

Sturt lose, but still top team

By RAY BARBER

Norwood stopped Sturt's winning run of five games with a 20-point win at Norwood Oval today.

The leading four are unchanged after today's games, with three points separating Sturt (first) and Norwood (fourth). Torrens, by defeating North by 13 points, retained second position, while Port stayed in third position after their big win over South.

But Port's percentage rose to the highest (57.1) by their 73-point margin.

How they won

Glenelg are in fifth position with six points because of their four-point win over West at Adelaide Oval.

Vic Johnson, who covered the main game today at Norwood, says the Redlegs won by closing up the game in Sturt's forward lines.

Although Sturt were beaten Paul Caust, their goalsneak, was still able to get the best individual tally with seven goals for the day—six of them in the last half.

Charlie Pyatt, appreciating the task of leading

Torrens in the absence of Bob Hank (injured), kicked five goals.

Bill Wilson kicked five for Glenelg to be their best man.

Rundle (Glenelg) and Fos Williams and Motley (Port) also got four.

Caust goes to the top of the goalkicking list with 23 goals, with Chown 21, and Lindner 20.

Lindner, who got nine last week, was blanketed by Alf Roberts for only one goal today. He was shifted to centre half-forward in the last term at Kensington.

Jack Graham, former Victorian and South Melbourne champion, now South coach, made a fine comeback today at the age of 39.

He kicked two goals, shone with good marking, kicking, and handball, and was high up on South's best-players list.

After several good performances this season, umpire Hall gave perhaps his weakest exhibition at Kensington Oval.

BAYS BEAT WEST IN AIR, PACKS

By LIONEL BENNETTS

Glenelg, in a fiercely fought, close game at Adelaide Oval, downed West by four points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3-5	7-9	10-12	14-16	100
West	4-2	7-9	11-13	13-18	96

Winning in the packs and in the air, the Bays were able to hold the smaller, faster West team in a thrilling finish.

Billy Wilson, making the most of the opportunities presented by powerful rucks, clinched the game for Glenelg with two dazzling goals in the last few minutes.

West's many positional changes each week have not allowed them to settle into the smooth combination which reached the grand final last year.

First to attack

Glenelg were first to attack.

Wilson figured prominently in the early moves and the Bays opened the scoring with a point by Murphy and a goal from Wilson.

West were quick to come back, however. Driving through their half-forward flank they had goals from Wright, Benton, and Costello to gain the advantage.

Glenelg began to show a superiority in the air through their big men, and attacked continuously towards the end of the quarter.

Rundle was eventually able to mark and goal right on the bell to put the Bays within three points at the first change.

Fumbling play

After fumbling play by both teams early in the second quarter, the Bays jumped into the lead.

Abley was breaking away at centre half-forward, and Rundle snapped two clever goals from the pocket.

Bailey, centre, and Wilson, roving, kept the Tigers in attack. Wilson sent them further ahead with his third goal.

A'Court eventually broke a string of three points with a goal after Williams had found him with a well-directed kick.

With Williams intercepting the Glenelg hit-outs and Lovegrove moving better at half-forward, West hit the front again with two more goals by A'Court.

Wilson, roving well, sent Glenelg forward, but Thomas was playing more confidently at full-back and stopped Glenelg drives.

Two points—from Rundle and Crabb—levelled the scores at half-time.

After West attacks had been turned by strong defensive play by Prior and Wickham, Rundle brought his tally to four goals and

Glenelg were moving ahead.

Prior, at centre half-back, and Wickham, back-pocket, were impassable at this stage.

Wilson, still in everything, sent Glenelg forward for Laffin to goal.

A'Court was playing a lone hand against Glenelg's big men and he was instrumental in West's next two goals, which came from McKay and Wright.

With their half-forwards breaking loose, West notched goals from Phipps and Wright.

Faehse was turning all the Bay thrusts now, and West, combining much better, had a seven-point advantage at the last change.

Hall was at full-forward at the beginning of the last term in an endeavor to strengthen what had been a weakness.

A goal to Laffin was followed by one from Phipps at the other end.

Kempson replaced Yeo for Glenelg as play surged from one end to the other.

