

STURT WIN BY 4 PTS. IN TENSE LAST TERM

By Roy Colmer

Sturt defeated Norwood by four points in an exciting finish to the league football match at Kensington Oval today. The lead changed four times in the last quarter.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3—8	4—10	8—17	11—19	85
Norwood	2—1	8—7	8—9	12—9	81

POWERFUL ruck work was a big factor in Sturt gaining the upper hand in the second half.

Sturt had a big advantage from winning the toss. They had the breeze at their backs for two quarters and its force had eased greatly in the last quarter, when Norwood expected to benefit.

Norwood gained what should have been a strong grip on the game in the second quarter. Sturt, by kicking inaccurately, had failed to make most use of the breeze in the first quarter, kicking three goals in 11 scoring shots.

Although the redlegs raced away from Sturt in the second quarter, they moved unevenly. Three or four players, particularly Oatey, carried a big burden.

Schober gave Sturt control of the rucks after half-time. With the other Sturt followers playing up to his lead, Norwood were without a counter in the close work.

Sturt played fine, open, purposeful football when making their final drive.

Willis played a grand game for Sturt at half-forward left, rarely missed gaining possession, and gave his side a road to goal all day.

Fry was solid and consistent at half-back left. Schober brushed the opposition aside when Sturt made their last bid.

Southern, at centre, was held by Blackmore early, but out-pointed him after half-time. Pike played a much improved game at centre half-forward. His transfer to goalsneak in the third quarter was a surprise. Langley was at his best when the going was hard, and Yeo held centre half-back.

Oatey was more effective than spectacular. Many times he made openings to find team mates flat-footed and unprepared. Myers was in the limelight with fine highmarking at times.

After Oatey, Drage was most consistent for Norwood, but marred some of his work by trying for too much speed. Marriott shouldered a heavy burden in ruck and did well with little support.

Olds was best of the centre wingmen without reaching a high standard. Burke did his best work in the second half at centre half-back, and Roberts was under notice at times.

Scorers—Sturt: Pynor 4.3, Crawley 3.0, Langley 2.1, Schober 1.4, Willis 1.1, Pike 0.3, Merchant 0.1, Cave 0.1, Kearns 0.1, Thomas 0.1, rushed 0.2. Norwood: Oatey 3.0, Farrow 2.4, Myers 2.1, Drage 2.0, Bell 1.2, Heidenreich 1.1, Danste 1.0, rushed 0.1.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	P.	W.	L.	For.	Ag.	Pts.
Torrens	7	6	1	762	638	12
Norwood	7	5	2	710	620	10
Sturt	7	5	2	660	599	10
West	6	4	2	734	616	8
Glenelg	7	3	4	704	715	6
Port	6	2	4	554	512	4
North	7	2	5	662	667	4
South	7	—	7	508	927	—

Top Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	4	43
Farrow (Norwood)	2	35
Tuckey (North)	4	31
Mehaffey (Torrens)	3	29
A. R. McLean (Port)	—	19
Langley (Sturt)	2	18

Torrens Lasted Better

By Ray Barber

Torrens lasted better than Glenelg today to win a hard game by 22 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3.3	6.5	10.8	15.12	102
Glenelg	3.4	5.7	10.11	11.14	80

It was apparent early that Torrens would have to play their fastest brand of football to offset Glenelg's ruck strength. Torrens did this, and threw in team work for good measure.

Two quick goals after three-quarter time won the game. Glenelg wore themselves out trying to overtake an 11-point lead.

Until the last seven minutes the game was in doubt, and the lead changed many times.

Gordon Schwartz made a great debut for Torrens after being cleared from Norwood. He made good position, and kicked powerfully for his four goals.

Colin McKenzie had almost a free hand at centre wing. His conspicuous dashes, with well-directed kicking made him a star.

Mehaffey spoilt another good performance by being "goal-happy" at times.

Wyatt and Bill Hank struggled gamely against great odds in the ruck. Hank's ground work was sound, and Wyatt marked safely overhead.

