

STURT LOOMS AS BIG THREAT

QUICK LOOK AT LEAGUE GAMES

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	7-2	8-4	11-9	13-12	90
South	2-1	3-8	6-12	7-18	60

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Rigney, Adcock, Schoff, Murphy, Whicker, Bagshaw, Halbert. **SOUTH:** Rivers, Roberts, Kerley, Thredgold, Backman, Ploenges.

SCORERS—STURT: Rigney 3.1, Langridge 3.1, M. E. Jones 2.2, Halbert 2.2, Tilbrook 2.0, Hicks 1.1, Murphy 0.2, Clarkson 0.1, Clarke 0.1, Rushed 0.1. **SOUTH:** Skuse 2.1, Roberts 2.0, Howlett 1.5, Kerley 1.0, Stewart 1.0, White 0.4, Backman 0.2, Judd 0.2, Thredgold 0.2, B. Foster 0.1, Kantilla 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Nil. **SOUTH:** Christie (shoulder) by Roennfeldt, half-time.

UMPIRE—K. Cunningham.

AT THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torr.	2-4	4-6	7-9	12-11	83
West	1-1	3-6	4-6	7-10	52

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Head, Gibson, Wright, Jackson, Graham, Kingston, Minervini. **WEST:** Pfitzner, Benton, Bennett, McGrath, Bitmead, DeBroughe, Burkett.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Minervini 3.1, Wright 3.0, Mulvihill 2.1, Lee 1.3, Butler 1.1, Pill 1.0, Kruse 1.0, Head 0.2, Jackson 0.1, Rushed 0.2. **WEST:** Bitmead 2.2, McGrath 2.0, Loveday 1.6, Burkett 1.1, Miller 1.0, DeBroughe 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Williams (sprained ankle) by Kruse, half-time. **WEST:** Nil.

UMPIRE—R. LeCornu.

AT ELIZABETH

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Cent.	3-3	5-5	10-8	12-9	81
North	2-0	2-4	5-8	8-9	57

BEST PLAYERS—CENTRAL: Eustice, Grlusich, Window, Hayes, Kemp, Barron, Daly, Phillips. **NORTH:** Lindner, Bloch, Francou, Cearns, Trenorden, Thomas, Pascoe.

SCORERS—CENTRAL: Window 3.0, Medhurst 2.2, Dickson 2.1, Barron 1.2, McGee 1.1, Daly 1.1, Kemp 1.0, Smith 1.0, Grlusich 0.2. **NORTH:** Thomas 3.1, Ryan 2.2, Cearns 1.1, Robinson 1.1, Stringer 1.1, Taylor 0.1, Bloch 0.1, Rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—CENTRAL: Smith (leg) by Middleton, three-quarter time. **NORTH:** Farrell (broken jaw) by Stringer, third term.

UMPIRE—M. O'Connell.

REPORTS—A. Sutter (North) for allegedly attempting to strike unnamed Central player in third term. **B. Dickson (Central)** for allegedly attempting to strike B. Pascoe, last term.

AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4-2	7-6	12-7	17-10	112
Glen.	2-3	4-5	8-7	10-11	71

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Cahill, Potter, Freeman, Philp, Fabian, Traynor, Bray, Errey. **GLENELG:** Button, McGowan, Anesbury, Long, Rice, Parker.

SCORERS—PORT: Freeman 9.1, Bray 5.1, Traynor 1.1, Cahill 1.0, Potter 1.0, Matters 0.3, Gill 0.1, Philp 0.1, Nygaard 0.1, Rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Long 2.2, McGowan 2.2, Anesbury 2.0, Button 1.1, Rice 1.0, Kernahan 1.0, Moss 1.0, McCarthy 0.2, Symonds 0.2, Morony 0.1, Rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Nil. **GLENELG:** Peek (leg) by Noonan, third term. Rice (leg) by McCarthy, three-quarter time.

UMPIRE—B. A. Lees.

