

Sturt prove their rating

By SAM GALLAGHER

Sturt confirmed their right to top ranking with a fine win over North at Prospect, and West emerged as the big improvers in today's opening league round.

A clear superiority in ruck was the main reason for Sturt's convincing win over North.

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Football

LIFT-OUT

The Blues played devastating football in their second quarter burst, adding 6-2 without reply from North.

Their ability to get the ball away from the centre bounces and the drive generated by Bagshaw, Murphy, Shearman, and Rigney wrested the initiative from North.

When North threw out a challenge early in the last term, Sturt's defence was shaken but Nelson and Schwarz steadied and the Blues were in complete control at the finish.



Paul Bagshaw

ALBERTON

According to Bill Sutherland, the first half at Alberton was a tough, sloggish affair with Fred Phillis the focal point of the Bay attack directed through the brilliant Marker at centre half-forward.

Port Adelaide came back through Ebert at full forward in the second quarter with Cahill and Beaufooy the key men.

The turning point came in the first 10 minutes of the third quarter with quick goals to Beaufooy, P. Obst, and Broadridge against the breeze.

Port's defence stiffened and the influence of Spencer and Peter Obst on the ball took the Magpies to a 17 point lead at the last change.

Despite Corne's strong effort in ruck in the last quarter, Glenelg could make no headway against the wind and Port's powerful defence.

WEST

Stan Wickham reports that West's teamwork was the decisive factor in the day's biggest win over South at Adelaide.

Murray Weidemann in his debut as the Red-and-Blacks' playing coach inspired his side with a great all-round display.

West attacked through a winning half-forward line with Roach and Burkett on top and their defence gave little away.

Darley was South's star and best afield with a great individual effort.

West showed a tendency to flashness at times but generally their exhibition spelt danger to the more highly regarded teams.



Bob Oatey

Thebarton where the result was not decided until the last minute of the game.

The scores were in touch almost throughout a fiery clash.

At centre half-forward for the Eagles Brenton Bills fulfilled the promise shown in trial games with a fine first half.

Noel Teasdale was best afield in his first appearance for Woodville but the Eagles' greater experience told in the closing stages.

At Norwood Bob Oatey was another new coach to show that responsibility will not reduce his effectiveness.

Oatey was the inspiration behind Norwood's match-winning third quarter, when they kicked 8.3 to Centrals 2.0.

This burst was the only difference between the sides.

The Bulldogs began strongly to lead by five goals at one stage and in reply Norwoods' third term they put in a strong finish to kick 4.9 to 3.1 by the Redlegs.



Peter Darley

CLOSEST

Bill Henderson saw the day's closest tussle at

EVEN FIRST HALF, BUT . . .

Port's finish too strong for Glenelg

By BILL SUTHERLAND

After an even first half, Port, with a strong third quarter against the breeze when they added 3-3 to 0-2 by Glenelg, finished strongly in the last quarter to run out comfortable winners at Alberton Oval.

Spencer's great third quarter and a big tightening in defence stifled the hard-fighting young Tigers in the second term.

The Tigers were without Kerley, ankle injury, and he was replaced by Moss, going straight into ruck.

Eustice won the toss and kicked to the northern end. Umpire O'Connell was in charge before a good opening crowd of 9,000.

The young Tigers were first away with umpire O'Connell awarding a 15 yard penalty to Fitzgerald for a point.

The rucks neutralised each other with neither side gaining any ascendancy.

Port's first goal came from a string of handballs after Clayton had intercepted a short clearing kick — Peter Obst to Cahill on to Potter and his kick was true.

Glenelg came back through Fitzgerald at half-forward right and the strong Phillis marked in front and made no mistake.

Marker attacked straight to full forward but this time Elway was equal to the task.

Peach retrieved the clearing kick and Phillis marked and kicked strongly for his third goal for the quarter.

No quarter

First-quarter scores were Glenelg 3-1, Port 1-2.

Elway repulsed a Bay attack with a strong chest mark.

The Bays came back through Eustice again to Rowe, who bounced once too often and sliced his kick.

Fletcher's clearance from the back pocket was played on well to Haslam, and finally Broadridge goal.

Cahill's long torpedo from a free kick went for a point as Port did the attacking.

Umpire O'Connell took Ebert within distance with a 15-yard penalty, and the Waikerie recruit posted his first goal in league company.

The Bays attacked again but Elix passed to Yeo, to Beaufooy, back to Yeo and his pass was marked by Ebert to goal.