Bob Hank, although shaded by Donaldson, was effective with his footpassing, and yet another brother, Ray, turned in another promising game. Best of the others was Sully.

Marcus Boyall was outstanding for Glenelg. His play was either spectacular, or nonchalantly effective.

Donaldson was a good second at centre. He moved smoothly, and marked well.

Ray Hunt kept goal solidly. McPherson's five goals were well earned; Haussen was dashing in the last half, and Robjett and Window were useful.

Scorers—Torrens—Schwartz 4.1, Mehaffey 3.3, Ray Hank 3.0, Wood 2.1, Bob Hank, Glastonbury, Bill Hank 1.0, Parsons, Hodgins, Coverlid 0.2, rushed 0.1. Glenelg—McPherson 5.3, Churchett 4.4, Haussen 1.1, Laffin 1.0, Wallis 0.2, Hasse 0.1, rushed 0.3.

Glenelg—Backs: Window, Hunt, Hasse. Half-backs: Vale, Robjett, Hannaford. Centres: Manning, Donaldson, Trenorden. Half-forwards: Crabb, Wallis, Grimwood. Forwards: McPherson, Churchett, Laffin. Ruck: Betson, Boyall, Haussen. Reserves: Brown, Patching.

Torrens—Backs: Wyatt, Commane, Sully. Half-backs: Low, Cox, Oates. Centres: C. McKenzie, Bob Hank, J. Edwards. Half-forwards: Glastonbury, Schwartz, Wood. Forwards: Coverlid, Parsons, Ray Hank. Ruck: Hodgins, W. Hank, Mehaffey. Reserves: Ashby, R. Edwards. Umpire J. M. Schmelzkopf. Estimated attendance, 7,000.

SOUTH BEATEN BUT IMPROVED

By Colin Hay

South took the lead from North four times at Adelaide Oval today and showed improved form to get within 26 points at the final bell.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3—3	7—8	11—12	14—18	102
South	5—2	6—4	10—6	11—10	76

North have little reason to be satisfied with their second win for the season. Their form was far below that shown in their convincing win against Port, a fortnight ago. Too many men played spasmodically, and their kicking for goal, in contrast with South, was atrocious.

Phillips again showed remarkably consistent form at centre half-back. He was North's best, and should clinch a position in the State side.

Arbon roved with his customary dash, and was not far behind Phillips. O'Leary was again a tower of strength in ruck. Coulls' fine roving and forward play was spoiled only

by kicking for goal. Kennett (half-forward), Pedlar (ruck), and McKenzie (back pocket) were best of the others.

South's best was Laphorne, who never let up when roving, and fought hard when forward. His second string, Webber, showed plenty of speed, and gave his best performance for the season.

Deane always htd the call at centre. Others prominent were Thiel (forward), Pryor (goal-keeper), Edgword (centre wing), and Linke (ruck).

Scorers—North—Tuckey 4.3, Coulls 3.3, Beeching 3.1, Arbon 2.1, Kennett 1.4, Pedlar 1.0, McKay 0.5, rushed 0.1. Arbon, Coulls, Kennett each hit a goalpost. South—Thiel 5.1, Laphorne, Webber 2.1, Ward 1.1, Edgword 1.0, Panizza 0.2, Butcher, Bishop 0.1, rushed 0.2.

SNAPSHOTS

Arnold Isaachson, 20, of Murray Bridge, who is a paralysis victim, was brought from Northfield Hospital to Glenelg Oval.

Murray Bridge Ramblers Football Club, for whom he played, paid the expense of a South Australian ambulance to convey him to the ground. The Murray Bridge footballers came to the game at the invitation of the Glenelg Club.

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Positions were changed like pieces on a draughts board at Kensington Oval today. At one stage Jack Oatey was stationed at centre half-forward for Norwood, and Des Crawley, a regular half-back, finished the game as goalsneak for Sturt.

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Time on at Adelaide Oval today averaged less than four minutes a quarter—lowest that South and North timekeepers can recall. Usual average is over five minutes a quarter. Time added today for the four terms was 3.45, 2.58, 3.12, 3.12.