

NORWOOD BEAT HANDICAP

By Roy Colmer

Norwood made a magnificent recovery to defeat Sturt in the league football match at Unley Oval this afternoon. They had seemed a beaten side half-way through the second quarter.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	1—2	5—3	11—9	14—12	96
Sturt	2—0	6—4	7—4	12—9	81

It was a fine premiership trial by Norwood. They went into the game without Burke, Gallagher, and Way, and lost Mayo and Dalwood before the second quarter began.

Sturt made a brilliant opening. Kicking into a strong breeze, they cramped Norwood by close checking and by keeping play to the eastern wing, forcing Norwood to kick across wind in making for goal.

Headon shadowed Oatey from the start until half-way through the last quarter.

While Sturt were able to dictate the trend of the game, they looked a good side. They outbumped Norwood in many vigorous exchanges.

Played open game

Then Norwood swept into an open game and went along to win. Factors in the victory were the play of Olds at centre wing and Williams' brilliance at centre half-forward in the third quarter.

South faded away

By Ray Barber

South led at half-time for the first time this year, but North finished 37 points ahead at Norwood Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	5.4	6.6	12.11	15.15	103
South	1.1	2.3	9.4	10.8	68

North were too accomplished forward, and were given impetus by better rucks.

At half-time South led by nine points after having kicked 7—2 to 1—2 in the second term. But South forsook the long game that had paid rich dividends, and went for foolish short stuff.

Two quick goals came from North on resumption, and it was all over.

Pedlar was the most consistent North man. He rucked untiringly.

McKay kept goal brilliantly, and roused North with his ruck work. Arbon's roving was effective—a direct contrast to last Saturday at Alberton.

Tuckey was dangerous with his sharpshooting, and Beeching played well at centre half-forward. McKenzie was sound in a back pocket. Odgers, Griffen, and Crouch were the best of the others.

Pryor turned in another fine goalkeeping display with well-judged marking a feature. Linke tried harder than anyone, but received little support from his other ruckmen.

Williams was dashing and clever in a back pocket. He is very promising. Fraser was a good centre half-back.

Deane beat Griffen while covering a lot of ground at centre, and Edgword (centre wing) was useful.

Templeton, with two great dropkick goals in his four, and Smith were the best of the forwards.

—Scorers—North: Tuckey, 5.1; Arbon 3.0; Bolton, 2.2; Beeching, 2.1; McKay, 1.2; Cox, 1.1; Odgers, 1.0; Coulls, 0.2; Hancock, Kennett, 0.1; rushed, 0.4. South: Smith, 4.3; Templeton, 4.1; Laphorne, 1.1; Slatery, 1.0; Webber, Allen, 0.1; rushed, 0.1.

Sturt lost Yeo at half-time and missed him at centre half-back. Norwood clinched their win in the third quarter when they scored 6—6 to a goal.

Olds was hardly beaten for the day, and sometimes out-pointed two and three opponents attempting to crowd him. Drage contributed a strong effort on the ruck fringes.

Marriott starred in the first quarter and held centre half-back all day. Williams deserves high ranking for his third quarter. Matthews and Hall were hard-working followers after Dalwood left the field.

Holmesby defended soundly, and Farrow, with strong opposition, did well in kicking six goals.

Headon was best for Sturt. He had a difficult task in shadowing Oatey, but checked the captain for most of the game. Kearns was again one of the best of the Sturt defence, and marked well at times against hot opposition.

Crawley played safely at half-back right. He and Yeo were early stars. Fry completed a good half-back line.

Southern did some fine things at centre in the second half without dominating the position. Whelan and Hillary were the pick of the Sturt followers.

—Scorers—Norwood: Farrow, 6.2; Williams, 3.2; Oatey, 2.1; Drage, 1.2; Hall, 1.2; Bell, 1.0; Trestrail, 0.1; rushed, 0.2. Sturt: Hillary, 3.1; Langley, 2.2; Tilley, 2.1; Headon, 2.0; Willis, 1.1; Schober, 1.0; Giles, 1.0; Bugg, 0.2; Southern, 0.1; Thomas, 0.1.

SNAPSHOTS

Norwood centre wingmen did not change positions at Unley Oval today. Olds played on the eastern wing all day. Sturt kept Thomas there, while Whitford was opposed by Wickham, and later by Trezise, on the other flank.

Robjent, Glenelg ruckman, will be reported by Umpire Aplin for alleged unnecessarily rough play in the third term against Torrens.

Port centre wingman Mick Gates, who suffered a badly wrenched knee just before half-time at Adelaide Oval, will not be available for the last series next week.

Mayo, who is travelling to England in the Orion, went to Unley Oval this afternoon to play his last game with Norwood, but had to leave the field within the first eight minutes. He suffered torn fibres in the back of a leg. Two Sturt men, Wickham (bruised foot) and Yeo (strained thumb), also had to leave the field.

North opened the first and third quarters the same way. They had two goals in two minutes on the board in each term.

