By LAWRIE JERVIS

Out of today's play, which added further to the confusion of league football form this season, emerges one fact—Port at no longer top.

Norwood's win-Port's fourth loss for the year -has tumbled the Magpies into second place.

North, who against West barely managed to avoid being the third victim of an upset today, now head the table with 16 points.

Port and Norwood are level with 14 points, but personnesses Port have the slightly better percentage.

The surprise Glenela walkover means that Souths drop back to seventh place, with Glenelg inching into sixth position on percentage.

Although Glenelg, South, and Sturt appear to have no chance of making the final four, there is so little between top and bottom teams anything could happen.

With luck on their side, either West, Glenelg, or South could dislodge Torrens from fourth place.

Attendances today totalled 31,400, made up of Norwood Oval (Norwood v. Port), 14,000; Adelaide Oval (North v. West), 7,700; Unley Oval (Sturt v. Torrens), 5,500; Glenelg Oval South) (Glenelg 4,200.

#### Premiership list

			Points		P	
	W.	L	For	Ag.	P	
North	8	3	927	764	1	
Port	7	4	836	637	1	
Norwood	7	4	1026	810	1	
Torrens	6	5	931	912	1	
West	5	6	771	783	1	
Glenelg	4	7	892	961		
South	4	7	743	946		
Sturt .	3	8	776	1089		

### Top goalkickers

	oday	TI
Willis (Torrens)	2	45
Phillips (North)	2	35
Read (South)	3	30
Bradford (Terrens)		26
Churchett (Glen.)	-	22
Maye (Norwood)	-	22
Brown (Norwood)	1	20
Randle (Gleneig)	4	20
L. Taylor (Glen.)	4	20

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McPherson (Glen.)	6	19
Hanssen (South)	1	18
Williams (West)	2	1.8
Cave (Sturt)		17
Whitaker (Port)	2	16
Boland (Sturt)	1	15
Carr (Torrens)	-	15
H. McKenzie (Nth.)	1	16
Phillips (Sturt)	-	14
Ontey (Norwood)	1	13
Walker (Norwood)	-	13
Williams (Norwd.)	1	13
Gilbourne (North)	-	12
Kennett (North)	1	12
Potts (Norwood)	1	12
Packham (West)		**

Fos. Williams (Pt.) 2

# Last quarter effort won match for North

By AMOS BOTTROFF

Only by a vigorous last quarter effort were North able to outscore West to win by a point three minutes before the final bell.

2nd 3rd lst 4-11 6-14 49

patches of water at several places and the ball stopped dead when it hit the gluelike centre patch.

North were not altogether lucky to win. I thought they were the better side,

Final Pts.

15—12 19—14 128

Glenelg, at one stage

At the beginning of the

posting six good

challenged

back gallantly, and, be-

first time for the game.

In new role

new role as a loose man,

mentioned first for the

side all day, whether on the ball or in a set posi-

On today's showing he

should play himself back

now again at his top form.

must be given great credit

for his fine showing and it

was his early success that helped to inspire Glenelg

into their matchwinning

McPherson roved dog-gedly and clinched his

effective play by kicking

their top, but Abbott did everything that was asked of him at fullback—his was

a first-class goalkeeper's

fought valiantly to get his

side into an attacking

Best Players-Glenelg: Crabb,

A. Bailey, McPherson, Davies, Rundle, J. Taylor, Marshall, South: Abbott, Thompson,

Deane, Allen, Toyne, Haussen,

6.2. L. Taylor 4.3. Rundle 4.1.

J. Wright 0.1, Churchett 0.1.

rushed 0.1. South: Read 3.1. Hewitt 2.0. Fraser, 1.2. Haus-

Toyne 0.1. Ballantyne 01.

Abbott.

Thompson did well at

and

Deane

South had few players at

six goals.

half-back

rushed 0.2.

mood.

Alf Bailey, at centre,

For Glenelg Crabb is

ers to get distance with only rarely successful in performance defence.

Thirteen points down at the last change McKay Griffen, Hancock, Gilbourne, went into the ruck and McKenzie. Cunningham McKenzie. Cunningham McCann. West: Brown, Lewis. in place of Carlson-also in Eglington.

Vigor was the keynote of the play, and North were in attack for the whole quar-

It was still not without great effort that they were able to penetrate the extra tight defence and scrape home by a point.

#### North's best

I would name McKay and Griffen as North's best. Griffen had more kicks than anyone on ground and definitely outmanoeuvred Lynch on the day, but McKay is preferred as best man because in attack, and it was not of two things:

> ● He shouldered main burden of defence in a decisive manner when he keeper. was not in the ruck.

side an unchanged rucking jury. performance that won the game in the last quarter.

