

# Glenelg And Norwood Still Unbeaten In Football

## DESPERATE FINISH AT THEBARTON

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Trailing West Torrens by 19 points a few minutes before the finish Norwood rallied desperately to snatch a one-point win with a goal kicked one minute before the siren.

Glenelg's easy defeat of Sturt left the former and Norwood undefeated at the head of the premiership table.

West Adelaide outlasted North Adelaide and Port Adelaide was not extended by South Adelaide.

### Glenelg Not Extended

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	5-11	8-14	15-21	15-22	112
Sturt	1-2	5-7	6-10	8-13	61

Although there is no denying Sturt's tenacity and spirit, the side is by no means good enough to win a premiership. It lacks the material. Against the superior position play and more deliberate football of Glenelg at Glenelg Oval, Sturt looked like a team of enthusiastic beginners and was beaten by 51 points.

Faulty disposal, poor rucks and a weakness in attack kept Sturt trailing throughout. Owing to a lack of adaptability, Toyns had a thankless task in trying to conceal the weak spots in key positions.

In the first quarter Glenelg threatened to turn the game into a rout, and may have done so had it kicked straight. It got only five goals from 16 scoring shots and finished the quarter with six successive behinds to lead by 13 points.

Sturt picked up some leeway when its turn came to kick with the wind, and outscored Glenelg by 4.5 to 3.3 in the second quarter. It got the ball ahead of centre, but was repeatedly driven out by the rugged defenders. When the half-forwards did gain possession, however, they had little idea of giving the ball to Thompson.

Full of confidence, Glenelg continued to dominate the ruck and with a practically impenetrable defence, it held an unbeatable lead of 65 points at three-quarter time.

**Goalkeepers**—Glenelg—Churchett, 5.3; L. Taylor, 2.3; Hansen, 2.3; Brooker, 1.5; Laffin, 1.3; Robbent, 1.2; J. Taylor, 1.1; Boehm, 1.0; Wickham, 0.1; rushed, 0.1. Sturt—Shanks, 2.3; Chapman, 2.1; Thompson, Ryan, each 1.2; Schober, Boland, each 1.1; Sanders, 0.1; rushed, 0.2.

Years of football have done little to diminish the dash and vigor of Robbent, whose game on the ball and in defence made him Glenelg's best. His ability to make position pounce on the ball in the open spaces and deliver it to the best advantage was reminiscent of "Bull" Reval.

Except for two brief intervals Don Taylor (centre half-back) was unbeatable. Trenorden (centre) was the best man on the ground in the first half and continued in fine form until Giles (the third man sent to oppose him) got on top towards the end of the game. Laffin was the best follower afield and is a definite State possibility. Others in an even side to do well were Hunt (goal), L. Taylor (centre half-forward), J. Taylor (ruck and defence), Hannaford and Window (defence), Brooker and Hansen (rovers), Churchett (full forward), Crahb (ruck), and Prior (half-back, last half).

Although he had less to do than some of his team mates, Fry (half-back) accomplished it with great effect, made few mistakes and was Sturt's steadiest player. Kutcher (centre-wing) was on top throughout while best of the others were Ingham (goal), Bowler (half-back), Boland (rover), Giles (back pocket and centre), Thomas (centre wing), Sanders (ruck and forward), Ryan (half-forward), Shanks (rovers), and Tilley (centre half-back). — KEITH BUTLER.

**PLAYING** in his first game against Sturt, his old club, Stan Wickham, Glenelg half-forward, was reported by Field Umpire W. J. Staker for allegedly having assaulted E. G. Tilley, Sturt centre half-back in the second quarter of the Glenelg-Sturt match at Glenelg Oval.

### HOW THEY STAND

	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.C.	Pts.
Glenelg	3	—	318	188	66.9	6
Norwood	1	—	324	226	58.0	6
Port Adel.	2	1	377	323	51.0	4
West Adel.	2	1	357	368	49.0	4
West Tor.	1	2	337	322	50.0	2
Sturt	1	2	342	289	45.0	2
Nth. Adel.	—	3	196	296	59.0	—
Sth. Adel.	—	3	181	368	52.0	—

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Metes.	Met.	Total
Churchett (G)	1	5.3	21.12
Williams (PA)	1	5.5	10.6
Shanks (N)	3	2.3	9.11
Hansen (G)	3	2.3	9.7
Zucker (PA)	3	2.5	9.7
Thompson (N)	3	1.2	9.5
Williams (N)	3	3.2	9.5
Dalwood (N)	3	2.0	8.5

### 11-GOAL WIN TO PORT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	6-4	10-6	15-14	15-21	111
South	3-2	3-7	5-9	5-13	43

Beaten almost everywhere, but particularly in attack, South Adelaide was no match for Port Adelaide at Adelaide Oval.

**Goalkeepers**—Port Adelaide—Williams, 3.5; Hobbs, 4.3; Zucker, 3.5; Mills, 1.1; Moore and Marrett, each 1.0; Parr, 0.3; Batt, 0.2; Fletcher, 0.1; rushed, 0.1. Williams hit a goalpost. South Adelaide, Shimlock, 2.1; Laphorne, 1.3; Michellmore and Huntley, each 1.0; Deane and Gould, each 0.3; Blattery, Ellery and Taber, each 0.1.