Attendances at today's league football matches totalled 23,100. There were 12,000 at Unley, 5,600 at Thebarton, 4,000 at Adelaide, and 1,500 at Norwood.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.
Norwood	13	3	1,671	1,279	26	
Torrens	12	4	1,666	1,402	24	
West	11	5	1,764	1,530	22	
Sturt	10	6	1,469	1,270	20	
North	7	9	1,495	1,354	14	
Glenelg	7	9	1,514	1,631	14	
Port	4	12	1,321	1,433	8	
South	—	16	1,113	2,114	—	

Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	4	88
Tuckey (North)	5	58
Farrow (Norwood)	6	51
Mehaffey (Torrens)	3	52
Atkins (W.A.)	5	47
A. R. McLean (Port)	—	45

TORRENS WON IN LAST TERM

By Lowrie Jervis, Jun.

Torrens' stamina allowed them to go away from Glenelg over the last term to win by 23 points at Thebarton today. The game was very spirited in the first three quarters.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	4—7	7—8	13—10	17—13	115
Glenelg	4—2	7—6	10—9	13—14	92

There was little between the teams for the first three terms, and, with the scores close, there were many fiery exchanges. One culminated in Churchett being carried off on a stretcher just before half-time interval.

While Churchett was goal-sneak Glenelg finished off their drives well. Churchett kicked four goals to half-time. Afterwards Glenelg attacks broke down in the forward line.

After half-time Torrens played with more polish and zest than previously, but they still made more mistakes than should be made by potential grand finalists.

Bob Hank, at centre, though often out-marked by the taller Donaldson, was generally too adroit in ground play for his opponent, and was the main-spring of most Torrens attacks.

Glastonbury was not beaten at half-forward. Prior again played well on the ball and at forward, getting six goals. Sully (back pocket), Edwards (wing), Low (half-back left), Ray and Bill Hank (roving and rucking), and Mehaffey (roving) also did well.

Ted Robjent, Glenelg ruckman, with a courageous, brilliant game, was probably best on the ground. He smashed Torrens' attacks repeatedly.

Heywood-Smith (wing), Crabb (ruck), Hannaford (half-back), Donaldson—brilliant at centre at times, but beaten on the day—Trenorden and McPherson (roving), Laffin (ruck), also earned their places.

—Scorers—Torrens: Prior 6.1, Ray Hank 4.2, Mehaffey 3.6, Phillips 1.6, Coverlid 1.1, Hodgins 1.2, Glastonbury 1.1, Glenelg: Churchett 4.2, Crabb 3.3, Nelson 1.2, McPherson 2.2, Trenorden 1.0, Cuthbertson 0.2, rushed 0.2.

Torrens—Backs: Wyatt, A. Robert-Sully. Half-backs: Pyatt, R. Edwards, Low. Centres: C. McKenzie, Bob Hank, J. Edwards. Half-forwards: Glastonbury, Phillips, Wood. Forwards: Coverlid, Prior, Ray Hank. Ruck: Hodgins, W. Hank, Mehaffey. Reserves: Kinter, Schwartz. Glenelg—Backs: Patching, Hunt, Cuthbertson. Half-backs: Vale, Hannaford, Wallis. Centres: Manning, Donaldson, Heywood-Smith. Half-forwards: Sullivan, Laffin, Grimwood. Forwards: Trenorden, Churchett, Crabb. Ruck: Betson, Robjent, McPherson. Reserves: Bradley, Tugwell.

Umpire: K. L. Aplin. Estimated attendance, 7,000.

Churchett has jaw hurt in fall on gravel

Colin Churchett, State and Glenelg goalsneak, sustained a probable fractured jaw and a deep, long gash underneath the chin, when he was thrown heavily to the ground near the end of a fiery second quarter at Thebarton Oval today.

The incident happened near the southern goal. Churchett, fighting two Torrens opponents for the ball, fell heavily on the gravel trotting track which surrounds the turf at Thebarton.

He was carried off on a stretcher, and was taken to Royal Adelaide Hospital.

West win not impressive

By Colin Hay

West can gain little consolation from a premiership viewpoint out of their win over Port at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	0—1	7—5	9—6	15—6	96
Port	3—5	3—8	7—11	11—14	80

Their play lacked the fire and cohesion of earlier displays.

A fine seven-goal burst in the second quarter, after an unimpressive start, paved the way for West's 16-point win.

They weathered a strong last-quarter challenge by Port, who were within one point and later four points. Port had more of the play, and threw away their chance by faulty kicking.

Burkett was in the fray from the first bounce, and his inspiring marking played a big part in the win.

Lewis and Lee were outstanding on the half-back flanks, and Semmler gave one of his best performances for some time.

Coad roved consistently, and Brown looked after a back

pocket like a champion. Lynch, replacement for Braidwood in the first quarter, justified his inclusion with a heady game at half-forward.

Port centre half-back, Russell, was best on the ground. He was always safe in the air and repeatedly turned Port from defence to attack with his heady play. Cliff and Marrett rucked well, and E. Whelan at centre half-forward had the better of Faehse. Hobbs, Fletcher, and Carr were best of the others.

—Scorers—West: Atkins, 5.1; Agars, 3.1; Souter, 1.2; Zeuner, 1.1; Langford, James, Smith, Lynch, Coad, 1.0; Taylor, 0.1. Port: Marrett, 3.1; Peake, 2.2; Hobbs, Fletcher, 2.1; Boyd, 1.2; Dayman, 1.1; McKenzie, R. Whelan, 0.2; Batt, Hewitson, 0.1.