

• First round of the 1958 football season attracts a record 69,300

# A THRILLER MARKS NEW OVAL OPENING

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**FOOTBALL SECTION**

## TODAY'S DETAILS AT A GLANCE

### GROUNDS: Fast.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	6-7	11-9	17-14	20-19	139
Sturt	1-4	5-6	7-6	13-10	88

**BEST PLAYERS — NORTH:** Stringer, Potts, Sheppard, Lindner, Yates, Hewett, Barbary  
**STURT:** Marshall, Goodchild, Harris, Rattigan, Kutcher Pike, Olds.

**SCORERS.—NORTH:** Sargent 4.3, Tanner 3.3, Sheppard 3.3, Potts 3.1, Yates 2.3, Lindner 2.3, Bubber 1.0, Barbary 1.0, Hewett 1.0, Trenorden 0.2, Koerner 0.1. **STURT:** Olds 4.2, Caust 2.4, Shapter 1.1, Pike 1.0, R. Thompson 1.0, Shanks 1.0, Harris 1.0, Marshall 1.0, Halbert 1.0, Goodchild 0.3.

**REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH:** Koerner (stomach cramp) replaced by Lee in last term. **STURT:** C. Thompson (ankle) replaced by Hale in third term; Pike, by Cunningham in last quarter.

West	3-2	6-5	10-9	12-11	83
Torrens	2-5	6-9	8-10	10-13	73

**BEST PLAYERS. — WEST:** Bray, McGregor, Brown, Wright, Williams, Benton, Hewett. **TORRENS:** Ashby, Head, Townsend, Morrell, Rawson, Caire, Livesey

**SCORERS.—WEST:** Phipps 4.2, McGregor 2.2, Benton 2.1, Wright 1.2, Brown 1.1, Ryan and Lovegrove 1.0, DeBrough, Rosseto, and Rasheed 0.1. **TORRENS:** Liversey 3.6, Taylor 3.1, Head 1.1, Townsend, Fischer, and Bob Hank 1.0, Rawson 0.3, Jarman, and Morrell 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS.—WEST:** Ryan (head injury) replaced by Roach in first quarter; Richardson (bruised hip), by Lovegrove at quarter-time. **TORRENS:** Graham (bruised hip) replaced by Klaffer in last term.

South	1-1	4-9	8-11	10-18	78
Glenelg	3-7	7-8	7-12	10-17	77

**BEST PLAYERS.—SOUTH:** Hage, Parkinson, Evans, Christie, Richards, Kimber, Jones. **GLENELG:** Davies, Fraser, Milbank, Leahy, Robinson, Richens, Cutten

**SCORERS.—SOUTH:** Christie and Kimber 3.1, Evans, Richards, and Sullivan 1.3, Brown 1.1, Mortimer, Blum, Baker, and Kichen 0.1, rushed 0.2. **GLENELG:** Fraser 4.5, Richens 4.0, Flew 1.4, Abley 1.0, Davies 0.2, May, Edwards, Bishop, Hewett, Slattery, and McLeod 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS.—GLENELG:** May (heavy knock) replaced by Rocher in last quarter. **SOUTH:** Nil.

**INJURIES.—SOUTH:** Mortimer (gashed hand). **GLENELG:** Nil.

### LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

	W.	L.	Points		Prem.	%
			For	Agst.		
North	1	—	139	88	2	61.23
Port	1	—	97	68	2	58.79
West	1	—	83	73	2	53.21
South	1	—	78	77	2	50.32
Glenelg	—	1	77	78	—	49.68
Torrens	—	1	73	83	—	46.79
Norwood	—	1	68	97	—	41.21
Sturt	—	1	88	139	—	38.77

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

Johns (Port)	8.1
Fraser (Glenelg)	4.5
Sargent (North)	4.3
Phipps (West)	4.2
Olds (Sturt)	4.2
Richens (Glenelg)	4.0
Livesey (Torrens)	3.6
Tanner (North)	3.3
Sheppard (North)	3.3
Miller (Norwood)	3.1
Potts (North)	3.1
Kimber (South)	3.1
Christie (South)	3.1
Taylor (Torrens)	3.1

### ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	37,300
Richmond	15,000
Kensington	11,000
Glenelg	6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,300</b>

### NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

Port v. West (Alberton Oval)  
Sturt v. Glenelg (Adelaide Oval)  
Norwood v. Torrens (Norwood)  
North v. South (Prospect)

*South had a lucky break in the last quarter against Glenelg today.*

With the scores close, Reimann stumbled in attempting to intercept.

This allowed Flew to race into an open goal. However, as Flew went to pick up he also stumbled. He knocked the ball against a goal post for a behind.

**SOUTH** were naturally elated at starting the season with a win—a fairly unusual experience for them. New coach Ron Reimann was all smiles after the game.

**GLENELG** Oval has never looked better. The centre patch, which was returned during the summer, was a picture almost a pleasure to fall on.

By RAY BARBER

**In a record opening series West and Torrens, major round teams of 1957, put on a thriller at Richmond Oval and South beat Glenelg with the last kick of the day in league football matches today.**

**The winning margin at Richmond was 10 points, and it was one point at Glenelg.**

In the other game North annihilated Sturt by 51 points.

