

# PORT ONCE MORE SET THE PACE

By SAM GALLAGHER

Brushing Norwood aside in a typical display, Port Adelaide raced away to a flying start in the 1963 League football premier-ship today.

## Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: Windy.

### ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	6-6	7-8	14-17	17-17	119
Norw'd	0-0	3-2	3-2	9-4	58

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Potter, Cahill, Fabian, Traynor, Hannaford, Johns, P. Obst, Matters. NORWOOD: Kite, Bowe, Wedding, Inglis, Graham, Oatey, Amery.

REPLACEMENTS — PORT: Hannaford (knee) replaced by Philip at three-quarter time. T. Obst (face), replaced by Virgo in last quarter. NORWOOD: Modra (leg), replaced by Harrison at three-quarter time.

### GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3-1	11-5	11-5	15-6	96
Glenelg	3-9	4-10	6-16	6-20	56

BEST PLAYERS — STURT: Langridge, Hill, Wiebusch, Murphy, Rigney, Shepherd, Jarrett, Woodgate. GLENELG: Sinclair, Hunt, H. Linke, A. Linke, Kernahan, Blackburn.

REPLACEMENTS — STURT: Schoff (thigh), replaced by Woodgate in first term. GLENELG: Hunt (cramp), replaced by Cutten in last term.

### THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4-4	4-8	6-11	7-16	58
Torrens	3-1	4-3	5-3	6-12	48

BEST PLAYERS — WEST: Bray, Kerley, Day, DeBroughe, Roach, Benton, Eustice. TORRENS: Head, Livesey, Bills, Graham, Butler, Kingston, Russell (until half-time).

REPLACEMENTS — WEST: Day (ankle), replaced by Bitmead in final term. TORRENS: Russell (pulled thigh muscle), replaced by Gould at half-time. Livesey (leg), replaced by Vaux in last quarter.

### PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3-3	7-7	10-9	13-21	99
South	1-4	4-8	10-9	12-10	82

BEST PLAYERS — NORTH: Hill, T. Lindner, Dixon, Hammond, Thomas, Geisler, D. Lindner, Coppins. SOUTH: Darley, Johnston, Foster, Jackson, Day, Ploenges, Backman.

REPLACEMENTS — NORTH: Bloch (heavy knock), replaced by Martin in first quarter.

### GOALKICKERS

Player	Total
R. Johns (Port)	6-0
Potter (Port)	5-3
Langridge (Sturt)	5-2
Matters (Port)	3-2
Shepherd (Sturt)	3-1
Darley (South)	3-1
Jones (Sturt)	3-0

### ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	14,660
Glenelg	10,500
Thebarton	10,000
Prospect	5,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,760</b>

### NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

Port v. Torrens (Albion)	Glenelg v. South (Kensington)
North v. Sturt (Adelaide)	West v. Norwood (Richmond)



EX-VICTORIAN Col Saddington (right) rushed in with a big punch at the ball, but was a split second too late to snap this mark by Glenelg ruckman Harry Kernahan in today's Sturt v. Glenelg game on the Bay oval.

The Magpies won, easing up, by 61 points at Adelaide Oval.

At Glenelg, Sturt gave the Tigers no second chance after the home side had wasted first use of a strong breeze.

The Blues, with most of their new players going well, kicked eight goals to one in a match-winning second term and were 40 points clear at the siren.

West and Torrens fought out the closest match of the series at Thebarton, the Red-and-Blacks winning a ragged game by 10 points.

In an exciting game at Prospect, North and South were level with 10 minutes to go. Last use of the breeze was decisive for North, although they could manage only three goals from 15 scoring shots in the last quarter. They finished 17 points up.

### Scoreless

Port, as usual, had strength evenly spread in their overwhelming win. They outmarked and outpaced the Redlegs, who were held scoreless in their two terms against the wind.

The Magpies' even ruck performance, which prevented any decisive influence by Wedding, was complemented by the dashing roving of Potter and Matters.

They had the edge across centre, too, although Norwood put up a fight in this section.

Port's solid defence gave the Redlegs no room to move ahead of centre and although it is early days, the Norwood half-forward line does not look impressive.

### Formidable

Reporting the game at Glenelg, Stan Wickham says Sturt look like developing into a formidable side.

Wiebusch and former Hawthorn player Malcolm Hill won in ruck, and with Fred Smith still to come in, the Blues should be a match for most in this section.

Langridge got five goals and at half-forward John Shepherd made a most impressive debut.

The Blues covered well what could have been a serious gap when centre half-back Rick Schoff had to retire in the first quarter.

Woodgate came on, and was one of Sturt's best.

### Changes

At centre half-forward for Glenelg, Sinclair, surprisingly preferred to Cutten, was best for the Bays. At Thebarton both sides made a large number of positional changes during the game.

Braidwood, at centre half-forward, did not come off for the Eagles and West, too, eventually had to revert to their original selection for this position when Roach took over after half-time.

Jeff Bray was a stumbling block all day on Torrens' direct road to goal, and Neil Kerley also played effectively for West.

These two swung the balance West's way.

South, given first use of the breeze by Don Lindner at Prospect, took too long to find the right formula in attack, according to Jeff Pash.

### Recruits

Despite the wind at their backs, the Panthers trailed at the first change and this proved decisive.

North's new ruckman, former University player Dudley Hill was outstanding, while South's star 1962 recruit, Peter Darley, also played a fine game.

Next Saturday, first-up winners North and Sturt meet at Adelaide.

Away to a good start and with their new players already moving with confidence, Sturt will be all out to make it two in a row.

