

## Sturt down to fourth

By SAM GALLAGHER

Beating Sturt by nine points in a rugged clash at Adelaide Oval, South today retained their grip on top position and pushed the Blues down to fourth ranking.

All games were affected by the strong wind and heavy grounds, with the teams winning the toss successful in all but the North-Torrens game at Thebarton.

The Red and Whites sprang the surprise of the day, tossing Torrens by 33 points.

At Alberton, Port won against West with an overwhelming first quarter, kicking 10-6 to nothing.

Similarly, at Elizabeth, Glenelg had 4-11 on the board at the end of a scoreless first quarter by Central, and at Norwood, the Redlegs maintained to the end a comfortable quarter-time lead.

### Defence duel

It was a battle of tactics at Adelaide Oval.

Sturt went on the defensive at once when South won the toss.

The Blues countered an early South ruck advantage through Kerley, but the solidity of the South half-back line never allowed their half-forwards to exert their usual influence.

Ground conditions were against Sturt's more precise forward play. But even so the Blues were well in the picture when only 16 points down at the last change.

But South's determined crowding of the game in a tense last quarter prevented Sturt from taking full advantage of the strong following breeze.

At Thebarton, with the breeze across the ground, North's superior roving and accuracy in front of goal were decisive.

The first three quarters were even, but North went right away in the run home.

A win to the Eagles today would have put them in the four. Defeat toppled them to sixth position.

Norwood moved up to fifth, but were anything but impressive in beating Woodville by 27 points at Norwood.

### Torrens' bid

Torrens will have the chance to re-establish themselves among the leaders next week.

A win over Central combined with a Sturt defeat by Glenelg and a Norwood defeat by Port would put Torrens in the four.

The Sturt-Glenelg clash at the Bay will be the match of the day next week.

Glenelg lose Rice, Richens and Long to the State side. Sturt are represented by Hicks and Short with possibly Halbert out injured.

The competition among the first six teams is so afford a lapse.

South will not go to Richmond without misgivings, but the loss of Day and Johnson from West's centre line will probably be harder to make good than South's loss of Darley, Schmidt and Kantilla.

### STABKICKS

DURING the third quarter at Elizabeth, Glenelg rover Brian McGowan was fighting desperately against great odds, in the Glenelg goalsquare.

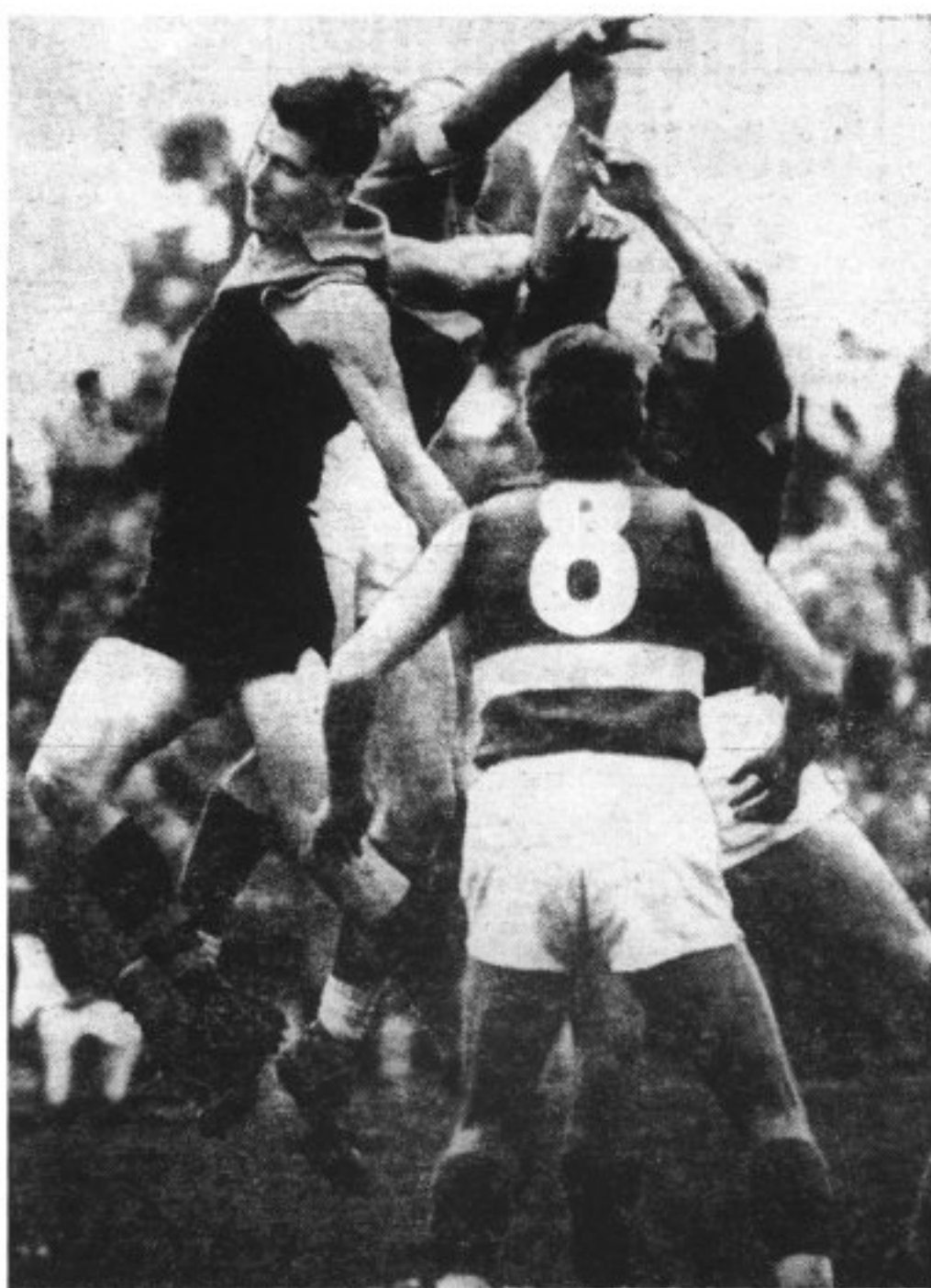
He was trying to wrestle the ball away from Central player O'Brien — but O'Brien would not let go.

