

STURT CLIMB TOWARDS FOUR

By SAM GALLAGHER

Sturt's seven-point win over West (third), and North's crushing defeat of Norwood today, has carried the Blues ahead of the Red-legs in their bid for the final four.

Norwood went down by 73 points at Prospect and their hopes of making the major round are fading.

At Thebarton, Torrens played a strong second half to win comfortably by 40 points from Glenelg.

Port outclassed South by 130 points at Alberton, kicking the season's highest score.

Port, West, and Sturt are level in fourth place with 16 points, a game and a half behind Torrens and North, who meet next Saturday at Norwood to decide outright leadership.

Similar

However, Port's and West's percentage is much higher than Sturt's, so the Blues have to do it the hard way.

With six games to go, West and Sturt have a similar program. West's is slightly more favorable, as they meet Torrens and North at Richmond, while Sturt's two games at Unley are against sides below them.

Sturt's win at Richmond today, however, following their victory at Norwood a fortnight ago, shows that the Blues are formidable on any ground.

West seemed well placed when they were only two points down at the last change with the wind behind them in the run home.

But Sturt got the break

through two goals from Dunn, and then defended with great determination to take the points. Saddington was again their sheet anchor in defence.

Comfortably

Against Port at Alberton next week, Sturt have the job in front of them to force a way into the top four.

At their meeting on June 29, also at Alberton, Port won comfortably.

Since then Sturt have put together a string of three wins against teams above them on the ladder. With Peter Obst back, Port could return him to centre for this game with Motley going to half-back.

However, in view of Motley's continued good form at the pivot and considering his success against Halbert in the previous game, the Magpies might decide to leave well alone.

Their reply

Much will depend on Sturt's ability to counter the influence of the Port rovers, Potter in particular, and Cahill, who was in devastating form today.

At Prospect, North replied in kind to Norwood's hospitality at Norwood earlier in the season.

Reporting the game.

Stan Wickham said North showed premiers form. This is most timely for their big clash with Torrens at Norwood next week.

This match is to be played at Norwood as compensation to Kensington and Norwood Council for cancellation of the night series.

As the two teams are level at the top of the table, the match could hardly have been better arranged. They drew at their previous meeting.

Thriller

Torrens today had all their stars in form. It will be interesting to see if North repeat the previous move of having Trenorden shadow Head.

It is unlikely that Norwood Oval will prove as unfriendly to North as Prospect did to the Red-legs, but Torrens should win a thrilling game.

Norwood will go to Glenelg with one or two doubts, to try to retrieve their fortunes, while West, against South at Adelaide, should have the pressure off for the time.

Provided West beat South, and there are no drawn games, there will be only one point between three teams battling for the double chance.

QUICK LOOK AT LEAGUE GAMES

GROUND: Ideal—WEATHER: Windy

AT ALBERTON

Port	4-13	10-13	22-22	24-23	167
South	1-0	3-0	4-1	6-1	37

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Potter, Cahill, Matters, Motley, Beaufoy, T. Obst, Hannaford, Philp. SOUTH: Darley, Shaw, Christie, Schmidt, Kantilla, Walker, Durbridge.

SCORERS—PORT: Potter 5.4, Hannaford 5.2, Matters 5.1, Johns 4.5, Beaufoy 2.4, P. Obst 2.2, Cahill 1.2, Philp 0.1, Gill 0.1, rushed 0.1. SOUTH: Skuse 2.0, Backman 1.0, Ross 1.0, Wilson 1.0, Day 1.0, Christie 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Gill (shoulder) replaced by Ladner in the third quarter. SOUTH: Neale (leg) replaced by Roennfeldt at three-quarter time. Johnston (leg) replaced by Rivers in last quarter.

UMPIRE—B. A. Lees.

AT THEBARTON

Torrens	2-4	6-8	9-12	12-18	90
Glenelg	1-2	5-4	7-6	7-8	50

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Shearman, Head, Bills, Kingston, Pill, Braidwood, Gibson, Rawson. GLENELG: Kernahan, Linke, Blackburn, Anesbury, Richens, Kendall, Hunt, Webber.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Kingston 5.8, Head 4.2, Pill 1.2, Gould 1.0, Livesey 1.0, Young 0.3, Shearman 0.2, Connolly 0.1. GLENELG: Westley 1.3, Button 1.1, Peek 1.1, Tucker 1.1, Howard 1.0, Kernahan 1.0, Long 1.0, Payne 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — TORRENS: Rankine (injured leg) replaced by Connolly in the third quarter. Bills (leg) replaced by Gilbert in the last quarter. GLENELG: Kendall (heavy knock) replaced by Cutten at three-quarter time. Anesbury (leg injury) replaced by Sinclair in the last quarter.

