

PORT DEFEAT SHOCKS

But South not likely to make final four

By RAY BARBER

South's shock defeat of Port today, sensational though it was, is unlikely to affect the final four issue.

Norwood virtually clinched fourth place when they defeated West (second) by 11 points at Norwood Oval.

Port (first) were beaten by South (fifth) by 12 points at Adelaide Oval.

That was the biggest winning margin of the day. North had a three-point win over Torrens in a hectic struggle at Thebarton.

Glenelg defeated Sturt by five points at Unley.

The highlights

Highlights of the day included:—

● South's attacking spearheads, Ron Richards and Ron Kitchen, dominating the Adelaide Oval goalkicking with four goals each.

● Port's turnabout in getting the lowest score for the day—in their first defeat.

● Norwood's big men pulling the game round when faced with defeat by West.

● Sturt full forward Caust's six goals to have the best individual bag of the day.

Covering the Norwood game, Vic Johnson, Sunday Mail chief football writer, says the Norwood ruckmen and rovers Fosdike and Vivian won the day.

A third quarter melee was the climax of pent-up feelings in the Thebarton game.

When a North rover was felled trainers dashed on to the ground with policemen behind to break up an ugly scene.

At Adelaide a fast, determined South gave Port little chance to get settled.

South had 2-1 on the board before Port scored, and led at every change.

Winning centre and half-forward lines were responsible for South's fine win.

After trailing at half-time Glenelg's third quarter 5-4 to 2-2 won them the game at Unley.

Port full forward Johns retains his one-goal lead over McKenzie (North). Each kicked three goals today.

● Seconds football

	1st	2nd	3rd	Fin.	Pts.
Glenelg	2.3	10.5	10.8	16.11	107
Sturt	2.5	5.5	7.8	7.9	31

Goalkickers—Glenelg: Churchett (5), McDonald, Wickham (each 4), McPherson (2), Donkersley. Sturt: Southern, Martin (each 2), Cox, Pike, Schapel. Best Players—Glenelg: McDonald, Matters, Baldock, Driver, Donkersley, Churchett, Sturt: Southern, Kay, Baohm, Murray, Schapel, Martin.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE							
	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	%
Port	11	2	1	1381	945	23	69.3
North	10	4	—	1093	1071	20	56.3
West	9	4	1	1211	976	19	55.3
Glen.	8	5	1	1035	1072	17	49.1
Sturt	7	7	—	1002	1068	14	49.8
South	6	7	1	1004	980	13	50.6
Norw'd	2	12	—	952	1282	4	43.2
Torrens	1	13	—	932	1320	2	41.4

LEADING GOALKICKERS		
	Today	Total
Phipps (West)	5	48
Ochame (Torrens)	—	38
Churchett (Glenelg)	5	35
Henningson (Nth.)	1	34
Southern (Sturt)	2	32
Thomas (Port)	3	32
Luke (Port)	2	29
Ballantyne (South)	2	25
Leaver (North)	—	25
Applebee (Norwood)	—	24
Hall (Port)	2	23
Jaggard (Port)	1	23
McPherson (Glenelg)	2	21
Pavli (South)	4	20

LEAGUE ATTENDANCES	
Thebarton	10,700
Adelaide	10,000
Norwood	10,000
Unley	5,000
Total	35,700

TODAY'S DETAILS AT A GLANCE

GROUNDS: Heavy.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4-3	6-6	7-14	11-17	83
West	2-1	3-5	4-9	10-12	72

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Fosdike, Walker, Nelson, Vivian, Reimann, Aish, Koerner. **WEST:** Thomas, Williams, Costello, Lovegrove, Eglinton, McKay, Day.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Fosdike (4.6), Nicholls (3.1), Walker (2.2), Skinner, Young (each 1.2), Vivian (0.2). **Rushed (0.2).** **WEST:** Richardson (3.1), Benton (2.1), McKay (2.0), A'Court (1.4), Day, Brown (each 1.3).

REPLACEMENTS.—WEST: M. Hewitt (injured leg), replaced by V. Kempson just before final siren.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	5-3	6-3	11-4	13-5	83
Port	2-1	4-6	6-9	10-11	71

BEST PLAYERS.—SOUTH: D. Panizza, Richards, Deane, Jones, Polden, Kitchen, Cox, Linke. **PORT:** Whelan, Zucker, Fabian, Johns, Thompson, Garland.

SCORERS.—SOUTH: Kitchen (4.2), Richards (4.0), Bourke (2.0), Cox, Peucker, Dalton (each 1.1). **PORT:** Johns (3.2), F. Williams, Garland (each 1.2), Boyd, Sawford (each 1.1), Zucker, T. Williams, Thompson (each 1.0), Motley, Stevens, Whelan (each 0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Baker (stomach trouble), replaced by Parkinson in last quarter. **PORT:** Robinson (stomach knock), replaced by Wilson at three-quarter time.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4-2	7-5	8-8	11-10	76
Torrens	2-5	6-9	7-14	9-19	73

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Bunton, Stringer, Gilbourne, Tanner, Lindner, Westley. **TORRENS:** Bob Hank Thiele, Ashby, Coleman, Roberts, Ray Hank.

