## MAGPIES' POWER MAKES THEM TITLE FAVORITES

By SAM GALLAGHER

Por's display of power in beating Norwood by 40 points at Kensington today left no doubt that the Magpies will enter the major round outright favorites for the 1961 premiership.

Although beaten, Norwood retain fourth position on percentage from North, who went down by two points to West at Prospect.

Their games are against Sturt and Glenelg, while North winning the next

Norwood. their last encounter at

result has in- Unley, and mindful of their creased Norwood's chance Sturt's improved form, will of holding fourth placing, not be over-confident about remaining next Saturday's game.

But their chances of meet Torrens and South. games look a bit stranger remembering than North's.

Sturt won by 52 points at Glenelg after being one point down at the last change. The Blues kicked 9-6 to 1-1 coming home with the breeze.

In the Adelaide Oval Torrens boosted game. percentage South's expense, winning by 115 points.

However, West's last-minute win over North had almost certainly ensured them the double

Port's form today was the best I have seen from them this year. If it is maintained, I can't see any side beating the Magpies for the premiership.

With Trevor Obst, Salmon, and Marrett still to be fitted into the side. Port will be formidable indeed.

Port today countered Wedding in ruck, and went straight down the middle through Peter Obst who continues to show brilliant form.

Norwood gave their supporters some hope in the third term, but were outplayed again in the feature of the Adelaide last quarter by Port's Oval game from the Tor-

At Prospect West chased North for four quarters, catching them just before too late.

#### West's form

For West, of course, after three defeats, any win is a good win.

Their new centre line performed well, but they still have some way to go to recover their earlier strength.

At Glenelg, Sturt had all the big guns firing as they demolished the Bays in a withering finish.

Apart from the percentrens viewpoint was the fine debut of new ruckman Chris Butler

### Today's details at a glance

#### CONDITIONS—GOOD

#### AT PROSPECT

West 67 North

BEST PLAYERS-WEST: Roach, Bray. Thomas. Hogan, Kerley, Ryan, Wright, Lovegrove, NORTH: Thomas, Hammond, Gilbourne, Kent. Codd, Por-

ter, Gambling, Hewett.
SCORERS—WEST: D. Thomas 5.0, Ryan 2.2,
Brooks 1.1, Garnett 1.1, Wright 1.1, Roach 0.1. Shrubsole 0.1. NORTH: W. Thomas 3.3, Faggotter 2.1, Gutsche 2.0, D. Lindner 1.2, Barbary 1.1, Bubner 0.1, Power 0.1. Whitford 0.1, rushed

REPLACEMENTS-WEST: Eustice (leg injury) replaced by Benton in the last quarter. NORTH: D. Lindner (ankle injury) replaced by Bubner at three-quarter time.

#### AT KENSINGTON

8-7 9-12 13-14 6—13 52 Norw'd 1-2

BEST PLAYERS-PORT: P. Obst. Whelan, I. Hannaford, McBain, Fabian, Motley, Potter, NOR-WOOD: Sawley, Aish. Ross, Lill, Wedding Oatey.

SCORERS-PORT: Johns 3.4, P. Obst 3.1, I. Hannaford 2.1, Thompson 1.3, Potter 1.1, Tray-nor 1.0. Philp 1.0, Luke 1.0, Cooper 0.1, McBain 0.1, Tierney 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORWOOD: Oatey 2.3, Sawley 1.4, Lill 1.2 Daly 1.0, Ross 1.0, Stephens 0.2, Wedding 0.1, Minervini 0.1, Inglis 0.1. Feehan 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS-PORT: Cooper (leg injury) replaced by Luke three-quarter time. NOR-WOOD: Cousins (back) replaced by Ralston last quarter. Daly replaced by Johnson last quarter.

#### AT GLENELG

9-7 11-11 20-17 137 Sturt Glenelg 5—0 12-6 13-7

BEST PLAYERS-STURT: Halbert, Goodchild, Hicks, Thompson, Hunter, Blows, Short, Schoff, GLENELG: Hunt, Beal, Westley Richens, Staite, Fraser, Hibberd, Cutten. SCORERS—STURT: Hicks 6.2, Caust 3.4, Good-

child 3.2. Richardson 2.4. Schoff 2.2, Thompson 2.0, Heitmann 1.1, Short 1.0, David 0.1, rushed 0.1. GLENELG: Westley 4.0, Webber 3.1, Staite 2.0. Cutten 1.1, Payne 1.0, Fraser 1.0, Grose 1.0. Richens 0.4. Crompton 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS-STURT: McCarthy (leg) replaced by Heath. GLENELG: Cutten replaced in last term by Lokan. Crompton (leg) replaced by Davies.

#### AT ADELAIDE.

3rd 1st 2nd Final Pt. 16-16 24-22 166 South

BEST PLAYERS-TORRENS: Head, Gibson, Shearman, Bills, Butler, Townsend, Young, Kingston, Pill. SOUTH: Christie, Day. Durbridge. Parkinson, Kantilla, O'Brien, Harris.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Kingston 6.5, Head 5.5, Gibson 4.2, Young 3.3, Shearman 2.3. Robertson 2.1, Cavuoto 2.1, Bills 0.1, rushed 0.1. SOUTH: Day 2.1, Christie 2.0, Pearce 1.1, Backman 1.0, Coleman 1.0, Harris 0.3, Kantilla 0.1, Wilson 0.1, Parkinson 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: (heavy knock) replaced by Hanel in last quarter. SOUTH: Kitchen (tonsillitis) replaced by R. Roenfeldt at half-time. Kimber (bruised ribs) replaced by Coleman during last term.

