

STURT STEP CLOSER TO TITLE

By SAM GALLAGHER

Sturt's win over Port at Alberton today did more than keep the Blues in top place on the ladder.

It was a definite step by Sturt in the direction of the premiership.

Today's details at a glance

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	3-3	6-10	9-12	13-15	93
Nwd.	1-2	3-3	7-10	8-13	61

BEST PLAYERS — SOUTH: Pascoe, Shaw, Darley, Schmidt, White, O'Brien, B. Foster, Rivers. **NORWOOD:** Kneebone, Haines, Modra, Wedding, Woolford, Nygaard, Vickers.

SCORERS — SOUTH: W. Foster 3.1, Ross 3.1, Pascoe 1.2, B. Foster 1.1, Howlett 1.1, Mills 1.1, Kerley 1.0, O'Brien 1.0, White 1.0, Skuse 0.5, Darley 0-1, Roberts 0.1, rushed 0.1. **NORWOOD:** Brewer 4.1, Harrison 2.1, Blood 2.0, Sutter 0.4, Oatey 0.2, Kneebone 0.1, Woodcock 0.1, rushed 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS — SOUTH: B. Foster (cramp) by Whitford at the end of the third term. **NORWOOD:** Nil.

UMPIRE.—M. Ducker.

AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4-4	4-7	6-15	9-18	72
Port	3-1	7-1	7-2	11-4	70

BEST PLAYERS — STURT: Bagshaw, Raymond, Clarkson, Chessell, Rigney, Clarke, Schoff, Miels. **PORT:** Cahill, Cooper, Obst, Elieway, Haslam, Potter.

SCORERS — STURT: Chessell 3.2, Jones 2.3, Dunn 2.2, Halbert 1.3, Miels 1.2, Rigney 0.4, Murphy 0.1, rushed 0.1. **PORT:** Freeman 4.0, Cahill 2.0, Spencer 1.1, Gill 1.1, Haslam 1.0, Philp 1.0, Moore 1.0, Potter 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — STURT: Nil. **PORT:** Philp by Traynor during the last term. Beaufoy by Errey during the last term.

UMPIRE.—M. Posa.

AT ELIZABETH

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torr.	0-2	8-4	11-5	13-7	85
Cent.	2-3	4-4	6-7	7-9	51

BEST PLAYERS — TORRENS: Head, Butler, Bills, Braidwood, Giblett, Howell. **CENTRALS:** Grusich, Edmonds, Burns, Window, McGee, Phillips, Daly, Lipp.

SCORERS — TORRENS: Gould 4.0, Miller 3.0, Head 2.2, Kingston 2.2, Wildy 1.2, Tye 1.0, Howell 0.1. **CENTRALS:** Daly 4.1, McGee 1.2, Grusich 1.2, Window 1.1, Haylock 0.2, Burns 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — TORRENS: Kingston (shoulder) by Wright during the last term. **CENTRALS:** Stutley (back) by Bentley at the end of the second term.

UMPIRE.—R. Hall.

AT GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4-2	7-7	12-10	14-12	96
Glen.	2-4	7-5	9-9	11-11	77

BEST PLAYERS — NORTH ADELAIDE: Dixon, Paull, Sheridan, Bloch, Taylor, H. Lindner, Anderson, Geisler, Stringer. **GLENELG:** Paulus, Blackburn, Richens, McGowan, Neill, Moss, B. Long.

SCORERS — NORTH: Anderson 3.4, Dixon 3.1, Taylor 2.3, Sheridan 2.0, Geisler 1.2, Thomas 1.1, D. Lindner 1.0, Trenorden 1.0, May 0.1. **GLENELG:** Ward 3.0, Sutherland 2.2, Anesbury 2.2, McGowan 1.2, Redford 1.0, Moss 1.0, Colbey 1.0, B. Long 0.2, Mills 0.1, Richens 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — NORTH: Nil. **GLENELG:** D. Long (shoulder injury during first term), Edwards (thigh) by Redford during the second term.

REPORTS — Don Lindner reported by field umpire Foster for allegedly kicking Glenelg player Sinclair during the third quarter.