Hancock continued his fine performance on a wing and Gilbourne, moved to centre half-forward during the game, played a sound attacking game.

Final Pts. tion well and cleared with 50 great effect for most of the game.

Lewis came back to hold The game was a slogging but because conditions Ron Phillips down to two one. The oval had visible made it difficult for playgoals and Leith gave a their kicking, they were somewhat overdue masterly pentrating the strong West forward. It was his best game to date.

> Best Players North: McKay. Went into the ruck and McCann. West: Brown. Lewis. Galloway came on the field Lynch. Leith. Slattery. Pachse.

Scorers North: Phillips 2.1.
Kennett 1.5. McKenzie 1.3.
Aldenhoven 1.0. Renner 1.0.
Carlson 0.2. McKay 0.1. Cox 0.1.
Gilbourne 0.1. West: Williams
2.1. Agars 2.0. Hole 1.2. Brown
1.1. Slattery 1.0. Thomas 0.1.
Packbam 0.1 Leith 0.1 Packham 0.1, Leith 0.1.

### 5 umpires report l aylor

Laurie Taylor, Glenels goalsneak, was reported in the second quarter at Glenelg by all five umpires for allegedly attempting to strike Abbott, South goal-

His brother, Don Taylor. With defeat staring did not play in the second him in the face he gave his half because of a leg in-

> Glenelg Football Club acknowledged Ray Hunt's 200th League game by a presentation before the start of the Gleneig-South match today.

Glenelg trophies today went to A. Bailey, and

## SOUTH GIVEN TROUNCING

By LEN SWAN

South were badly beaten by Glenela at Glenelg Oval today.

3rd

their second goal.

1 st 2nd Glenela 7-111-6

The home side did practure then in full stride. tically as they liked for Deane certainly is three quarters and finally proved South's play from doubled South's score to centre, but he was missed win by 64 points.

The game was a com- until late in the third term plete reversal of form for that the visitor's kicked both sides.

South were hopelessly out of touch after their were within a point of brilliance of the past few holding a 14-goal advanweeks. Glenelg, on the tage. other hand, played again the type of football that last quarter South came wins matches.

The muddy patches on sides the field kept the ball goals, really heavy and this affected the their opponents for the

Glenelg owe most of their early success to their ruck strength and the control During this burst from Brown was West's best. Went they had across centre. South it was strange to He seemed to make posistrength and the control This supremacy, combined see Churchett playing in a with an uncanny accuracy at the goalfront, gave them in the Glenelg back lines. eight goals, with only one point. while South struggled to post two terrific drive he gave his points.

### 10-goal lead

This devastating control continued until the long ininto the State side as he is terval to give Glenelg a 10goal lead.

After half-time Deane went to centre to check Alf Bailey, but Glenelg

### STURT HAD ONLY POINT TO SPARE

By BRIAN SHEA

Sturt snatched a one-point win over Torrens in a hard, slogging game at Unley. Sturt had to overcome a poor halfforward line, but their control across centre gave them the drive to force home attacks.

Ist 2nd 3rd Final Pts. 7-10 52 Sturt . . 2—4 Torrens 0-0

The ground was very sloppy at the start of play. The centre patch was a sea of mud and pools of water lay along the eastern wing. There was a strong cross wind.

Sturt adapted themselves better to the bad conditions early. Few of their players tried to kick the ball off the ground. Their efforts in going in hard for the ball enabled them to open the game up early in the first term to gain a good lead over Torrens.

Sturt had the call in ruck and Thompson's welldirected knocks gave them drive from the centre bounce. This ruck advantage, coupled with a winning centre line, continued to be Sturt's mainstay

throughout.

### **Held** scoreless

Torrens were held scoreless in the first term and seemed completely unbalanced by the speed and vigor of the opposition.

switched They had Clingly to the left halfforward flank in an effort play, the move met with little success.

Torrens' dependence on Bob Hank was very pointedly shown. On the occasions when their brilliant captain came into the play they looked a different His accurate passes with the sodden ball opened up their attacks and in the second term they drew within three points of Sturt.

Torrens' worst blow was the eclipse of their wingmen. Hank was forced to roam out wide on the wings in an effort to keep them in attack.

Leske, quite at home on the muddy centre patch. continued to drive Sturt into attack.

### Missed chances

greater share of the play their half-forward line let them down badly. Their outer attack failed time and again to convert the opportunities created by their winning centre line.

