

Gleneig down Sturt by 30 pts.

By LEN SWAN

In a fast, entertaining game Gleneig defeated Sturt by 30 points at Unley today. Both sides produced bursts of brilliant football.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Gleneig	6—5	11—9	14—14	18—17	125
Sturt	0—2	5—5	10—9	14—11	95

Under perfect conditions, Gleneig started in confident style, and bombarded their goal with a consistency that rattled the Sturt defenders.

The visitors were on top early and could do little wrong, with Wright proving effective at centre half-forward, and L. Taylor kicking goals with uncanny accuracy. The brilliance of Bailey at centre provided the Gleneig forwards with ample opportunities, and Sturt were in trouble as the visitors raced away to a 40-point lead.

From this point Sturt matched Gleneig, but they could not wipe out their big deficiency.

Sturt's weakness

The first quarter revealed Sturt's weakness forward of centre. Through the clever play of Kutcher, the ball went forward often enough, but their misdirected kicks went straight into the arms of the Gleneig defenders,

particularly Don Taylor. In the second term Sturt began to find their feet, but they could make little headway against the confident Gleneig side.

At one stage the visitors had nearly a nine-goal lead, and Don Taylor was sent for a run in ruck to keep him in the play.

After the long interval, Fitzgerald made seven position changes in an effort to gain control, and for a time he appeared to succeed—Sturt did get within 18 points of the visitors. But the challenge was met, and Gleneig forged ahead again.

The most effective move was to send the speedy Kutcher to oppose Alf Bailey at centre.

Although Bailey continued to influence play, he did not retain the control he held in the first half.

Fought back

Sturt looked a different side during the second half, as they fought back

and produced bursts of teamwork that had only been evident from Gleneig in the early stages.

Their forwards functioned and their defence held together for the first time for the game.

In spite of Sturt's increasing resistance as the game progressed, Gleneig had too many strong points for the home side and never really looked in danger of being defeated.

Gleneig's best was Alf Bailey, who gave Gleneig so much drive in the first half that they had little difficulty in establishing a match-winning lead.

L. Taylor played his best game for the season, and posted eight goals in fine style.

Wickham moved with pace and tenacity, and provided full support for strong, mobile rucks.

For Sturt, Kutcher is mentioned first for his clever play in the early stages, and for reducing the effectiveness of Bailey in the second half.

Harris played a fine game, both in ruck and up forward, where he gathered six good goals.

Fitzgerald battled hard and brought down a few of his typical marks.

Best Players—Gleneig: Bailey, L. Taylor, Wickham, Prior, J. Taylor, D. Taylor, Edwards, Crabb, Sturt, Kutcher, Harris, Fitzgerald, Phillips, Thompson, Jenkins, Boland.

Scorers—Gleneig: L. Taylor 8.3, Crabb, Wickham, Laflin 2.2, Prior 1.1, J. Taylor, Rundle, Guy 1.0, Potter 0.2, Davies, Bailey 0.1, rushed 0.3, Sturt: Harris 6.4, Thompson 2.1, Rattigan, Jenkins, Phillips, Boland, Ellis 1.1, Curnow 1.0, Ladd 0.1

DROP TO 4th FOR REDLEGS

By LAWRIE JERVIS

Norwood dropped to fourth place on the premiership table because of their defeat by Port today with Torrens moving up to third.

However, win or lose, no alteration is possible to the teams now comprising the top four, in the last minor round game next Saturday.

The first semi-final will be Torrens-Norwood, and the second, North-Port.

Gleneig's win today took them to fifth place again, on percentage, West slipping to sixth.

From a premiership viewpoint, Port had nothing to enthuse over in their showing today in the second half, while Norwood, with Gallagher and Hall to come in, could be cautiously pleased with the way they fought on in the last two quarters.

North did nothing to lessen their supporters' optimism, but after a scraggy first half, Torrens played much more smoothly after half-time, although Willis had to fight for his eight goals in the air, rather than have them fed to him.