Hank Lindner was reported by goal umpire Logan for allegedly trying to kick a Glenelg player during the second quarter.

UMPIRE.—W. Foster.

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	1-4	6-9	8-12	12-16	88
Wdv.	6-1	7-2	11-5	12-5	77

BEST PLAYERS — WEST: Hooper, Hughes, Pannenberg, Day, Pfitzner, Jonas. **WOODVILLE:** Hansch, K. Kelly, Christie, O'Connor, West, Simonsen.

SCORERS — WEST: Hooper 4.1, Pannenberg 2.2, Burkett 2.2, Shueard 1.1, Day 1.0, McCarthy 1.0, Roach 1.0, Sims 0.6, Jamieson 0.1, rushed 0.3. **WOODVILLE:** Roache 3.0, Atkinson 2.0, Christie 2.1, O'Connor 2.0, Perry 1.1, Peterson 1.0, Bradley 1.0, Hansch 0.1, Young 0.1, Obst 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — WEST: Day (cramp) by Ryan during the last term. **WOODVILLE:** Kneebone (leg) by Tee during the third term.

UMPIRE.—K. Cunningham.

ATTENDANCES

Alberton	15,154
Adelaide	13,689
Elizabeth	5,940
Glenelg	5,544
Woodville	2,678

TOTAL 43,005

NEXT WEEK

South v. Glenelg (Adelaide).
Centrals v. Port (Elizabeth).
Norwood v. West (Norwood).
Torrens v. North (Thebarton).
Sturt v. Woodville (Unley).

By breaking Port's run of victories on the Magpies' home ground, they overcame a real hoodoo.

Despite their high level of skill and tremendous improvements over the past two years, the Magpies' scalp was one Sturt could not hang on their belt.

Although their margin today could hardly have been more narrow, Sturt showed they have what it takes to win the close ones.

The confidence derived from this will be invaluable in the major round.

No danger

Port dropped a rung to fourth place as a result of their loss.

At Adelaide, South had to win.

They did, without ever being in real danger.

Norwood's handball failed to click with the magic of last Saturday, and South were able to match Wedding in ruck.

The loss was a heavy blow to Norwood's fading hopes of making the finals.

West kept their hopes alive and moved two games clear of the Redlegs when they got in by 11 points at Woodville.

The Red-and-Blacks trail South and Port by one game and their next two are tough ones—Norwood at Norwood and South at Richmond.

Torrens maintained their one-point break in second position and at this stage look the likely fourth team in the finals.

Tough one

North won by 19 points at the Bay, but they face a tough one at Thebarton next week.

Torrens were clearly superior in their clash at Adelaide three weeks ago when Butler, Head, and Kingston took the Eagles away to a good win.

The inclusion of Bob Hammond at centre-half-back could solve one of North's weaknesses for this important game.

A loss to North will probably see them out of the four.

Port and South, drawn against Centrals and Glenelg, both have superior percentages.

Following next week's game, Torrens face Port at Alberton and then Sturt at Adelaide.

So victory is important for the Eagles, too.

Victory hope

Against Centrals today Lindsay Head continued to display the brilliant form which suggests he could win a fourth Magarey Medal.

North's tactics against Head this time will have to be more successful than at their previous meeting if the Red-and-Whites are to have a chance of winning.

West go to Norwood in the hope of repeating their Richmond victory.

The Redlegs have restored Kneebone to full back since then, and his duel with Sims will have a big bearing on the result.

AFTER-SIREN GOAL WINS

Chessell marked a miskick by a teammate at Alberton today and kicked a goal AFTER THE SIREN to give Sturt a two-point win.

It was Sturt's first win over Port in 10 games, and their first success at Alberton in 18 years.

Sturt's only two defeats this year have been at the hands of Port.

Early in the last quarter the game looked safe for Sturt.

They had a 21-point margin, but in a typical Port recovery the home team kicked four goals.

Port led by four points, in a heart-stopping finish Sturt's Bagshaw marked behind half-forward, lined up for a shot, slipped, and miskicked.

Living forward, Chessell marked 35 yards out at a slight angle—and the siren sounded.

