

NORTH & STURT RUN CUT SHORT

By **SAM GALLAGHER**

In a day of hard slogging football on sodden grounds, previously unbeaten Sturt and North went down to Port and Norwood.

As a result, six teams are level with two wins each, North, with the highest percentage, still being top. Glenelg and South have yet to win.

Day's surprise

Weather conditions reduced the margin of skill in all games, and Glenelg provided the day's biggest surprise by running West to three points at Adelaide Oval.

In next week's series, teams which finished out of the top four will meet last year's finalists to provide a comparison of relative strength.

At Unley Oval today, Port had too much power in defence and attack for the up-and-coming Sturt.

Although unable to stop Thompson in ruck, Port's defence made things a lot harder for Sturt than did West's a week ago.

The brilliant Sturt half-forward trio were not completely shut out of the game, but they were rarely able to move with any freedom.

Last week's matchwinner, Don Douglas, was held to two goals by John Abley, who was supported by a magnificent game in the back pocket by Trevor Obst.

Sturt held the initiative in the third quarter, led by 10 points at the last change—and were outscored 4.5 to one point in the final term.

Despite their defeat, the Double Blues are going to be well in the fight this year.

Brilliant wingman Trevor King was a notable with-

drawal from today's team. Next week Sturt meet North at Prospect.

In the corresponding game last year, Len Fitzgerald was in dazzling form, and it is across half-forward that North could again strike trouble.

Elsewhere, there should not be much in it, but Sturt's height in ruck and a more efficient attack should see it through.

Rough game

On the crest of a moderate-sized wave, North went down by five points to Norwood in a very rough game.

The Redlegs led by 21 points at half-time, but had to come from 13 points down in the last quarter to win it.

North's switch of Pascoe into ruck paid off, and Barbary again starred in the Red-and-White's fight back.

Stephens impressed with four goals for Norwood. The Redlegs had Wedding—good form in ruck—and a good roving game from Bunton, most to thank for their win.

Norwood's next is against West at Richmond. If they can close the game up the Redlegs could make this one interesting.

However, West's skill and speed and the open spaces at Richmond will probably be too much.

Today the Red-and-Blacks strained to a three-

point win over the struggling Tigers.

The switch of Howard from centre wing to rove in the second quarter allowed the Bays to match West's strength, and make this the closest decision of the day.

Glenelg's improvement is encouraging. They are drawn next against South at the Bay. Provided the Tigers' roving improvement continues, they should be able to strike winning form.

Torrens had the day's biggest win with 39 points to spare from South at Thebarton.

South showed improved form to lead at half-time, but Torrens made the winning move of Clingly to full-forward in the third quarter.

The move was doubly successful as Kingston finished well at centre half-forward.

Torrens held the advantage in ruck, although Kimber and Mortimer gave South's ruck more power than in the first two games.

Of last year's also-rans, Torrens have the hardest game next week. They meet Port at Adelaide.

Torrens should make the Magpies fight in ruck and across centre. Their defence, however, apart from Ashby, is suspect.

Port's potential in attack and strength in defence, particularly at full-back, should see them still among the leaders at the finish.

WEST WERE LUCKY

Tigers were a better team!

By **GIL DANGLEY**

The Tigers were a better side on the day but Lady Luck intervened to give West a win at Adelaide Oval today.

West	3-8	7-13	11-15	12-19	91
Glenelg	2-1	7-4	10-6	13-10	88

West were beaten by Glenelg's big men and across centre.

More deliberate handball was West's salvation. If the Bays had used handball to advantage they would have bolted in.

How do you lose in a winning ruck and across centre?

How can you win with so many positional changes?

Fancy putting Roach on



Kernahan Bray

Hewett, and did you get a view of Glenelg's Howard when roving?

Another helper was West's Chynoweth. He played very well, but his

technique when beaten left much to be desired.

Broke defence

Under wintry conditions and aided by a handy breeze, Glenelg made many errors in attack.

West, superior in the open, had Glenelg floundering. The rovers, especially tore holes in the Bays' defence.

Ryan and Hogan were instrumental in Glenelg's woeful effort with the breeze. Only bad kicking marred their supremacy.

It was all West! Still trying, Glenelg had no stability and West went away to a handy lead.

The tune at this stage was sung by Kernahan, of Glenelg, who never put a foot wrong.

Four kicks and all the maximum was a morale booster for the Bays.

The Red-and-Blacks owed their slender advantage to their small men.

Still playing above West, the Tigers could have forged ahead.

Bad checking cost them plenty and only for shocking goal-shooting it would have been a "no hope" job for Glenelg.

Super effort

At last Glenelg got the "know how," and went forward.

Aided by a super effort by Howard, and with Hewett dominating his position at centre half-forward, it was anyone's game.

It was hard to gain any real ascendancy, and West made the most of their opportunities.

My vote goes to Bray, who showed a consistent effort, and who, towards the end, was very telling for West. Never failing to clear, he won the back lines all day.

Kernahan kept the Bays in the game, and his effort was a fine one.

It was a case of Umpire Sweeney having one rule for the rich and one for the poor, and Glenelg were unpopular.

Footnote: Glenelg showed today they are a force, but fellows, keep your eye on the ball, and develop a little willpower. You were beaten by brains, not manpower!

SECONDS DETAILS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Glenelg	5.5	10.6	12.11	14.15	99
North	2.5	3.7	7.12	11.17	83

Goalkeepers—Glenelg: Leahy 3, Rocher 3, Grose 2, Dickinson, Kendall, Gulliver, French, Robinson, Bateman. North: Sargent 3, Heading 3, Gillen 2, Hamby 2, Taylor.

