

1961 GRAND FINAL RESULT REVERSED

Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: HOT

At Adelaide

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	2-5	8-7	12-9	15-10	100
West	3-3	5-4	9-4	10-9	69

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Bowe, Sawley, Minervini, Kneebone, Inglis, Wedding, Lill. **WEST:** Bray, Kerley, Ryan, Hogan, Bennetts, Eustice, Sara.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Sawley 6.2, Lill 4.0, Skinner 2.2, Minervini 1.1, Koch 1.0, Amery 1.0, Feehan 0.1, Grantham 0.1, Wedding 0.1, rushed 0.2. **WEST:** Hogan 4.0, Sara 1.2, Roach 1.1, DeBroughie 1.1, Wright 1.0, O'Driscoll 1.0, Ryan 1.0, Eustice 0.1, Thomas 0.1, McLeod 0.1, Williams 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Ross (ankle) replaced by Koch first quarter, Modra replaced by Ashby last quarter. **WEST:** Brooks (leg) and O'Driscoll replaced by Shrubsole and Williams at three-quarter time.

REPORTS—Bennetts (West) reported by field umpire Henderson and boundary umpire O'Malley for allegedly striking Minervini in the second quarter. Sara (West) reported by umpire Henderson for allegedly attempting to strike Wedding in the last quarter.

At Glenelg

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	6-4	10-7	13-11	20-19	139
Sturt	5-4	9-8	16-11	18-14	122

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Hewett, Hunt, H. Kernahan, A. Linke, E. Butler, Cullen. **STURT:** Fitzgerald, Hicks, Rigney, Schoff, Adcock, Cunningham.

SCORERS—GLENELG: H. Kernahan 4.3, H. Linke 4.2, Richens 3.4, D. Long 3.3, R. Westley 2.1, D. Campbell 1.2, I. Butler 1.1, N. Davies 1.0, A. Linke 1.0, P. Cullen 0.1, Hewett 0.1, Pritchard 0.1. **STURT:** Fitzgerald 4.4, Hicks 4.3, Federowitch 3.2, Rigney 2.0, Smith 2.0, McCarthy 2.0, Gum 1.0, Wiebusch 0.2, Schoff 0.1, Short 0.1, forced through 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Staite (concussion) replaced by Davies early in second quarter. I. Butler (ankle) replaced by Deslandes at three-quarter time. **STURT:** Kriewaldt (indisposed) replaced by Gum at half-time, Blows (cramp) replaced by David during last term.

At Thebarton

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-3	7-6	8-12	9-15	69
Torrens	2-4	2-6	6-12	7-15	57

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Luke, Bray (until injured), Potter, Johns, Philp, Hayes, Elleway. **TORRENS:** Head, Russell, Bills, Hawke, Shearman, Livesey, Townsend.

SCORERS—PORT: Johns 3.4, Potter 3.1, Luke 2.2, Philp 1.1, Marrett 0.2, Hannaford 0.2, Thomson 0.2, Matters 0.1. **WEST TORRENS:** Hawke 2.4, Kingston 2.2, Young 2.1, Robertson 1.1, Gibson 0.2, Bills 0.1, Butler 0.1, Head 0.1, Russell 0.1, Townsend 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Bray (cramp) replaced by Huddleston during final term. **TORRENS:** Gibson (groin) replaced by Cowling at three-quarter time, Pill (ankle) replaced by Mitchell during last quarter.

At Prospect

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	6-3	7-7	13-11	19-16	130
South	2-4	6-6	7-7	8-10	58

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Hammond, D. Lindner, T. Lindner, Thomas, Pascoe, Potts, Power. **SOUTH:** Panizza, Lewis, Rehn, Shippides, Johnston, Hilder, Day.

SCORERS—NORTH: Potts 5.4, Thomas 4.3, D. Lindner 4.2, Braunach 2.0, Pascoe 1.2, Whitford 1.1, Kent 1.0, Hammond 1.0, Barbary 0.3, T. Lindner 0.1. **SOUTH:** Backman 3.1, Panizza 2.2, Ploegens 2.0, Day 1.2, Foster 0.2, Lewis 0.1, Hilder 0.1, Shippides 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Trenorden (nose injury) replaced by Bubner in the third quarter, Whitford (leg) replaced by Paul in the last quarter. **SOUTH:** Wilson (leg injury) replaced by Roennfeldt at half-time, Day (thumb) replaced by Kimber in the last quarter.

