

# STURT CLOSE MARGIN TO LEADING PAIR

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## Eagles clear in fourth place

By SAM GALLAGHER

With a comfortable 25-point win over West, second on the premiership list, Sturt are now only one game away in third place.

Port, the League leaders, were never troubled to down the hopeful Tigers by 59 points.

The Magpies are now two games clear of West.

They took certain to be minor premiers, at least.

Torrens had 41 points to spare against North. As a result the Eagles are again clear of Glenelg in fourth place.

Striking away to an 86-point margin at the siren, Norwood had the day's biggest win over a bedraggled South.

According to Vic Johnson, who saw the game at Unley Oval West Adelaide

were beaten in ruck all day by Clayton Thompson, and found Sturt's defence too tight.

### Missed the usual dash

In an attempt to bolster their roving, West, who started without Wright and Day, switched Brown from the back pocket back to his old position.

However, West were never able to develop their usual dash in attack.

In spite of a quiet game by Fitzgerald Sturt's attack functioned well.

Goodchild continued to

call the tune at half-forward right and Douglas got the day's biggest bag with seven goals.

West Adelaide, depending heavily on their rovers to counter the opposition ruck strength, will need both Wright and Day to regain poise.

They have struck a bad patch with injuries. The return of Max Hewitt would do much to strengthen a defence that has lacked solidity in recent games.

### Avenge their first defeat

West meet Torrens next week at Richmond and will be anxious to avenge their first defeat of the season, inflicted by the Eagles at Thebarton on May 23.

Kerley was out of the West side in that match and Torrens finished strongly to win by 13 points.

After that Torrens improved but then went into a decline.

Although they returned to winning form today after three successive losses, the Eagles do not appear to have the understanding to defeat West, provided the Red-and-Blacks can field a side approaching full strength.

### McCann back in side

According to Gil Langley, who saw the game at Prospect, the four-point margin at the finish, was not a true indication of relative strength.

North had 23 scoring shots to Torrens' 24. Only

the Eagles' accuracy gave them such a comfortable winning margin.

State centre half-back, Neil McCann, back in the side after an absence through injury, proved in no uncertain manner that he is in top form.

He was far too good for Mick Clingly who was shifted to full forward, where he got four goals in the last quarter.

North's experiment in playing the long-striding Whitford at centre wing was again a success.

Port's overall strength proved too much for Glenelg at the Bay, according to Jeff Pash.

Although the Bay rucks did reasonably well at the bounces, Port's were much more effective in the field.

The Magpie's defence the soundest in the league, gave nothing away and Port gained sufficient impetus from a winning half-forward line to run out untroubled.

Glenelg will make yet another attempt to close the gap separating them from the top four when they meet North at Glenelg next Saturday.

### North fail in attack

The Bays' rovers should win it for them but North's power at centre half-back McCann will prevent Pemberton from having a decisive influence.

Pemberton has played well in most of Glenelg's wins and his eclipse will make the Bays' job harder.

However, North have little method in attack and the Bay defence, though not particularly sound should be able to hold its own.

Norwood looked good in defeating South by 86 points.

Their win gave the Relegs a badly needed boost in percentage as well as added confidence within the team.

Norwood's game ahead of centre today was easily the most impressive for the season.

Bearing in mind Glenelg's 78-point win over the Panthers, Norwood will no doubt postpone any celebrations.

However, a repeat of today's backing up and teamwork would give them a chance of upsetting Sturt at Kensington next Saturday, thus, in all probability, joining Torrens and Glenelg, level on points in fourth place.

### Play close all day

Norwood have the height in ruck to counter Thompson but much will depend on the rovers and the ability of the defence to play close all day.

Sturt unfortunately will be without star half-forward Goodchild who suffered badly torn shoulder ligaments against West today.

This improves Norwood's chances but a fit Fitzgerald will be a problem Norwood must solve.

New Norwood rover Barratt improves with every game and his battle with Vivian against Rigney who was one of Sturt's best today and Dunn, could well swing the game.

Sturt won by an overwhelming 67 points at their last meeting.

The margin will almost certainly be considerably less this time, but Sturt, playing consistently well, should maintain their winning run.

In the other match of next week's series, Port meet South at Alberton.

## Today's details

### CONDITIONS: Breezy

#### At Norwood Oval

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4-5	9-11	14-17	22-23	155
South	4-4	8-6	8-8	10-9	69

**BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD:** Wells, Wedding, Miller, Nicholls, Vickers, Vivian, Lill. **SOUTH:** Christie, Blum, Jones, Judd, Atkins, Jackson, Parkinson.