Russell can pack his bag for Brisbane. If there's a better back pocket man in the game than this sturdy Port Adelaide player he's doing a good job of hiding his light under a bushel. He was uncanny in anticipation and almost impassable on Saturday.

Parr, in ruck and defence, gave a remarkably fine exhibition of leaping although he is not an unusually big man. Williams was the source of most of Port Adelaide's drive from the rucks and his clever handling of the ball and ground play in the forward lines was a feature.

Hobbs (roving), McDonald (wing), Fletcher (ruck and defence), Cliff (defence) and Hewison (wing) also were prominent.

Deane was the best player afield. He was untiring in his efforts to get South Adelaide moving goalwards—with heartbreaking results. For a short period after half-time he played as centre-half-back in an effort to bolster the defence, but although he continued to get kicks there it was not a good move. Deane is not a close checking half-back.

Linke and Fraser were the best of South Adelaide's somewhat demoralised defence and others to do well were Laphorne (roving), Ellery (half-forward), Williams (back-pocket). — Harry Kneebone.

### SATURDAY'S STARS

**Thebarton Oval**—BURKE (N), BRADFORD (WT), R. W. HANE (WT).

**Prospect Oval**—FAEMAE (WA), BOWTER (NA), BROWN (PA).

**Glenelg Oval**—ROBIENT (G), D. TAYLOR (G), TRENORDEN (G).

**Adelaide Oval**—DEANE (SA), RUSSELL (PA), FARR (PA).

### ATTENDANCES

Thebarton Oval (N v WT), 11,000; Glenelg Oval (G v S), 6,700; Adelaide Oval (PA v SA), 6,200; Prospect Oval (WA v NA), 5,500; total, 29,400.

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### ONE-POINT WIN TO NORWOOD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4-1	4-4	6-4	9-6	60
Torrens	2-1	3-4	7-10	8-11	59

Dame Fortune smiled indulgently on Norwood, which snatched victory from West Torrens' grasp with a goal kicked one minute before the end of the game at Thebarton Oval.

On the brink of defeat five minutes before the bell Norwood staged a magnificent recovery which converted a 12-point deficit into success by one point with a minute to spare.

It was a sensational climax to a game in which Norwood was morally and physically beaten until the last few minutes.

**Goalkeepers**—Norwood—Williams, 2.2; Dalwood, 1.0; Tilbrook, 2.1; Gately, 1.0; Carter, 0.2; Barker, 0.1. West Torrens—Mehaffey, 2.4; E. Ashby, 2.2; Prior, 2.1; Fletcher and Bradford, each 1.1; Pyatt and rushed, each 0.1.

### Burke In Form

Norwood ruckman Brian Burke recaptured the form which made him one of the State's outstanding followers two seasons ago. He was one of the few big men to show out consistently in the thick of the fight.

Edwards further vindicated the high opinion the Norwood selectors have of him with a brilliant defensive effort (and improved kicking), and the indefatigable Tilbrook roved tirelessly. Most prominent of the others were Blackmore (centre), Hall (half-forward), Warren (ruck) and Olds (centre wing, chiefly for his first quarter).

Diminutive Bradford was a mighty atom for West Torrens, "sharking" brilliantly, disposing of the ball intelligently and tackling the Norwood giants with amazing efficiency. Bob Hank outplayed Blackmore at centre with his usual efficiency, and Oates manned centre-half-back brilliantly except for a quiet first quarter.

Others responsible for good efforts were Ron Ashby (half-forward), Ray Hank (who easily outpointed Olds in every quarter except the first), W. Hank (ruck) and Mehaffey (rover). — BILL RUST.

### West Shines At Prospect

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	0-2	3-7	5-11	9-13	67
North	2-3	2-4	4-8	6-11	47

By its 20-point win over North Adelaide at Prospect Oval, West Adelaide has very decidedly rid itself of the title of "enigma team," which was freely applied to it in the pre-season period.

On the other hand, the term now seems to apply most aptly to last season's premier, which has lost all three games this year.

**Goalkeepers**—West Adelaide—Bernie Slattery, 2.1; B. Broadstock, 1.0; Agars, 1.2; Nelson, J. Broadstock, Brian Slattery, Williams, each 1.1; Lynch, 1.0; A. Court, 0.2. North Adelaide—Edwards, 3.0; Phillips, 2.2; Coulls, 1.0; Kennett, 0.4; Armody, Cox, each 0.2; rushed, 0.1. Cox hit a goalpost.

### Brilliant Backmen

West Adelaide had two backmen who, in different halves, hardly made a mistake. The diminutive Brown cleared repeatedly from a back pocket before half time. After that, Paehe was magnificent at centre half-back. His high marking was the feature of the match.

In a team in which most of the backmen starred, Hewitt (half back), Semmler (goalkeeper), Cannon and Williams (rucks) were often under notice. Lynch (wing) and Bernie Slattery (brilliant forward work in the last quarter) were the best of the others.

Sowter, playing his first League game, held one wing for North Adelaide. Some of his "propping" manoeuvres to sidestep out of trouble would have done credit to Dave Sands.

Others in form were Arbon (back pocket), Stringer (a fine exhibition of vigilance at centre half-back on J. Broadstock), Carroll and Anmody (ruck), Cox and Coulls (roving) and McKay (centre), although James checked him closely all day. — BOB JERVIS.