The last quarter produced easily the best football of the game. Sturt gained a three-goal break over Torrens when Ellis and Cave notched two quick goals, and it seemed Torrens had an impossible task to win.
Within minutes of the

end of play Torrens made their last desperate bid and again it was Hank who sent them into attack, They fought desperately

to score three quick goals. but the clock was against

### Fitzgerald cool

Leske, Sturt centreman, did not make a mistake. He played cool, purposeful football in the muddy centre and was always working to keep Sturt in attack.

Fitzgerald turned in another great game for the winners His cool judgto bypass Fitzgerald. But ment going for the ball with Bob Hank out of the and his long driving punt kicks broke up many Torrens attacks.

Sturt were a very even team but mention must be made of wingmen Kutcher and Green, while Boland roved in fine style.

Reg Sully was easily Torrens best. He never made a mistake in defence: always ready to cover the goals he refused to be rattled by the shocking conditions.

Roberts. AII goalkeeper, also played well while Head, a 16-yearold colt, showed plenty of

Best Players Sturt Leske, Fitzgerald, Kutcher, Green, Hodgeman, Beland, Thompson, Torrens Sully Roberts, Pischer, Head, Bob Hank, Graham,

Cockshell Scorers Sturt Cave 12, Rat-

### LATE BID BY PORT FAILS

### Norwood win exciting match by 11 points

By VIC JOHNSON

Port kicked 6-5 in a last-quarter bid to beat Norwood at Norwood Oval today, but the Redlegs weathered the storm and won by 11 points.

1st 2nd 3rd Final Pts. Norwood 4-6 5-10 9-18 7—15 Port . . . 1—3 2—5

out most of the game.

the large crowd on its toes. minutes. Until this final burst the Magpies looked anything but a good team.

trast to the methodical way about scoring.

Port were content, in the main, with trying to reach the goal front with futile handball, or by driving the ball in high with the hope that the tall men would mark it.

Norwood. kept their flanks and pockets wide open, and usually found mates with directed footpasses which gave the Magpie backs little chance to intercept

### Ran two rovers

The running of two rovers caused Port's recovery Garland was the first to challenge Norwood's ruck and Port's supremacy, back-pocket player, Russell, who had come up to centre as a loose man.

broke through repeatedly. The whole team responded admirably, and, playing the ball forward with low passes, they looked a football team for the first time in the game.

J. Taylor 2.1. Laffin 1.1. Lafsky 1.6. A. J. Bailey 1.0. Crabb 0.3. Norwood played by far, Only the stout-hearted the better football through- defence of Reimann at full back saved the Red-Port's good recovery had legs in the last

### Nearly 7 gools

After about ten minutes Their fumbling tactics in play in the final term. front of centre were a con- when Norwood were nearly seven goals in front. Port in which the Redlegs went suddenly got into their stride.

Garland's fine work at the centre bounce, Russell's bulldozer tactics in the crushes, and Whitaker's coolness at half-forward. rejuvenated the whole

The same was not yet They tore through Norwood, who had possibly seriously challenged Noreased up with their big wood's power in ruck.

ers made position well and Hall. they passed the ball cor- Best Players -- Norwood: Marrectly for the first time in riott,

mann, intelligently knock- ning. ing the ball instead of trying to mark it, staved off liams 2.2 Dalwood 2.0 Hall 1.5. Port's last drives to give Drage 13. Burke 11. Potts 11, Norwood victory.

powerful ruck work, and Oarland 2.2, Whitaker 2.1, Wilwell-placed kicks made liams 2.1, Dinning 1.2, Marrett
him my first choice for Norwood.

Missed chances
There was never a decisive break between the teams after half-time Although Sturt had the strength of the coverild 1.0, W. Hank 1.0, Coverild 1.0, Cingly 0.1, Ashby

Gallagher held one wing throughout, although Jaggard did well against him. Reimann was solld as a rock in defence and kicked off well, while Jack Oatey was again a driving force. Russell, who was most consistent in the back pocket and figured grandly in Port's drive, was my

choice for the Magpies. Garland played well at half-forward, and later

Clift battled hard at Everything went right centre half-back in spite for Port in this bid. Play- of strong opposition from

Reimann, Gallagher. However, time was in favor of Norwood, and Rei-McDonald Whitaker, Boyd, Din-Scorers Norwood; R. Wil-

Oatey 10 Walker 0.4. Heiden-Marriott's grand marking riech 0.1. Le Page 0.1. Port: powerful ruck work, and Garland 2.2. Whitaker 2.1. Wil-