He repeated the dose seconds later after Beaufooy again had passed the ball well.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1-2	5-7	8-9	9-13	67
Glenelg	3-1	6-2	6-4	6-7	43

The Bays bounced back through Fred Phillis to snap his fourth goal.

Voigt, the Tigers' wingman, followed up with a colossal shot from the boundary for the Bays' fifth goal.

Marker to Hamilton to Peach saw Cornes put the Bays in front with a hooked shot over his shoulder.

Marker again to Cornes saw the big blonde jump high to mark but Elix cleared well.

A point the difference at half-time was a true indication of a fine game.

Half-time scores were Glenelg 6-2, Port 5-7.

Port made full use of the West Australian ball, introduced at half-time.

Within a minute they goaled through Broadridge to Beaufooy to take the lead by five points.

The Magpies attacked again for Peter Obst to mark high and kick an angled goal.

Broadridge relieved with a strong mark over Phillis, followed again by Elway as the Bays attacked twice through rover Peach.

Clayton twice out-marked Marker early in this quarter.

There was plenty of vigour in the Port half-forward line as players threw everything into the game.

Big leaping Spencer brought down a beauty at centre and his long kick was marked by Ebert, his kick was short but he marked the rebound for a point only.

Ebert again to Broadridge for another goal to Port and they went four goals clear.

The Port big men were marking well in the field play as Peter Obst flew high again at centre half-back to turn the Bays out.

Elway marked coolly over Phillis to stop yet another Bay attack. He was clearly on top of Phillis.

Eustice to Fitzgerald with a good handball to the fast-moving Marker gave the Tigers a chance, but he missed a sitter.

Port rebounded through Erre yto Yeo for a point. The lion-hearted Spencer again marked high to relieve for Port.

Ebert was at centre half-forward with Beaufooy at the goalfrost as Sweeney passed to Cahill on the siren.

This was Port's quarter with a 17-point lead at the siren — holding the Bays goal-less.

Third-quarter scores were Port 8-9, Glenelg 6-4.

The Bays attacked to the Cheltenham end through Marker but Fletcher to Elix was good defence.

Goals need

Fred Phillis marked again at centre to send the Bays in but Trevor Obst cleared strongly.

Moss went to full forward.

Marker again bounced his way from centre to within kicking distance but shot wide for a point.

The Bays badly needed goals at this stage.

Moss hooked another point after Voigt had moved through with great dash from centre wing. The Bays would not give in.

Cornes was in everything for Glenelg as he cleared to Voigt on to Marker but his shot bounced back as Staite let it go for Elix to clear.

Trevor Obst was replaced by Nyland at the 20-minute mark.

Port came back again through Cahill to Yeo but he kicked off line.

Port were holding grimly to their 19-point lead with Sweeney diving on Rowe as he ran into an open goal. Once again the Port tackle saved them.

Haydn Linke bulldozed his way through Potter to clear to half-forward.

Eustice and Broadridge clashed in the middle, with honors even.

The Tigers had only added two points since half-time, with five minutes to go.

Cahill put the lid on the game for Port with a long goal from a free.

Final scores were Port 9-13, Glenelg 6-7.

AT A GLANCE

AT PROSPECT

Sturt 0-2 7-6 12-8 14-14 98

North 3-8 4-10 7-14 8-16 64

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Nelson, Schoff, Murphy, Shearman, Bagshaw, Clarkson, Adcock, Chessell. NORTH: Robinson, Jaworskyj, Byers, Robran, Sutter, Sachse, Von Bertouch.

SCORERS—STURT: Shearman 4.4, Jones 4.1, Rigney 1.2, Ottens 1.1, Chessell 1.0, Clarke 1.0, Murphy 1.0, Tilbrook 1.0, Clarkson 0.2, Dunn 0.2, Greenslade 0.2. NORTH: Sachse 5.2, Von Bertouch 1.2, Francou 1.0, Phillips 1.0, Robinson 0.4, Cearns 0.4, Barr 0.2, Lindner 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Rigney by Dunn, last term. Clarke by Martin, last term. NORTH: Cerans (thigh) by Geisler, third quarter. Hammond by Haslam, last quarter.

UMPIRE—M. E. Ducker.

AT ALBERTON

Port 1-2 5-7 8-9 9-13 67

Glen. 3-1 6-2 6-4 6-7 43

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Cahill, Broadbridge, Spencer, Elix, Fletcher, Leal, Errey, P. Obst, Elway. GLENELG: Linke, Smith, Cornes, Marker, D. Long, Knill, Voigt, Phillis, Paech.