PREMIERSHIP

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
North	1	—	130	58	2	69.15
Norwood	1	—	100	69	2	59.17
Port	1	—	69	57	2	54.76
Glenelg	1	—	139	122	2	53.26
Sturt	—	1	122	139	—	46.74
Torrens	—	1	57	69	—	45.24
West	—	1	69	100	—	40.83
South	—	1	58	130	—	30.85

GOALKICKERS

	Today
Sawley (Norwood)	6.2
Potts (North)	5.4
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	4.4
H. Kernahan (Glenelg)	4.3
Hicks (Sturt)	4.3
Thomas (North)	4.3
D. Lindner (North)	4.2
H. Linke (Glenelg)	4.2
Lill (Norwood)	4.0
Hogan (West)	4.0
R. Johns (Port)	3.4
Richens (Glenelg)	3.4
D. Long (Glenelg)	3.3
Federowitch (Sturt)	3.2
Potter (Port)	3.1
Backman (South)	3.1

ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	16,000
Thebarton	13,500
Glenelg	7,500
Prospect	5,250
Total	42,250

League matches next week

SATURDAY	WEDNESDAY
Port Adelaide v. South Adelaide, at Alberton Oval.	South Adelaide v. Glenelg, at Adelaide Oval.
Norwood v. Glenelg, at Norwood Oval.	Norwood v. Port Adelaide, at Norwood Oval.
North Adelaide v. West Torrens at Prospect Oval.	West Torrens v. West Adelaide, at Thebarton Oval.
Sturt v. West Adelaide, at Unley Oval.	Sturt v. North Adelaide, at Unley Oval.

Port surprised Torrens, too

By SAM GALLAGHER

The 1961 premiers, West Adelaide, went down to the runners-up, Norwood, by 31 points in a vigorous opening to the 1962 league season at Adelaide Oval today.

At Thebarton, Port, weakened by the absence of star players, won by 12 points in a typically determined display.

Glenelg turned defeat into victory in a brilliant finish to win by 17 points from Sturt at the Bay Oval.

North took the first two quarters to get South's measure at Prospect but then went right away to the day's winning margin of 12 goals.

In the Adelaide Oval game, Norwood's switch of Sawley to the goalfrost in the second quarter was the decisive move. He got six goals.

The Redlegs suffered an early setback when the injury-prone Ross left the field early in the first quarter.

West's defence, strongly led by Bray, cracked when Norwood, exerting increasing pressure in ruck and from Bowe's wing, found the right formula in attack.

Bob Hank, reporting the Thebarton match, said the Eagles failed to make the most of a winning centre-line and first use of the breeze.

Port, mainly through stronger ruckwork, and

better forward play, got the winning break in the second quarter.

Stan Wickham, who saw the Sturt-Glenelg clash at the Bay, reports that Len Fitzgerald's first three quarters were as good as his best.

A winning centre line attacked through H. Linke, switched from centre half-back to centre half-forward, to snatch a thrilling victory.

North had power evenly distributed in their big win over South at Prospect.

With Don Lindner and the rovers a constant menace in attack, North's only anxious moments were in the second quarter when South's defence tightened and North's ruck power fell away.

Winners of today's two main games—Norwood and Port—meet at Norwood on Anzac Day.

The Redlegs will certainly be without Ross, who has a broken blood vessel above the ankle, and probably Modra.

Port, on the other hand, could be strengthened by the inclusion of Cahill and

the Obsts.

The Magpies' win today in the absence of star players, was impressive.

However, all the newcomers to the Norwood side acquitted themselves well today and will be anxious to do better.

I think Norwood can cover Ross's absence better than Modra's. The Redlegs' forward set up eventually worked well today and, provided they can break even across centre, I think they can win.

Two first-up losers, West Adelaide and West Torrens, will meet at Thebarton.

Torren's outer defence was very loose today and this could be fatal against the fast-moving West attack.