Port defeated Norwood by 29 points in the Anzac Day match at Adelaide Oval.

League secretary Mr. Tom Hill said he believed the opening series attendance of 69,300 was a record.

He said the great opening match for Richmond Oval indicated that West and Torrens would be strong contenders for the 1958 title.

He was impressed by the form and determination of both teams.

### Clinched in dying stages

The issue was open at Richmond Oval until the dying stages of the game.

There were only four points separating the teams at half-time with Torrens leading 6-9 to 6-5.

West, by kicking 4-2 and keeping Torrens scoreless for 15 minutes, laid a solid foundation for their win, for Torrens had to regain the lead the hard way.

But West, with Phipps to the fore, clinched the match with seconds to go.

### Ken McGregor best ruckman

Ken McGregor, best ruckman afield, had two star rovers in Wright and

Brown to make the difference West's way.

Bray made a great job of centre half-back after playing all his previous football in his.

For Torrens, Rawson, last season's colt, had an impressive debut at half-forward left.

West and State forward Peter Phipps led the goal-kicking list in this game with four goals.

The Sunday Mail's chief football writer, Vic Johnson, says North can be counted as a danger to the top teams.

They jumped Sturt right from the first bounce, and led by 33 points at quarter time.

North's roving was given a lift by Barry Potts, 1957, Tomkins Medal winner in the Colts league.

At Glenelg South won by one point when the last kick of the day—from kitchen—was touched as it went through the goals.

South's defence, after being beaten early, came into the game strongly with Parkinson and Hage outstanding.

South, kicking 4-2 to four points in the third quarter, were inspired by a 60-yard goal from centre half-forward Rex Richards in that period.

South ruckman Kimber was reported for having allegedly struck an opponent.

# SOUTH HOLD OFF LATE BAY CHALLENGE



Sam Gallagher

By SAM GALLAGHER

**Taking control of the game in the third quarter, South withstood a late challenge from Glenelg to snatch a meritorious one-point win as the final siren sounded at the Bay Oval today.**

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South	1-1	4-9	8-11	10-18	78
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**Both sides displayed a fine fighting spirit. The result was a game that developed into a thriller.**

It could have gone either way.

Glenelg made the more impressive start. Milbank's great strength gave them control in ruck, Davies was devastating at centre, and the half-forwards, Flew in particular, made plenty of opportunities.

Davies opened brilliantly. One long, raking dropkick to Abley, leading fast, was a gem. It gave the full forward his only goal for the day.

The Bay rovers had complete control of the ruck fringes at this stage. Fraser was in dashing form and, in fact, throughout the day Glenelg's fortunes waxed and waned with the rovers' influence.

### Their best

South's only goal for the first term followed new rover Evans' first run on the ball. He sent them into attack and, following up well, snapped a good left-foot goal.

After the first quarter, South's defence tightened considerably. Parkinson, outplayed early by Flew, got the half-forward's measure and turned defence into attack with powerful dropkicks.

Kitchen began to get into the game against Davies and Evans continued cool and effective. However, South had no winners in attack.

Chown had been completely shut out at full forward by Robinson and was given a run on the ball.

Kimber and Christie were beginning to even the score in ruck, but Fraser came back into the game with a startling burst to add three goals. He and Ritchens retained the advantage for the Bays.

South's third quarter was their best. Hage, in brilliant form at half-back, left and Parkinson held the Bays goalless.

For the first time Richards got into the game at centre half-forward. He goaled with a magnificent 60 yard drop kick to lift South's game.

Davies took a run on the ball in an effort to stimulate his side, but South held the initiative.

Further Glenelg changes had Flew at full forward and Abley at centre half-forward for the last quarter.

### Avalanche

Davies was still on the ball but the game continued in South's favor. Their defence was good, Christie followed powerfully and they were on top across centre.

When Sullivan snapped a goal from Kitchen's pass South led by 19 points. They looked sure winners. Then came the avalanche. Hewett regained control of centre and Fraser and Richens rushed a solid South defence into something like panic.

When McLeod's kick put Glenelg in front by a point South fought back desperately.

Mortimer took a couple

of valuable marks at half-forward and Browne and Sullivan, working feverishly, struggled to level the scores again.

Kitchen's long shot went through off hands as the siren sounded.

Hage, with a grand display of aggressive defence at half-back left was South's best. Even in the first quarter, when Glenelg's attack was doing well, he was in the way.

After the first quarter, Parkinson's was another solid defensive game. Flew's pace seemed to worry him for a time but once he gained balance with a couple of nice marks, he was untroubled until that hectic last quarter.

Evans' roving effort was good. He's very cool and usually places the ball to advantage.

Richard's ascendancy at centre half-forward was an important factor in South's second-half revival. His marking and strong dropkicking made the attack.

### Worked hard

For Glenelg as usual, none worked harder than Davies. It looks as though he is to continue in last year's style, plugging the gaps as they appear.

When Fraser was going well so were the Bays. He and Richens kicked 8-5 of Glenelg's total of 10-17—a true indication of their influence.

Milbank did a lot of plain, hard work in ruck and Rex Leahy was determined in a back pocket.

On today's game the Bay's outer defence lacks height, although Link's debut as centre half-back was reasonably good.