His accurate shot gave a two-point win.

After the match Chessell was carried into the dressing room by teammates and stood on a

trestle.

Sturt players then sang the club song.

Tonight, Chessell said: "I looked at the clock and realised we were in the last minute of the day."

Paul Bagshaw took a terrific mark and seemed to have a shot. It was a miskick and when I saw it dropping snort and coming towards me I made do-or-die dive at it.

"As I walked back all I could think of was coach Jack Oatey's instructions that we had to win."

"I thought I had miskicked and the ball would not make it. It looked a wobbly punt."

"Then it went through."

Chessell's mother and a friend, Miss Marie Osborne, were in the grandstand but could not see Chessell's goal because of the crowd.

North always had Tigers' measure

By BOB HANK

North always had a reply when threatened by the Tigers, and got home by 19 points in an interesting, if not spectacular game at Glenelg Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4-2	7-7	12-10	14-12	96
Glenelg	2-4	7-5	9-9	11-11	77

North owed their win to more strength and purpose in attack, with the high marking of Anderson and Taylor always a threat to the Glenelg defence.

In addition Dixon and Sheridan gave the Roosters a two-pronged outer attack after Don Lindner was prevented from maintaining his promising start by a good defensive game from Phillis.

Players were handicapped by several heavy patches on the oval, but once they adjusted their balance to the conditions there were some good passages from both sides.

Glenelg suffered an early blow when ace ruckman Doug Long left the field with a badly damaged elbow.

He had controlled the ruck work to this stage but when he left Taylor began to exert a strong influence on North's play.

Had Anderson been on target in the second term, North could have streaked away to a big lead.

Superior

North, with Bloch and the wingmen in control across centre, and Dixon and Sheridan pushing the ball through from their flanks, were clearly the superior team.

But five goals in a row to the Tigers while North got one from Taylor, brought the game back to life.

McGowan sparked the revival with a sudden emergence from a quiet opening, and with five players each kicking a goal, the Tigers were only two points down.

When Edwards limped off in the second term, Glenelg had both reserves on before half-time.

Anesbury, who had been beaten by Bloch at centre, was in the forward pocket upon resumption, and it was soon obvious he was carrying a leg injury.

Sutherland also took a tumble when flying over Trenorden, and this took much of the sting from his game.

Anderson took a turn in ruck for North, and with Geisler and Thomas roving well, North took the game away from Glenelg in the third term.

Sutherland and McGowan both missed easy chances at the southern goal, which may have given the Tigers a taste of blood at this stage.

Sat tight

Goals late in the term to Moss and Colbey kept Glenelg in touch, but a great passage of play between Trenorden and Dixon culminated in the "veteran" North defender kicking a goal.

It was obvious that North had only to sit tight to gain the points while Glenelg needed a tremendous forward lift that looked unlikely as the final term began.

Anesbury battled on gamely on one leg to keep the scoring even, but strong defence from Hank Lindner, Paull, and Sutter, maintained North's 19 point lead to the end.

In a game often at close quarters, umpire Foster took the view that too much whistle would congest play even further.

He disregarded many of the trivial offences but maintained order and consistency throughout.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Sturt	11	2	—	1341	992	22	57.4%
Torrens	9	3	1	1173	885	19	56.99
North	9	4	—	1057	937	18	53.01
Port	8	5	—	1096	871	16	55.72
South	8	5	—	1155	980	16	54.10
West	7	6	—	1048	1064	14	49.62
Norwood	5	8	—	1023	1193	10	46.16
Woodville	3	9	1	930	1161	7	44.48
Centrals	2	11	—	849	1191	4	41.62
Glenelg	2	11	—	857	1255	4	40.58

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Brewer (Norwood)	4-1	13	49-24
Freeman (Port)	4-0	12	45-22
Sims (West)	0-6	13	39-37
Halbert (Sturt)	1-3	13	37-27
Grusich (Centrals)	1-2	12	26-12
Coleman (North)	—	9	24-19
Jones (Sturt)	2-3	8	24-19
Head (Torrens)	2-2	13	23-21