

# STURT FIGHT BACK IN KEEN DUEL FOR 2-GOAL WIN

By Roy Colmer

A great recovery by Sturt, in which they lasted better than Port, gained a two-goal win at Unley Oval today in the main match of the opening series of the league football season.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt . . .	1—4	10—10	12—12	15—14	104
Port . . .	4—5	8—6	12—13	13—14	92

Sturt owed their win to a brilliant burst of roving by Langley in the second quarter. They were transformed then from a hesitant, almost a timid, side into a hard-fighting, determined combination.

Langley gave a fine display of roving and accurate snap-shooting for his six goals.

Most Sturt moves from the packs were started by Whelan, the most consistent follower in the game. Yeo and Crawley held their half-back wing positions throughout. Schober must be ranked high for Sturt because of his heavy work in ruck.

Fry covered the resting Port rovers efficiently from the back pocket. Ryan (follower) and Pike (centre half-forward)

were new men to give promise of better form.

Roberts stood out as the best man on the ground and played almost a faultless game at centre for Port, although covering more territory than usual.

Boyd made one of the most impressive entries into league football seen from a goalsneak for years. He deserved his six goals. Schumann held centre half-back all day and Clarke won on the day at centre half-forward. Marrett (follower), Greer (centre wing), and L. McLean (follower) were others to show form.

Goalkickers—Sturt: Langley (6), Schober (3), Cave, Pike, Ryan (2). Port: Boyd (6), Clarke (4), McLean, Gates, Marrett.

## TORRENS SCRAPE HOME BY GOAL

By Lawrie Jervis, Jun.

Lucky breaks which came their way in the last 10 minutes helped Torrens beat North by six points at Thebarton Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	4—3	12—8	14—10	18—10	118
North . . .	3—5	6—6	14—10	16—16	112

ONLY 10 points behind, North sent the ball in to Tuckey. He, apparently thinking himself too far out to goal, sent it on to Coulls, who was close in.

In the stress of the moment, Coulls attempted to pass it back to Tuckey, and Torrens defenders rushed in and cleared. It was an unfortunate blemish on an otherwise good game from Coulls.

Then, to cap the bad luck, Ian McKay's beautiful long dropkick a minute later hit a post. Goals from Coulls and McKay would have put North in front.

Goalkickers—Torrens: Parsons (6), Mehaffey (5), Wood, Hodgins (2), Bob Hank, Kinter, Phillips. North: Tuckey (9), Coulls, Arbon (3), Griffin.

## Snapshots

Play at Unley Oval was held up three times while a black-and-white dog was carried off the field. Once Cave (Sturt) was given a second shot for goal because of the dog's activities. Cave missed with the first shot, goaled with the second.

Bob Hank has been plagued with leg injuries in the past month. The pulled muscle which caused him to leave the field at Thebarton at third quarter's end today was a different injury from the one on the left leg sustained in the first trial game of the season. He should be fit by next Saturday.

Port players took position at the wrong ends before the start of the Unley Oval game. It was a rare sight to see a team being waved to opposite stations while the umpire waited.

When Norm Betson led Glenelg on to Glenelg Oval he broke his way through a lattice work of black and yellow crepe

streamers. It was mounted on a steel frame. It had been made unknown to the team by Mesdames V. Oliver and N. Aikman, members of the social committee.

Wasps are immune from noise in the home apparently. Wheezy sounds from Kensington Oval siren in the West trial game last Saturday led to an investigation this week. It was found a wasp had built its nest in the siren.

Clem Hill, who played 151 games for Glenelg between 1925 and 1934, and who is now coach of the colts, saw Glenelg senior colts win their first game for five years today.

## PREMIERSHIP LIST

	P.	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.	Prem.
Glenelg	1	1	—	153	88	2	
Sturt	1	1	—	104	92	2	
Torrens	1	1	—	118	112	2	
North	1	—	1	112	118	—	
Port	1	—	1	92	102	—	
South	1	—	1	88	153	—	
West	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Nerwood	—	—	—	—	—	—	

## GOALKICKERS

Tuckey (North)	9
Churchett (Glenelg)	8
Langley (Sturt)	6
Boyd (Port)	6
Parsons (Torrens)	6
Mehaffey (Torrens)	6

## Glenelg Win Well; Better Than in 1947

By Colin Hay

Glenelg's brilliant form in a hollow win over South at Glenelg today stamps them as a stronger team than last year.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3.3	11.9	16.14	22.21	153
South	3.5	7.9	10.16	12.16	88

South made a match of it until half-way through the second quarter. Then Glenelg's better combination and condition had South floundering. The city team made so many changes in an attempt to stop the rot that players were confused. Glenelg had no passengers.

Move of Boyall to centre half-forward, allowing Crabb to go to a forward pocket, in the second quarter, was masterly, and with Karutz calling the tune at centre South were never in the race.

It was only when Hickinbotham was moved to watch Karutz that Glenelg swung their attack to the flanks.

## FINE LEADING

Best on the ground was Donaldson (Glenelg) at half-forward left, where he showed great initiative, intelligent leading, and unselfish passing.

Boyall kept the Bays going forward with his heady moves. His marking was brilliant and his kicking mostly fast and accurate. Robjent was best of the defenders.

Greenbank, former Mildura rover, was best of the small men and Glenelg's best until injured late in the third term.

South's new follower, McLeod, was their best man. He repeatedly got the knock. Fraser was outstanding in the first half in a back pocket. Hickinbotham, after a shaky opening, was responsible for many of South's rallying efforts from centre.

Goalkickers—Glenelg: Churchett (8), Donaldson (3), Hausen, Betson, Boyall, Greenbank, McPherson (2), Link. South: Pryor, Panizza (3), Ball (2), Laphorne, Deane, Abbott, Young.