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	2-7	7-16	10-17	15-25	115
Wdv.	4-1	7-3	11-6	11-8	74

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Woodcock, Bunton, Wedding, Redden, Vickers, Hillman. **WOODVILLE:** Obst, Crammond, Atkinson, T. Kneebone, Allen, Braidwood.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Brewer 6.5, Woodcock 4.3, Oatey 3.1, Vickers 1.3, Copping 1.0, Bunton 0.2, Wedding 0.2, Kneebone 0.2, Gurney 0.2, Rushed 0.5. **WOODVILLE:** Hoffman 3.2, Laing 2.1, Atkinson 2.1, Clasohm 2.0, Perry 1.3, Patterson 1.0, Christie 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Haines (shoulder) by Copping, half-time. Nygaard (cramp) by French, last term. **WOODVILLE:** Allen by Wilson.

UMPIRE—M. Posa.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Prem.	%
Port	12	1	1097	876	24	55.60
South	10	3	1155	855	20	57.46
Sturt	9	4	1276	876	18	59.29
North	8	5	1124	1011	16	52.65
Norwood	7	6	1136	1007	14	53.01
Glenelg	7	6	1136	1308	14	46.48
West	3	10	1007	1153	6	46.62
Woodville	3	10	1004	1225	6	45.04
Torrens	3	10	892	1150	6	43.68
Central	3	10	1035	1401	6	42.49

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Brewer (Norwood)	6-5	13	52-32
Freeman (Port)	9-1	11	40-30
Button (Glenelg)	1-1	12	39-31
W. Thomas (North)	3-1	12	37-23
Skuse (South)	2-1	11	34-32
Daly (Central)	1-1	13	31-20
Halbert (Sturt)	2-2	11	30-30
M. E. Jones (Sturt)	2-2	9	30-18

ATTENDANCES

Unley	11,977
Alberton	7,293
Adelaide	6,581
Elizabeth	5,136
Thebarton	4,410
TOTAL	35,397

HIGHEST, LOWEST

LEAGUE: Norwood 15-25 (115), West 7-10 (52). **SECONDS:** North 13-16 (91), Glenelg 4-4 (28).

NEXT WEEK

Torrens v. North (Adelaide).
Port v. Central (Alberton).
Glenelg v. Woodville (Glenelg).
Norwood v. Sturt (Norwood).
West v. South (Richmond).

THIRDS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	7-1	10-2	15-3	17-5	107
Port	0-2	1-5	2-8	4-11	55

GOALKICKERS—Glenelg: Hargrave 9, Ward 3, Redford, Paech, Johnson, Coppock, Neill, Port, Cahill, O'Connell, Dittmar, P. McCulloch. **Best Players—Glenelg:** Peek, Phillips, Johnson, Neill, Hamra, Hargrave, Ward. **Port:** Griffiths, Jensen, Dittmar, Harrington, Cahill.

By SAM GALLAGHER

Sturt today loomed as a major premiership contender with a convincing five-goal win over South at Unley Oval.

The Blues' great win dispelled any ideas that the battle for the 1965 title was a two-team affair between Port and South.

At Elizabeth, Central District maintained the tremendous improvement they have shown over the past four games to down fourth-ranked North Adelaide convincingly by 24 points.

North remain in fourth position but their road to the finals is hard. They have to meet Sturt, Port, and South.

Norwood and Glenelg trail North by only one game.

The Glenelg-Norwood clash at Prospect on August 14, and the Glenelg-Norwood game at Norwood a week later, could be decisive in the battle for fourth place.

Fine effort

Winning comfortably from Woodville, Norwood moved ahead of Glenelg into fifth place on percentage.

The aBys went down by 41 points at Alberton, where Port's winning rucks and centre-line enabled

them to control the game throughout.

In a great display at full-forward, Eric Freeman got nine goals from 10 shots for the Magpies.

At Thebarton, Torrens, with Head in top form, moved away to an untroubled 31-point win over West after an even first half.

State centremen Robert Day withdrew from the West side with a knee injury.

At Unley, Sturt cracked the usually impregnable South half-back line in a blazing seven-goal first quarter and were never headed.

Sturt's defence gave South no easy scoring shots, and although the Panthers' overall tally was the same as Sturt's, they finished five goals down.

Evidence

Central were clearly the better side against North.

The Red-and-Whites, despite a magnificent display of marking by Don Lindner, never moved with any confidence.

Central on the other

hand gave further evidence of the teamwork that has marked their game since they ran Port to a nine-point margin.

The inclusion of Grlusich was the turning point. If he had been eligible to play from the start of the season, Central might well have been challenging for a place in the top four.