Then McGowan pulled the Central player through the goals by his arm.

Result — Glenelg scored one point.

THE Central defenders lived up to their name today. The hung on like Bulldogs.

Perhaps they were inspired by the team of 10 bulldogs which were on the ground during the official opening.



GLENELG captain Harry Kernahan flies high and does his best to spoil three Central players during the match at Elizabeth today. Behind Kernahan is Central's new player, Smith, and C. Lindner. Tony Morton (No. 8) is ready for any opportunity.

# ROVERS LIFTED BAYS' ATTACK

By DEAN STRINGER

Lifted by rover McGowan and Rice, who were on top all day, Glenelg comfortably defeated Central Districts in the first game at the new Elizabeth Oval.

Both teams were as announced and umpire R. G. Hall was in charge.

Kernahan won the toss for the Tigers and kicked towards the southern goal aided by a wind worth between six to seven goals.

Centrals were first into attack but against the strong wind they found the Glenelg defenders too strong and the ball was soon swept away towards the Glenelg forward lines.

Glenelg peppered away at the goal, but inaccurate kicking for goal marred their attacks.

The Tigers were undoubtedly led into the pockets. Their first four shots produced only points.

Midway through the quarter the Glenelg rovers began to put some method into the Tigers' attacks, and it was clear they would play an important part in the game.

The Bulldog defence was hanging on doggedly but every now and again the Glenelg duo — McGowan and Rice — created an opening for their forwards.

The centre duel between Window and J. Long was very much in favor of the Central player in this quarter but he faded out badly after the second quarter.

The Glenelg first quarter lead of 35 points did not appear to be excessive in view of the strong wind. This could have been greater had the Bulldog defenders not kept up their quick tackling.

Glenelg commenced the second quarter with Mc-

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen'lg	4-11	5-13	10-19	11-21	87
Central	0-0	3-1	3-1	7-4	46

Gowan being placed loose in the Central backlines.

This move tended to crowd the Bulldog forwards and they found it extremely difficult to break into the open even on such a large ground.

Window again produced several passages of good play to send Centrals into attack but their small men failed to scout around the packs. This allowed Richens to clear with monotonous regularity.

Just when it looked as though Centrals would waste their use of the breeze, Daly capitalised on a mistake by Rice to give the Bulldogs their second goal.

### Determination

At this stage Central players were showing much more determination and fire than in previous games.

Towards the end of the term, Centrals appeared to lapse and lose all method and system up forward. They fell back to more individual efforts.

A phenomenal mark by Hayes and another by Daly resulted in another goal for Centrals, almost as the siren sounded.

It took seven minutes into the third quarter before Rice, scouting intelligently, snapped a goal for the Tigers.

Glenelg then lifted their game and went on to add 5-6 for the quarter.

### Able support

J. Long had shut Window out of the game and wingman Peek was also giving them plenty of drive.

Ruckman Kemp was being given able support by 16-year-old schoolboy Smith, playing his first league game. These two were making things hard for the Glenelg big men.

Glenelg finished the quarter with a lead that appeared too big for the Bulldogs to overtake.

The Tigers again placed McGowan loose in defence to start the last term.