Best Players—Glenelg: Slatery, Fear, Dickinson, Leahy, Hamilton, Vile, North: Heading, Lee, Paull, Gillen, Trenorden, Porter.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	F	A	Pts.	%
Port	3	-	225	184	6	55.01
Norwood	2	1	279	163	4	63.12
Sturt	2	1	270	193	4	58.31
Wdville	2	1	270	231	4	53.89
South	2	1	329	299	4	52.35
Torrens	2	1	256	250	4	49.70
North	1	2	249	244	2	50.50
Glenelg	1	2	237	323	2	42.32
Centrs.	-	3	230	330	-	40.42
West	-	3	150	200	-	36.38

LEADING GOALKICKERS

White (Woodville)	11
Klaeffer (Torrens)	11
Kalston (Norwood)	10
Rocher (Glenelg)	9
Sargent (North)	9
Huddleston (Port)	9
Judd (South)	8
Handley (Centrals)	8

Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: ADVERSE

AT THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3-8	4-8	8-15	11-19	85
South	1-0	5-5	5-8	6-10	46

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Ashby, Slaven, Morrell, Payze, Bills, Landers, Townsend. **SOUTH:** Kitchen, Doyle, Mortimer, Parkinson, Kimber, Panizza.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Clingly 3.4, Morrell 2.2, Connolly 2.1, Townsend 2.0, Kingston 1.3, Gibson 1.0, Landers 0.3, Head 0.1, Russell 0.1, Slaven 0.1, Vaux 0.1, rushed 0.2. **SOUTH:** Lane 2.1, Baraglia 1.1, Chirgwin 1.0, Lapins 1.0, Stafford 1.0, Browne 0.2, Kimber 0.2, Christie 0.1, Panizza 0.1, Kitchen 0.1, Livesey 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—SOUTH: Browne (leg), replaced by Livesey in last quarter. Lapins (ankle), replaced by Silva in last quarter. **TORRENS:** Connolly (cramp), replaced by Young in last quarter.

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-2	5-5	6-7	10-12	72
Sturt	3-1	5-3	8-5	8-6	54

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: T. Obst, Abley, Johns, Whelan, Thompson, Dittmar. **STURT:** G. Williams, Halbert, Thompson, George, Rigney, Goodchild.

SCORERS—PORT: Johns 5.5, Dittmar 2.5, Williams 1.0, P. Obst 1.0, Hannaford 1.0, Marrett 0.1, Potter 0.1. **STURT:** Williams 3.0, Douglas 2.0, Smith 1.0, Fitzgerald 1.0, Pridmore 1.0, Thompson 0.2, Rigney 0.1, Halbert 0.1, Schoff 0.1, Fenton-Smith 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Nil. **STURT:** Nil.

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	3-8	7-13	11-15	12-19	91
Glenelg	2-1	7-4	10-6	13-10	88

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Bray, Chynoweth, Ryan, Hogan, Garnett, Tregenza. **GLENELG:** Peek, Herron, Abley, Howard, Hewett, Richens.

GOALSCORERS—WEST: Garnett 3, Sims 2, Hogan 2, Ryan, Shrubsole, Day, McKinnon, Richardson. **GLENELG:** Kernahan 5, Richens 3, Howard 2, Lokan, Hewett, Payne.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Peek (leg), replaced by A. Linke in last quarter. **WEST:** Nil.

AT NORWOOD

	1-4	7-7	7-10	11-11	77
Norwood	1-4	7-7	7-10	11-11	77
North	2-5	3-10	5-13	9-18	72

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Wedding, Bunton, McMahon, Wells, Weisner, Stephens, Kneebone. **NORTH:** Gilbourne, Barbary, D Lindner, Johnston, T. Lindner, Hughes, Hammond.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Stephens 4.2, Johnson 3.2, Wells 2.1, Lill 1.3, Bunton 1.0, Woodhouse 0.1, McMahon 0.1. **NORTH:** Pascoe 3.3, Hughes 2.1, Johnston 2.0, Codd 1.6, Whitford 1.0, Barbary 0.2, Thomas 0.1, D. Lindner 0.1, Gutsche 0.1, rushed 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Brenchley (thigh), replaced by Nicol in the third quarter. Daly (thigh), replaced by Elder in last quarter. **NORTH:** Carroll (thigh), replaced by Montgomery in third quarter. Sheppard (badly sprigged), replaced by Gutsche in last quarter. Thomas (ankle), was not replaced in last quarter.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Kernahan (Glenelg)	5.1	13.4
Johns (Port)	5.5	11.9
Douglas (Sturt)	2.0	11.8
Garnett (West)	3.2	11.4
Townsend (Torrens)	2.0	9.4
Dittmar (Port)	2.5	8.12
Wright (West)	-	8.3
Codd (North)	2.5	7.16
Lill (Norwood)	1.3	7.9
Sheppard (North)	-	6.4
Connolly (Torrens)	2.1	6.3
Richens (Glenelg)	3.2	5.7
Sims (West)	2.1	5.4
Thomas (North)	0.1	5.4
Johnson (Norwood)	3.3	5.3
Thompson (Sturt)	0.2	5.2

HIGHEST LEAGUE LOWEST

West 12-19 (91 pts.)	South 6-10 (46 pts.)
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SECONDS
South 21 12 (138 pts.) West 4-7 (31 pts.)

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Prem.	%
North	2	1	279	189	4	60.78
Port	2	1	270	195	4	58.06
Torrens	2	1	258	233	4	52.54
Sturt	2	1	296	273	4	52.02
Norwood	2	1	260	243	4	51.69
West	2	1	274	284	4	49.10
Glenelg	-	3	247	335	-	42.44
South	-	3	147	288	-	33.79

ATTENDANCES
Unley, 14,000
Norwood, 11,000
Adelaide, 7,000
Thebarton, 5,000
Total: 37,000.