Premiership list

PREMIERSHIP TABLE					
	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
North	15	3	1391	1167	26
Port	12	4	1286	904	24
Torrens	10	6	1479	1240	20
Norwood	9	7	1392	1237	18
Gleneig	6	10	1283	1330	12
West	6	10	1093	1163	12
South	5	11	1022	1518	10
Sturt	3	13	1102	1541	6

Top goalkickers

TOPGOALKEEPERS		Today Til.	
Name	Goals	Goals	Percentage
Willis (Torrens)	8	73	10.8
Phillips (North)	4	56	7.1
Read (South)	2	46	4.3
Bradford (Torrens)	2	37	5.4
L. Taylor (Gleneig)	1	33	3.0
Williams (West)	1	26	3.8
Rundle (Gleneig)	1	26	3.8
Churchett (Gleneig)	1	25	4.0
Brown (West)	1	24	4.2
Haussen (South)	1	24	4.2
Mayo (Norwood)	1	23	4.3
Whitaker (Port)	1	23	4.3
McPherson (Gleneig)	1	22	4.5
Cave (Sturt)	1	22	4.5
Walker (Norwood)	1	22	4.5
Boland (Sturt)	1	20	5.0
Potts (Norwood)	1	20	5.0
H. McKenzie (Nth.)	1	19	5.3
Phillips (Sturt)	1	19	5.3
Kennett (North)	1	18	5.6
Packham (West)	1	18	5.6

TORRENS FAR TOO GOOD FOR SOUTH

By AMOS BOTTROFF

With their rucks and rovers dictating the trend of play, and Willis in great form at full forward, Torrens annihilated the weakened South side by 18 goals on Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	4—4	8—6	16—10	24—11	155
South	2—3	4—4	5—5	6—7	43

The last half became a succession of scores for Torrens with plenty of solid practice for the team's attack.

There was little between Prior, Willis, and Head as Torrens' best.

Prior was responsible for their second quarter revival.

Willis' effort was grand, and his eight goals were the result of a great fight with Ray Linke. He did not get them easily.

Head was out of the picture early, but later he became one of the team's best.

Bob Hank, Coverlid (ruck), and Ashby played consistently well.

Some consistent

For South a number of players were fairly consistent, but none really shone out.

Haussen's tireless roving effort and Parham's opposition to Bob Hank were full of merit.

Tab, Allen, and Fisher each had spasms of good ruckwork, but succumbed to Torrens' consistent pressure.

Best Players—Torrens: Prior, Willis, Head, Coverlid, R. Hank, Ashby, Bradford. South: Haussen, Parham, Tab, Sexton, Allen, Linke, Hewitt.

Scorers—Torrens: Willis 8.4, Prior 4.0, Head 3.4, Coverlid 3.1, Cockshell 2.2, Bradford 2.0, Ashby 1.1, R. Hank 1.0. South: Read 2.3, Haussen 2.1, Polden 1.1, Hewitt 1.1, Laphorne 0.1.

PORT'S BRILLIANT BURST Second-quarter sprint left Norwood behind

By VIC JOHNSON

A burst of brilliant football in the second quarter, when they added 44 points to their opponents' 16, practically won the league football game for Port against Norwood at Alberton Oval today.

Port undoubtedly owe their victory to the return of Clark to league football. Clark, who has been playing coach at Waikerie, returned to the side when Stevens, the selected centre half-forward, was unable to play.

How well he welcomed his opportunity is shown by the fact that he dominated the forward area in the second term and finished the game with five goals.

Norwood's chance

Port were 20 points in front at the last change, but Walker's goal at the start of the last quarter gave Norwood an undeniable chance.

But goals to Zucker, Whitaker, and Growden gave the Magpies a big lift—these again were obtained through Clark and McDonald and the strong following of Gar-

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	2—3	9—5	12—6	15—12	102
Norwood	1—3	3—7	8—10	10—13	73

land.

When Norwood's chances had faded, the game petered out badly and finished tamely with the Magpies 29 points in front at the bell.

Clark named

Clark was best for Port. He gave a finished display of football at centre half-forward. He could be invaluable to Port in the finals.

Williams roved well; his return will be welcomed. Zucker and Clift were in the picture throughout, and Garland did well, whether following or in defence.

Marriott was best for Norwood for his fine ruck work and grand marking.

But I have seen him kick better.

Blackmore did very well at centre half-back against the rugged Whelan.

