

STURT AND NORTH THE FORM TEAMS

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Sturt's convincing win over West, and North's exhibition of real power in accounting for Torrens, were highlights of today's league football.

Results in the other two games were, as expected, Port defeating Glenelg by the day's widest margin, and Norwood winning comfortably from South.

At Kensington Sturt provided the biggest upset of the series.

The Double-Blues finished 17 points clear of West, conquerors of Port Adelaide.

A great third quarter gave Sturt the points. Inspired by a brilliant display by Thompson in ruck, and moving like quicksilver in attack, Sturt kicked 8-9 to 1-2.

Deadly form

Don Douglas was in deadly form with eight goals from full forward.

West came back hard in the last term, but could get no closer than 17 points down.

The Red-and-Blacks centre line, which served them so well against Port, was beaten today.

Sturt's great win has set the stage for a real crowd-pleaser against Port at Unley next Saturday. The attendance could easily exceed 20,000.

The Double Blues were without Fenton-Smith today but his replacement, Sangster, did all that was asked of him.

It is not likely that Sturt will be able to move in attack with the same freedom as they had today.

Douglas will be opposed

by Abley, so Sturt will probably be forced to get goals from further out.

Their half-forward line is in great form, but opportunities are unlikely to come raining down with such profusion from the centre bounces.

61-point win

Thompson will find the Port rucks a vastly different proposition.

At Alberton, after a slow start, Port had 61 points to spare over Glenelg at the finish.

The Magpies' rovers outplayed Glenelg in what was expected to be, at least as far as Richens was concerned, a Bay strong-point.

The ruck was Port's, while Hayes, revelling in his new attacking role, and Dittmar did best ahead of centre.

With a hard early program, the Bays are unlikely to break the ice next week. They meet West at Adelaide.

North's great win over Torrens at Thebarton has given the premierships table an interesting twist.

With two good wins, the Red-and-Whites are in first place on percentage over Sturt.

North won practically as

they liked. They countered Torrens ruck strength, won across centre, and had the rovers to force their attacks home.

Torrens recovered somewhat in the last quarter but North were too far ahead to be caught.

This tendency of North's to sit on a lead was noticeable also against South in the opening game. It could be costly against stronger opposition.

North are drawn against Norwood at Norwood next week. This should be a hard fought game, but North's more settled side and better teamwork should give them their third win in a row.

Tightened

The Redlegs comfortably defeated South at Adelaide Oval.

Norwood's tightened defence and the bitter performance of their rovers enabled them to hold control throughout.

South have yet to play up to the improved form expected of them. They meet Torrens at Thebarton next week.

The Eagles will be all out to prove today's form was just one of those things. It is hard to see South breaking the ice.

Today's details

CONDITIONS: IDEAL

At Alberton

Port	1-8	6-9	12-21	18-22	130
Glenelg	3-3	4-5	6-6	10-9	69

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Hayes, Dittmar, I. