIN PUTS REDLEGS ON TOP

NORWOOD went to the top of the league football premiership list by defeating Port before a huge crowd at Norwood Oval today.

Torrens rose to second place by their defeat of North, Port dropping to third. Sturt regained fourth place by their win over West.

Glenelg scored their first win for the season by downing South at Adelaide Oval. The tigers had 42 points in hand at the finish.

Good Tactics

By Roy Colmer

Norwood owed their win over Port to a more even distribution of strength, coupled with a keen knowledge of the tactics required by the ground. The two-goal margin at the finish slightly exaggerated the difference between the.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	2-3	7-11	9-13	15-17	107
Port	2-4	5-6	10-13	13-17	95

Tactics played a big part in the Norwood win. If they did not plan a crowded game before the first bounce, they were quick to develop one.

Port had a four-goal wind behind them when they won the toss, but Norwood so cramped the game for the magpies ahead of centre that Port were always struggling to get free.

There were times when Port gave the impression of a man entangled in a giant web; never completely hampered but always irritated by the encircling strands.

Oatey ran two rovers, and Port helped him to close the game by having their back-pocket man in the play with the spare rover.

Goalkeepers—Norwood: Bell (4), Way (3), Roads, Danse (each 2), Trestrail, Dalwood, Burke, Farrow, Port: Quinn, R. McLean, Gates (each 3), Jolly (2), Kretschmer, Marrett.

Best Players—Norwood: Way, Olds, Oatey, Burke, Holmesby, Gallagher, Trestrail, Port: Quinn, Hull, Schumann, Gates, Roberts, Weise, Kretschmer.

STURT'S TACTICS WORRIED WEST

By Colin Hay

Sturt's crowding tactics when kicking against the wind, and West's failure to take advantage of the strong wind in the opening quarter, gave Sturt a narrow win at Unley today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	1-1	7-10	8-10	13-12	90
West	3-7	4-9	9-12	11-16	82

AS a spectacle, the game was spoiled by the boisterous conditions, and the only excitement was in the closeness of the scores.

Widest margins were Sturt's 19-point lead at half-time, and West's 18 points at the first change.

The scores were within touch throughout, and in the exciting final term, the lead changed four times, and the scores were level once.

Goalkeepers—Sturt: Langley (5), Pynor (4), Scheber, Merchant, Cave, Cobb, West: Sutherland, Semmier, Atkins, Cannon (each 2), Broadstock, Azars, Beaton.

Best Players—Sturt: Headon, Langley, Ingham, Gibson, Scheber, Sanders, Tilley, West: B. Smith, Burkett, Taylor, Sutherland, O'Donoghue (until injured), C. Smith, Souter.

Captains On The Play

Jack Oatey (Norwood)—Our all-round balance and evenness right throughout the game gave us victory.

Bob Quinn (Port)—We didn't make enough use of the wind in the first quarter. From then on it was an uphill fight. Norwood proved a little too good for us, but I feel quite satisfied with Port's effort. One victory each, the final test is still to come.

Reg. Masters (Glenelg)—I am very pleased with our effort. South tired and we finished on. The goalkicking by our forwards was great.

Laurie Cahill (South)—All credit is due to the way Glenelg played for their first win. They would have beaten more than South today. Our fellows tired, and we were not good enough.

Bob Hank (Torrens)—Our team had a bit more pace than North, and we put up a better fight when playing into the wind. We really won the game in the second quarter by establishing a good lead.

Alan Burton (North)—We did not take full advantage of the wind in the first quarter. That lost us the match.

Gil Langley (Sturt)—Our rucks were superior on the day, and made many openings. We stayed better at the end.

Johnny Taylor (West)—Our failure in the first quarter to take advantage of the wind was the main cause of our defeat. After that it was a good, hard game, with very little between the teams.



PORT GOALKEEPER (I. Hull) and N. Way (Norwood ruckman) partly hidden, leaped high in a tussle for a mark at Norwood Oval this afternoon.

Torrens Won Easily

By Lawrie Jervis, Jun.

TORRENS outclassed North at Thebarton to win by 26 points. From the end of the first term, Torrens were in complete command, and if it had not been for O'Leary's fine play for North, Torrens would have won by a wider margin.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3-2	11-8	12-12	13-19	97
North	4-4	5-7	8-11	10-11	71

NORTH should remember the match as "O'Leary's Day," for if it had not been for the North ruckman—and probably a State representative at the Hobart carnival, too—it is hard to imagine just what the plight of North would have been.

In the first quarter North gained all their advantage from O'Leary's rucking when the stiff breeze aided them. The way the Prospect team moved, it seemed as if Torrens would have their work cut out to stop them, as, apart from Bob Hank, Torrens' captain-centreman, the gold-and-blues had not hit top form.

In the second quarter, though, the home team simply played with North, and again O'Leary was the only man to offer stern resistance.

Torrens crammed on eight goals before North, three minutes from the end of the session, managed a goal from Lehmann. For Torrens, it could almost be said that it was Coverlid's quarter.

20,186 AT NORWOOD

A RECORD attendance for the Norwood ground of 20,186 people watched the match between Norwood and Port Adelaide.

Aggregate attendances at league matches today were 38,000, an increase of 5,000 over the number that watched the ninth series on the corresponding day last year.

Premiership Table

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Norwood	9	5	1	949	794	16
Torrens	9	7	2	880	734	14
Port	9	7	2	878	749	14
Sturt	9	4	5	863	788	8
North	9	4	5	823	799	8
West	9	3	6	812	876	6
South	9	2	7	731	957	4
Glenelg	9	1	8	788	1033	2

Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Lehman (North)	2	37
A. R. McLean (Port)	5	36
Pryor (South)	—	34
Pynor (Sturt)	4	32
Langley (Sturt)	5	25
Churchett (Glenelg)	9	24
Way (Norwood)	3	24
Quinn (Port)	3	22

Playing his first game for the year, Coverlid took a turn in ruck and also used his opportunities in attack well. He got three goals from left-foot shots.

Goalkickers—Torrens: Mehafeey, Coverlid (each 4), W. Hank, Phillips (each 2), Pryor, North: Pedler (3), Lehmann, Veal (each 2), Aamodt, Pash, O'Leary.

Best Players—Torrens: Bob Hank, Cox, Commans, Coverlid, Mehafeey, Pryor, R. Roberts, North: O'Leary, Coullis, Burton, Aamodt, Pedler, Kennedy, Donisthorpe.

7-GOAL BAY VICTORY

GLENELG won their first game for the season by 42 points against South at Adelaide Oval today, kicking 10 goals in the last quarter.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3-1	9-5	12-6	22-7	139
South	6-5	6-8	13-10	14-13	97

Glenelg lived up to their nickname of "tigers" when, aided by a slight breeze, they converted a 10-point deficit to a 42-point win in the last quarter.

Their win was all the more meritorious because both reserves had to be called on.

Hunt, their best man, had to leave the field. Churchett was carried off with slight concussion at half-time, and Woollard then also had slight concussion. Both Churchett and Woollard resumed later.

South opened with a strong breeze behind them, and ran to a 22-point lead at the first change. They had a slight edge in the ruck and ascendancy across centre, where Brown and Edgword went great guns.

Crabb and Betson now came into prominence. Croucher turned on speed at half-forward, and Churchett was cool and effective at full forward. Glenelg, 15 points up, held the lead at half-time for the first time this year.

Cochrane Shines

Glenelg appeared to have the game won five minutes after the resumption, when they had a 27-point lead. But then South attacked round the eastern wing to the river goal through Cochrane, who kicked four nice goals. Brown continued to go well at centre, and Hickinbotham was in the way when Glenelg went forward.

South kicked 7-2 to 3-1 to have the last rest with a 10-point lead.

Lapthorne posted a goal, and then Glenelg took over. They "trampled" over South in attacking all ways. They kicked long to position, and knocked one another over with passes, always finding someone capable of kicking goals.

Churchett, who had played the full forward position well up to this, played it even better. Crabb and Link showed how to kick goals from 60 yards out.

Born of confidence, every attack looked a winner. South tired badly, and Glenelg went on and on, to bring up 23 goals from 29 scoring shots.

Goalkickers—Glenelg: Churchett (9), Link (4), Croucher, Donaldson, and White (each 2), Woollard, Haussen, and Crabb, South: Lapthorne, Cochrane (each 4), Guthridge (2), Price, Abbott, Templeton, Linke.

Best Players—Glenelg: Hunt (until injured), Churchett, Hannaford, Crabb, Betson, Haussen, White, South: Price, Lapthorne, Brown, Templeton, Ryan, Edgword, Cochrane.

SNAP SHOTS

NORWOOD and Port never allowed each other to hold the lead for long in the game at Norwood today. The lead changed hands 14 times throughout the match and the scores were level nine times. For the greater part of the first half there were fewer than six points between the teams.

A SIREN was used to signal the ends of the quarters for the first time at Norwood Oval today. It was a big improvement on the bell system of signalling.

NOT only would the visitors' dressing room at Thebarton Oval be improved, but the grandstand would be lengthened when materials and manpower became available, said the Thebarton Council town clerk (Mr. W. H. Brady) today. Mr. Brady said that last year the council's portion of gate takings was nearly £600, and was expected to be more this year. This would enable long-delayed improvements to be made.

GLENELG'S room after the game against South at Adelaide Oval was reminiscent of their only premiership win—against Port in 1934. Among the many to shower congratulations on players and officials was Sid White, former Norwood captain and Sturt coach.

TROPHIES were plentiful for Glenelg players at Adelaide Oval today. Arthur Hannaford was selected as the most effective player up to half-time; Ray Hunt was adjudged best for the match, and Alan Crabb and Colin Churchett were awarded other trophies.

South—Backs: Templeton, Haines, Ryan, Half-backs: Harris, Hickinbotham, Fraser, Centres: Edgword, Brown, Cahill, Half-forwards: Ball, Linke, Cochrane, Forwards: Guthridge, Pryor, Price, Ruck: Veitch, Abbott, Lapthorne, Reserves: Bilney, Allen.

Glenelg—Backs: Low, Hunt, Masters, Half-backs: Hannaford, Robent, Whittaker, Centres: Sullivan, Cook, Trenorden, Half-forwards: Donaldson, Woollard, Croucher, Forwards: Crabb, Churchett, White, Ruck: Betson, Link, Haussen, Reserves: McPherson, Laffin, Trenorden (heavy knock) replaced by McPherson in second quarter. Umpire: L. A. Reeves. Estimated attendance, 3,000.