

Torrens go to second

By Vic Johnson

Port, beating Norwood today, stay at the head of the premiership table, two points ahead of Torrens.

Torrens have advanced from fourth to second following their big win over North.

Glenelg, defeated by Sturt at Glenelg, drop from second to third with 14 points — ahead of Norwood, who are fourth on a lower percentage.

Sturt go to fifth in place of North, who are now sixth.

West are still seventh with six points, and South bottom with four.

League series will not resume until July 25, as the Australian football carnival will begin on Wednesday.

SA's first game will be next Saturday, when they will play the loser of the WA-Victorian Football League match.

Official attendances at today's league games were: Adelaide Oval 6,000, Glenelg 7,000, Norwood 14,400, Thebarton 10,400—a total of 37,800.

League table

	W.	L.	Points For	Points Against	Pts.
Port	9	2	1054	722	18
Torrens	8	5	1056	872	16
Glenelg	7	4	1143	914	14
Norwood	7	4	1092	890	14
Sturt	4	7	586	1111	8
North	4	7	890	1009	8
West	3	8	817	974	6
South	2	9	748	1314	4

Goalkickers

	Today	Till
Willis (Torrens)	—	30
Churchett (Glenelg)	2	44
Mayo (Norwood)	1	42
Read (South)	2	38
Bradford (Torrens)	2	36
W. McKenzie (Nth.)	2	35
Hall (Glenelg)	2	35

STURT LOOKED WINNERS FOR MOST OF THE GAME

By LEN SWAN

Sturt surprised with a fine win of 34 points from Glenelg at Glenelg Oval today. Employing clever tactics and playing fast, determined football in comparison with Glenelg's half-hearted efforts, they looked the winners for most of the game.

Today Sturt had all the answers, both in play and tactics, and truly deserved their win.

Except during the first quarter, when Glenelg did the attacking, the visitors looked a good, capable side.

In the last half they had Glenelg completely rattled, so much so that set shots for goal were missed with monotonous regularity.

Although Glenelg's behind score was high, it was not a real indication of their atrocious and indecisive kicking. A bigger percentage went out of bounds.

Began attack

The sides went into the game unchanged, and Glenelg had first use of a helpful breeze.

Going straight down the centre, they posted a goal through Taylor, and the crowd accepted the effort as an indication of the home side's superiority.

Continuing the attacking role, the Bays kept the ball forward of centre for most of the quarter, but the fact that most drives fizzled out in the goalsquare or out of bounds caused more humor than concern.

Their 18-point lead should have been at least six goals.

Lethargic in their approach to the game, and lacking determination, Glenelg were easy prey to a side playing with the run of the ball and giving their all.

Took command

Sturt took command from this point and by closing up the game when Glenelg threatened, and playing good, open football when kicking with the wind, they never allowed the Bays to find their feet.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt . . .	1—1	8—8	9—14	14—16	100
Glenelg . .	3—7	4—10	4—14	8—18	66

Glenelg need to improve around the ruck fringes. On several occasions recently they have gone close to losing through their inability to check the opposing rovers.

Today the same thing happened and the Sturt rovers not only did well at the centre bounce, but also drove holes in the Glenelg defence as they went forward unchecked.

Then, too, Tester, playing as a loose man, was a menace, particularly when Sturt were kicking with the wind. His co-operation with Goodchild during the second term gave Sturt the drive necessary to gain control.

Winning factor

Keeping Glenelg down to four points in the third term was probably the winning factor for Sturt.

Again Glenelg were hustled into errors and frittered away their chance of victory. Goodchild (Sturt) posted the only goal for the quarter.

Sturt, during this period, effectively closed up the game and although the result was a scramble it suited the visitors — at one time 28 of the 36 players were forward of centre.

As a football spectacle, the last quarter was best.

Glenelg suddenly found that to open up the game gave them a chance, but Sturt, now full of confidence and sensing victory, were equal to the challenge.

It was by far the

highest-scoring term for the match. Fitzgerald being Sturt's backbone and inspiration with three fine goals.

Rarely beaten

For Sturt, Fitzgerald was brilliant. Rarely beaten, he is undoubtedly one of the brainiest footballers in the game today.

Tester was in the play all day — in the back pocket when Glenelg had the wind, and playing loose when Sturt were in attack. He did all that was asked of him, and the move was a winning one.

Most of the Sturt side did their part, and there was little between the rest.

On the other hand, Glenelg's best were hard to find. With their high-fliers out of touch, their usual system broke down.

Don Taylor can easily be named first. What a versatile player he is — rarely beaten in any position.

Today he finished at centre, and did much to get Glenelg into their stride in the last quarter.

Bone played his usual solid game in defence, and Edwards held his wing.

Best Players— Sturt: Fitzgerald, Tester, Donaldson, Goodchild, Bagshaw, Thompson, Boland. Glenelg: Taylor, Bone, Edwards, Davies, Wright, Alf Bailey, Crabb.

