

• Redlegs' place 'just on loan?'

TORRENS VIE FOR SECOND



By DOUG STEELE

Torrens' win over South today moved them from third to second position on the league premiership table.

But West will have to defeat Norwood at Adelaide Oval on Monday for Torrens to stay there.

Torrens now have 13 points, and Norwood, 12.

A win by West would not alter the present premiership standing.

Glenelg centreman Don Hewett broke his collarbone in the match against Sturt today. The injury will keep him out for several weeks.

Sturt won this match, at Adelaide Oval, and Port downed North, at Prospect Oval.

Port goalsneak Rex Johns with his five goals today, has regained a one-goal lead at the top of the goalkicking list.

But West full forward Peter Phipps is almost certain to regain the lead after Monday's game.

Best of season

The only State squad member to be injured today was Hayes (Port), who

left the field with a knee injury after colliding with Griffin. Griffin was replaced because of a similar injury.

State selectors will meet on Monday to discuss whether more players should be added to the State squad.

The team, which will play Victoria next Saturday, will be announced on Thursday night.

At Prospect today, Port went to the front in the second quarter and dominated the game in the last.

The Sunday Mail football writer, Vic Johnson, says Port's football against North after half-time was the most systematic he has seen from the team this season.

Port finished on strongly and North again appeared to "blow out" physically.

Sturt's winning centre line gave them enough drive and power to defeat Glenelg.

Sturt had more players in form after an even first quarter and gradually set up their superiority to come out easy winners by 50 points.

South outscored Torrens in the last quarter, but Torrens had put on a match-winning lead in the third term.

In the last stages South got to within 15 points, but with Bob Hank at centre and Head moving dangerously at times in the rucks, Torrens were able to hold them.

East Perth run goes on

PERTH, Sat.: East Perth continued their unbroken run with an expected victory over West Perth today.

Subiaco caused the upset by beating a strong South Fremantle side.

Scores.—East Perth 14-15, West Perth 11-8, Subiaco 14-11, South Fremantle 9-17, Perth 11-11, East Fremantle 10-12, Claremont 15-19, Swan Districts 13-9.

TODAY'S DETAILS AT A GLANCE

GROUNDS: Firm and hard.
(At Prospect Oval)

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-0	7-3	11-6	17-13	115
North	3-6	5-6	9-7	10-7	67

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Jaggard, McDonald, Blagrove, Coldwell, Tierney, Garland, Kretschmer. **NORTH:** Hewett, Bubner, Stringer, Trenorden, Lindner, Sheppard, Tanner.

SCORERS.—PORT: Jaggard (6.2), Johns (5.0), Fos Williams (1.4), Tom Williams (1.2), Obst (1.1), Zucker, Garland, Trowse (1.0), Thompson (0.1), rushed (0.3). **NORTH:** Bubner (3.0), Trenorden (2.1), Brown (1.2), Sheppard (1.1), Bill Blunden McKenzie, Griffin (1.0), Tanner, Smythe, Lindner (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Hayes (injured knee) replaced by Fabian in second quarter. **NORTH:** Griffin (injured knee) replaced by Smythe in second quarter.

(At Kensington Oval)

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	5-2	8-6	14-10	15-15	105
South	2-7	5-14	7-17	12-20	92

BEST PLAYERS.—TORRENS: Bob Hank, Head, Thorsen, Roberts, Ashby, Slaven, Townsend, Livesey. **SOUTH:** Peucker, Parkinson, Yates, Hewitt, Guy, Deane, Judd, Polden.

GOALKICKERS.—TORRENS: Clingly (4), Head (3), Bob Hank, Tucker (each 2), Livesey, Taylor, Ray Hank, Teasdale. **SOUTH:** Kitchen (4), Peucker (3), Atkins (2), Polden, Kimber, Adams.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	1-2	6-10	11-13	18-16	124
Glenelg	1-5	4-8	8-12	10-14	74

(At Adelaide Oval)

BEST PLAYERS.—STURT: Hocking, Shanks, Ellis, Kutcher, Rattigan, Tuckwell, Dunn. **GLENELG:** Robinson, Fraser, McLeod, Hawker, Baillie, Edwards, Davies.

SCORERS.—STURT: Olds (4.1), Harris (3.5), Hocking (3.3), Dunn (3.0), Hunter (2.0), Shanks (1.1), May, Goodchild (1.0), Thompson, Kutcher (0.2), Blows (0.1), rushed (0.1). **GLENELG:** Wilson (3.2), McLeod, Wright (1.3), Richens, Fraser, Abley (1.1), Davies, Milbank (1.0), Hewett, May (0.1), rushed (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—STURT: Olds (heavy knock) relaced by Phillips in last quarter. **GLENELG:** Hewett (broken collarbone) replaced by Matters at quarter time.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Games	Total
Johns (Port)	5.0	9	44.31
Phipps (West)	—	8	43.21
Clingly (Torrens)	4.2	8	23.11
Abley (Glenelg)	1.1	8	20.20
B. Wright (Glenelg)	1.3	9	19.12
Johnson (Norwood)	—	7	18.15
Sawford (Port)	—	7	18.14
Peucker (South)	3.4	8	18.21
Judd (South)	0.4	9	17.24
Richens (Glenelg)	1.1	9	16.21

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Port	8	—	1	977	640	17	60.42
Torrens	6	2	1	801	743	13	51.88
Norwood	6	2	—	709	668	12	51.49
North	5	4	—	721	688	10	51.17
West	3	5	—	789	668	6	54.15
Sturt	3	6	—	726	856	6	45.89
Glenelg	3	6	—	761	912	6	45.49
South	—	9	—	700	1009	—	40.96

ATTENDANCES

Prospect	15,629
Adelaide	13,060
Kensington	6,000

Total 34,689

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

West v. Norwood.—At Adelaide Oval on Monday.
Victoria v. SA.—At Adelaide Oval on Saturday.

