

Victory today puts Redlegs in the running

By SAM GALLAGHER

Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: Holding. At Kensington Oval

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
N'wood	3-3	10-10	13-14	14-17	101
Sturt	2-5	3-8	7-13	11-17	83

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Kneebone, Minervini, Aish, Wells, Nichols, Cousins, Wedding. **STURT:** Thompson, Slade, Kutcher, Rigney, Smith, Little Fitzgerald.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Wells (4.4), Cousins (4.2), Lill (3.1), Johnson (2.0), Vivian (1.1), Barratt (0.6), Kneebone (0.1), rushed (0.2). **STURT:** Douglas (3.1), Rigney (2.3), Fitzgerald (2.2), Heath (1.2), Williams (1.2), Dunn (1.1), Thompson (1.0), Kutcher (0.2), Cunningham (0.2), rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: Kneebone (leg injury) replaced by Johnson in last term. Vickers (asked to leave) replaced by Rumbelow in last term. **STURT:** Halbert (ankle injury) replaced by Pridmore at half-time.

At Richmond Oval

West	0-1	8-9	11-11	15-15	105
Torrens	4-0	4-1	5-4	6-5	41

BEST PLAYERS.—WEST: Kerley, Garnett, Gates, Brown, Day, Wright, Tregenza. **TORRENS:** Slaven, Keane, Russell, Searle, Hine, Townsend, Head.

SCORERS.—WEST: Garnett (5.1), Wright (3.3), Richardson (2.3), Ryan (2.1), Chynoweth (1.3), Day (1.2), Kerley (1.0), Gates (0.1), Pfitzner (0.1). **TORRENS:** Clingly (3.0), Townsend (1.1), Head (1.1), Webber (1.0), Dix (0.1), rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS.—WEST: Ryan (leg) replaced by Benton last term. **TORRENS:** Glenn (back) replaced by Bills at half-time; Livesey (ankle) replaced by Webber last term.

At Glenelg Oval

Glenelg	3-2	5-10	9-12	13-16	94
North	8-5	9-6	13-12	13-14	92

BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: Hill, Linke, Richens, Pemberton, Fraser, Dickinson. **NORTH:** Gilbourne, Carroll, Sheppard, Potts, Cheek, McCann, Barbary.

SCORERS.—GLENELG: Pemberton (3.2), Richens (2.3), Dickinson (2.3), Leahy (2.0), Hill (1.5), Blackburn (1.1), Webber (1.0), D. Hewett (1.0), Kernahan (0.1), rushed (0.1). **NORTH:** Sheppard (3.2), Potts (3.1), Johnston (3.0), D. Lindner (2.9), Barbary (1.1), Whitford (1.0), Koerner (0.2), Yates (0.2), Bubner (0.1), Marsh (0.1), Henningsen (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—GLENELG: Fraser (leg injury) replaced by Leahy in last term; Dickinson (leg injury) replaced by Alexander in last term. **NORTH:** Whitford (hip injury) replaced by Henningsen in last term; Sheppard (thigh injury) replaced by Lynch in last term.

At Alberton Oval

Port	6-4	11-6	14-12	16-12	108
South	1-0	5-4	5-4	14-5	89

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Cahill, Motley, Tull, Dittmar, Williams, Whelan, Boyd. **SOUTH:** Judd, Lapins, Baraglia, Polden, Baker, Johnson, Atkins.

SCORERS.—PORT: Dittmar (5.2), Williams (5.1), Tull (3.0), Cahill (2.0), Whelan (1.1), Motley (0.3), Boyd (0.2), Zucker (0.1), Tierney (0.1), rushed (0.1). **SOUTH:** Judd (6.0), Baraglia (3.0), Parkinson (2.1), Atkins (2.0), Stafford (1.1), Christie (0.2), Blum (0.1).

LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Port	12	1	1411	888	24	61.37
West	10	3	1267	908	20	58.25
Sturt	8	5	1357	1199	16	53.09
Torrens	6	7	1122	1126	12	49.91
Glenelg	6	7	1202	1271	12	48.60
Norwood	6	7	1150	1259	12	47.74
South	3	10	941	1385	6	40.46
North	1	12	918	1332	2	40.80

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	2.2	12	42.31
Head (Torrens)	1.1	13	42.29
Dittmar (Port)	5.2	11	41.35
Judd (South)	6.0	13	39.36
Douglas (Sturt)	3.1	9	39.20
Clingly (Torrens)	3.0	13	35.29
Wright (West)	3.3	11	34.34
Sheppard (North)	3.2	13	32.22
Vivian (Norwood)	1.1	13	31.23

ATTENDANCES

Kensington	15,500
Richmond	8,500
Glenelg	5,500
Alberton	5,500
Total	35,000

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That offer to Winston

Footscray's offer this week to 14-year-old Glenelg Junior Colt Winston Gregory is without doubt the most fantastic I have ever heard of to an up and coming player. But he must be good if the Victorian scouts have sought him out.