SCORERS—PORT: Ebert 3.1, Broadbridge 2.1, Cahill 1.3, Potter 1.1, Beaufooy 1.0, P. Obst 1.0, Leal 0.3, Yeo 0.2, Haslam 0.1, Spencer 0.1. GLENELG: F. Phillis 4.2, Voigt 1.1, Cornes 1.0, Marker 0.2, Moss 0.1, D. Long 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: T. Obst (cramp) by Nyland, last term.

UMPIRE—M. J. O'Connell.

AT ADELAIDE

West 4-2 8-5 10-8 15-11 101

South 3-0 5-2 7-3 8-6 54

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Weideman, Burkett, Loveday, Kuchel, Hooper, Roach, Pannenburg. SOUTH: Darley, Backman, Bais, White, Schmidt, Hebbard, Ploenges.

SCORERS—WEST: Sims 5.1, Burkett 4.2, De-Brouge 2.0, Jonas 1.1, Hooper 1.1, Sara 1.0, Pannenburg 1.0, Roach 0.2, Plew 0.1, rushed 0.3. SOUTH: Darley 2.0, Howe 1.1, Hendrie 1.0, Thredgold 1.0, Roennfeldt 1.0, White 1.0, Matchett 1.0, Backman 0.2, Jones 0.2, Rivers 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Plew (leg) by Jonas, last term. SOUTH: Judd (knee) by W. Foster, second term; White (leg) by Matchett, last term.

UMPIRE—D. Russell.

AT NORWOOD

Nwd. 3-4 8-9 16-12 19-13 127

Cent. 6-4 8-8 10-8 14-17 101

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: R. Oatey, Wedding, Inglis, Anderson, Molloy, Modra, Shilla-beer, Sinclair. CENTRALS: Shortill, Wickham, Mulholland, Davis, Stutley, Kleinig, Webber.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Sinclair 5.2, Shilla-beer 4.0, R. Oatey 3.2, Woodcock 2.1, Butchart 2.0, Wedding 1.2, Gregerson 1.2, Molloy 1.1, Smith 0.2, rushed 0.1. CENTRALS: Vidovich 3.2, Webber 3.2, Jackson 3.1, Shortill 2.1, Mulholland 1.2, Davis 1.2, Morey 1.0, Wickham 0.2, Smith 0.1, Kleinig 0.1, Stanton 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Anderson (twisted knee) by Haines, third term. Modra (cramp) by Taylor, last term. CENTRALS: Jackson (concussion) by Webber, half-time. Farnham by Hill, last term.

UMPIRE—P. M. Craig.

AT THEBARTON

Torr. 1-4 5-10 6-10 8-17 65

Wdv. 2-5 5-7 6-13 7-15 57

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: J. Graham, Forsyth, Birt, Virgo, B. Bills, Gibson. WOODVILLE: Teasdale, Huppertz, Cummings, Christie, Hoffmann, Boscence, Simunsen.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Head 2.4, Forsyth 2.0, Lee 1.3, Mulvihill 1.3, Birt 1.2, Tye 1.1, Clarke 0.1, B. Bills 0.1, Phill 0.1, rushed 0.1. WOODVILLE: Huppertz 2.4, Cummings 2.1, Cross 1.1, Barbary 1.0, Christie 1.0, Roache 0.3, Reeves 0.2, Simunsen 0.2, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: F. Bills (thigh) by Jackson, first term. Mulvihill by Perks, last term. WOODVILLE: Barbary (concussion) by Reeves, second term.

UMPIRE—R. C. Hall.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
West	1	—	101	54	2	65.16	
Port	1	—	67	43	2	60.91	
Sturt	1	—	93	64	2	60.49	
Norwood	1	—	127	101	2	55.70	
Torrens	1	—	65	57	2	53.28	
Woodville	—	1	57	65	—	46.72	
Centrals	—	1	101	127	—	44.30	
North	—	1	64	98	—	39.51	
Glenelg	—	1	43	67	—	39.09	
South	—	1	54	101	—	34.84	

TOP GOALKICKERS

Sachse (North)	5.2
Sinclair (Norwood)	5.2
Sims (West)	5.1
Shearman (Sturt)	4.4
F. Phillis (Glenelg)	4.2
Burkett (West)	4.2
Jones (Sturt)	4.1
Shilla-beer (Norwood)	4.0

HIGHEST, LOWEST

LEAGUE
Norwood 19-13 (127) and Glenelg 6-7 (43).

SECONDS
South Adelaide 20-15 (135) and Woodville 6-13 (49).

ATTENDANCES

Prospect	16,434
Alberton	12,827
Adelaide	8,911
Norwood	8,742
Thebarton	5,834

Total

NEXT WEEK

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