



Tremendous enthusiasm as players battle it out

# RECORD CROWD OF 51,160 AT OPENING MATCHES

## TODAY'S DETAILS AT A GLANCE

CONDITIONS: Ideal

### At Richmond Oval

West	3-6	5-6	11-10	12-11	83
Port	1-0	9-11	9-13	10-19	79

**BEST PLAYERS—WEST:** Wright, Gates, Roach, Eustice, Bray, Garnett, Tregenza. **PORT:** Whelan, Cahill, Hayes, Hannaford, Motley, Johns, Williams.

**SCORERS—WEST:** Wright 3.2, Ryan 2.1, Wundke 2.0, Roach 2.0, Richardson 1.1, Day 1.1, Garnett 1.1, Brown 0.3, Johnson 0.1, rushed 0.1. **PORT:** Johns 4.4, Hannaford 2.3, O'Connell 2.2, Obst 1.2, Whelan 1.1, Williams 0.2, Motley 0.1, Jaggard 0.1, Gill 0.1, Zucker, rushed 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS—WEST:** Hewitt (twisted knee), replaced by Day second quarter; Gates (cramp), replaced by Chynoweth last quarter. **PORT:** Tierney (cramp), replaced by Dittmar last quarter.

### At Prospect

North	5-5	5-8	7-10	11-16	82
Norwood	1-2	2-4	5-7	7-9	51

**BEST PLAYERS—NORTH:** Hughes, Gambling, McCann, Lindner, Koerner, Bubner, Hewett. **NORWOOD:** Vivian, Minervini, Dickson, Nicholls, Davis, Miller, Swanbury.

**SCORERS—NORTH:** Sargent 3.3, Hughes 2.2, Shepherd 2.2, Potts 1.2, Trenorden 1.2, Barbary 1.1, Whitford 1.0, Woore 0.1, Carrol, 0.1, rushed 0.2. **NORWOOD:** Vivian 2.4, Dickson 2.1, Nicholls 1.1, Webber 1.0, Miller 1.0, Minervini 0.2, Wedding 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS—NORTH:** Nil. **NORWOOD:** K. A. Wedding (injured ankle), replaced by K. Cousins late in last term.

### At Adelaide

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	3-2	5-5	7-7	10-12	72
Torrens	1-1	4-8	7-10	8-17	65

**BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH:** Kitchen, Polden, Christie, Parham, Jones, Lapins, Parkinson. **TORRENS:** Morrell, Livesey, Eifenbein, Searle, Rawson, Russell, Hanrahan.

**SCORERS—SOUTH:** Christie 2.3, Judd 2.1, Parham 1.3, Fullwood 1.2, Blum 1.0, Baraglia 1.0, Peterson 1.0, Kitchen 1.0, Jones 0.1, Harris 0.1, rushed 0.1. **TORRENS:** Hanrahan 3.2, Head 1.5, Clingly 1.3, Livesey 1.2, Bills 1.1, Fischer 1.0, Morrell 0.1, Webber 0.1, Zerella 0.1, Taylor 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS—SOUTH:** Peterson (leg), replaced by Mortimer at the end of the third quarter; Jones (leg), replaced by Roennfeldt later in last quarter.

### At Unley

Sturt	0-1	8-8	9-11	17-18	120
Glenelg	2-9	5-10	11-12	13-14	92

**BEST PLAYERS—STURT:** Goodchild, Thompson, Fitzgerald, Hunter, Smith, Halbert, Blows. **GLENELG:** Hewett, Flew, Richens, Linke, Webber, Herron, Fraser.

**SCORERS—STURT:** Thompson 4.3, Fitzgerald 4.2, Williams 2.2, Carter 1.1, Shanks 1.0, Halbert 1.1, Sangster 1.2, Marshall 1.0, Goodchild 1.1, Schoff 1.1, Hogan 0.3, Pridmore 0.1, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Hewett 4.2, Flew 2.1, Howard 2.2, Alexander 2.2, Fraser 2.2, Richens 1.0, Webber 0.1, Herron 0.1, Edwards 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**REPLACEMENTS—STURT:** Little (torn hip muscle), replaced by Marshall in second term; Pridmore (ankle), by M. Blows in last term. **GLENELG:** Cartwright (knee), replaced by Branson at half-time; Kernahan (ankle), by Barnes last term.

### LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
North	1	—	82	51	2	61.65
Sturt	1	—	120	92	2	56.60
South	1	—	72	65	2	52.55
West	1	—	83	79	2	51.23

Port	—	1	79	83	—	48.77
Torrens	—	1	65	72	—	47.45
Glenelg	—	1	92	120	—	43.40
Norwood	—	1	51	82	—	38.35

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Johns (Port)	4.4	1	4.4
Thompson (Sturt)	4.3	1	4.3
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	4.2	1	4.2
Hewett (Glenelg)	4.2	1	4.2
Sargent (North)	3.3	1	3.3
Wright (West)	3.2	1	3.2
Hanrahan (Torrens)	3.2	1	3.2

### ATTENDANCES

Richmond	14,500
Prospect	13,800
Unley	11,770
Adelaide	11,090
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,160</b>

## 'GOOD LUCK' FROM FOS TO WOODVILLE

"Start them well today. Best of luck to you personally," was the telegram Woodville football coach, Harold McDonald, received today.

It was from "Mr. Spectators first heard Football," Fos Williams.