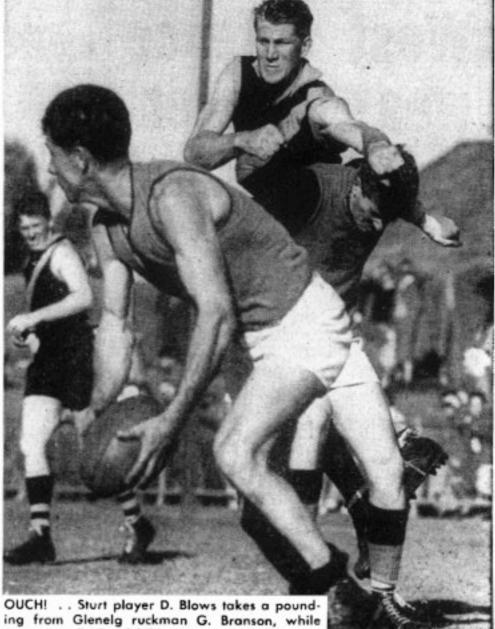
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North			9	8	1341	1278	18	51.20
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Thomas (North)		3.3	16		32.28
Lill (Norwood)		1.2	17		32.26
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Richens (Glenelg)		0.4	17		29.35
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Kensington .. .. 17 250 Adelaide .. .. .. 7.890 Glenelg .. .. ..

38,550



teammate T. Goodchild lines up for a kick at

goal at Glenelg Oval this afternoon

## D. Thomas, with just

Doug Thomas's goal, giving West victory in the dying stages of the game against North at Prospect, had a direct bearing on the major round hopes of four teams.

This one kick made the double chance a virtual certainty for West.

At the same time it made second ranking practically unattainable for Torrens, gave Norwood a reprieve from possible consequences of today's loss to Port, and halted North's own hopes of survival a damaging blow.

# Dashing foursome carried Sturt home

By BO MORTON

A matchwinning performance by Halbert, Goodchild, Hicks, and Thompson, paved the way for Sturt to pile on 9-6 in a dashing last quarter and down Glenelg by 52 points.

Early, when the Tigers Halbert who maintained Sturt were in command, it was against the breeze and sent time again.

After the first quarter. well held until then by Tigers. Hicks and Thompson play- man ahead of him. ing the best football I have seen from this pair, capped a great perform-

ance for the Blues.

The Premier, Sir Thomas grandstand before

Sturt skipper Glyn Williams dropped out with an injured leg and Trevor with glandular trouble. Their places were taken by David and Perrott. Glenelg were un-

The early stages of the game saw a dominance of the centre position by John Halbert, while Brian Beal was a strongpost for the Tigers at centre wing.

Glenelg goalkeeper Hibberd kicked magnificently. He cleared with long dropkicks way up to the centre goals almost at will with and beyond.

#### Eased strain

Promising junior Westley played well in this period aud kicked three splendid goals after intelligent forward play, when he scouted well and with good effect.

that Glenelg, alert to Halbert's edge in the centre. detailed the resting ruckalso took the strain off Glenelg aside.

Clayton Thompson ing his change of position, day. It was hard to separoved with rare skill and rate Halbert, Goodchild, courage and his kicking and Hicks, but I am givagainst the wind was a ing first vote to Halbert

feature of his game. which paved the way for beaten. the Sturt win, when Clayton Thompson gave them today that he is without tremendous drive from the peer in the centre half-

centre bounce. Goodchild forward position - he was

2-2 the centre Glenelg 5-0 7-1

in their positions.

Richens and Staite were by Kevin Abley. Goodchild, who had been battling hard for the with six goals, speaks for Chris Abley, produced all the easily held his flank and of the future. tricks in his bag and, with kicked intelligently to a Little be

Took field

Glenelg recovered well were Blows, Hunte in the third term and Schoff, and Hale. Acting captain for Glen-elg. Cutten, won the toss and kicked with a handy Payne, Beal, and Richens. Hunt and Brian Beal did

The last quarter, how-Playford, opened the new ever, saw Sturt settle down have seen. the quickly and rattle on the



Hicks Westley

bert dominating the play, team loyalties, will wish Hunter and Hale were doing well in defence.

Neil Davies took the field but he was favoring his covery from his disloleg and he seems a long cated ankle injury. way from being anywhere near the Davies we would It was during this period all like to see back in ac-

Despite a determined Tiger rally, it was all Sturt. men to this area. Although They certainly looked a this crowded Halbert, it good team as they swept

Sturt had many good, Hicks, obviously relish- and some great players tofor four quarters of foot-

It was the second quarter ball when he was never Goodchild demonstrated

Sturt into attack time and and Hicks were unbeatable unebatable despite a determined and strong bid Hunt himself - a great player

> behind Thompson, who dominated the ruck and really set the Blues in motion. Others were Blows, Hunter. Short,

breeze towards the south- At the three-quarter mark, well with the opportunities. ern end. Westley is one of the most promising newcomers I

> Others to play well were Richens, Staite, Fraser, Hibberd did fairly well at full back.

> THE goal of the day at Glenelg was kicked by Jack Richardson. It was a long screw punt which caught the wind and sailed through for full points from about 70 vards.

RILL Herron, Glenelg skipper was sadly missed at the Bay Oval, and all football bar-Goodchild, Hicks, and Hal- rackers, irrespective of this fine player a speedy satisfactory and

## MILDARA

TROPHY These are the leading

votes recorded up to to-day for the Mildara Pootball Trophy:— Halbert .. N. Kerley ..

G. Christie .. .. W. Herron .. .. D Roach .. .. .. K. Wedding .. .. J. Potter .. .. .. T. Lindner .. .. 1935 H. Linke .. .. .. Thomas .. ..

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