

TODAY'S FOOTBALL

NORWOOD HOLD OFF CHALLENGE FROM STURT

One Point Win In Hard Game

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	3—4	5—11	7—15	8—20	68
Sturt	1—0	4—4	6—7	9—13	67

By Vic Johnson

Trailing Norwood throughout, Sturt put in a paralyzing burst to draw level with their opponents towards the end of the game at Unley today, only to see Connolly score a point to give the redlegs victory by that margin. The win gives Norwood a firm grip of second position on the premiership table.

Best Players—Norwood: Oatey, Poweraker, Holliday, Way, Olds, Ulseth, Paxton, Sturt, Ingham, Gibson, Langley, Sladden, Bagshaw, Tonkin, Koch.

Goalkeepers—Norwood: Poweraker (2), Nicholls, Connolly, Lawrence, Oatey, Ameer, Sawley, Sturt: Gibson (3), Reynolds, Koch, Green (each 2).

Sturt—Backs: Peake, Ingham, Whelan. Half-backs: Tester, Cheesman, Sladden. Centres: Tonkin, Kleinig, May. Half-forwards: Price, Tuohy, Potter. Forwards: Gibson, Green, Koch. Ruck: Bagshaw, Reynolds, Langley, Merchant (19th).

Norwood—Backs: Thompson, Holmesby, O'Loughlin. Half-backs: Ulseth, Holliday, Bannister. Centres: Olds, Poweraker, Paxton. Half-forwards: Schmeisler, Sawley, Lawrence. Forwards: Ameer, Connolly, Nicholls. Ruck: Price, Way, Oatey, Matthews (19th).

Umpire, M. F. Armstrong. Estimated attendance, 7,500.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.C.
*Port	13	1	1,493	1,077	24	58.0
Norwood	9	5	1,080	1,022	18	51.1
Sturt	7	7	1,470	1,183	14	55.4
North	7	7	1,245	1,313	14	48.6
Torrens	7	7	1,271	1,393	14	47.6
West	6	8	1,141	1,305	12	43.0
Glenelg	4	10	1,205	1,408	8	46.0
South	3	11	1,168	1,359	6	46.2

*Two points deducted by league, because of Port playing an unqualified player.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Scott (South)	2	53
Burt (Glenelg)	2	47
Leske (Sturt)	—	45
Quinn (Port)	2	42
Hawke (North)	6	41
McArthur (West)	1	36

Torrens Beat West In One of Hardest Games of Season

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	2—3	8—7	10—12	14—21	105
West	3—2	5—5	10—6	12—11	83

By Keith Butler

Sweeping down the ground during the final 15 minutes of play, Torrens turned their entire atomic power on the battered West defences to win one of the season's hardest fought games by 22 points at the Adelaide Oval today.

CONSIDERING the heavy ground it was a most vigorous game, and the players on both sides proved that they were in great physical condition when they stood up to the heavy buffeting that was handed out as the lead see-sawed from one team to the other.

From the opening bell until half-way through the last quarter there was nothing between the two teams. It looked anyone's match when West cut down Torrens' one-goal advantage in the last quarter to lead by a point. But this was the last time that they were in front. It was hard going for Torrens to regain the lead, but they did, and held it to the bitter end.

West adapted themselves to the heavy conditions quicker than Torrens and were faster to the ball. Strong ruck work by Taylor and Cahill had them in front early. The last half of the first quarter it was Torrens' turn, and they bombarded the West goal through their two wingers, Edwards and Turner.

Evidently Cahill's great clearing in the back lines was too much for one Torrens supporter, and the remarks he hurled at Cahill were too much for that player. As the quarter-time bell rang Cahill jumped the pickets to get a close-up of his heckler. He was led back to the ground by two of his fellow-players.

Thiele was in great form at centre half-back, and if unable to get his hands on the ball used his feet to advantage, and on one occasion to the disadvantage of West.

If the players were unable to get set when going for the ball they made sure that the other fellow did not. Spoiling tactics on both sides were excellent.