UMPIRE—R. C. Hall.

AT PROSPECT

North	3-2	6-8	11-9	15-11	101
Norw'd	1-4	1-7	2-8	3-10	28

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Pascoe, Hill, Dixon, Jones, Thomas, Knuckey, Sheridan, Lindner, Trenorden, Sutter. NORWOOD: Kneebone, Wedding, Ashby, Oatey, Johnson, Harrison, Kelly.

SCORERS—NORTH: Martin 3.1, Dixon 3.1, Hill 3.0, Thomas 2.3, Lindner 1.3, Sheridan 1.2, Potts 1.1, Barbary 1.0. NORWOOD: Sawley 1.3, Skinner 1.0, Prime 1.0, Hillman 0.2, Oatey 0.2, McMahon 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Potts replaced by Sheppard in the last term. NORWOOD: Bowe (blow in face) replaced by Inglis in the last term. Kite replaced by Amery in the last term.

UMPIRE—K. G. Cunningham.

AT RICHMOND

Sturt	4-5	5-5	7-8	9-9	63
West	1-0	5-3	7-6	8-8	56

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Saddington, Dunn, Burford, Ryan, Webster, Jarrett, Langridge, Schoff, Halbert. WEST: Bennetts, Kerley, Pope, Eustice, Day, Bray, Benton, Costello.

SCORERS—STURT: Dunn 5.0, Jones 1.3, Schoff 1.1, Rigney 1.0, Saddington 1.0, D. Hicks 0.2, Langridge 0.1, Halbert 0.1, Murphy 0.1. WEST: Shrubsole 2.0, Benton 1.3, Thomas 1.1, Hooper 1.1, Roach 1.1, Sara 1.0, Ryan 1.0, Garnett 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Wiebusch (facial injury) replaced by Gunn in the third quarter. Halbert (knee) replaced by Whicker during the third term. WEST: Barker (finger) replaced by Campbell during final quarter. Sara (ankle) replaced by Bertelsmeier in last quarter.

UMPIRE—W. A. Henderson.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Torrens	9	4	1	1012	773	19	56.69
North	9	4	1	1070	1012	19	51.39
Port	8	6	—	1241	837	16	59.72
West	8	6	—	1052	874	16	54.62
Sturt	8	6	—	973	1012	16	49.01
Norwood	7	7	—	966	1085	14	47.09
Glenelg	5	9	—	996	1297	10	43.43
South	1	13	—	848	1268	2	40.07

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
R. Johns (Port)	4.5	14	43.31
Potter (Port)	5.4	13	32.20
Head (Torrens)	4.2	13	30.27
W. Thomas (North)	2.3	14	29.82
Skinner (Norwood)	1.0	14	28.18
Langridge (Sturt)	0.1	14	25.20
Amery (Norwood)	—	13	25.17
Matters (Port)	5.1	12	25.15

ATTENDANCES

Prospect	10,663
Richmond	9,178
Thebarton	7,255
Alberton	5,606
Total	32,702

NEXT WEEK

South v. West at Adelaide.
Port v. Sturt at Alberton.
Glenelg v. Norwood at Glenelg.
Torrens v. North at Norwood.

Eagle drive too much for Bays

By JEFF PASH

The brilliance of their stars on the ball, and superior team-work, gave Torrens a comfortable 40-point win over Glenelg at Thebarton.

Torrens got far too much from Shearman, Head, and Bills for the Bays to be able to go with them in attack; and their defence was the steadier under pressure.

It was quite a good free-running game with both sides able to get into attack. The Bays' inexperienced forwards moved well when given any sort of an opportunity, but there was no Head and no Kingston to win them the large breaks.

Good battle

The Bay rucks put up a good battle, but their rovers had a bad day; it was Torrens who managed the starts from the bounces far more expertly.