Donkersley came on at full-back for Glenelg, replacing Martin, and Lee replaced Deighton for West.

Glenelg were still full of fight, Crabb goaling to bring them to within two points.

Then Wilson, polished and cool, gave the Tigers a six-point lead by goaling coming out of a pack.

West fought back with everything, Thomas having a run on the ball, but they could not break a fierce defence.

Running shot

Wilson broke away once again, and made no mistake with his running shot.

Ray Hunt...

Glenelg beat West in a thrilling, hard hitting game, due mainly to ruck supremacy throughout.

LAFFIN and Crabb controlled practically all the knockouts from bounces and throw-ins, and with Wilson playing at his top, Glenelg were getting great drive.

In the last quarter, sound defence by Wickham was West's stumbling block.

Lovegrove, who had done a great job for

Although Faehse, on the ball in a desperation move, goaled for West, Glenelg held grimly to their four-point lead until the bell.

For Glenelg, Billy Wilson showed the ability that gave him top ranking among Victorian rovers.

Aided by his strong rucks, he was able to set Glenelg moving time and again, and his last two goals were match-winners.

Wickham's display in the back pocket was faultless. His anticipation, courage, and good clearing kicks saved Glenelg repeatedly.

Crabb and Laffin held sway in the air and rucks, the former's determined last-quarter effort doing much to swing the game.

Prior, switched to centre half-back, held this position well.

Brian Faehse stood out for West. Never beaten, he held the team together and sent them forward with his vigorous dashing play at centre half-back.

A'Court was the only player to contest Glenelg in the air, and his three-goals while resting were invaluable.

Battled gamely

Williams and Cannon battled gamely in their ruck-rover roles, and Thomas began to show more confidence in his play at full back.

Best Players—Glenelg: Wilson, Wickham, Crabb, Laffin, Prior, A. Bailey, West: Faehse, A'Court, G. Williams, Cannon, Wright, Thomas.

Replacements.—Glenelg: Yeo (bruised thigh), replaced by Kempson (last quarter), Martin (exhaustion), replaced by Donkersley (last quarter), West: Deighton (exhaustion), replaced by Lee (last quarter), Phipps (ankle), replaced by Kies (last quarter).

Scorers—Glenelg: Wilson 5.2, Rundle 4.4, Laffin 3.0, Crabb 1.1, Yeo 1.0, Leahy 0.3, Hall, Abley, Murphy, Potter 0.1, rushed 0.2. West: A'Court 3.3, Wright 3.1, Phipps 2.5, Lovegrove 1.1, Benton, McKay, Costello, Faehse 1.0, Brown 0.2, Perry, Cannon, Williams, Bishop 0.1, rushed 0.2.



LEAGUE FOOTBALL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
TORRENS	3-1	7-3	10-12	11-13	79
NORTH	1-3	4-8	7-8	9-12	66

Goalkickers—TORRENS: Pyatt (5), Chown (3), Clingly, Coleman, Loades. NORTH: Bunton (3), Linke (2), Lindner, Hewett, Mullins, Yates.

Best players—TORRENS: Pyatt, Clingly, Roberts, Coverlid, R. Edwards, Slaven Adams. NORTH: R. Carroll, Weston, Lynch, Hewett, Yates, Fenner.

NORWOOD	3-5	7-7	10-9	13-16	94
STURT	2-3	2-8	7-12	10-14	74

Goalkickers—NORWOOD: Walker, Vivian (each 3), Nash, Skinner (each 2), Young, Fosdike, Nicholls. STURT: Caust (7), Goodchild, Pike, Sims.

Best players—NORWOOD: Walker, Nicholls, Butler, Fosdike, Vivian, Roberts, Williams. STURT: May, Phillips, Caust, Goodchild, Halbert, Rattigan, Hunter.

GLENELG	3-5	7-9	10-12	14-16	100
WEST	4-2	7-9	11-13	13-18	96

Goalkickers—GLENELG: Wilson (5), Rundle (4), Laffin (3), Yeo, Crabb. WEST: A'Court, Wright (each 3), Phipps (2), Costello, McKay, Benton, Faehse, Lovegrove.