The enthusiasm and potential of their young players justifies confidence that the team won't be long at the bottom of the premiership table.

Port's win over Glenelg took the Magpies two games clear in top position, and they looked a good side.

The Bays made a big effort in the third quarter when a stronger ruck bid brought McGowan and Rice into the game, but they lost Rice with an injury at three-quarter time, and could not maintain the pressure.

No answer

At centre, Cahill was outstanding for Port, and the Bays had no answer to Freeman and Bray.

At Adelaide, Woodville's plan to nullify Bill Wedding by throwing a succession of ruckmen against him did not work out and the big-fellow had a good day. He put the Redlegs on the road to victory.

PORT WON IN KEY PLACES

By DEAN STRINGER

With an ascendancy in ruck and across centre, and an accurate spearhead, Port ran out comfortable winners over Glenelg at Alberton Oval today.

The Magpies showed much better teamwork, and handled the ball more cleanly than the Bays.

Glenelg had plenty of play, but lacked a spearhead and co-operation in forward zones to finish off their drives.

A steady breeze favored the northern end, and Kernahan decided to kick with it.

The ground, although a little heavy, allowed players to obtain a sure foothold, except on the cricket pitch area.

Port, with Philp leading

Fast, open

their first ruck, controlled the early hit-outs. He enabled Potter to break clear several times.

The Bay defence withstood the first of the Magpie attacks, and cleared well.

The game was fast and open with neither side able to get a break.

Long snapped a point—the first score of the match—and from the kick-off Button took a good mark. His kick just made the distance.

Anesbury, at centre half-forward, was moving very well for Glenelg, and many times outmanoeuvred Motley, but found Fabian in the way.

Port, with good teamwork, went forward with well directed kicks.

A beautiful chain of passes from the Port full back position went down field to Freeman who took a fantastic running mark and kicked his second goal.

The first sign of teamwork by Glenelg enabled Kernahan to handball nicely to Rice, who goaled.

Into the breeze in the second term, Glenelg looked better, but quick, hard tackling by the Port defence forced them into many errors.

Too often handball went

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astray and poor ball handling allowed the Port defence to sweep the ball away.

Cahill gave Port drive from centre with deep, penetrating kicks.

Traynor stepped up his effort, and supported Philp well to give Potter an armchair ride.

Rice and McGowan scouted intelligently to force the ball forward, but received little help from the front line of attack.

Cut lead

The first 12 minutes of the third term was all Glenelg. Port could not get going.

Long and Kernahan temporarily got on top in ruck, and with Anesbury and Button very active, they cut the Magpie lead to six points.

Port came back strongly, and with good teamwork, kicked five goals straight to grab a handy four-goal lead at the last change.

During Port's burst they again took over the rucks and centre, and drove the ball forward, where Freeman was doing everything right.

Glenelg swung Sutherland on to Freeman in an effort to cut down his scoring, but it had little effect.

During this five-goal burst Port looked complete masters.

Had chance

Glenelg again had their chance in the first 10 minutes of the last term.

Port, although aided with the breeze, could not stop the Bays attacking.

Unfortunately for Glenelg, six such attacks produced only 2-2. Had they used a little more team-

work and accuracy they could have taken the lead.

Port gave evidence that a close finish was not justified and poured on five quick goals to run out comfortable winners.

Port had few passengers today but Cahill, at centre, was their best.

He covered a lot of ground and used every kick to advantage.

Numerous times he used his speed to draw away from the packs and kick deep to his forwards.

Potter, roving to winning rucks, was a tower of strength.

Freeman, with nine goals, gave an excellent display at full forward. It was unfortunate that his tenth kick was off line.

Button and McGowan were Glenelg's best.

Button at times attempted to cover too much ground, but took many fine marks and kicked strongly.

Anesbury proved too elusive for Motley on the day, while Long tried hard in ruck.

