

TORRENS, PORT THE PICK

Winning easily from West and Norwood, Torrens and Port today showed themselves to be a cut above the other contenders for the 1963 premiership.

At Richmond, the Eagles won easing up by 26 points, and Port were 30 points clear of the Redlegs at Norwood.

Sam Gallagher's football review

North gave one of their best displays away from home to beat South by 56 points at Adelaide, winning their way back into the four.

Closest game of the day was at Unley where Sturt scraped in by four points from Glenelg after leading by 28 points halfway through the third quarter.

One of the bleakest days for the season kept attendances well down, and heavy rain fell throughout the second half at all grounds.

Chance

With only two games remaining to complete the minor round, Torrens and Port are almost certain to finish in that order at the top of the ladder.

North, drawn against Glenelg at Kensington next week, should go three points clear in third place from West and Norwood,

who meet Port at Adelaide and Torrens at Thebarton.

This will be Sturt's chance to draw level on points with West and Norwood in the battle for fourth place. The Blues meet South at Adelaide.

To make the finals, Sturt not only must win their next two games—the second against North at Prospect—but must boost their percentage above the winner of the Norwood-West game at Norwood on Saturday week.

This appears only a remote possibility.

In disposing of West today, Torrens completed their twelfth successive match without loss.

Highlight of today's win was the brilliant display at centre by erstwhile half-forward Joe Gould.

The Eagles' teamwork left West standing.

Neil Kerley was outstanding for the Red-and-Blacks, who could not

handle the heavy going. They will have to show a dramatic improvement to trouble the two leaders.

Norwood's hopes also took a jolt on the Redlegs' home ground.

Port generally thought to be handicapped by wet grounds and without Jeff Potter, were never in danger.

Unorthodox

North supporters can take heart from the Red-and-White's good form at Adelaide. Their backing-up and teamwork were first class.

A feature of Sturt's narrow win over Glenelg was the great exhibition by former Victorian Col Saddington.

He held centre half-forward throughout the game. In an unorthodox display he also did a lot of the heavy work in the ruck battles near the centre of the ground.



Neil Kerley

QUICK LOOK AT LEAGUE GAMES

Ground: Waterlogged. Weather: Wet

AT ADELAIDE

North	3-2	7-5	11-10	14-15	99
South	2-2	3-3	6-7	6-7	43

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Bloch, Knuckey, Thomas, Barbary, Trenorden, Murch, May, Hill, Dixon. **SOUTH:** Christie, Day, Skuse, Ploenges, Darley, Kantilla.

SCORERS—NORTH: Thomas 4.3, Hill 4.2, Martin 3.4, Barbary 1.2, Paull 1.1, Murch 1.0, Geisler 0.1, Ashby 0.1, rushed 0.1. **SOUTH:** Day 3.1, Skuse 2.3, Darley 1.1, Ross 0.1, Backman 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: May replaced by Jones in last term. Hammond (cramp) replaced by Sheridan in last term. **SOUTH:** Nil.

UMPIRE.—K. G. Cunningham.

AT NORWOOD

Port	1-4	6-6	7-11	8-14	62
Norwood	1-3	1-4	3-7	4-8	32

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: T. Obst, R. Bray, Philp, Elleway, Mead, Cahill, Beaufoy, Motley. **NORWOOD:** Kneebone, Amery, Bowe, Hillman, Wedding, McMahon, Inglis, Ashby, Harrison.

SCORERS—PORT: Beaufoy 2.2, Bray 2.2, Marret 2.0, Johns 1.3, Traynor 1.1, Ladner 0.1, T. Obst 0.1, Cahill 0.1, rushed 0.3. **NORWOOD:** Amery 2.1, Kite 1.0, Skinner 1.0, Curtis 0.3, Oatey 0.1, Wedding 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Nil. **NORWOOD:** Kite (leg injury) replaced by Turbill in the last quarter, Johnson (leg) replaced by Williams in the last quarter.

UMPIRE.—R. C. Hall.

AT RICHMOND

Torrens	4-10	5-14	7-19	8-19	67
West	0-0	1-3	2-4	5-11	41

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Gould, Shearman, Head, Graham, Cowling, Pill, Connolly, Payze, Bills, WEST: Kerley, Bennetts, Eustice, Johnson, Reu, Day, Sara, Hooper.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Gould 3.1, Head 2.4, Connolly 2.2, Kingston 1.7, Shearman 0.2, Howell 0.1, Isaac 0.1, Dix 0.1. **WEST:** Reu 2.4, Kerley 2.1, Sara 1.0, Benton 0.3, Hooper 0.1, Eustice 0.1, Barker 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Isaac (ankle) replaced by Gilbert during third quarter. **WEST:** Nil.

REPORT.—D. Russell (TORRENS) reported by field umpire W. A. Henderson for attempting to strike an opponent.

UMPIRE.—W. A. Henderson.

AT UNLEY

Sturt	1-2	4-9	6-12	7-18	60
Glenelg	0-5	1-5	6-7	8-8	56

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Saddington, Schrier, Halbert, Jarrett, Dun, Short, Hill, Langridge. **GLENELG:** Peek, Richens, Button, Payne, Rowe, Howard, Hunt, Fitzgerald.

