

## STURT, BAYS AT TOP OF LADDER

By RAY BARBER

Sturt and Glenelg, out of the final four last year, fill the first two positions in league football after the third series of matches today.

Sturt is the only undefeated team.

In a day of upsets, West and North — expected to win by the vast majority of football fans — were downed by Torrens and Glenelg.

Port scraped home by two points after Norwood had led at each change at Alberton Oval.

North, for the second successive week, were defeated by a goal or less. Last week it was four points against Sturt. Today it was six points against Glenelg.

### Fifth to second

Glenelg jumped from fifth to second place. They reversed the 0.2 percentage that Port had over them last week.

Port, last year's premiers are in third position.

Sturt had the biggest win of the day (52 points), but it was a one-quarter win.

### Good win

Torrens took the game immediately to West and hit hard and outpaced them all day for a good 30-point win.

West through their first defeat dropped from second to fourth place.

Fitzgerald, 1954 Matavev Medallist, and Bill McKenzie

North centre half-forward, kicked the most goals for the day (five).

Fitzgerald kicked his five goals without a point.

West and Sturt, at Kensington Oval and Glenelg against Torrens at the Bay, are the two main games in next week's series.

### Next week's games

South v. Norwood (Adelaide).

West v. Sturt (Kensington).

Glenelg v. Torrens (Glenelg).

Port v. North (Alberton).

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	Pts.	Pts.	Pts.	%
Sturt	3	—	—	258	195	6	56.9
Glenelg	2	1	—	254	229	4	52.5
Port	2	1	—	284	259	4	52.3
West	2	1	—	210	258	4	48.1
Torrens	1	1	1	235	229	3	50.6
North	1	2	—	268	291	2	57.1
Norw'd	—	2	1	215	228	1	48.5
South	—	3	—	172	327	—	34.4

### TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	5	12
Lindner (North)	1	10
McKenzie (North)	5	10
Rundle (Glenelg)	1	10
Chown (Torrens)	3	9
Caust (Sturt)	3	8
Wright (West)	1	7
Zucker (Port)	2	7

### ATTENDANCES

Adelaide Oval	13,335
Alberton	12,509
Prospect	8,009
Unley	6,509
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,335</b>

## LEAGUE FOOTBALL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
TORRENS	3-5	6-8	9-10	12-12	84
WEST	1-3	2-5	5-11	7-12	54

Goalkickers—TORRENS: Chown, Pyatt each 3. Clingly 2, Adams, Loades, Lynch, Head. WEST: Brown 2, Costello, McGregor, Kies, Wright, Hamilton.

Beset layers—TORRENS: Head, Clingly, Cockshell, Pyatt, Slaven, Parham. WEST: Brown, McGregor, Thomas, Lovegrove, Williams, Cannon, Eglington.

STURT	2-4	9-6	11-14	13-16	94
SOUTH	1-2	1-4	4-5	6-6	42

Goalkickers—STURT: Fitzgerald 5, Caust 3, Phillips 2, Sims, Kotaras, Robins. SOUTH: Haussen 3, Ballantyne, D Panizza, Juad.

Best players—STURT: Fitzgerald, May, Harris, Halbert, Kotaris, Martin, Hunter. SOUTH: Hewitt, Ballantyne, Richards, Panizza, Haussen, Allen.

PORT	3-1	4-6	7-6	11-10	76
NORWOOD	3-4	5-7	8-11	10-14	74

Goalkickers—PORT: Stevens 2, Sawford 2, Obst 2, Zucker 2, Whelan, Motley, Trowse. NORWOOD: Nash 4, Fosdike 2, Young, Walker, Dickson, Wells.

Best players—PORT: Sawford, Stevens, Whelan, Tierney, Jaggard, Zucker, McDonald. NORWOOD: Marriott, Fosdike, Williams, Reimann, Wells, Gallagher, Walker.

GLENELG	4-6	5-9	6-16	9-17	71
NORTH	2-2	4-5	5-7	9-11	65

Goalkickers—GLENELG: Leahy 3, Potter 2, Guy, Wright, Crabb, Rundle 1. NORTH: McKenzie 5, Lindner, McKay, Sheppard, Gilbourne 1.

Best players—GLENELG: Hall, Wilson, Potter, Leahy, Guy, Hewitt. NORTH: McKay, McCann, Mullins, McKenzie, Griffin, Stringer.

## North fight hard but lose by goal

By LIONEL BENNETTS

Unable to cope with Glenelg's big men, North went down battling by a goal at Prospect Oval today in a close rugged game.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Glenelg	4-6	5-9	6-16	9-17	71
North	2-2	4-5	5-7	9-11	65

With the umpire allowing plenty of latitude, players threw themselves into the game, and spectators were treated to vigorous and exciting football.

With both defences playing well, the balance of power from Glenelg's rucks, and a slightly superior centre-line, gave the Tigers an edge.

McKenzie, shifted to full forward at half-time, nearly snatched the game from the fire with his last-quarter goal-getting effort. But the Bays held on to register their best win for the season.

### Strong attacks

North were led on the field by Dean Stringer, playing his 100th game for this club.

