

# REDLEGS TROUNCED BY UNBEATEN TORRENS

Trouncing Norwood on the redlegs' ground, Torrens provided an upset in league football today and are now the only unbeaten team.

Port staged a fine recovery for their first win and Glenelg's first defeat at Alberton. West lasted better to beat North, and Sturt won easily from South.

## 51-Point Victory

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	6—3	12—7	15—9	19—15	129
Norwood	2—1	7—5	8—10	11—12	78

By Lawrie Jervis, Jun.

Not for many years have Norwood been so thoroughly thrashed as they were by Torrens today. The gold-and-blues outclassed the redlegs on the day and won by 51 points.

Afterwards Norwood captain, Jack Oatey, admitted that it was probably the worst beating his team has taken since they met Sturt in a semi-final in 1941.

Surprisingly Torrens did better than break even in the rucks, where it was thought they would lose ground. Coverlid and Hodgins played their best games in years.

Norwood were a dispirited, weary, and battered side in the last term. There was no sign of the expected powerful finishing run for which they have always been noted.

At no stage, even after the wholesale changes in placings which they made after the half-time interval, did Norwood look capable of combating the hard-hitting, fast football which Torrens played.

Torrens' captain, Bob Hank, was best on the ground. Blackmore diminished Hank's brilliance a little in the second term, but after that the Torrens man was in full control.

Next to him were Mehaffey (roving) and Coverlid. Cover-

lid's ruckwork in the second term was the deciding factor in allowing the gold-and-blues to hold the lead when Norwood made their one and only determined bid. Colin McKenzie, on the wing, was vigorous, and rarely wasted a kick, and Edwards on the other wing did well.

Best of the others were H. McKenzie (roving) and Parsons (full forward). However, this was one of those games where the term "all played well" fitted Torrens.

Giles played so brilliantly at centre half-back for Norwood in the second term that he seemed to be holding Torrens on his own.

He was the only redleg who consistently held his own. In the last quarter, limping and tired, he could not go off when he should have because Norwood already had their two reserves on the field.

Marriott, Williams, and Dalwood rucked well in patches, and Bell (half-forward), LePage (centre and half-forward) also did fairly well.

Scorers—Torrens: Parsons 6.3, Mehaffey 4.4, Coverlid 3.3, Bennett 1.0, C. McKenzie 1.0, H. McKenzie 1.1, Wyatt 1.0, Phillips 1.1, Hodgins 1.1, rushed 0.2. Norwood: Farrow 3.3, Mayo 3.3, Bell 2.0, Roberts 2.1, Oids 1.0, LePage 0.2, Way 0.1, rushed 0.2.

### PREMIERSHIP

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.
Torrens	3	3	—	373	276	6	6
Glenelg	3	2	1	374	335	4	4
Sturt	3	2	1	332	298	4	4
Norw'd.	3	2	1	295	298	4	4
West	3	2	1	328	332	4	4
Port	3	1	2	308	302	2	2
North	3	—	3	327	347	—	—
South	3	—	3	251	400	—	—

### Top Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	9	23
Farrow (Norwood)	3	17
Tuckey (North)	4	15
Parsons (Torrens)	6	14
Mehaffey (Torrens)	4	14
Langley (Sturt)	3	12

# Port's Recovery Upsets Glenelg

By ROY COLMER

Port left Glenelg floundering by a burst of speed in the second half of the game at Alberton Oval and won by 28 points. Until half-time the Bay rucks had the magpies trailing badly.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3—5	5—7	14—13	19—19	133
Glenelg	5—2	11—6	12—8	16—9	105

While Glenelg were able to keep the game at close quarters their followers, particularly Betson, made Port appear a badly beaten side. But in the third term Port put yards on to their speed and scored 9—6 to 1—2.

Opening out the play and kicking accurately to the man in position, Port ran the bigger Glenelg men into the ground. When they stopped the opposing rucks from dominating the play, the magpies had the game won.

It was a fine finishing effort by Port. In making their run they were supreme in nearly every set position.

Schumann was best man for Port and was one of the few to match Glenelg in the air in the first half. Clarke was little behind him at centre half-forward. In the closing stages he was best man on the ground, but Schumann gave the more consistent performance.

### Vigorous Roving

Mick Gates was brilliant with

vigorous roving in the second half. Roberts took control of centre after half-time and dictated his team's winning open tactics. Hewitson gave a greatly improved display at centre wing, and others to show out were Russell (half-back) and Marrett (ruck).

Betson was the pick of a Glenelg side which faded badly after a fine start. He fought the game out to the end. Hunt had to do a lot as goalkeeper, and was hardly beaten on the day.

