

Sturt lifted game in bursts to beat Bays

By LEN SWAN

Sturt lifted their game in enough bursts to defeat Glenelg by 25 points at Glenelg Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Sturt	1—3	7—10	10—19	12—26	98
Glenelg	1—5	4—9	6—11	10—13	73

It was a convincing win. Sturt were effective in their play, and developed the loose-man style to such good purpose at times that the Glenelg defence broke down.

It was these spasmodic bursts of follow-on play that won the game for Sturt, as for most of the day it was a doggedly fought battle with little between the sides.

Glenelg had one inspired effort that produced four goals late in the game. This was good football of the type that Glenelg reveal at the most unexpected times, and it is capable of thrusting aside the best opposition.

Were upset

The final scores could have been closer had Glenelg players not let the umpire's decisions upset their play. Four of Sturt's early goals came from frees in front of goals.

Sturt capitalised on this loss of balance by Glenelg in true Victorian style.

The ruck duels were the highlight, with the Crabb-May encounter predominant. Both performed well, with Crabb taking the honors.

Teams were unchanged, and Glenelg had the first use of a very slight breeze.

Sturt scored first, and then Glenelg took over and did most of the attacking. But a goal to Paech from a free kept Sturt in touch at the first change.

Had it not been for Rattigan, Glenelg could have established a dangerous lead. His interception in aerial work was exemplary, as he completely cut Rundle out of the game.

The second quarter produced Sturt's first breakaway.

Fitzgerald was the master, leading Sturt in true captain fashion and opening up the play in such a way that the Glenelg defence looked loose and in-offensive.

A recovery by Glenelg left them only 19 points down at half-time.

The third quarter virtually wrote finish to Glenelg, as it was nearly all Sturt despite Alf Bailey's determined effort at centre.

Sims and Kotaras (Sturt) had too much pace up forward.

It looked as if Sturt would run away in the final term as they built up a 44-point lead, but suddenly

Glenelg produced inspired football that posted four goals in nearly as many minutes.

The comeback was, however, too late, and Sturt did most of the attacking in the final stages although only points resulted.

Sturt could easily have established a much better percentage win with 38 shots for goal, but some credit must go to the bustling tactics of the Glenelg defenders.

Fine in defence

Glenelg lost Davies (knee injury) after half-time and Ron Baillie (slight concussion) in the last quarter. They were replaced by Prior and Miller. In the last quarter Sturt lost Donaldson (groin injury), and Green (ankle) who were replaced by Phillips and Boland.

For Sturt, Rattigan is mentioned first for his fine game in defence. He held Glenelg up singlehanded at one stage, and checked any possibility of a breakaway.

Fitzgerald played his typical game disposing of the ball and making position with uncanny judgment, while Goodchild made few mistakes at centre half - forward whether opposed to Davies or Don Taylor.

Sims roved with intelligence and pace.

Glenelg had none better than Alan Crabb, who was in the play from start to finish and against strong opposition did a grand job.

Alf Bailey probably had more kicks than anyone, and although his opponent, Harbison, did well it was usually Bailey who set Glenelg moving. Guy was competent at half-forward and on the ball and never gave up.

Best Players—Sturt: Rattigan, Fitzgerald, Goodchild, Sims, Harbison, May, Kotaras. **Glenelg:** Crabb, Alf Bailey, Guy, Hall, McPherson, Wickham, Potter.

Scorers—Sturt: Paech 12, Fitzgerald 2.6, Sims 2.3, Hunter, Kotaras each 2.2, Kutcher 1.1, Hale 0.3, Shanks 0.2, May 0.1, rushed 0.4. **Glenelg:** Rundle 4.1, Guy 3.1, McPherson 2.1, Hall 1.0, Potter 0.4, Prior, Poits each 0.2, King 0.1, rushed 0.1.

TROPHIES at Glenelg Oval today went to Crabb, Wickham, and Hall for Glenelg, and to Rattigan, Goodchild, May, Harbison, Sims, and Tester for Sturt.

GLENELG were fortunate to be on the field on time today. With minutes to go, some players were still not changed.

WEST PLAYED REALLY FINE FAST GAME

By VIC JOHNSON

In defeating Torrens at Adelaide Oval today by 65 points, West showed the best football I have seen this season.

From the opening bounce West were on top and, maintaining their speed and precision-type of game, had last season's premiers run ragged long before the final bell.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	5—4	11—7	15—12	19—13	127
Torrens	1—2	4—5	7—5	9—8	62

West were so even it is hard to name their best player, but perhaps it was Eglinton. He was in splendid form, never beaten and never wasting a kick.

Costello was brilliant at centre half-forward, marked well and kicked with great power. Lynch was Eglinton's counterpart on the other wing. Cannon strong and resourceful in ruck.

Faehse and Thomas were safe and sure in defence, and Burkett always in it at centre.

Clingly is my best for Torrens. He played splendidly in defence and at centre half-forward.

