

● Sturt's first win at Prospect for 12 yrs.

BLUES GO UP TO THIRD PLACE ON TABLE

By SAM GALLAGHER

Sturt's smashing win over North was the highlight of league football today. It was the Blues' first success at Prospect for 12 years.

Sturt won easing up by 31 points to displace Torrens from third position on the premiership table.

Best since 1955

The Double-Blues showed their best form since 1955 when they finished the season third after a brilliant first round.

West and Port with comfortable wins over South and Torrens respectively remain at the top of the list.

Port are in second place by a percentage margin over Sturt, each having three wins.

Norwood, down by nine points to Glenelg, are still trailing a mediocre field.

Sturt beat North by a solid team effort, based on the brilliance of its half-forward line.

Fitzgerald and Goodchild ran North's half-back line ragged. They are quite capable of doing the same thing to the defence of any other side in the competition.

Sturt were discounted to some extent because of a suspected weakness in defence. The fine all-round performance call for a re-assessment of their prospects.

They still have weaknesses. The wings are not good and the rovers, who had little opposition today, are not a consistent force.

However, their roving deficiency is counteracted by flexibility. The use of Goodchild and Fitzgerald on the ball, and Williams' great speed, do much to

make good any weakness. The defence showed few signs of weakness today against a ragged North attack.

Sturt should have no trouble next week. They are at home to Norwood, whose supporters still find their only consolation in reflecting on past glories.

Then the test

The big test will come on Saturday week when Sturt meets West, complete with Kerley, as Richmond.

Torrens, after successive wins over Sturt and Glenelg, failed badly against Port.

They were weakened by the withdrawal of Morrell before the game started, and it was in ruck that Port established a supremacy that was never seriously challenged.

Gil Langley, who saw the Adelaide Oval game, said the Torrens rovers match-winners last week, were unable to take the game away from the Port string, roving to dominant rucks.

Although low in the Indian summer of a great era, Port's easy win without Johns, marks them as a formidable side still.

The Magpies should have no trouble retaining second ranking next week against South, at headquarters.

According to Jeff Pash, who saw the game at Norwood, fortunes changed with the use of the breeze.

Finishing with the wind Norwood got their closest yet to victory—they were

beaten by nine points—but neither side looked capable of worrying the leaders.

Glenelg, with two wins so far, could ease their way into the top four by overcoming North at Kensington, next week.

Torrens, above them in fourth place on percentage, are down against West Adelaide at Thebarton.

However, North's half-back line will not be subject to the same pressure as it was today.

Provided North can successfully solve their centre problem—Koerner's return looks the logical solution—they should win to keep in touch with the top division.

Although weakened by injury, illness, and other causes, West left South standing in the second half of the Richmond game.

Vic Johnson reports that in the absence of Kerley, Richardson shouldered the ruck burden well.

West's speed and understanding finally took them away to a comfortable win. West's placing of Eustice at centre when Johnson retired injured, could be a pointer to the future.

West should maintain their unbeaten run against Torrens next week.

South, gradually sliding down the scale after a promising start, must be looked longingly to next season when their long-awaited consolidated territory will be granted.

Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: Ideal

At Richmond Oval

West	4-3	6-7	12-14	15-16	106
South	4-4	5-9	6-11	7-13	55

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Richardson, Wright, A'Court, Eustice, Gates, Ryan, Eglinton. **SOUTH:** Kitchen, Christie, Johnston, Lapins, Reimann, Baraglia, Parkinson.

SCORERS—WEST: Richardson (4.1), Wright (3.3), Ryan (2.2), Wundtke (1.3), Benton (1.2), Roach (1.1), Chynoweth (1.1), Fraser (1.1), Askin (1.0), Gates (0.2). **SOUTH:** Baraglia (2.3), Fulwood (2.2), Judd (2.1), Parham (1.2), Richards (0.2), Christie (0.2), Baker (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: B. Johnson (bruised thigh) replaced by G. Jennings in second term; J. Richardson (leg injury) replaced by V. Pfitzner in last quarter. **SOUTH:** A. Harris (leg injury) replaced by R. Mortimer in last term; W. Foster (cramp), replaced by P. Wilson in last term.

At Prospect Oval

Sturt	8-6	10-7	14-12	16-17	113
North	1-2	6-5	7-7	12-10	82

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Fitzgerald, Williams, Goodchild, Halbert, Hunter, Roberts, Thompson. **NORTH:** Yates, Hewett, Barbary, Smith, Woore, Carroll, Hughes.

SCORERS—STURT: Fitzgerald (5.2), Goodchild (3.1), Williams (2.1), Kemp (2.1), Dunn (1.5), Sims (1.2), Sangster (1.1), Schoff (1.0), Thompson (0.3), rushed (0.1). **NORTH:** Pascoe (3.2), Sheppard (2.2), Lynch (2.1), Koerner (2.0), Woore (1.1), Knuckey (1.0), Kent (1.0), Yates (0.1), Lindner (0.1), Hughes (0.1), rushed (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Schoff (jarred knee) replaced by Sangster in second quarter. **NORTH:** Trenorden (back injury) replaced by Knuckey at half-time; Westley (knee) by Simmons at three-quarter time.