SCORERS.—NORTH: McKenzie (3.2), Bunton (3.1), Shepherd (2.1), Whitford (1.2), Tanner, Lindner (each 1.1), Faggoter (0.1), Rushed (0.1). **TORRENS:** Head (2.5), Taylor (2.3), Ray Hank Chown (each 1.2), Slaven, Parham, Fischer (each 1.0), Clingly, Lockshell, Livesey (each 0.2), Rushed (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—TORRENS: Taylor (leg injury) replaced by Cunningham in last quarter.

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Glenelg	3-5	6-8	11-12	12-16	88
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BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: Abley, May, Davies, Crowden, Hewett, Hibberd, Baillie, Leahy. **STURT:** Freundt, May, Goodchild, Marshall, Green, Caust, Kutcher.

SCORERS.—GLENELG: Davies (3.0), Rundle (2.2), Abley (2.0), Potter (1.4), Crabb, Longman (each 1.2), Slattery, May (each 1.1), Crowden (0.3), Rushed (0.1). **STURT:** Caust (6.1), May (3.1), Machell (1.2), Goodchild (1.1), Kotaras (1.0), Freundt (0.2), Marshall, Ludlow (each 0.1), Rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS.—GLENELG: M. Edwards (ankle) replaced by Abley in the first quarter. **STURT:** Marshall (broken blood vessel in ankle) replaced by Cottle in third quarter. Nottle (bruised hip) replaced by Boiland in last quarter.

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Port	13	1	—	1427	760	26	65.2
West	9	4	1	1199	948	19	55.8
North	8	6	—	1108	954	16	53.7
Norwood	8	6	—	1154	1129	16	50.5
South	6	8	—	1054	1284	12	45.0
Torrens	4	9	1	1002	1118	9	47.2
Glenelg	4	9	1	1032	1317	9	43.9
Sturt	2	11	1	938	1401	5	40.0

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Johns (Port)	3	31
McKenzie (North)	3	50
Judd (South)	—	37
Caust (Sturt)	6	34
Clingly (Torrens)	—	31
Johnson (Norwood)	—	28
Day (West)	1	27
Fosdike (Norwood)	4	26
Motley (Port)	—	25
Sawford (Port)	1	25
Nicholls (Norwood)	3	25
Lane (Sturt)	—	24

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Bays hang on to well-earned lead

By JOHN MEHAFFEY

Glenelg, with a determined third quarter, set up an advantage and then withstood a spirited finishing effort by Sturt to win by five points at Unley Oval today.

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In the hectic third term Glenelg put on 5-4 to Sturt's 2-2.

The Bays derived much drive and power from Abley at half-forward and Davies.

Davies got three goals in this quarter.

Hectic pace

Up till half-time the game was played at a hectic pace with neither side able to break clear.

Glenelg were unable to force the ball forward early with any certainty, until M. Edwards was carried from the field in the first quarter, and Abley (reserve) went to centre half-forward.

Immediately Abley made his presence felt by marking strongly and kicking accurately.

His continued dominance of this area forced Sturt to shift Don Harris to a flank, but Abley then won the duel against Hunter.

Smothered

Goodchild was always on top until late in the game, and when this avenue of approach was closed to Sturt their kicking for goal was hurried and inaccurately executed.

Sturt could easily have won this game but for the fact that Goodchild was being smothered.

The May brothers — Wally and Ian — had many interesting tussles in ruck, but in the field play the Sturt skipper shone like a beacon. Some of his marks and footpasses were most creditable.

Sand in eyes

The oval was again in shocking condition with a heavy, sloshy centre, and a sand patch stretching across the grandstand wing.

Players repeatedly mis-judged the pace and bounce of the ball, and it was not unusual to see players endeavoring to get sand out of their eyes instead of mud.

● Seconds Glenelg defeat Sturt for 4th. place

By BRIAN WATSON

Glenelg greatly improved their final four prospects by scoring a convincing nine-goal win over Sturt in the main league seconds game at Glenelg today. They now hold fourth place, three points ahead of Sturt, with only four more minor-round games left.

Glenelg's teamwork was the stumbling-block to any chance of success Sturt may have had.

With the wind behind them in the second quarter they added 8-2 to 3-0 by Sturt and had a strong grip on the game at half-time with a five-goal break.

In the centre muddy patch, Hewett held the advantage over Halbert and gave his team a start forward on numerous occasions.

Halbert, however, gained possession often, but lacked in accurate disposal.

Caust, Sturt's spearhead, did well by kicking accurately, but I was most impressed by Hibberd's exhibition in opposition.

Foolish passing

Admittedly he gave Caust many frees, but his kicking out from goal was a pleasure to see.

Sturt often in the back lines resorted to foolish handball which in my book is bad football.

Glenelg were often let in, and but for Freundt's sterling lone-hand effort late in the game, Glenelg would have won by a greater margin.

Both teams played the game in fine spirit, and it was always thrilling and exciting because of the closeness of the scores and the continued vigor.

Sturt finished better than Glenelg, but by setting up such an advantage in the vital third quarter, Glenelg deserved their win.

Reserve best

Kevin Abley, coming on as reserve, was Glenelg's best player.

His marking was safe and sure, and his unselfish, thoughtful disposal was at all times to the advantage of his team.

Ian May gave Glenelg sterling service for four quarters.

Davies' dashing third quarter did much towards victory, and Crowder and Hewett were best of the others.

For Sturt Freundt stood out, especially when he held Glenelg out single-handed late in the game.

This player lacks nothing in courage and determination.

Goodchild played his best football in the first half, while Wally May was always in the play with solid marking and rucking.