Centrals continued to attack but again there was little method in their moves.

### Score doubled

Centrals slugged it out to the end, doubling their score during the term, but Glenelg had the game safe.

Glenelg rovers McGowan and Rice were their best today. Their direct systematic play and sure ball handling gave Glenelg the advantage they wanted.

For Centrals, their ruckman Kemp was their best. He gave a tireless, sustained effort throughout.

Ayliffe, in a back pocket, was solid. Hayes did many valuable things, while Daly, at full back, kept his opponent goalless.

## QUICK LOOK AT LEAGUE GAMES

### AT NORWOOD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norw'd	6-7	7-9	10-13	10-13	73
W'dville	1-1	3-5	3-6	6-10	46

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Kneebone, Hartin. WOODVILLE: Simunsen, Martin, Hoffman, Hansch, Christie, K. Kelly, Mader.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: Woodcock (slight concussion) by Inglis, last quarter. WOODVILLE: Lamb by Williams, three-quarter time. UMPIRE.—D. L. Foster.

### AT THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	1-1	3-2	6-2	11-6	72
Torrens	1-4	2-6	4-12	4-15	39

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Mitchell, Thomas, Barbary, T. Lindner, Cearns, Hammond. TORRENS: Gibson, Gould, Bills, Braidwood, Rankine, Head.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH: Cearns (pulled muscle) by Power, last quarter. Sheridan by Stringer, half-time. TORRENS: Bills (jarred arm) by Kruse last quarter, Dix (leg) by Miller, last quarter.

UMPIRE.—B. A. Lees.

### AT ELIZABETH

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	4-11	5-13	10-19	11-21	87
Centrals	0-0	3-1	3-1	7-4	46

BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: McGowan, Rice, Richens, Kernahan, D. Long, Peek. CENTRALS: Kemp, Ayliffe, Hayes, Stutley, White, Daly.

REPLACEMENTS.—GLENELG: Nil. CENTRALS: Kernich (cramp) by Sorrell, three-quarter time. UMPIRE.—R. C. Hall.

### AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	4-7	4-11	8-19	8-20	68
Sturt	1-0	5-7	7-9	8-11	59

BEST PLAYERS.—SOUTH: Schmidt, Day, Jackson, O'Brien, Backman, Kerley, Stewart, Durbridge. STURT: Murphy, Whicker, Dunn, Ryan, Hill, Clarkson, Short, Bagshaw.

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Judd by Whitford, three-quarter time. Skuse by White, three-quarter time. STURT: Halbert (shoulder) by McDonald, third quarter.

UMPIRE.—K. G. Cunningham.

### AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	10-6	11-9	14-17	16-18	114
West	0-0	8-5	8-5	10-7	67

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Beaufoy, Potter Cahill, Hayes, Marrett, Elleway, Motely, Freeman. WEST: Thompson, Benton, Sara, Day, Johnson, Pope, Barker.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Holmes (concussion and facial injuries) by Cooper, second quarter. WEST: Bennetts (suspected cracked ribs) by Wright, second quarter. Bertelsmeier (thigh) by DeBroughe, last quarter.

UMPIRE.—R. LeCornu.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
South	10	2	—	1131	753	20	60.03
Port	9	3	—	1151	729	18	61.22
Glenelg	8	3	1	1244	977	17	56.01
Sturt	8	4	—	1157	976	16	54.24
Norwood	7	4	1	1067	898	15	54.30
Torrens	7	5	—	1178	920	14	56.15
North	4	8	—	946	997	8	48.69
West	4	8	—	816	1003	8	44.86
Woodville	2	10	—	711	1328	4	34.87
Centrals	—	12	—	661	1481	—	30.86

### TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
McGowan (Glenelg)	3-4	12	36-24
Dunn (Sturt)	1-3	12	36-19
R. Sawley (Sturt)	1-1	12	35-22
Kingston (Torrens)	2-2	9	34-17
Head (Torrens)	1-5	11	32-22
Shearman (Torrens)	—	9	30-35
Rice (Glenelg)	2-3	12	24-29
Potter (Port)	3-0	12	24-28
Skuse (South)	0-1	12	22-36
Turbill (Norwood)	—	6	22-19
D. Hicks (Sturt)	1-1	12	21-24
Backman (South)	3-2	11	21-18
R. Martin (Norwood)	2-1	12	21-11

### ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	10,757
Elizabeth	5,822
Alberton	5,616
Thebarton	5,240
Norwood	3,980
TOTAL	31,415

### NEXT WEEK

Torrens v. Central (Adelaide).  
Port v. Norwood (Alberton).  
Glenelg v. Sturt (Glenelg).  
West v. South (Richmond).  
Woodville v. North (Woodville).  
IN PERTH: SA v. WA.