At Norwood Oval

Glenelg	3-5	6-7	13-10	13-14	92
Norw'd	0-6	5-10	8-13	11-17	83

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Herron, Howard, Hamilton, Edwards, Linke, Pemberton, Butler. **NORWOOD:** Nicholls, Minervini, Vivian, Davis, Wiesner, Kanis, Aish.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Pemberton (4.2), Webber (3.1), Howard (2.4), Richens (2.0), Hewett (1.4), Flew (1.0), Edwards (0.1), Cutten (0.1), rushed (0.1). **NORWOOD:** Webber (3.2), Vivian (3.2), Minervini (2.4), Swanbury (1.1), Davis (1.0), Wedding (1.0), Wells (0.3), Lill (0.2), Cousins (0.1), Ralston (0.1), Dickson (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Baird (leg) replaced by Nicol in last quarter; Cousins (leg) replaced by Ralston in last quarter.

At Adelaide Oval

Port	5-7	9-11	12-14	14-16	100
Torrens	0-3	2-6	7-8	8-10	58

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Hannaford, Kretschmer, Cahill, Luke, Motley, Hayes, Dittmar. **TORRENS:** Elfenbein, Webber, Searle, Rawson, Landers, Hine, Pilmore.

SCORERS—PORT: Luke (4.1), Dittmar (3.5), Williams (2.0), Gill (1.5), Boyd (1.1), Potter (1.1), Zucker (1.0), Motley (1.0), Tull (0.2), Whelan (0.1). **TORRENS:** Webber (3.0), Hanrahan (2.0), Head (1.3), Tucker (1.1), Cavuoto (1.1), Clingly (0.2), Landers (0.1), Livesey (0.1), Pilmore (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Blagrove (leg) replaced by Bray in last quarter; Key (leg) replaced by McBain in last quarter. **TORRENS:** Cavuoto (leg) replaced by Edwards in last quarter.

LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
West	4	—	415	267	8	60.85
Port	3	1	387	236	6	62.12
Sturt	3	1	423	388	6	52.16
Torrens	2	2	365	304	4	54.56

Glenelg	2	2	346	364	4	48.73
North	1	3	279	328	2	45.96
South	1	3	260	391	2	39.94
Norwood	—	4	247	444	—	35.75

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	matches	total
Head (Torrens)	1.3	4	14.14
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	5.2	4	14.6
Wundtke (West)	1.3	4	13.7
Wright (West)	3.3	4	12.11
Johns (Port)	—	3	12.8
Howard (Glenelg)	2.4	4	11.9
Ryan (West)	2.2	4	11.4
Thompson (Sturt)	0.3	4	9.11
Hanrahan (Torrens)	2.0	4	9.8

HIGHEST LOWEST

LEAGUE Sturt 16-17 (113) South 7-13 (55)

SECONDS Port 20-13 (133) C. Dist. 6-8 (44)

ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	20,000
Prospect	9,000
Norwood	8,250
Richmond	4,250
Total	41,500

9 PTS.—BUT BAYS SHONE

By JEFF PASH

The more accurate long attack and more exact work by the pacy small men, gave Glenelg a close victory over Norwood at Norwood today.

Glenelg won the toss—and first use of an assisting wind.

The Bays got away to a reasonably useful start and the wind did affect the course of the game thereafter.

Norwood spent the second quarter catching up the ground lost in the first, and the last in covering that lost in the third. In both cases they failed narrowly.

It was not a high-class spectacle as a game of football. Glenelg, I think played the better game over-all and deserved to win.

Determined

They were able to attack more accurately all day, through the work of a more accomplished and faster centre line and good movement in the forward lines.

Norwood played with a great deal of fire and determination. They had to fight from behind all day; they had one or two weak spots to cover; but did not admit defeat.

Again, their play was marked by hurry and a lot of fumbling; but the occasional quick movement forward went very well, they brought their goalsneak successfully into the game and when they can win a little more at centre they will do well.

In the first quarter Norwood, though moving against the wind, dominated the attack for about half the term. Nicholls was winning hands down in ruck, the middle followers were backing up well and Glenelg were hard-pressed to keep them out.

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However, five points in a row and six for the quarter tell the story; several good opportunities were missed.

In the meantime, the Bays were winning on the centreline, attacking deep and gaining points in the ruck whenever Nicholls was resting.

By quarter time they had won a fair lead, assisted by Norwood's poor kicking.



V. Herron G. Nicholls

But they impressed already as having more scoring avenues.

In the second quarter, Norwood laboriously caught up to within three points by half-time. Wells had gone to centre to oppose Heron. Vivian had gone on the ball, and Lill was occupying centre half-forward.

Best football

In the third quarter the Bays made their winning break, and were nearly five goals up at three-quarter time.

Seven goals came in this period, the best football, and an unpleasant scuffle which was broken up quickly by the umpire. A long attack was finishing their goalsneak. Pem-

berton; the resting ruckman Webber got his third valuable goal between times and both rovers scored likewise.

In the last quarter Glenelg continued their strong play, but could not break Norwood's last line of defence, and their earlier accuracy deserted them, Hewett getting four points and Webber now missing two or three chances by wide margins.

Herron best

Norwood battled on to the end to score three late goals, to finish the better but to fail by nine points.

For Glenelg, Herron and Howard were the clearest winners. Herron held centre and always looked dangerous with his quick, penetrating dropkick. Howard roved very strongly and consistently.

The others were fairly even in performance many having periods of brilliance. Hamilton played well in a good half-back line. Edwards was another constructive attacker, and Linke, Webber, Pemberton and Barnes played well.

Nicholls stars

For Norwood, Nicholls was the outstanding player, for a lion-hearted effort in ruck.

Vivian and Minervini roved well, the former responsible for some of Norwood's cleverest attacking. Davis followed in excellent and promising style. Wiesner, Kanis, Aish, and Kite turned in good games in defence.

K. Webber and Lill gave indications that there will be a growing skill and order in the forward lines.