They should win again in ruck and against a North defence that was not impressive today. Sturt could kick a winning score.

Norwood should improve on today's form but will probably find West too quick at Richmond, and Port will be hot favorites against Torrens at Alberton.

At Kensington, South meet Glenelg. The Panthers' performance at Prospect was a good one. They could open their winning account early this year.



CRUNCH! Down goes Sturt wingman Trevor King as he is tackled by Glenelg's Dick Croser in this skirmish at the Bay Oval this afternoon. Tugging Sturt's Peter Wiebusch out of the picture is Glenelg's Harry Kernahan.

# Sturt's win provides a boost

By STAN WICKHAM

The Sturt rebuilding program now in its second year under Mr. Football Brains—Jack Oatey—received an excellent boost today with a 40-point win over Glenelg.

Sturt has every reason to be pleased with all newcomers, and the big improvement made by several of last year's newcomers.

The Victorian imports, Hill and Langridge, were telling influences in Sturt's win, and Saddington was safe without being spectacular.

First-game players in Shepherd (half forward), Sangster (full back) and Woodgate (half back after replacing Schoff) all played excellently for their debut in the big time.

Murphy (ruck-rover), Wiebusch (ruck), G. Hicks (half back) and Jarrett and Jones (forward) have made giant strides in the improvement department.

Glenelg went down-wind when Long won the toss, but they were off target for most of the term and I feel lost the game as early as this by faulty kicking.

Glenelg were man-handling far too much, caused by their desire to play from behind, and many frees consequently went Sturt's way.

Langridge was receiving far too much attention, and kept Sturt in attack from his frees by kicking two goals himself into the breeze and helping get the ball out to others.

The Sturt big men, Hill and Wiebusch, were dominating the hit outs, so Rigney and Langridge were having a feast. Glenelg could not counter them.

### Bobbed up

When Sturt's turn came to go with the wind they were in as much trouble as Glenelg had been when they had kicked 1-3 from four shots.

Kernahan notched a goal for Glenelg into the wind.

Ten minutes of the second term had gone before Langridge took a hand again, and kept bobbing up all around the goal-mouth to get three goals.

Shepherd, who had been kept quiet by Hunt, sent through a beautiful left-foot punt from 60 yards

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out. Rigney followed with another to make it six goals in a row for the Blues.

Halbert blotted the book with a point, but made amends just before half-time with another goal.

Ambrose Linke had given Glenelg chances as he drove in from his wing, but apart from Sinclair, the Tigers did not have a forward who was prepared to take front place. So it was easy for the Sturt defence to throw out the Bay attacks.

Sturt had the game won at half-time after their 8-4 in this term, and looked a talented side.

### Changes

Both teams made changes at half-time. Glenelg now had Westley on a wing, Croser roving, and Hunt and Pritchard had changed half-back flanks. Sturt had Jarrett at centre half-back and Shepherd at centre half-forward.

The Blues' defenders battled courageously to contain the Tigers, and the whole back line did their part in keeping Glenelg from bridging the gap.

Although held scoreless themselves, Sturt turned for home with the wind behind sitting on a 19-point lead.

Not to be denied, Glenelg raced forward into the wind to begin the final term, and Sturt looked to be floundering a trifle.

And if goals had been scored instead of points again, Sturt may have been in trouble.

But Hill's class came to the rescue, and he took charge in the packs and palmed the ball beautifully to Murphy and company. They raced it forward only to see Glenelg stand hard in defence ably led by Blackburn.

Shepherd marked one of Blackburn's clearing kicks and repeated his first-quarter goal from 60 yards.



Langridge Sinclair

He followed with another only minutes later, and when Halbert goaled after receiving a pass from D. Hicks, it was all over. Sturt had run away by 40 points.

### Even lot

Sturt's best players were hard to pick as they were a very even combination, but Langridge's five goals and the way he got them impressed me.

He gets my No. 1 vote, but he'll have to cut out this business of trying to run past the man on the mark.

Hill is a very intelligent palmer of the ball, especially at throw-ins, and he gave the rovers Rigney and Langridge loads of kicks as did the greatly improved Wiebusch.

Murphy impressed as a ruck-rover, while Sturt have struck gold in Shepherd who is as good as any first-year player to come along.

Woodgate and G. Hicks, with Sangster, were all under notice in defence for Sturt.

Graham Sinclair at centre half-forward was Glenelg's only medium of attack and stood out as Glenelg's best. He led and marked well and tried to help teammates all day.

Chris Hunt held his half-back flank all day to be next, followed by Ambrose Linke, strong and purposeful on a wing. Haydn Linke was the same at centre half-back, although Jarrett did a good job on him.

### LEAGUE TABLE

	W.	L.	Points		Prem.	%
			For	Agst.		
Port	1	—	119	58	2	67.23
Sturt	1	—	96	56	2	63.16
West	1	—	58	48	2	54.71
North	1	—	99	82	2	54.70
South	—	1	82	99	—	45.30
Torrens	—	1	48	58	—	45.20
Glenelg	—	1	56	96	—	36.84
Norwood	—	1	58	119	—	32.77

### THIRDS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg					8.15 64
Sturt					7.15 51
Goalkeepers—Glenelg:					Rouvray 4, Moroney 2, Mortimer, Sykes, Sturt; Zoanetti 3, Bagshaw, Williams, Moyse, Tilby.
Best Players—Glenelg:					Pattinson, Moroney, Johnson, Long, Rouvray, Sturt, Noack, Zoanetti, Barndon, Hampton, Rowe, Dixon.