Scorers— Sturt: Fitzgerald 4.0, Bagshaw 3.0, Goodchild 2.3, Tester 2.0, Hill 1.4, Thompson 1.2, Rattigan 1.0, Boland 0.3, Harris 0.1, Hogan 0.1, rushed 0.2. Glenelg: Churchett 2.4, Taylor 2.2, Hall 2.1, Davies 1.4, Potter 1.1, King, Crabb 0.2, Kerrison 0.1, rushed 0.1. Umpire: M. G. Hall

TORRENS, HITTING HARD, ROMP IN FROM NORTH

By VIC JOHNSON

After a fairly even first half, Torrens made no mistake about the ultimate result against North in the football clash at Thebarton this afternoon. Torrens won handsomely by 58 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	2—4	4—10	7—13	14—16	100
North . . .	3—2	3—4	4—9	5—12	42

Holding North down to 1 goal 5 behinds when that team had the use of the breeze, while they themselves scored 3 goals 3 behinds against it, Torrens swamped the opposition in the last term.

It was sheer speed to the ball, better work at close quarters, and a real matchwinning effort by Prior in the early stages of the last term, which won the game for the Blue-and-Golds.

North were down 22 points when the last quarter began, and in three successive swift drives Prior took three beautiful marks and goaled from each kick.

Pyatt as star

In choosing Torrens' best, I am only splitting hairs, but I pick Pyatt for his untiring ruck work and determination. Roberts could not have played better in goal. Prior was a matchwinner in front of

goal and in ruck.

Carr did finely at centre wing, as did Lodge. Coverlid followed well, and Ray Hank was the best rover afield.

McKay for his consistency in defence is my choice for North.

Stringer was a tireless worker defending or following. H. MacKenzie strove hard with little co-operation. Griffin had some bright patches early at centre, and Fuller made some attempt to put sting into North's attack at centre half-forward.

Scorers.—Torrens: Prior 5.1, Head 2.3, Bradford 2.2, Pyatt 2.1, Ray Hank 1.2, Downey 1.1, Lodge 1.0, Coverlid 0.3, Bob Hank 0.1, W. Hank 0.1, rushed 0.1. North: Proud 2.1, W. MacKenzie 2.1, H. MacKenzie 1.3, P. Blunden 0.2, Kennett 0.2, Gilbourne 0.1, Fuller 0.1, rushed 0.1.

Best Players—Torrens: Pyatt, Roberts, Prior, Carr, Coverlid, Ray Hank, Lodge. North: McKay, Stringer, H. MacKenzie, Griffin, Fuller, McCann, Way.

WEST GREAT IN LAST HALF

By LEIGH STEVENS

Playing fast, efficient football, West trounced South in the last half to win by 106 points at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West . . .	3—10	8—11	19—13	23—17	155
South . . .	2—2	5—8	5—10	6—13	49

Port had to fight every inch of the way

By HUBERT BIGGS

Weakened by the absence of star players through injuries, Norwood fought back well to make Port go every inch of the way in a fast game at Norwood Oval, but the Magpies kept a hold on their place at the head of the premiership list with a 10-point victory.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port . . .	2—2	8—8	10—8	13—10	88
Norwood	2—3	4—5	8—9	11—12	78

A clear-cut superiority across the centre line was the main factor in their win.

Even before the game started, Port looked stronger in that section, but Norwood were banking largely on little Doug Olds to at least break even on one wing.

He and Harold McDonald looked like having a wonderful duel in the opening exchanges, but the withdrawal of the Norwood flanker through injury midway in the first term usually left the Magpies a safe channel afterwards.

My vote for the best man on the ground goes to Davey Boyd, who made centre such a strongpoint for Port. In recent games, I have seen him soundly beaten by North's Griffin and Torrens' Bob Hank, but today it was a different story. He atoned with some of his most brilliant work.

Dick Russell was as reliable as ever in a back pocket, and Harold McDonald made his wing a winner with plenty of pace and tenacity.

Motley once more showed

what a promising half-forward he is, with an air of assurance generally in his play, both on the ground and in his marking.

Others to show out with useful performances were Garland and Clift (following), Hayes (in attack), and Luke as a wingman.

There was little to choose between John Marriott, Walker, and Giles. Norwood's best trio. All brought down some fine fingertip marks, Marriott and Walker convincing with their ruck displays, while Giles saved frequently at centre half-back.

Hines and Young came under notice for some worthwhile play against strong opposition, and Applebee (ruck), Lambert and Butler helped to keep the Redlegs in the race.

Best Players—Port: Boyd, Russell, McDonald, Motley, Garland, Hayes, Clift, Luke. Norwood: Marriott, Walker, Giles, Hines, Young, Applebee, Lambert, Butler.

Scorers—Port: Caldwell 3.3, Hayes 2.1, Boyd 2.0, Motley 2.0, Williams 1.1, Jaggard 1.1, Marriott 1.0, Whitaker 1.0, Clift 0.2, Garland 0.1, rushed 0.1. Norwood: Applebee 3.2, Hines 3.0, Mayo 1.3, Young 1.2, Fosdike 1.1, Vivian 1.1, Parrelly 1.0, Walker 0.2, Marriott 0.1.