Churchett proved his value as goalsneak by scoring nine goals, six in the first half. Wallis was sound at half-back and Crabb was under notice in the first half with cool work in the packs. Brown made a promising first appearance at half-forward. Another to do useful work was Haussen (roving).

Scorers—Port: M. Gates 7.2, Clarke 5.2, Marrett 2.2, Growden 2.1, L. Gates 1.4, Boyd 1.2, Hewitson 1.1, Nicholls 0.3, Roberts 0.1, Hall 0.1. Glenelg: Churchett 9.3, Grimwood 3.1, Boyall 1.1, Haussen 1.1, McPher-son 1.0, Brown 1.0, Betson 0.3.

# West Better In Great Finish

By COLIN HAY

West's accurate kicking, with goals from their last four shots after costly mistakes, gave them a 12-point victory over North at Prospect.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	6—10	6—10	12—15	16—17	113
North	2—2	11—7	12—8	15—11	101

It was a hard, exciting match, marred by Umpire D. Hendry's poor display.

North were not a happy combination in the opening play. They lacked system as West quickly swung into action with snappy handball, their small men capitalising on North mistakes.

The only time North looked like a team was in the second quarter, when they were yards faster and outmarked West, keeping them scoreless while they ran to a 25-point lead.

Fos Williams roved tirelessly and worked hard in a forward pocket to be West's best man. Only blemish was his shooting for goal. Slattery showed his best form on a half-forward flank, where he marked and kicked well.

Coad rose to heights with his roving, and his five goals came from his own initiative. Cannon (ruck), Smith (ruck and forward), Faehse (centre half-

back), and Brown—his last quarter in a back pocket was brilliant—were best of the rest.

Best man on the ground was Ron Phillips, North centre half-back, who was never beaten. His marking against taller opponents was superb and his position play and leading faultless.

Hyam showed out at half-back right, and his first game gives promise of a successful season. Griffin had the better of Burkett at centre until he left the field in the closing stages.

Beeching and O'Leary worked hard in ruck, Arbon roved with dash, and Kennett played intelligently at half-forward.

Scorers—West: Coad 5.1, Williams 3.5, Smith 3.2, Atkins 2.1, Cannon 1.5, Zeuner 1.2, Agars 1.0, Lewis 0.1. North: Tuckey 4.0, Coulls 3.5, Pedlar 3.1, McKay 2.3, Beeching 2.0, Kennett 1.1, rushed 0.1.

# Sturt Too Good For South

By Roy Barber

Good ruck work, backed up by superior forward play, gave Sturt a 44-point win over South at Adelaide Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	6.2	11.10	15.17	17.19	121
South	3.2	6.3	8.7	11.11	77

Sturt had the game won by half-time, when their half-forward line gave the double-blues a three-way attack. Most attacks came through Jim Willis, who gave a perfect exhibition of half-forward play.

Schober and Whelan were on top in the rucks, with Langley and Merchant causing damage on the fringes.

Sturt's ruck strength was given a filip when Tilley gave himself a run on the ball after being out of the game at half-back.

### RUCKS ON TOP

Willis and Schober are bracketed first for Sturt. Their bulk and knocking ability proved big obstacles to the South packs.

Fry, in the back pocket, was steady as a rock, and marked well. Langley, after a quiet opening, came into his own in

the last three quarters. He played a kick behind centre in the last term to prevent a repetition of last week's display by Sturt.

Yeo battled hard at centre, and did a lot of good work. Pynor's four goals was a good opening for him, and other good players were Whelan, Lowe, Thomas, and Hardy.

There was little to choose between Hickinbotham and Deane as South's best. Hickinbotham marked safely and kicked strongly, and Deane was busy at centre half-forward.

Edgword played the half-forward left position effectively, while Young was under notice at centre wing. Fraser stuck close to Lowe, and restricted him after quarter time, while Laphorne was dashing at times.

Scorers—Sturt: Pynor 4.3, Langley 3.3, Schober 3.2, Willis 2.4, Merchant 2.1, Lowe 1.2, Pike, Whelan 1.0, Ryan 0.2, Rushed 0.2. South: Pynor, Panizza 3.1, Deane 1.3, Laphorne, Webber 1.1, Edgword, Bolland 1.0, Schapel 0.2, Ward 0.1, Rushed 0.1.

### Attendances

Crowds totalling 29,200 saw the league football matches today—10,800 at Norwood, 7,500 at Alberton, 5,500 at Prospect, 5,400 at Adelaide.