For his sake, I hope he's able to cash in on his ability.

This offer is an instance of how far some of the clubs from across the border will go to pick the eyes out of the talent in the other States.

Winston's father, Mr Lance Gregory, said Winston had been offered:

• £8 a week training fees.

• £5 for each match he played with the Footscray Colts or Thirds.

• Employment would be provided for Winston and his father, and

• Accommodation would be found for the Gregory family of six.

Glenelg have gone to a lot of trouble and expense in appointing

coaches and others to give their senior club a kick along, and it can't be very satisfactory to them—or any other club, for that matter—to see inducements offered to young players to leave them.

All I hope is that whatever is done in this matter is done in the best interests of Winston.

He obviously must have great natural ability, and at 14, he has a lot of time yet to develop.

But being a half-back—he plays at centre half-back—he must be really one out of the box.

Half-backs are not as rare "finds" as say half-forwards, full-forwards, rovers, or class followers, and that goes to make the offer all the more inexplicable to me.

Norwood's three-goal win over third ranking Sturt, at Kensington today has brought the Redlegs to the forefront in major round discussions.

They are still in sixth place.

However, they are separated from Torrens and Glenelg, in fourth and fifth place, by a steadily shrinking percentage margin.

With only five minor-round matches remaining, fourth position could well be decided on percentage, as it was last year when Norwood scraped in ahead of Torrens.

With a goal scored after the siren, Glenelg, trailing all day, snatched a two-point win from the improving North to stay in the fight.

West Adelaide, back to their dashing best, had the day's easiest win with 64 points to spare from Torrens at Richmond.

The win virtually clinched second place and the double chance for the Red-and-Blacks, but it put Torrens back in the cut-throat fight for fourth place.

Port jolted

Port gained its twelfth successive win but only after the lowly South had given the Magpies a nasty jolt.

South kicked 9-1 to 2-0 by Port in an almost incredible last quarter burst.

Gil Langley, who saw the Norwood-Sturt game, reports that the Redlegs' improvement in attack, and Kneebone's subjection of Fitzgerald, played a large part in Norwood's success.

The game was won in the first half.

Sturt were unable to cope with the dash of Norwood half-forward flankers, Wells and Cousins, and missed Goodchild's power at half-forward right.

Sturt finished strongly, outscoring Norwood 8-9 to 4-7 in the second half, but could not develop the drive in attack to close the gap.

Thompson in ruck, was Sturt's best, but on the day, Norwood's Wedding and Nicholls between them had the advantage.

Off guard

Norwood meet North at Prospect next week and should win again.

Each side has two representatives in the interstate team for Perth so it will be a fair trial of strength.

North had Glenelg covered all day at the Bay, only to drop their guard and be overcome after the siren had sounded.

Vic Johnson, who was at Glenelg, reports that the home team was never at any stage going like a winner.

Brought on as a replacement in the last quarter, Rex Leahy got two valuable goals—I seem to remember him doing the same thing earlier this year—and veteran Fred Pemberton shifted to full forward, marked at point-blank range right on the siren.

North won in ruck and had a roving edge despite a solid game by Richens.

This roving improvement, if it can be maintained, will remove a very deep furrow from the brows of the North Adelaide selectors.

Glenelg meet Sturt next week when both sides will be weakened by the absence of players in Perth.

Sturt lose their only effective ruckman, Thompson, and the skilful Fitzgerald, while Glenelg will be without Hewett and Richens.

Overall, Sturt appear to be more heavily hit.

As they will also be without centreman (John Halbert (injured today) and Goodchild, Glenelg have a great chance to get over a big hurdle in their path to the final four.

Torrens, battling to hold

their place, were crushed by a rejuvenated West at Richmond Oval.

The Eagles began well with the strong breeze but West, with State captain Kerley outstanding, defended skilfully and took the game away in the second term.

The return of Day and Wright, and Garnett's brilliance at centre half-forward, transformed West to something approaching their earlier power.

West meet Port, at Alberton, next week. Both sides will be considerably weakened, Port more than West.

However, Port's reserve strength is deeper than West's and the Magpies should win.

Port survived a fantastic nine-goal last quarter by South to win by 19 points at Alberton.

Making full use of the breeze, South caught the Magpies napping. The home side, taken unawares, could not get moving.

The magpie must have had a wry look on his face after this one.

Judd shone

The outstanding performance in this game was John Judd's six goals on John Abley.

Last week Judd got four goals from limited opportunities on Norwood, and State squad full back, Peter Aish.

