

Glenelg finish strongly to down Sturt by 14 pts.

By LEN SWAN

Glenelg finished strongly to defeat Sturt by 14 points at Unley Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	4—7	5—13	10—15	15—22	112
Sturt	4—3	8—9	11—16	13—20	98

It was unfortunate for Sturt that Glenelg produced some of their best football for the season, as defeat practically wrote finish to Sturt's chances to make the final four.

It was a fast game, full of determination, with Glenelg's victory mainly due to—

●Crabb's mammoth job against the brilliant May—Fitzgerald combination.

●Edwards' ability to keep one wing open and drive Glenelg goalward.

●Strength of Glenelg forward lines under the influence of Davies and Rundle.

No answer

Sturt missed Rattigan badly, as the reshuffle of their defence left them with no real answer to Davies' pace and Rundle's clever forward play.

It was anyone's game for most of the day, although Glenelg had the edge early. But they then appeared to throw away their chance with inaccuracies up forward.

When Sturt started the last quarter with seven points in hand they looked the winners, as they were at that stage playing soundly and appeared capable of going away.

But it is Glenelg that must be given credit for a fine finish. They went from seven points down to win by 14 against a side playing with the added incentive of a final four chance.

It was Glenelg's best sustained effort for the season.

The ruck duels were a treat to watch as the Fitzgerald—May combination always compels admiration when working smoothly, and they received a real challenge today through the endeavors of Crabb.

Crabb did have rests, but not many, because he was on the ball for nearly all the first half.

When he went into the forward lines Sturt usually took over the attacking role.

Quick attack

Glenelg were unchanged, but Sturt found it necessary to replace Rattigan (shoulder injury).

Harris went back to goals. Kutcher came into the side as centre half-back, and the reserves remained unchanged.

Conditions were ideal and Hall had choice of ends. Glenelg were directed to kick towards the southern goal, which had the advantage of a slight breeze.

Fitzgerald sent Sturt into attack immediately, and it appeared that the home side were going to build up a useful lead until Glenelg came right back into the fight with a burst of speed from Davies.

Scores were level half-way through the term, and Glenelg finished just in front although they should have established a greater advantage as shots 15 yards out should not be missed.

Tester was doing a grand job for Sturt, and with Fitzgerald and May playing strongly the home side looked a sound combination in the second quarter.

Glenelg had Guy on the ball, but Sturt pushed gradually ahead to have a most useful lead at half-time.

The third quarter found Sturt going to a three-goal lead, but again Glenelg came back to be within seven points at the last change.

The last quarter was definitely Glenelg's as they turned on a last-minute burst of energy that rattled Sturt.

It was good football, fast and vigorous.

Glenelg proved today they can produce an effective, co-ordinated game.

Norwood or North for four

By RAY BARBER

The final four is almost certain to be Port, West, Torrens — and Norwood or North.

When next week's last minor round series is over the four will be decided after months of tension.

Never has the leading four had so many switches in placings.

Port, West, and Torrens are assured of the first three places, while the fourth will come from the winner of the North and Norwood clash at Prospect.

And what a clash it will be — virtually a grand final of the minor round.

A win will decide the fortunate occupant of fourth place.

Norwood went from sixth to fourth place today in spite of their narrow win over South.

The Redlegs now have a .6 margin over North.

Glenelg, through ruining Sturt's chances, got away from bottom position.

The game at Prospect Oval next week between Norwood and North will dwarf all other three — in importance.

Sturt will be hoping — rather praying — that there will be a tie.

Official attendances at today's league football were: Adelaide Oval, 8,880; Kensington, 7,800; Thebarton, 11,000; Unley, 7,100. Total 34,780.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

W. L. D.	Pts	W. L. D.	Pts
Port 15	3	1624	1111 28 39.3
West 12	5	1440	1356 24 31.5
Torrens 10	7	1348	1294 20 31.0
Norwood 8	9	1388	1330 16 31.0
North 8	9	1332	1311 16 30.4
Sturt 8	9	1357	1503 16 47.4
Glenelg 4	13	1296	1555 8 48.4
South 4	13	1052	1377 8 48.3

TOP GOALKICKERS

Player	Today	Total
McKenzie (NA)	1.4	67.58
Rundle (G)	6.3	53.37
Read (SA)	3.0	44.22
Head (WT)	5.5	41.43
Garland (PA)	2.4	40.32
Fitzgerald (St.)	5.3	39.49
Hall (PA)	4.3	32.23
Walker (Nor.)	—	31.14

Sturt-Glenelg

(Sturt kicking up, names underneath)

Sturt	Glenelg
R. Bailey	Caust
Hall	Bone
Paech	Sims
Donkersley	Prior
Goldfinch	Goodchild
Edwards	A. Bailey
Shanks	Harbison
Guy	Davies
Hunter	Harris
Yeo	Martin
Lavender	Hale
	B. Rundle
	Rattigan
Kicks—Sturt:	Fitzgerald
May	Boiland
Sims	Glenelg
Wickham	Martin
	Hall
	Yeo
Reserves—Sturt:	Kotaris
Marshall	Glenelg:
McPherson	R. Bailey
	McPherson
	Umpire—K. L. Aptin

Tester was solid and pacy in defence while May was always a danger to Glenelg with his effective ruck work.