**SCORERS.—NORWOOD:** Wedding (6.3), Lill (5.4), Vivian (5.1), Wells (3.2), Barratt (2.3), Webber (1.2), Cousins (0.4), Johnson (0.3), rushed (0.1). **SOUTH:** Judd (4.0), Yates (1.2), Christie (1.2), Atkins (1.1), Blum (1.1), Harris (1.1), Baker (1.0), Stafford (0.1), rushed (0.1).

**REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD:** McMahon (hip) replaced by McDonald last quarter; Vickers (groin) replaced by Inglis last quarter. **SOUTH:** Polden (leg) replaced by Forrest third quarter; Jackson (hip) replaced by Silva last quarter.

#### At Unley Oval

Sturt	6-2	8-10	10-14	13-15	93
West	4-1	7-3	7-5	10-8	68

**BEST PLAYERS.—STURT:** Thompson, Goodchild (until injured), Slade, Douglas, Heath, Hunter, Rigney. **WEST:** Fraser, Barker, Ryan, Brown, Chynoweth, Roach, Tregenza.

**SCORERS.—STURT:** Douglas (7.0), Dunn (2.3), Goodchild (2.1), Williams (1.2), Rigney (1.0), Green (0.3), Hunter (0.2), Fitzgerald (0.1), Thompson (0.1), rushed (0.2). **WEST:** Ryan (4.3), Richardson (2.0), Wundtke (2.0), Chynoweth (1.1), Reu (1.0), Roach (0.1), Gates (0.1), Eustice (0.1), rushed (0.1).

**REPLACEMENTS.—STURT:** Goodchild (torn ligaments of left shoulder) replaced by B. Kemp in last term. Goodchild is unlikely to play for at least one month.

#### At Glenelg Oval

Port	4-8	10-13	14-16	18-22	130
Glenelg	2-4	5-7	7-9	10-11	71

**BEST PLAYERS.—PORT:** Williams, Hayes, Hannaford, Key, Motley, Obst, Tull. **GLENELG:** Hewett, Chisholm, Richens, Butler, Howard, Branson, Fraser.

**SCORERS.—PORT:** Williams (5.0), Zucker (3.0), Dittmar (2.6), Boyd (2.4), Obst (2.1), Luke (1.3), Tull (1.3), Mahney (1.1), Motley (1.0), Cahill (0.3), Potter (0.1). **GLENELG:** Howard (2.2), Kernahan (2.0), Pemberton (2.0), Richens (2.0), Webber (1.1), Herron (1.0), Dickinson (0.3), Hewett (0.1), Blackburn (0.1), Fraser (0.1), Alexander (0.1), rushed (0.1).

**REPLACEMENTS.—PORT:** Luke (heavy knock) replaced by Mahney in the third term; Hannaford (leg) replaced by Doyle at three-quarter time. **GLENELG:** Fraser (leg) replaced by Rowett in the last quarter.

#### At Prospect Oval

Torrens	5-3	10-5	12-6	17-7	109
North	2-2	5-6	6-9	9-14	68

**BEST PLAYERS.—TORRENS:** Head, Slaven, Zerella, Townsend, Glenn, Russell. **NORTH:** McCann, Lindner, Hewitt, Woore, Whitford, Cheek.

**SCORERS.—TORRENS:** Head (6.1), Clingly (4.2), Glenn (2.0), Dix (1.1), Slaven (1.0), Livesey (1.0), Townsend (1.0), Morrell (1.0), Zerella (0.2), rushed (0.1). **NORTH:** Marsh (4.0), Lynch (2.2), Johnston (1.1), Koerner (1.0), Whitford (1.0), Barbary (0.4), Hewitt (0.1), Woore (0.1), Bubner (0.1), Shepherd (0.1), rushed (0.2).