Graham did well at half-back right. Pyatt tried as hard as ever to set his team going, and Ashby had some bright times at centre half-back even against the redoubtable Costello.

Oehme made a good debut in front of goals, and Roberts played right up to form in goals.

Best Players—West: Eglinton, Costello, Lynch, Cannon, Faehse, Burkett, Thomas, Torrens, Clingly, Graham, Pyatt, Ashby, Cockshell, Oehme, Roberts.

Scorers—West: Costello 4.2, Wright 3.4, Brown 3.1, Richardson 3.0, Kies, Chynoweth each 2.1, Cannon 1.2, Lynch 1.0, Packham 0.2, Torrens: Oehme 3.1, Parham 3.0, Bob Hank 1.1, Slaven, Coverlid each 1.0, Delo, Head each 0.2, Pyatt 0.1, rushed 0.1.

Inaccurate kicks nearly cost Norwood game

By HUBERT BIGGS

Poor goalshooting almost lost Norwood the match against South at Kensington today. Their first 16 scoring shots brought only four goals.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norw'd	1—3	2—8	4—12	7—15	57
South	4—1	4—2	5—6	6—7	43

Finishing strongly, however, the Redlegs stayed off South's opposition to gain a 14-point win.

South shaped really well to take the honors in the first half.

They maintained a tight defence, bustling the Norwood goalgetters off their game, and challenging their rivals hotly in the packs.

In fact, the expected Norwood ruck supremacy was never clear cut.

The Redlegs won chiefly by their steadiness in the closing stages, even though their captain and star ruckman, John Marriott, had to retire through injury late in the third term.

Best Players—Norwood: Roberts, Young, Butler, Olds, Sawley, Marriott (sunt) injured, Foslake, Vivian, South; **South:** Hewitt, Linke, Richards, Polden, Read, Des Panizza, Jones, Ray Panizza.

Scorers—Norwood: Sawley 3.0, Vivian 2.2, Farrelly 1.3, Foslake 1.1, Young 0.2, Aish 0.2, Skinner 0.1, Charnstrom 0.1, rushed 0.3. **South:** Read 3.2, R. Panizza 2.2, Richards 1.0, Fraser 0.1, rushed 0.2.

Port, West in safe position

By RAY BARBER

Three of the four positions for the major round may have been decided in today's eleventh series of league football.

Port and West are safe for the first two positions — and the double chance.

Sturt's surprise win against Glenelg at the Bay puts them in a handy position to play in the first semi-final.

Glenelg and South, with only six points up, may have had their last chance of participation.

Norwood with their second successive win are now challenging strongly in sixth position — behind Torrens on percentage — and only one game behind North, who dropped from third to fourth.

Next week's games between Sturt and Norwood and North and Torrens may have a big bearing on the ultimate positions.

Only one game today produced a tight finish — that between Norwood and South.

In the other three games the result was apparent long before the end.

Fans who consider it will be a Port-West grand final may have an accurate guide in the match of the day next week when the two teams meet at Alberton.

In their last meeting at Adelaide Oval, on May 22, West stayed with Port for three quarters and then the Maggies went away.

ATTENDANCES

Adelaide Oval	14,000
Prospect	9,000
Glenelg	8,200
Kensington	6,000
	37,400

Next Saturday's games are:—

South v. Glenelg (Adelaide Oval).

Port v. West (Alberton Oval).

Sturt v. Norwood (Unley Oval).