Judd is the best full forward playing here at present, and must be considered unlucky not to be in the side for Perth.

South, minus only Christie, meet Torrens next week at Thebarton.

The Eagles will be without two stars in Morrill and Head, and could be struggling.

However, they have the incentive of a place in the major round, and this should see them through.

LATE SHOT PUT BAYS IN FRONT

By VIC JOHNSON

Glenelg, down 24 points at the start of the last term, finished in whirlwind style to defeat North by two points at Glenelg Oval.

A kick after the final siren gave them the points.

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Glenelg	3-2	5-10	9-12	13-16	94
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Up until the last change Glenelg had given little promise of a win, but in a hectic finish, with North's defence under constant pressure in the closing few minutes, Pemberton marked well in the goalsquare.

The siren was sounded as the full forward marked.

He went back for his kick, lined his shot up and made no mistake. Glenelg had got up.

Glenelg must be given full credit for their fine fighting effort with the term drawing to a close.

Little lucky

Though they were using the wind, it appeared time would be North's lifesaver. Glenelg refused to admit defeat and battled it right out to see their fighting finish capped by victory—a well-deserved one.

They could have been a little lucky in winning, however, as Leahy, who replaced Fraser, played an important part in the winning run by kicking two of Glenelg's goals when he came on in the last term.

The oval was heavy, and gave the impression of being sticky in places, whilst the wind, used first by North, was strong and favored the southern goal. Umpire J. L. Sweeney was in charge.

North began in great fashion, with two winning hits at the centre bounces for two goals in about half a minute of play, Johnston (centre half-forward) and Potts (forward pocket) starring.

Glenelg's movements into attack were sluggish and misdirected, leaving North's backmen, headed by Carroll and Simmons, plenty of chances to break them up.

North had it all over Glenelg in the rucks and around the fringes, whilst their centre line held the balance of power.

Johnston was in great form, getting three goals for his team in the term.

Glenelg looked poor in comparison with North, and the five-goal lead held by North at quarter-time was a fair indication of the state of the play, even allowing for North's first use of the wind.

North's steady defence stood them in good stead with valuable time being



Hill Gilbourne

used up by Glenelg in the second term.

Pemberton went to the goalfront for them in an effort to strengthen matters there. Cheek was well on top of Kernahan.

Hill had been the best of Glenelg's attack, and as the quarter drew to a close, they could only score behinds—seven in a row coming up.

But in a quick spurt Blackburn and Pemberton goaled to make Glenelg's score a little more respectable.

They were still down 20 points at half-time however, and with North to use the wind again, things looked anything but bright for the home side.

Sheppard took a heavy one on the upper part of the leg shortly after the third term began, and this was to force his replacement later.

Glenelg showed much more dash after half-time, contested the rucks with greater efficiency, and were much better served by Richens (roving), and Linke, who was playing his wing with great dash.

North had lost their power at half-forward where Johnston was not the force he had been in the opening term.

The home team's defenders did a good job to keep North down to a 20-point lead at the last change.

Yates went to centre wing for North in the last term, Whitford going to half-forward right.

Scoring was slow for quite a long period with neither team able to break the opposing defence.

Replacements

Four replacements—two for each team—were made in quick succession, with Gilbourne the great stumbling block to Glenelg's persistent fight to pull the game out of the fire.

Don Hewett's goal gave Glenelg a chance, but time was going on as they

trilled by 11 points. Webber made it 10.

Leahy's second goal for the quarter put the scores in touch, but even then North looked like seeing it out.

Gilbourne got North out of trouble near the behind post. The ball was driven out to half-forward but back it came for Pemberton to mark over the pack in the goal square in the last seconds.

His kick dashed North's hopes.

Hill and Linke are my best for Glenelg—the former with a good effort in attack, and the latter starring on the wing.

Richens, Fraser, Dickinson, and Hamilton were generally under notice, while Pemberton must be mentioned for his three goals, including the one that clinched the match.

Gilbourne had one of his great days in North's defence and is my best for them.

Carroll, McCann, and Cheek also did well there. Sheppard, Potts, and Barbary were always in the picture.

Thompson leading in trophy

"Candles" Thompson, Sturt is leading with 13 points in the Griffs Football Trophy.

Hewett (Glenelg) is second with 10 points—

one point ahead of Fitzgerald (Sturt). Head (Torrens) and Nicholls (Norwood), who are tied in third place.

Kitchen (South), Goodchild (Sturt), and Kerley (West Adelaide) are tied in fourth place with seven points each.

Other voting: Howard (G), Herron (G), Lapins (South), Minervini (Norwood), McCann (North) and Hannaford (Port) each six.

The poll is being conducted on votes cast by The Sunday Mail football writers.



Thompson