**REPLACEMENTS.—TORRENS:** Landers (leg) replaced by Edwards in second term.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	Points For	Points Agst.	Prem. Pts.	%
Port	11	1	1303	799	22	61.99
West	9	3	1162	867	18	57.27
Sturt	8	4	1274	1098	16	53.71
Torrens	6	6	1081	1021	12	51.43

Glenelg	5	7	1108	1179	10	48.45
Norwood	5	7	1049	1176	10	47.15
South	3	9	852	1277	6	40.02
North	1	11	826	1238	2	40.02

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Head (Torrens)	6.1	12	41.28
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	6.1	11	40.29
Dittmar (Port)	2.6	10	36.33
Douglas (Sturt)	2.0	8	36.19
Judd (South)	4.0	12	33.36
Clingly (Torrens)	4.2	12	32.29
Wright (West)	—	10	31.31
Vivian (Norwood)	5.1	12	30.22
Sheppard (North)	0.1	12	29.20

### ATTENDANCES

Unley	11,000
Glenelg	9,750
Norwood	7,000
Prospect	6,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,250</b>

## Dull match was always Port's

By JEFF PASH

Port's overall efficiency and superior strength in its set field were too much for Glenelg in a dull game at Glenelg today.

At no time did the Bays look like winning.

They had sufficient strength in the rucks to make it an interesting game at any time, but in the aggregate they were not able to do as much with the ball as Port.

Motley won the toss, but there was no wind, and it was possible to work easily both ways.

The playing surface seemed a little softer than usual; certainly ball handling was not of a very high standard, and there was a great deal of fumbling and collision.

The first quarter established fairly well the pattern of the match.

There was a battle royal in the ruck, and neither side gained the upper hand for any length of time.

However, once the ball was in attack, Port had the more ample means of keeping it there. Their middle way was mostly open, through Obst to Dittmar, and they had at least one fairly comfortable passage down the flank.

### Way was open

Glenelg's defence had to work hard; it did, in fact, do very well, considering Port's greater expertness in holding a break once it had been won.

At the other end of the ground Port had by far the more brilliant defence.

The Bays did not deliver the ball well into their forward lines — their forward line-up was not expected to have a comfortable ride in any case — and in fact they struck some alert and accomplished opponents.

By the end of the first quarter Glenelg had done well to be still in the game.

After giving Port a good start of three fairly quick goals, their defence played closer and had Dittmar and company coming well down and wide for their opportunities.

Inaccuracy came into Port's game, as they blazed away at goals from a long way out. Glenelg, though they

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soon showed that they had no way to goals except by quick-rover penetration, were only 16 points down at the first bell.

In the second quarter it was a long time before Port could finally shake free for the goals needed to make their position comfortable.

In mid-term two quick goals by Howard, following another by Richens, had the teams again with-



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in 16 points of each other. However, Port were now winning on the centre line and had found a sure way down the right wing.

Heavy fire from Cahill at centre wing and Luke at half-forward right opened a path for Tom Williams in the pocket on that side.

His four goals for the quarter helped to put Port strongly in the lead at half-time.

After half-time Glenelg reorganised their attack, changing goalsneak Kernahan and centre half-forward Pemberton's positions.

The move was effective, as it brought both players into the game but Port were not seriously challenged thereafter.

At no stage did Glenelg seem likely to overhaul them in the second half.

A heavy collision with Glenelg back pocket player Chisholm caused their brilliant half-forward Luke to be carried off; but his place was capably filled by Mahney.

Even when Hannaford, who had played strongly in ruck, retired at three-quarter time, there was no slackening in Port's drives.

as both Tull and Zucker had been going well, and continued to do so.

### Increased lead

At three-quarter time Port had increased their lead to an unbeatable eight goals, and were untroubled to maintain it in the last quarter.

Glenelg battled to the end to outscore them over the last 10 minutes, still hard at it in ruck, but still unable to bring off the quicker movements in attack.

For Port it is difficult to name the outstanding player.

It might have been Hannaford early, and Hayes and Key were the pick of the defence — chiefly because they mostly got in first.

Tom Williams' five goals were important in having the game won early, and he roved very well.

Obst was worth a few goals in his position. Motley attacked damagingly quite often, Tull did good work in ruck, and Cahill played a solid game.

For Glenelg there is a similar story. Hewett had a lot of play at centre and won some good tussles.

Chisholm played a strong, dashing game in the pocket. Richens and Howard roved well.

Butler upset the accuracy of Port's attack through that left flank of theirs which he guarded, and the best of a hard-working ruck team was Branson, who gave a devoted and useful performance.

### Port player's face gashed

Port half-forward Brian Luke had nine stitches inserted in a deep gash near his mouth after he and Glenelg defender Don Chisholm had collided at Glenelg Oval today.

Luke was one of Port's best players to the time when he went down in the first quarter.

He is not likely to be available next week.