Hank and Burkett had a great duel in the muddy centre. Both men are roamers and they fought it out through the day with nothing to choose between them at the finish. Brilliant players that they both are, neither stay in the circle

and at times can be found in out-of-the-way spots. This tends to throw added work on the shoulders of team-mates. A good position player may find them wanting!

West ruckmen *Tonkin and Hodgens won in the ruck during the second quarter, when their team kicked 5—4 to 2—3. Torrens' first five goals were kicked by as many players. Most of these came from snapshots. The scouting of the Torrens smaller men, Nicholls, Barnes, and Jenner did much to out their team in front at half-time.

After half-time West showed more co-operation and not so many of their big men flew for the ball in bunches. They threw themselves into the play, kicked the ball off the ground, and generally fought their way goalward to get within six points of Torrens at three-quarter time.

Torrens half-backs, Cox, Thiele, and R. Roberts were meeting West with everything they had, and as fast as they cleared the ball was returned.

Fachse, West centre half-back took everything that came his way, including McInnes and Phillips, who were both tried at centre half-forward.

After being a safe avenue of attack all day, Edwards, Torrens winger, played a brilliant last quarter, and coupled with Wood's great position play at half-forward, Torrens were able to take the lead and hold it.

West fought the match right out, asking no quarter and giving none. They were unable to get the ball past half-forward during the closing stages, but never let up for a minute. Considering the rain-sodden turf, it was a good exhibition of Australian rules football.

Best Players—Torrens: Edwards, Thiele, Hank, Tonkin, R. Roberts, Turner, Wood. West: Fachse, Burkett, Chynoweth, Binney, Cahill, Taylor, Mackay.

Goalkeepers—Torrens: Nicholls, Jenner (each 3), Prior, Wood (each 2), Tonkin, Hodgens, McInnes, Turner. West: Taylor, Mackay, Oatway (each 2), McArthur, Cahill, Jordan, Binney, Fimeri, O'Donovan.

North Too Strong For South

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3—2	9—4	14—8	17—12	114
South	5—3	7—5	8—5	10—9	69

By Amos Bottroff

Speed and determination enabled North to defeat South by 45 points at Prospect Oval today.

By half-time, North appeared to have the game in hand, and they were producing sound football.

Hoskins played a steadfast game for the home team, and his example as captain gave the side early hope.

South had led to the first change, but from then on North gradually overhauled them, and never weakened.

Best Players—North: Hoskins, Cearns, Hawke, West, Burton, Lush, Woolford, Fash. South: Boyle, Pryor, Ryan, Scott, Doherty, Hogan, Simpson.

Goalkeepers—North: Hawke (6), Hoskins (3), Arbon, Harris, Cearns (2), Power, Woolford. South: Boyle, Scott, Hearn, Murphy, Templeton (2).

Melbourne Games

Melbourne football games today resulted:—

LEAGUE

Essendon, 14—22; Richmond, 10—13.
Hawthorn, 14—21; Geelong, 9—13.
Carlton, 13—11; Collingwood, 13—5.
Pitaroy, 17—27; St. Kilda, 8—14.
Melbourne, 12—18; Footscray, 12—9.
South Melbourne, 21—8; North, 10—16.

BRILLIANT THIRD QUARTER BY PORT

By C. L. B. Starr

In a brilliant third quarter, Port scored 9—7 to 1—2 by Glenelg, and gave spectators a treat, displaying outstanding team work and accurate foot and hand passing which left Glenelg yards behind and out of position at Alberton Oval today. Port won by 28 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	6.8	7.13	16.20	17.23	125
Glenelg	0.2	6.4	7.6	15.7	97

Port—Backs: Serotzki, Fletcher, McFarlane. Half-backs: Dolman, L. McLean, Darling. Centres: Horne, Roberts, Mangan. Half-forwards: Faulkhead, Dangerfield, Franklin. Forwards: Hoffman, Grimm, Growden. Ruck: R. McLean, Bunton, Quinn, Natt (19th).