Kernahan won the toss for Glenelg and chose to go with a rather uncertain gusty north-west wind. It was soon evident that both ends would allow free scoring and both sides played open attacking football from the beginning.

The first quarter was dominated by Shearman, playing on the ball and resting in the back pocket. Kernahan gave the Bays a good start and their centre line opened strongly.

However, Torrens' power in attack soon showed out.

Head was to prove far too clever and elusive for his opponents on the ball, and when he gained possession he generally found his man.

Kingston was prominent from the beginning, marking in great style and moving fast; and he scored two goals in this term.

At the first change, Torrens led by eight points, after missing a number of early shots. It was their quarter, but the Bays were shaping well enough.

In the second quarter play opened up and soon both attacks were going merrily at goal.

Torrens threatened to take charge for a brief moment when Head and Gould kicked goals, and then Shearman sent off a long combined move that found Kingston with the greatest of ease.

However, the big full forward missed, and just as suddenly Glenelg slipped in for goals to Peek and Westley.

In everything

From there Torrens proceeded to outscore the Bays, with Pill showing out in ruck and Head in everything. But Glenelg were able to keep in touch. Their centre line was going well and their half-forwards, Button, Tucker, and Long, were by no means out of it.

By half-time the honors for this quarter had gone to the Bays; they were

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	2-4	6-8	9-12	12-18	90
Glenelg	1-2	5-4	7-6	7-8	50

still 10 points behind, but they had done well against the wind and needed only a strong roving burst to put them well in the game after half-time.

The Bays began the third quarter promisingly with a goal to Howard. However, Torrens made a sudden effort, and found Kingston four times in succession through the exact work of Head, Isaac and Bills (twice).

Kingston scored his fifth goal in this burst of three; and although Glenelg came back brilliantly through Button, who had a fine spell of play at centre half-forward, the match was beginning to go Torrens' way.

Abley had hurt a leg, and he now went to full forward leaving Webber to mind Kingston. The Bays defended stubbornly till the end of the quarter, and just failed to recover the situation when Westley hit a post.

At three-quarter time Torrens had increased their lead to 18 points.

Kendall, who had played well at half-back, retired with a leg injury and was replaced by Cutten.

In the last quarter Torrens were able to keep the ball forward most of the time.

Finished well

They finished on well in the rucks. Gould had come to centre in the third quarter and was doing quite well; Rawson had played a good game on the wing; Pill, Bills, Head and Kingston were all full of running in attack.

Kingston was still marking brilliantly, but he was off the target and finished the day with

though at no stage did it seem that they were likely to make any solid recovery.

For Torrens I would hesitate between Shearman and Head in naming the best player. It was a brilliant game for both—Head, fast, clever, deadly in attack, Shearman magnificently strong in defence and a power on the ball.

I would say Shearman by a fraction.

Bills was not far behind for a game remarkable for the number of times he found his man, typical for the number of defensive saves.

Kingston played a fine game; Pill, who goes from strength to strength, went well in ruck. Braidwood, Gibson, and Rawson played solid games in an even side.

Glenelg's best

For Glenelg, performances are harder to set out.

Kernahan did what he could to inspire his team, only to have some of his best work spoiled by Torrens' followers and rovers.

Linke defended in fine style at centre half-back. Blackburn rucked strongly and played well in defence.

Anesbury played a good game at centre. Richens, Hunt, Kendall, Peek, and Webber, went well. Button and Tucker played promising games.

★ **BOB** Shearman made one mistake for the day at Thebarton today. He took a mark in the back pocket, ran in too close to his opponent, and kicked into him.

★ **Glenelg** half-forward Long picked up the ball and kicked the Bays' first goal.

★ **Head** apart from that lapse, it was a fantastic display by the Torrens captain—he intercepted kicks everywhere on the field.

★ **HIGHLIGHT** of the last quarter at Thebarton was a mark by full-forward Geoff Kingston (one of 12 actually recorded—though there may have been more).

★ This particular one was not a high mark; but it was a most spectacular capture of a fast ball.

★ **Kingston** gripped hard, was spun completely around as a couple of opponents bounced off, and held it.

★ Unfortunately his shot for goal went just off the line.



Bills Kernahan

five, after kicking four points in succession and putting the last shot out of bounds.

Head kicked two goals in this term to get four for the day.

The Bays managed to get forward for two points late in the quarter,