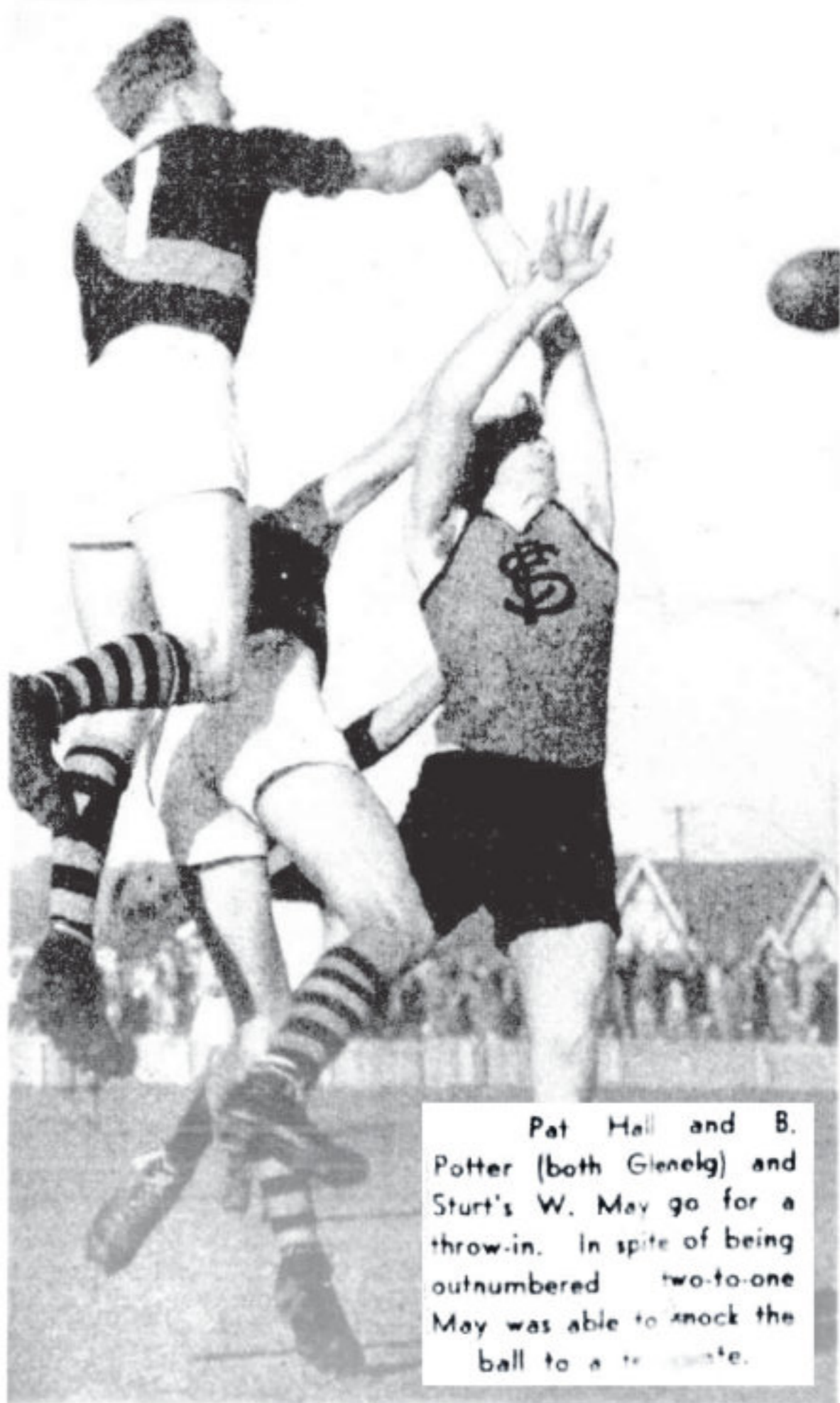
North v. Torrens (Kensington Oval).

Premiership table

	W	L	For	Agst.	Pts.
Port	10	1	1135	663	20
West	9	2	971	872	18
Sturt	8	5	858	914	12
North	5	6	876	869	10
Torrens	4	7	787	868	8
Norwood	4	7	769	859	8
Glenelg	3	8	848	948	6
South	3	8	808	880	6

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
McKenzie (North)	—	46
Garland (Port)	2	74
Rundle (Glenelg)	4	54
Read (South)	3	26
Hall (Port)	3	25
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	2	24
Paech (Sturt)	2	24
Wright (West)	3	23



Pat Hall and B. Potter (both Glenelg) and Sturt's W. May go for a throw-in. In spite of being outnumbered two-to-one May was able to knock the ball to a teammate.

PORT GOT EARLY EDGE ON NORTH

By RAY BARBER

Restricting North to 2-5 after quarter time, Port bolted away to a 49-point win at Prospect Oval this afternoon.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	2—3	6—5	10—9	13—13	91
North	3—7	3—10	4—11	5—12	42

Up to half-time the game produced good football for most of the time.

North gave away what chance they had when their first five shots produced points.

For Port Roger Clift was best with a strong determined game in which good overhead work and kicking were prominent.

McDonald's speed and cleverness was in evidence and he looks a State player for a fortnight's time.

Hall was steady rather than brilliant roving and he kicked three nice goals. Jaggard took a time to settle down against Hupatz but when he did he was an efficient attacking medium.

Kretschmer, at his first try at goalkeeping, had something to be proud of in keeping Bill McKenzie goalless.

Ruckman Zucker and Trower were also in the picture.

McCann stood alone as North's best. He was ragged

and, although very vigorous one of twice, was most difficult to pass.

He also kept Motley quiet — no mean task.

Solid rucking

Tanner showed plenty of pace and highmarking skill besides rucking solidly. McKay took some lovely marks. He kept Garland down and as usual, kicked strongly.

Hewett won his wing hands down in the first half and then continued to do well against McDonald when switched.

Fuller won centre in the first half against Boyd, while Bunton was best of the others.

Best Players—Port: Clift, McDonald, Hall, Jaggard, Kretschmer, Trower, Zucker, North; **McAnn,** Tanner, McKay, Hewett, Fuller, Bunton.

Scorers—Port: Hall 3.1, Jaggard 2.3, Garland 2.1, Zucker 2.0, Motley 1.5, Williams 1.1, Whelan, 1.0, Trower 1.0, Leavey 0.1. **North:** Sheppard 2.5, Tanner 2.0, Bunton 1.1, Vaughan 0.2, McKenzie 0.2, Carroll 0.1, rushed 0.1.