

# Sturt and Torrens start well STRONG OPENING TO BIG SEASON

By SAM GALLAGHER

Comfortable wins by Sturt and Torrens, and an overwhelming 64-point victory by North, opened the 1960 league football season today.

Port and West meet on Monday in the remaining game of the opening series.

Finalists last year, Sturt and Glenelg met in an even game at the Bay Oval. Sturt eventually won by 24 points.

The Double-Blues took a long time to settle down. Even when they did poor goalshooting reduced what should have been a wider winning margin.

Power points for Sturt were John Halbert, in magnificent form at centre, and Len Fitzgerald, who showed much of his old skill in attack after a slow start.

## Hard program

The fine display at centre wing by Trevor King could mean a lot to Sturt.

Glenelg did not persevere long with their surprise field placings. In fact, wholesale changes were made throughout the game.

This has come to be something of an established procedure at the Bay in recent years.

Next Saturday Sturt meet West at Kensington in the second game of their hard early program.

Provided Fenton-Smith has recovered from an injury sustained against Glenelg today, Sturt should

hold the initiative in ruck. However, their roving, not impressive today, will be hard hit to stop the brilliant West trio.

West will also exploit to the full any looseness in Sturt's defence.

Danger points for West will be the Blues' half-forward line and Halbert at centre.

This game should draw a big crowd to Kensington.

Glenelg meet Port at Alberton. Even without having seen Port in action this season, it is probably safe to say the Magpies should win this one.

The Norwood-Torrens game at Norwood today provided an exciting climax after the Eagles had raced to a matchwinning 49-point lead by half-time.

In the first half Norwood paid the penalty for too little concentration on the ball.

Torrens found weaknesses right across the Norwood half-back line, and the combined ruck power of Townsend and Morrell provided the impetus.

Townsend, right back to the brilliant form he displayed before his knee injury, kicked six goals.

Wide changes by Norwood, including three in key positions, transformed the Redlegs, but they were

unable to make up the deficit.

Torrens are drawn next against North at Thebarton.

This should be a great battle, especially so because North will present a strong challenge to the Eagles' ruck power.

Centre lines will be evenly matched also, but North have no obvious answer to the great potential of the Eagles in attack, where Head and Livesey are the big dangers.

The Red-and-Whites had the biggest win of the day, getting home by 64 points over South at Prospect.

South were beaten well before the end. They had no power in ruck, and even allowing for this, their rovers were not impressive.

## South query

The Blue-and-Whites will be all out to regain confidence and prestige in their next game against Norwood at Adelaide Oval.

South usually play their best football at headquarters, and in this match should show some of the improvement evident in the night series.

Norwood's team for this game could see a number of changes.



## Today's details at a glance

	At Prospect				
	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3-1	9-7	12-9	15-15	105
South	1-4	2-4	3-5	5-11	41

**BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH:** T. Lindner, Thomas, Barbary, Bubner, Gilbourne, Kent, Gambling. **SOUTH:** Panizza, Johnston, Judd, Polden, Jackson, Parkinson.

**SCORERS.—NORTH:** Codd 3.4, Thomas 3.1, Sheppard 2.2, Trenorden 2.1, Whitford 1.2, Bubner 1.2, Barbary 1.2, Johnston 1.1, T. Lindner 1.0. **SOUTH:** Judd 2.1, Chirgwin 1.2, Mortimer 1.1, Panizza 1.0, Baraglia 0.3, Silva 0.2, Copley 0.2.

**REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH:** D. Lindner (ankle), replaced by Hughes last quarter. Bubner, replaced by Hambly last quarter. **SOUTH:** Harris (ankle), replaced by Peterson last quarter.

## At Norwood

Torrens	4-4	10-8	12-9	1-15	111
Norw'd	2-3	2-7	8-17	11-19	85

**BEST PLAYERS.—TORRENS:** Townsend, Morrell, Russell, Livesey, Young, Searle, Zerella. **NORWOOD:** Aish, Wedding, Bunton, Lill, Harrison, Cousins, Copping.

**SCORERS.—TORRENS:** Townsend 6.2, Young 2.3, Connolly 2.1, Zerella 2.1, Head 1.3, Landers 1.2, Morrell 1.1, Kingston 1.0, Livesey 0.1, Slaven 0.1. **NORWOOD:** Lill 3.3, Minervini 3.1, Wedding 1.3, Kneebone 1.3, Fosdike 1.1, Cousins 1.0, Wells 1.0, Copping 0.3, Koerner 0.2, McMahon 0.1, Bunton 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD:** P. Brenchley (knee), replaced by J. Vickers in last term.

## At Glenelg

Sturt	1-3	6-13	9-18	14-30	114
Glenelg	3-7	5-9	9-14	12-18	90

**BEST PLAYERS.—STURT:** Halbert, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Caust, King, Goodchild, Williams. **GLENELG:** Richens, Branson, Leahy, Baillie, Kernahan, Fraser, Abley.

**SCORERS.—STURT:** Rigney 3.3, Goodchild 2.4, Schoff 2.3, Thompson 2.0, Douglas 1.4, Williams 1.3, Halbert 1.3, O'Connell 1.1, Fitzgerald 1.1, Fenton-Smith 0.4, Dutton 0.1, King 0.1, Kutcher 0.1, Hunter 0.1. **GLENELG:** Kernahan 4.2, Fraser 3.2, Richens 2.4, Leahy 1.4, McDonald 1.1, Herron 1.0, Howard 0.1, Branson 0.1, Hill 0.1, Sinclair 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS.—STURT:** Fenton-Smith (hip), replaced by Little in last quarter. O'Connell (leg), replaced by Dutton in last quarter.