Best Players—Glenelg: Crabb, Edwards, Davies, Wickham, Rundle, Prior, Potter, Sturt, Fitzgerald, Tester, May, Goodchild, Harbison, Green, Sims.

Scorers—Glenelg: B. Rundle 6.3, Wickham 5.3, Davies 2.2, Potter 1.3, D. Rundle 1.0, Crabb 0.3, Hall, Guy, A. Bailey, Martin and Yeo each 0.1, rushed 0.2. Sturt: Fitzgerald 5.3, Sims 3.2, Goodchild 2.4, Caust and Paech each 1.1, Hale 1.0, Goldfinch, Shanks, and Harbison each 0.1, rushed 0.2.

Grand showing

For Glenelg Crabb is mentioned first for a grand showing against the brilliant Fitzgerald and May. He rucked tirelessly and never let up.

Edwards placed the side in attack more than any other player and held his wing all day.

Davies turned on one of his match-winning bursts that opponents find hard to check.

Fitzgerald was outstanding for Sturt. He is undoubtedly a master and uses intelligence every time he handles the ball. Some of his marks were gems.

TORRENS' BACKS AND HEAD AT FORWARD GAVE THEM VICTORY

By VIC JOHNSON

Torrens can thank an excellent defence and classy forward work by Head for their 13-point win over North at Thebarton Oval in today's league football. Another factor was bad goalshooting by North.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	2—4	7—7	10—10	11—11	77
North	3—3	5—7	7—9	8—16	64

Best Players—Torrens: Roberts, Head, Ashby, Coverlid, Ray, Hank, Bob, Hank, Cocksheil, North, McKay, Stringer, Proud, Gilbourne, Aldenhoven, Weston, Tanner. Scorers—Torrens: Head 5.5, Oehme 2.1, Adams 2.0, Pratt and Parham, each 1.0, Cover-

lid, W. Hank, Bob Hank and Delo each 0.1, rushed 0.1. North: McKenzie 1.4, Brown and Proud each 1.3, Aldenhoven and Tanner each 1.1, Griffen, Bunton and Lindner each 1.0, Gilbourne 0.4. Replacement—Hewett, North, leg injury, replaced by Way in last quarter.

BAYS TURNED ON FINE DISPLAY

By LEN FITZGERALD as told to Leigh Stevens

You would have thought it was Glenelg who were trying to make the four, so well did they play against Sturt at Unley Oval today.

The Bays were too good for us on the day, and thoroughly deserved their win.

It was hard to imagine that Sturt were fighting for a place in the four and Glenelg were on the bottom of the list.

On today's game one could be forgiven if he imagined it was the other way round.

Glenelg never let up, played more purposeful football, and finished too strongly for our chaps.

Whoever meets them next week cannot afford to take them lightly. They are a force to test the best of sides.

I am disappointed that Sturt did not win, as it is now virtually impossible for us to get in the four.

Today was one match we had to win. We tried hard.

but unfortunately ran up against Glenelg in a mood that belied their place on the list.

Nevertheless, I am more than satisfied with the improvement shown by Sturt this year.

At last we have a side that is a credit to our club.



HEAVYWEIGHTS of their teams Alan Crabb (Glenelg) left, and Wally May (Sturt), battle for the knock in a ruck duel at Unley Oval. Crabb got the advantage.

Port's win best for some time

By RAY BARBER

Port began the road back to form with an impressive 40-point win over West at Kensington Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3—2	10—7	11—16	16—24	120
West	4—0	8—2	9—5	12—8	80

Best Players—Port: Boyd, Hall, Greer, Williams, Zucker, McDonald, Stevens, Whelan. West: Thomas, Brown, Lovetrove, Cannon, Brian Slattery, McGregor, Bern Slattery (until injured). Scorers—Port: Hall 4.4, Zucker 4.1, Whelan 2.4, Gar-

and 2.3, Motley 1.3, Stevens 1.1, Williams, Trowse 1.0, Boyd 0.3, McDonald, Cunningham 0.1, rushed 0.3. West: McGregor 3.1, Bernie Slattery 2.1, Brown, Bishop 2.0, Costello, Brian Slattery 1.1, Perry 1.0, Cannon 0.2, Williams, Richardson 0.1.

REDLEGS HAD TO FIGHT TO WIN

By HUBERT BIGGS

Norwood had to struggle hard to beat South by nine points in a tensely-fought game at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norw'd	2—2	5—4	8—7	10—9	69
South	1—3	5—4	5—6	8—12	60

Best Players—Norwood: Roberts, Wells, Marriott, Reimann, Nicholls, Charnstrom, Gallagher, Vivian, South, Richards, Des Panizza, Parham, Linke, Hausen (until hurt), Kimber, Jones, Grear. Scorers—Norwood: Marriott 3.3, Vivian 2.1, Wells 2.0, Gallagher 1.1, Sawley 1.1, Ash 1.0, Posdike 0.1, Nelson 0.1, rushed 0.1. South: Read 3.0, Hausen

2.4, Ray Panizza 1.1, Brand 1.0, Garrett 1.0, Des Panizza 0.2, Frazer 0.1, Guy 0.1, Jones 0.1, rushed 0.2. Replacements—Norwood: Sawley (ankle injury), replaced by Farrelly in third quarter; South: Garrett (leg injury), replaced by Ray Panizza in third quarter; Hausen (shoulder injury), replaced by Souter in last quarter.