Tilbrook gave a first-class display whether roving or in attack, and Walker also must be mentioned for his fine effort in the rucks or in front of goal.

Best Players—Port: Clark, Williams, Zucker, Russell, Clift, Garland, McDonald. Norwood: Marriott, Blackmore, Tilbrook, Walker, Trickett, Roberts, Butler.

Scorers—Port: Clark 5.0, Jaggard 2.2, Zuker 2.1, Boyd 1.2, Luke 1.2, Growden 1.2, Marrett 1.1, Whitaker 1.1, Williams 1.0, Clift 0.1.

Norwood: Walker 3.3, Trickett 2.0, Tilbrook 1.2, Blackmore 1.1, Oatey 1.0, Hine 1.0, Rudd 1.0, Dalwood 0.4, Marriott 0.2, Drage 0.1, rushed 0.1.

North hold off West with strong ruck, surer attack

By BRIAN SHEA

A strong ruck and a much surer attack enabled North to hold off West, who outscored them in the last half of the game at Kensington.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	2—5	7—8	12—12	14—15	99
West	0—5	3—6	7—8	11—13	79

West were sadly astray in attack early.

With Lynch dominating the centre and a clear-cut advantage on Eglinton's wing, they had more than their share of the early attacks, but fumbling close to goal gave them only a dreary run of singles.

On the other hand, North were slow to get going and the close-checking West defenders had them swept off balance early.

They could not gain a decisive break over their opponents, who played really well in every position except close to goal.

McKay brilliant

It was not until late in the second term that North produced anything like good form, due in

large measure to McKay's brilliance when he came on to the ball, and Phillips' cool position play in attack.

Phillips' ability to find the open spaces gave North a great lift in attack and they held a comfortable lead at half-time.

West were feeling the lack of tall, strong ruckmen at this stage, but their speed and vigorous tackling was keeping them well in the picture.

Their small men were right in the picture, but brilliant high marking by McKay stopped many of their promising drives close to goal.

Position changes

West made many position changes after

half-time. Faehse, who had opened up at centre half-forward, went to centre half-back, and Williams went to centre half-forward.

Lynch was sent from centre to buttress the half-forward line, and Lovegrove went to centre while Thomas went into ruck from centre half back.

West derived little benefit from these changes.

Lynch, from being perhaps the most effective player in their side, faded out of the game, and, without Faehse to oppose him, Galloway, at centre half-back, became the king pin of the North defence.

The North rucks began to gain a good grip on the game, with West sadly needing Williams' reach and pace on the ball, but their general play in the second half never reached

a very high standard.

Agars, for West, played in the role of an extra rover, and his well-gauged dashes past centre half-forward had the North defence rattled over the closing stages.

Although West outscored North over the last half of the game, North's half-time lead stood them in good stead, and they ran out fairly easy winners.

McKay turned on another brilliant game for North.

He was outstanding as goalkeeper, but it was his ability to rally the side when he went into the ruck which pulled North together at critical stages. Phillips was always a danger to West in attack.

His cool position play opened up many attacks for North.

Others to show out for North were Galloway at

centre half-back and Hancock at centre wing.

The most effective man afield for West was Hewitt.

He was seldom beaten at half-back, and his sure marking and accurate kick proved a stumbling block for North in attack.

Thomas turned in a solid game for West, both at centre half-back and when in the ruck.

Others to show out in a fairly even side were Stoll, at half back left, and Eglinton, at centre wing.

Best Players—North: McKay, Phillips, Galloway, Hancock, Carroll, Weston, Stringer. West: Hewitt, Thomas, Stoll, Eglinton, Lynch, Brown, Semmler.

Scorers—North: Phillips 4.6, Stringer 3.1, Gilbourne 2.2, Proud 2.1, Kennett 2.0, Cox 1.0, McKenzie 0.2, Carroll 0.1, Fuller 0.1, rushed 0.1. West: Packham 3.2, Agars 2.0, Zeuner 1.1, Faehse 1.1, Day 1.1, Brown 1.1, Thomas 1.0, Hole 1.0, Williams 0.2, Lovegrove 0.1, Eglinton 0.1, Hillebrand 0.1, rushed 0.2