Best players—GLENELG: Wilson, Wickham, Crabb, Laffin, Prior, Alf Bailey. WEST: Faehse, A'Court, G. Williams, Cannon, Wright, Thomas.

PORT	1-1	7-4	14-7	21-13	139
SOUTH	4-5	5-6	8-7	9-12	66

Goalkickers—PORT: Motley, F. Williams (each 4), Jaggard, Stevens, T. Williams, Whelan, Zucker, Coldwell (each 2), Garland. SOUTH: D. Panizza, Haussen, Graham (each 2), Ballantyne, Richards, Judd.

Best players—PORT: Motley, Whelan, Boyd, Stevens, F. Williams, Jaggard. SOUTH: Haussen, Polden, D. Panizza, Thompson, Linke, Hewitt, Graham.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	P.	A.	Pts.	%
Sturt	5	1	—	—	—	549	66.9
Torrens	4	1	1	—	—	547	65.9
Port	4	2	—	—	—	539	65.1
Norw'd	3	2	1	—	—	479	53.4
Glen'g	3	3	—	—	—	472	47.9
North	2	4	—	—	—	476	48.9
West	2	4	—	—	—	512	46.0
South	—	6	—	—	—	372	32.3

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Caust (Sturt)	7	23
Chown (Torrens)	3	21
Lindner (North)	1	20
Rundle (Glenelg)	4	17
Nash (Norwood)	2	15
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	—	14
Pyatt (Torrens)	5	14
Wright (West)	3	13

ATTENDANCES

Adelaide Oval	8,000
Alberton Oval	6,000
Kensington Oval	9,000
Norwood Oval	21,000

Total 44,000

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

Torrens v Sturt (Thebarton).
West v South (Adelaide).
Norwood v North (Norwood).
Glenelg v Port (Glenelg).

☆ ☆ *At home with* ☆ ☆ **BRIAN** *your stars* **WRIGHT**

Brian Wright had a brilliant introduction to football.

THE Glenelg star centre half - back won in successive seasons the trophy for the fairest and most brilliant player in the colts seconds, and league teams.

But it's not so long ago that he could not hold his place in the colts eighteen.

IN 1948 Brian Wright of the soaring captures in league football was either nineteenth man or out of the colts team.

Then an injury would not have been exactly upsetting to the selectors. Not so now.

His persistent ankle injury has furrowed brows among the Glenelg league selection panel.

But he will be back in a couple of weeks to plug the Tigers' weak defence.

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 HE began playing for Goodwood Technical School in 1945.

Established in the colts, he had as teammates Milton Edwards, Brian Rundle, Alf Bailey, and Maurie Kempson—teammates still.

Then, as now, he was at half-back, except when he "caught a cold" while hoping vainly for the ball to come down to centre half-forward where he was positioned.

IN 1950 the tall, dark and lean centre half-back had 12 games in the seconds—and played the last eight with the league side.

But he was still the seconds' fairest and best.

He was in the grand final team that went under to Norwood.

In 1951 came his golden year.

He polled 13 votes in the Magarey Medal and took five league team trophies.

★ ★
 WRIGHT has not been blessed with good fortune.

A similar chipped ankle to the one that's keeping him inactive



now put him out in 1953.

Last season he played only six matches, because of a back injury sustained at a furniture store.

That's where he met his wife. She was the boss's secretary.

★ ★
 THERE have been 69 league games so far. Three seasons ago, Glenelg were leading South by five goals at half-time.

Waiting for the game to resume after half-

● ABOVE: Brian Wright settles down to sample the cooking of his wife Nancy.

time, Wright asked his pal on and off the field, Don Taylor, whether South were afraid to re-appear.

"Don't talk like that," Taylor told his half-back colleague.

South won by five goals.

Now Wright doesn't underestimate the opposition.

IN the Glenelg team is his brother Alan—vrounger by 15 months.

They are the same weight, 11 st. 8 lb., but Alan is 3 in. taller.

Tony Goodchild is the best centre half-forward Brian Wright has opposed, because he's "so elusive."

And Bob Hank is his best player of league football.

At home Wright cunkers with his car and likes reading.

He's a clerk with a newspaper company.