STURT CENTRE LINE A BIG FACTOR

By SAM GALLAGHER

After an even first quarter, in which neither side looked capable of setting up any significant advantage, Sturt gradually asserted their superiority and won by 8.2 against Glenelg at Adelaide Oval today.

Glenelg suffered a severe setback when Hewett, who had opened brilliantly, broke his collarbone in the first quarter.

He played on, obviously under difficulties, but had to leave the ground at quarter time.

Although Hewett's retirement could hardly have made the difference between a defeat by 50 points and victory, after the first quarter Sturt's centre line was the main factor in its win.

On paper, Sturt had an overwhelming ruck superiority, but this did not materialise in fact.

Thompson was effectively blanketed for most of the game, and his overhead marking was not up to his usual standard.

The only clean knocking from the bounces and throw-ins was done by Wally May, but no par-

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ticular advantage was gained by either side in this division.

Generally speaking, the standard of play, especially in the first half, was poor. Both half-back lines were on top.

Hewett and Edwards were winning for Glenelg across centre.

Fraser, roving with great dash, gave the Bays an edge on the fringes.

Thompson defended well for Sturt, and it was 15 minutes before a goal was scored. Edwards passed accurately to Abley and the full forward goaled.

The main interest in the first quarter was in the physical clashes which kept the crowd on their toes.

Glenelg depending on a repetition of Brian Wright's great form at centre half-forward, saw him come strongly into the game in the early part of the second quarter.

Leading by three points at the end of the first quarter, Glenelg maintained that lead as long as Wright was on top.

Battled hard

But once the Sturt centre line asserted its three-pronged power, the Double-Blues, with more players in form, went to a handy lead.

Davies, who had replaced Hewett at centre, battled hard to get his side moving. He reduced Sturt's lead to eight points when he dashed through from centre to goal.

But the Sturt centre line, Shanks in particular, dic-

tated the trend of play and the Double-Blues had a 14-point lead at half-time.

Sturt had Hocking roving after half-time and he revelled in the change.

Brian Wright was effectively held by Ellis apart from an occasional burst, and the Sturt half-forward line became a greater force as the game went on.

Only Robinson's great defence at half-back prevented Sturt from going right away in this term.

Glenelg, sadly lacking drive, switched Davies to ruck, but the Bays had too many players out of form to make any real impression.

Thirty-eight points down at one stage in the third quarter, Glenelg recovered to trail by 19 points at the last change.

Little challenge

But after that it was a one-horse race.

Glenelg, battling ahead of centre, switched Wright to full forward and Abley to centre half-forward.

Abley did better than Wright in the key attacking position but Sturt's superiority was never seriously challenged.

Rover Dunn played a grand last quarter, and Halbert reasserted himself after a quiet third term.

Glenelg were sadly disorganised in the last term. At one stage there was only one Bay player inside centre half-forward.

SENIOR COLTS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.		1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	1.1	7.3	9.7	10.9	69	Torrens	2.3	7.7	12.12	19.18	132
Port	2.2	2.2	3.3	4.4	28	South	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	12

Best Players—North: Calliman, Graham, Potts, Porter, Block. **Port:** Williams, Obst, Cahill, Monterola, Siewwright.

Goalkickers—North: Graham (3), Potts, Calliman, Norsworthy (each 2), Smart. **Port:** Cahill (2), Obst, Leaver.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	2.5	5.8	7.9	10.10	70
Glenelg	1.2	1.5	4.6	6.8	44

Goalkickers—Sturt: Smith (5), Ware (2), Coghlin, Jackson, Paddock, Glenelg: Oliver (4), Meschke, Ridings (each 1).

Best Players—Sturt: Jackson, Smith, Barnes, Collett, Glenelg: Oliver, Parslow, McInerney.

Best Players—Torrens: Barnes, Russell, Blaws, Patterson, Klaffer, Neimann. **South:** Cannell, Haddon, Neale, Brooking, Gethings.

Goalkickers—Torrens: Barnes (6), Klaffer (4), Neimann, Blaws (each 3), Balestrin (2), Patterson (1). **South:** Gaston, Salkeld.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4.3	6.6	7.12	8.13	61
Norwood	2.0	5.0	5.2	7.4	46

Goalkickers—West: Cahill (4), Carter, Roach, Eustine, DeBroe.

Best Players—West: Ettridge, Roach, Cahill, Wenham, Jennings, DeBroe. **Norwood:** McCormack, Hockley, Nicol.

★ COLIN Hawker ★ must be one of Glenelg's most versatile players. He began in a back pocket today, had a run on the ball, and finished at centre. He has also played at half-back.

★ BRIAN Hale, who replaced Little in Sturt's selected side against Glenelg at Adelaide Oval today, fully justified his selection. He was a strong unit in Sturt's solid defence.