The clash between Lindsay Head, in brilliant form today, and John Ryan at centre could be decisive.

North look to have too much power across centre and in attack to give Sturt a chance to break through at Unley and Glenelg, with their tails up, should win from South at Adelaide.

GLENELG HOME, BUT IT WAS FITZGERALD'S DAY

By STAN WICKHAM

Glenelg won on their home ground today, but Sturt's Fitzgerald was the outstanding player on the ground.

Except for one brief moment in the second quarter, when Ian Butler held him, and in the last quarter, when Sturt folded under pressure, it was the Fitzie of old with his high marking, lightning hand passes and accurate punt passes.

Fitzgerald must have made a perfect start for his fourth Magarey Medal and he ranks as one of the all-time greats.

Glenelg can owe their success to a winning centre line where A. Linke, Hewett, and Cullen held sway practically all day.

These men used pace and sound marking to keep the forwards busy.

The only time they faulted was in the third quarter when Sturt rattled on 7-3 to Glenelg's 3-4, but back came this centre line to drive the Tigers into kicking 7-8 to Sturt's 2-3 in the final term.

Just how kind or cruel can fate be? Haydn Linke after being beaten by Fitzgerald, was sent to centre half-forward where he improved as the game went along.

By the last term he was to Glenelg what Fitzgerald had been to Sturt early. His strong marking, sound team play plus four goals make him Glenelg's new centre half-forward.

This game was a scorcher all day and both teams have more wins ahead for them.

Glenelg bounced out well and had three goals in 10 mins. before Sturt got busy with Smith and Fitzgerald (2) evening things. From then on it was practically goal for goal.

Three goals was the biggest-lead held at any stage, but the leader could not feel safe because fortune changed so quickly.

Rick Schoff impressed with his display at centre half back, until H. Linke found his feet in the last quarter.

Up to half-time he was in everything and kept Glenelg out with his strong play.

Adcock supported Schoff

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Fitzgerald A. Linke

well on his half-back flank and held firm.

The ball was swept from end to end with terrific speed in the first half and I forecast a slowing down in the second half. But it was not until about 10 minutes before the final bell that there was any noticeable slackening of speed. Full credit to both coaches.

Fitzgerald was in all moves in Sturt's good third quarter and all players rallied. The defence held well and their centre got away to push Sturt forward.

The understanding between Fitzgerald, Rigney, Hicks, and Federowitch was first class and Sturt looked like cutting Glenelg wide open. But Doug Long steadied for Glenelg with sound, defensive work and two beautiful leaps for marks.

Ambrose Linke's goal was a gem. He marked Guerin's kick-off, played on at full speed, eluded three or four Sturt defenders, and belted home a beautiful 45-yarder.

I feel Sturt panicked at this point and Glenelg kicked 4-4 before Hicks stopped the rot with a goal for Sturt.

McCarthy got another, but that was it for Sturt, as Glenelg sewed it up with two from Westley and one from Richens.

With Halbert, Fenton-Smith, and Goodchild to return, Jack Oatey can

feel satisfaction from today's showing. Until the pressure time came, Sturt's juniors played encouragingly.

Doug Long led his team well today and the changes he worked came off. He saved his team at vital times and the players gave him the support he wanted.

Don Hewett was clearly Glenelg's best with a polished display at centre. Chris Hunt hardly gave Murphy a sight of the ball to be next.

Harry Kernahan and Doug Long rucked well and got seven goals between them.

Ambrose Linke had a great day, except for one quarter, and burnt a track towards Glenelg's goals. Cullen, Eric Butler, and J. Kernahan were also prominent in a very even Glenelg side.

No more can be said for Fitzgerald, he was best on the ground. Hicks and Rigney roved well for four quarters, Schoff made a sound debut in defence, as did Adcock. Cunningham did some good work early.

Federowitch shows promise at full-forward, while ruckman Smith will be a definite asset.

WITH a three-goal lead at three-quarter time, Sturt must have felt satisfied, but the Bays' Linke brothers changed all that as the last quarter began. They quickly notched a goal apiece.

DON Hewett chose the right day to be Glenelg's best. It was also his 100th game for the Tigers at the start of his eighth season. "How can we get another 100 out of him?" was one comment after the game.