Glenelg—Backs: Low, Hall, Masters. Half-backs: Boots, Keane, Hunt. Centres: N. Edwards, Ormond, Bartlett. Half-forwards: Owens, Cock, Reddin. Forwards: Masters, Hall, Low. Ruck: Austen, Corbett, Burt, Leibig (19th).

Umpire, H. D. Carter. Estimated attendance, 1,000.

Opening with the assistance of a strong breeze, Port quickly took the lead, and Grimm, making a successful debut at full-forward for Port, raised their first goal. L. G. McLean, McFarlane, Darling, and Fletcher turned several dangerous Glenelg thrusts, and then Faulkhead snapped Port's second goal. Mishandling of the ball by both sides detracted from good football. Grimm again scored full points. Meanwhile Glenelg had been held scoreless.

Hausen opened Glenelg's score with a point from a free, the ball hitting the post. Then Crabbe missed badly from a favorable position.

Winning in the ruck and across centre, Port continued to hammer at the goal, and Bunton scored two goals from neat kicks.

Hall, for Glenelg, was playing a lone hand in defence for the tigers, and at the first change Port led by 42 points.

Glenelg's first full pointer came from Hausen, who was playing well. Then Cock punted their second goal. Continuing to attack, Glenelg saw Crabbe mark well at full forward, and goal, and the tigers were within striking distance of Port.

Goals to Hausen, Crabbe, and Austin gave their supporters encouragement, but Growden, playing well at centre half-forward for Port, scored full points, and Port led at the long change by 15 points.

Port's centre line—Mangan, Roberts, and Horne—was in the ascendancy, and with Quinn and Bunton combining well, Glenelg were hard pressed.

At the beginning of the third quarter, Port immediately clapped on the pace, and scored three goals in as many minutes. Hoffman, Quinn, and McLean being responsible.

Forcing the pace, and with all players pulling their weight, Port worked like a well-oiled machine, and forcing the ball goalward, were well on top. Bob McLean came into his own, and, with Bunton, Quinn, and Mangan outstading, they often left Glenelg defenders out of position with snappy, chest-high foot passes.

After Bunton had hit the post with a 70-yard punt, Bob McLean goaled with a beautiful, long dropkick after receiving a bullet-like, chest-high pass from Quinn.

Meanwhile, Glenelg, battling hard but often unsuccessfully, were at last rewarded when Austin from receiving a nice pass from Burt raised their only goal for the quarter. With Roberts at

centre and Quinn and Bunton all now playing at their top, Port were all over the tigers. Further goals came from Hoffman, Quinn, McLean, and Grimm, making their total for the quarter 9—7 to 1—2 by the Bays.

This was a winning lead, but Glenelg staged a desperate last-quarter effort to reduce Port's lead of 68 points.

Fighting back strongly and putting more determination into their ground-play, Glenelg were constantly on the offensive for the major part of this quarter, and Owens on a forward pocket scored four goals from clever and elusive play, while Burt (2), Crabbe, and Cock also scored the possible.

The magpies meanwhile saw Bunton score their only full-pointer for the quarter. Although decisively outscored by the tigers, Port were playing well within themselves without taking undue risks.

Mangan and Roberts continued to out-point their opponents, and with L. G. McLean and Fletcher defending brilliantly Port ran out winners by 28 points. This was a good quarter for the tigers, as they scored 8—1 to 1—3 by Port.

Best Players—Port: L. G. McLean, Roberts, Mangan, Bunton, Quinn, Grimm, Fletcher, Horne. Glenelg: Hall, Hausen, Austin, Bartlett, Low, Ormond, Burt, Corbett.

Goalkeepers—Port: Grimm (5), Hoffman, Bunton (each 3), McLean, Quinn (each 2), Faulkhead, Growden. Glenelg: Owens (4), Crabbe (3), Hausen, Austen, Burt, Cock (each 2).