**GLENELG:** Nugent (leg), replaced by McDonald at half-time. Hill (arm), replaced by H. Linke at three-quarter time.

**REPORTED.—G. Fraser (Glenelg)** reported by umpire Sweeney for alleged abusive language in last quarter.

## LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

	Points				Prem.	
	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts	%
North	1	—	105	41	2	71.92
Torrens	1	—	111	85	2	56.63
Sturt	1	—	114	90	2	55.88
Glenelg	—	1	90	114	—	44.12
Norwood	—	1	85	111	—	43.37
South	—	1	41	105	—	28.08
Port	—	—	—	—	—	—
West	—	—	—	—	—	—

## LEADING GOALKICKERS

Townsend (Torrens)	6.2
Kernahan (Glenelg)	4.2
Codd (North)	3.4
Lill (Norwood)	3.3
Rigney (Sturt)	3.3
Fraser (Glenelg)	3.2
Minervini (Norwood)	3.1
Thomas (North)	3.1

## ATTENDANCES

Norwood	16,500
Glenelg	11,250
Prospect	6,750
	<b>34,500</b>

# 'OLD FIRM' GAVE STURT EDGE

By GIL LANGLEY

The "Old Firm," with a little new blood, won the game for Sturt at Glenelg today.

Halbert, Fitzgerald, Thompson, and Goodchild changed the fortunes of the game.

Also on the credit side were excellent games by King, on the wing, and George, at half-back.

Glenelg played into Sturt's hands by far too often playing the man.

These Sturt stalwarts made the most of their chances. But if the team had kicked straighter it would have been a wider margin.

Glenelg's little men kept the scores within reach most of the game and overcame a ruck superiority by their clever scouting.

Only when Richens and Fraser were in top gear did Glenelg look a side.

## Poor handling

Many spiteful incidents did not help the Bays in their uphill fight.

Both sides erred in this way. But it may be of interest that the outstanding players of the day were ball-getters.

Play opened with many scrambles, with neither side gaining a break.

Over-eagerness spoilt many moves with poor ball handling cutting scoring to a minimum.

Sturt's big men gained control of throw-ins and bounces but the rovers did not consolidate.

With Richens and Fraser snaring, these knocks, Glenelg were first to forge ahead. But poor goal scoring marred their efforts, helped by a handy breeze towards the northern goal.

Still winning the hit-outs, Sturt were able to gain momentum, with Halbert trouncing his opponents at centre and King always a safe avenue on one wing.

Glenelg made spasmodic thrusts forward but were finding the Blues' defence, led by Caust, a hard nut to crack.

Across half-forward, Sturt gained a marked superiority. But some players must have had wrong boots on for their

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With Halbert still dominating after four opponents had tried their skill, Sturt went right away.

Glenelg still had chances to win even half-way through the last quarter but masterly forward work sealed their doom.

Umpire Sweeney gave an excellent exhibition of control and quick decisions in a game which did not reach a high standard.

## Soundly

Halbert stood out as best player afield, treating each opponent with scant respect he always set the wheel towards goal.

Thompson, Fitzgerald, and Goodchild, with a wealth of experience behind them, played soundly. Richens was Glenelg's best in a side which had few consistent players.

Selfishness breeds contempt. Noticeable today in both sides were those who ignored players in better positions.

How long before reportable offences will be noticed? Many clenched fists and floating elbows struck their target today and must be stopped.

bombardment of the goals brought only minor results.

Instead of having a handy lead at half-time, the Blues still gave the Tigers a chance.

It was all Sturt for most of the third quarter, but with a concerted effort and teamwork, Glenelg worried their opponents towards the quarter's end.

Playing systematic football, they were able to pierce the Blues' back line consistently.

Looseness of the back-men put the Tigers once again in a position to pounce.

Several of the shots for goal should have been majors but behinds still dogged both sides.



GLENELG DEFENDERS K. Abley (foreground) and L. Nugent scramble after the ball on hands and knees to clear from Sturt's goal square. Sturt player joining in the horizontal hunt is R. Schoff, and man on the left is E. Dutton.

## OPPONENTS NAME BEST PLAYERS

Club officials will choose opponents' best players in a 200-guinea trophy announced today.

It is the Mildara trophy, given by the Mildara Winery Ltd.

Selections will be made by trophy committees appointed by the clubs.

For example, when Sturt met Glenelg at Glenelg today, the best three Sturt players were chosen by Glenelg officials, and the best three Glenelg players were chosen by the Sturt trophy committee.

## Three awards

First, second, and third preference votes will be cast for each league match, and

points will be three for first, 2 for second, and two for third.

The player judged the best and most consistent at the end of the season will receive a trophy valued at 125 gns. The second player's trophy will be worth 50 gns., and the third trophy 25 gns.

In the event of a tie for first place, the count-back method of first preference votes will be employed.

Today's voting:—

**TORRENS:** Morrell, Connolly, Livesey. **NORWOOD:** Wedding, Bunton, Aish. **NORTH:** Barbary, T. Lindner, Gilbourne. **SOUTH:** Johnston, Jackson, Panizza. **GLENELG:** Richens, Kernahan, Fraser. **STURT:** Halbert, King, Goodchild.

## Bay player reported

Glenelg rover, Graham Fraser, was reported by field umpire Sweeney for allegedly having used abusive language during the last quarter of the game against Sturt, at Glenelg Oval today.

Fraser will appear before the league tribunal next week.

Woodville Seconds ruckman, Maurie Ranger, was today reported by goal umpire R. A. Curtin for allegedly striking Glenelg ruckman Ray Rocher during the third term of the Woodville-Glenelg game at Woodville.

Rocher was also reported for allegedly striking Ranger.