MILDARA TROPHY

Voting for the Mildara Trophy on a three, two, one basis by The Sunday Mail football experts today was:

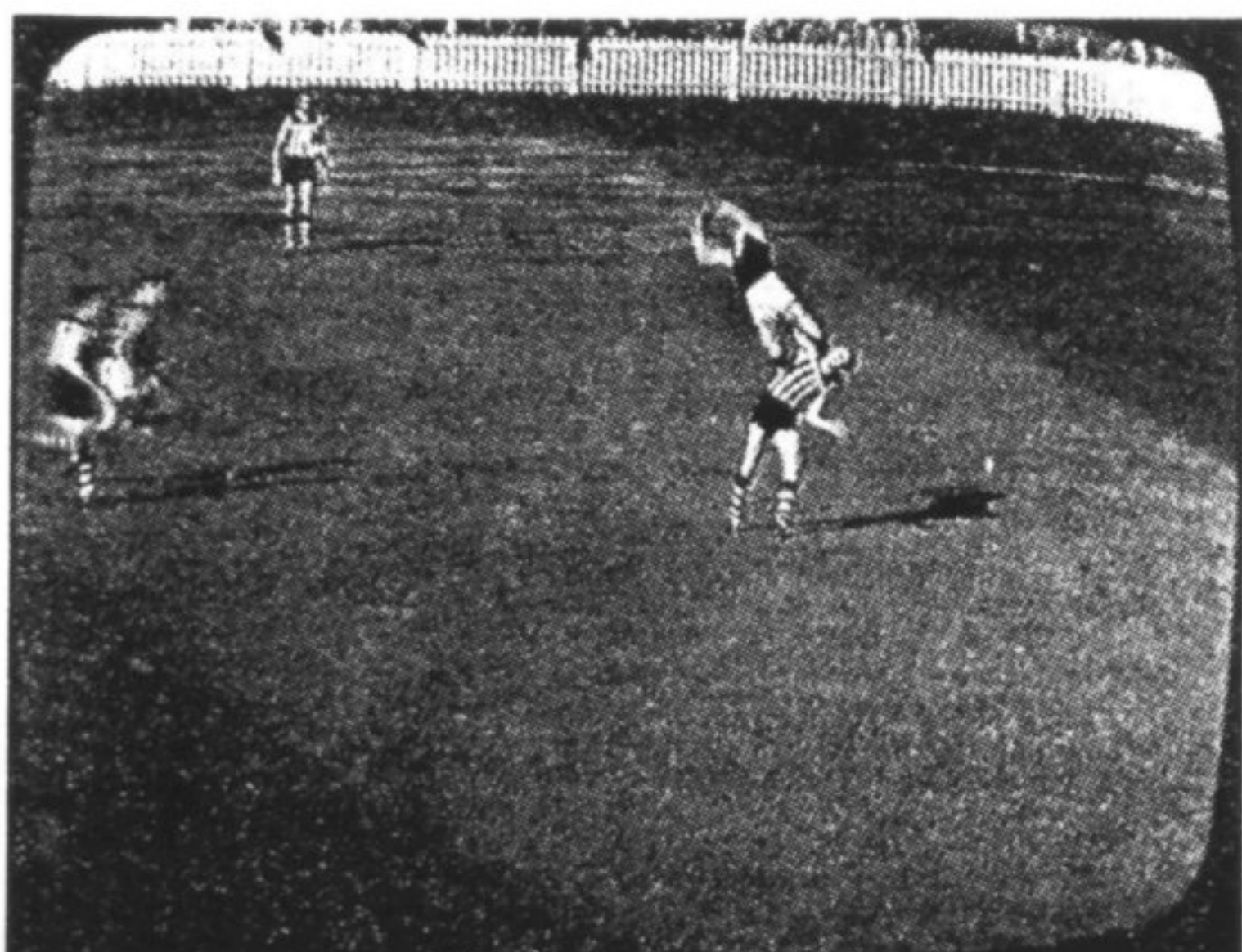
Norwood v. Woodville.—D Woodcock (Norwood), H Bunton (Norwood), P Obst (Woodville).

Port v. Glenelg.—J. V. Cahill (Port), J. G. Potter (Port), R. E. Button (Glenelg).

Central v. North.—K. Eustice (Central), T. Grlusich (Central), D. Lindner (North).

Sturt v. South.—R. Rigney (Sturt), B. Adcock (Sturt), R. Schoff (Sturt).

Torrens v. West.—L. Head (Torrens), R. Gibson (Torrens), J. Pfitzner (West).



THIS IS THE sensational mark taken by Glenelg's Ray Button as he leaps over Port Adelaide half-back Robert Elix at Alberton Oval today. The shoulder-high leap was captured by Channel 9 cameras. It is seen here as it was shown on Channel 9's football telecast.