Griffin, who qualified for league membership today, lost the toss and Crabb chose the northern end, favored by a slight breeze.

Glenelg had Pat Hall at centre half-forward when play began, and a long drop kick by Allan Wright posted the opening score for Glenelg within two minutes.

### Early lead

The Tigers attacked strongly, and with their big men taking control, quickly jumped away to a four-goal lead.

Potter was changing in ruck with Hall, and it was half-way through the quarter before North penetrated a determined defence and Sheppard goaled to open the Northerners' account.

Glenelg had an early casualty, Ray Bailey being replaced by Prior at full-back.

Play was becoming vigorous, players on both sides throwing themselves into packs with abandon, but the heavier Bay side were on top at this stage.

A ridiculous handpass by Griffin, who had marked right in front, lost North an opportunity of a valuable goal.

Faulty kicking off by Prior let North in towards the end of the quarter, but Glenelg led by 16 points at the first change.

Abley was switched from half-back to goal, but North, showing more speed, and spilling the big Bay men in the air, were fighting hard to close the gap.

Ray Carroll was defending brilliantly for North at half-back but Rex Leahy, playing intelligently in the forward area, kept Glenelg to a two-goal advantage.

Both back lines were holding well under pressure, McKay turning several attacks with spectacular marks, while Abley at the opposite end cleared repeatedly with strong dashes.

Lindner, now at centre half-forward, hooked a

goal for Norths to be within 10 points at half-time.

Hall and Wilson, combining well at the bounces, soon had the Tigers repeatedly driving goalwards and only determined effort by North's defences held them out, McKay in particular rising to the occasion.

### Change on wing

Guy, on the wing, had changed with Murphy, and players were still hurling themselves into the play.

Brian Wright left the ground limping, Zuvich coming on at half-back.

Now North were attacking, and with the Bay defences disorganised, North threatened to break

Hewitt, of North, was the next casualty, Constable appearing in his first league game to replace him.

McKenzie goaled for North, but the Tigers, helped by Wilson's clever roving to winning rucks, fought back determinedly.

Tempers were beginning to fray, but the umpire allowed plenty of latitude.

North were 13 points down at the final change, and with the wind in their favor, had the chance to pull the game out of the fire.

With rucks and centre line taking control, Glenelg threw everything into an all out burst.

Rundle snapped a clever left-foot goal, and Guy, roving, drove a long one through the middle.

North had to attack from half-back, Baillie, Edwards, and Guy having the call across centre.

Two attacks saw McKenzie marking well and kicking surely at full-forward.

Griffin went to centre and sent North forward again, but they were finding difficulty in breaking the tenacious last line of defence.

McKenzie pulled down a high one, and from an

acute angle brought North within seven points.

A point evened the scores. Glenelg, however, swung away from a bounce, and saw Leahy clinch an exciting game with a good goal on the bell.

### Hall's game

Pat Hall, relishing his freedom from coaching worries, is improving each week, and today created many opportunities for Wilson, as well as being a danger when resting forward.

Billy Wilson made the most of winning rucks and rarely wasted a kick.

Rex Leahy showed intelligence in his forward play and got three valuable goals.

Geoff Guy, as a utility, is a very useful player, as he showed when at half-forward roving, or on a wing.

Brian Potter was always dangerous, and Laffin gave a good last quarter when North were making their bid.

### Great McKay

Ian McKay once again proved his ranking as football's greatest full-back, combining spectacular marking and clearing dashes with strong kicking.

Neil McCann and Bruce Mullins defended vigorously and determinedly at half-back, repulsing many Bay attacks.

Bill McKenzie's effort when shifted to full-forward all but won the game for North, while Griffin's performance was the best across centre.

Best Players—Glenelg: Hall, Wilson, Potter, Leahy, Guy, Hewitt, North, McKay, McCann, McKenzie, Mullins, Stringer, Griffin.

Scorers—Glenelg: Leahy 3.3, Potter 2.2, Rundle 1.5, Wright 1.1, Guy, Crabb each 1.0, Hall 0.3, Laffin, Wilson each 0.1, rushed 0.1. North: McKenzie 5.1, Sheppard, Gilbourne, Lindner each 1.1, McKay 1.0, Tanner, Blunden, each 0.2, Buntun, Constable each 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—Glenelg: R. Baillie (knee) replaced by Prior first quarter; Brian Wright (ankle) replaced by Zuvich; third quarter. North: Hewitt (groin) replaced by Constable third quarter.

## Ray Hunt..



Fine rucking in the last half by Hall, Crabb, and Laffin earned Glenelg their one goal win over North at Prospect Oval today.

IT was a vigorous, exciting game.

There were two outstanding men in the air. Hall for Glenelg was solid and brilliant all day, and Ian McKay took some towering marks.

Glenelg got the breaks at the right time and they turned out right. Leahy's 40-yarder winning goal was a gem.

Pat Hall, with a bril-

liant all-round display, either in ruck or resting, was outstanding.

Don Hewitt, on a half-forward flank was another to do well.

For North, I thought McKay, with high marking and long driving kicks was one of the best.

Lindner and McKenzie, with a fine last half effort, nearly snatched the game for North.