"It shows Port are for us," McDonald told his team before they took the field against Central Districts in the first league fixture played on Woodville Oval.

The two teams were admitted to the 1959 Seconds competition this year.

A big crowd packed the new grandstand to see the match.

Central Districts Club chairman, Mr. A. J. Guerin, say Elizabeth owed much to Woodville Mayor, Mr. R. R. Milford, for his work in pressing the league to admit the sides to the Seconds.

Mr. Milford started the match at 2.30 by throwing the ball up at the centre.

Earlier Central Districts Junior Colts beat Woodville Junior Colts by 24 points.

By SAM GALLAGHER

The total attendance of 51,160 at today's four league matches was an all-time record for an opening series completed on a single day.

And what an opening series it was, with tremendous enthusiasm everywhere and near-perfect conditions.

## West top Port

Port, seeking the fabulous sixth premiership in a row, were outrun by fast-moving West in yet another thriller at Richmond.

Glenelg, lifted on the crest of a wave of enthusiastic optimism by their night competition win, were shot down by a rejuvenated Sturt.

South were home by seven points from the inexperienced Torrens, and Norwood found determination not quite enough to take the points from a more skilful North.

### Exciting

North had the most comfortable win of the day, and at this early stage are top on percentage.

The most exciting game of the day was at Richmond.

West, weakened before the game by retirements and injuries, played with wonderful fighting spirit to take the points from Port.

Once again experimental moves by West selectors have been successful.

Garnett, who played at half-back in the night series, held centre-half forward today against a tough, seasoned player in Kretschmer.

Another move that came off was the placing of Eustice at half-back right.

Port showed all the fighting spirit they are renowned for. They will undoubtedly win more games than they lose.

The Magpies' weaknesses today were at half-forward and roving.

In making good their losses, West showed that this could be their year.

### Attack

Sturt's win over the highly fancied Tigers came from a superior attack and an all-day ascendancy in ruck.

Goodchild was unbeaten at half-forward right, and Thompson and Fitzgerald, who was switched in the second quarter, were too experienced for the Bay rucks.

South and Torrens fought an even battle at Adelaide. Only three points separated them at

three-quarter time.

Jeff Pash reports that the switch of Judd to full forward in the last quarter was a winning move by South.

Vic Johnson, who saw North and Norwood at Prospect, said that the Redlegs seldom looked like winners.

In trouble at both centre half-back and centre half-forward, Norwood were forced into position changes, but made little impression on an even North Adelaide.

### Wings win

North's wings, Hewett and Barbary held sway to such an extent that Norwood were forced to abandon the experiment of roving Minervini.

On today's results, West, Port, and North appear likely to be well in it again. Of the others, Sturt have made the best start, and South seem to be playing on from last year.

Glenelg at the moment are typically a doubtful quantity.

Norwood and West Torrens appear to be still in the experimental stage.

# STURT KICKED BETTER

By GIL LANGLEY

Sturt kicked 16 goals 14 behinds with the aid of the breeze—and Glenelg scored 8 goals 11 behinds, at Unley Oval.

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Goals win games.

Cunningham (Sturt), playing always in the back lines after half time, was allowed to turn back far too many Bay attacks, helped by a breeze and the absence of an opponent.

In fact, Glenelg were outsmarted by this move and did not show any effort to break down Cunningham's game.

I thought a message was overdue from the Bay camp.

### 'Big Three'

The "Big Three"—Goodchild, Thompson, and Fitzgerald—really asserted themselves as the game progressed.

After a panic move by Sturt in having three tall men in ruck early in the second quarter, the Blues found their feet.

Glenelg held sway everywhere early, but can put down their loss to, among other things, poor positional play.

The opening was full of poor play with both teams

fumbling badly.

Glenelg, finding their feet quickly, had Sturt in trouble with fast, systematic play.

They peppered the goal but were sadly off the target.

At this stage they were yards faster but could not consolidate.

Their goalshooting was astray and only two goals came from 11 shots.

Glenelg continued to hold sway, but Sturt suddenly became rejuvenated by positional changes.

They swept their foe aside, and in a matter of minutes took control.

With seven goals put on quickly they ran to a handsome lead.

Players all combined to this concerted effort.

This was the turning point of the game, and a real morale booster.

For the rest of the game both sides were evenly matched.

But Glenelg were never able to overcome their inaccuracy from the opening quarter.

### League matches next week

West Adelaide v. North Adelaide, at Adelaide Oval.

Glenelg v. South Adelaide, at Glenelg Oval.

Port Adelaide v. Norwood, at Kensington Oval.

West Torrens v. Sturt, at Thebarton Oval.

### Tenacious

Goodchild, Thompson, and Fitzgerald could be a photo finish for Sturt's best player.

Goodchild gets my vote, because of his tenacity especially in his third quarter strong play.

Thompson and Fitzgerald out generalised their inexperienced opponents and played matchwinning roles.

After this trio Sturt had few consistent players, and I hope that too much emphasis is not going to be placed on a handful to win future games.

The star players will not hold sway all the time.

Hewett, a happy wanderer, always tried to do his utmost for his side.

Richens always strove in the packs, and the open to help his side. He could cause opponents lots of trouble from now.

After these players the side fell away for consistency, but Glenelg have several promising youngsters.

### Close checking

Smith, although in opposition to Hewett, took the eye with a close-checking game.

Roberts in a back pocket, kicked beautifully, a lesson to city players. He showed promise.