SCORERS—STURT: Dunh 3.1, Morton 2.3, Langridge 1.4, Halbert 1.0, Hicks 0.3, Rigney 0.3, Saddington 0.2, Wiebusch 0.1, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Rowe 5.2, Richens 1.1, Payne 1.0, Button 1.0, Howard 0.2, Kernahan 0.1, Cutten 0.1, rushed 0.1.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
R. Johns (Port)	1-3	18	54-46
Head (Torrens)	2-4	17	39-42
W. Thomas (North)	4-3	18	38-38
Skinner (Norwood)	1-0	18	37-22
Potter (Port)	—	16	34-22
Langridge (Sturt)	1-4	18	33-27
Backman (South)	0-1	18	32-32
Matters (Port)	—	16	32-32
I. Day (South)	3-1	17	30-18
Rowe (Glenelg)	5-2	12	30-14

NEXT WEEK

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

STURT ONLY JUST MADE IT

By SAM GALLAGHER

Outplayed by Sturt in the first half, Glenelg made a determined recovery to go down by four points in a hard game on the waterlogged Unley Oval.

Up to half-time Sturt were easily the better side. The Bays began well in ruck, but Sturt's superior teamwork quickly offset what slight advantage Glenelg won.

Backing up strongly in a defence in which Short was outstanding, the Blues held Glenelg goal-less after conceding first use of a gusty crosswind.

Schrier and Halbert gave Sturt a winning centre line and the Blues looked to have a ton of potential as they swept through Saddington at half-forward with handball reminiscent of West Adelaide in full flight.

Strongpoints

Glenelg had individual strongpoints in Peek on the wing and Button at half-forward right, but Sturt showed the only flashes of combined football.

Into the wind, Glenelg added Westley to their defence.

Although they, too, had difficulty with the breeze, Sturt, with Halbert and Saddington in complete control were able to use a much more direct approach to goal than Glenelg.

The Sturt rovers further harried Glenelg's defence, forcing the switch of Linke in an effort to

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
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curb Saddington, who all day did a tremendous amount of work.

In addition to dominating centre half-forward, he also played the role of ruckman whenever the ball was bounced or thrown in anywhere near him.

But although the Blues moved easily enough to the goal-front, they were not able to put on the board any more than a 22-point lead by half-time.

Over the first two quarters this was not a true indication of their superiority.

In the first half of the third term, Sturt were still comfortable.

Wiebusch took control in ruck and Saddington continued to show the way into attack.

Glenelg had reorganised further during the interval. Cutten was at centre half-forward and Webber in ruck.

But the move that really sparked the Bays' recovery was the switch of Richens from the back pocket to roving.

Glenelg lifted in ruck, too, with Kernahan getting into the game for the first time.

A great long goal by Rowe was followed by three more as Halbert's control of centre weakened and Peek on the wing continued to win well.

Down five points at the last change, Glenelg kept the pressure on early in the last quarter with Richens still going strongly.

Jarrett at centre half-forward stopped the Bays' early thrusts, but they found a way in through

Button's flank and eventually hit the front by a point.

However, Sturt came back at once. Hill took over in ruck in a determined finishing effort, while Saddington played a great game right out to the finish.

With a minute to go, Glenelg got a lucky goal when the ball rebounded to Rowe from a Sturt defender's kick off the ground.

Unbeaten

But Dunn took the ball away from the bounce and Sturt were attacking through the inevitable Saddington when the siren sounded.

Saddington was clearly the best player on the ground, revelling in the heavy going and a prime mover in most of Sturt's attacks.

With the possible exception of Schrier, on the wing, the rest of the Sturt side failed to maintain a strong first half.

Schrier impressed with an intelligent game, and Halbert played a commanding first half.

Peek was unbeaten on the wing for Glenelg. He was one of the few Bay players to win in the first half.

Richens was solid in the back pocket, but showed his real value when switched, while Button again showed flashes of considerable potential.

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STURT coach Jack Oatey was not to be hurried into the last quarter against Glenelg. The Bay players were in their positions before Sturt's three-quarter time huddle broke up.



Saddington Richens

Premiership Table

	W.	L.	D.	Points		Prem.	%
				For	Agst.		
Torrens	13	4	—	1413	992	27	58.75
Port	12	6	—	1635	1034	24	61.25
North	10	7	—	1347	1363	21	49.70
West	10	8	—	1358	1194	20	53.21
Norwood	10	8	—	1298	1380	20	48.46
Sturt	9	9	—	1224	1364	18	47.29
Glenelg	5	13	—	1199	1671	10	41.77
South	2	16	—	1204	1680	4	41.74

ATTENDANCES

Norwood	8,815
Richmond	7,078
Adelaide	4,670
Unley	3,426
Total	23,989

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TROPHY KERLEY GOES AHEAD

West's N. Kerley has strengthened his grip on the leadership in the Mildara Football Trophy competition.

N. Kerley (WA)	50½
L. Head (WT)	28½
F. Darley (SA)	24½
G. Bray (WA)	24
J. Potter (PA)	22½
I. Day (SA)	21½
E. Kneebone (N)	21½
K. Wedding (N)	20½
M. Hill (St)	20
F. Bills (WT)	19½
C. Richens (G)	18
G. Motley (P)	17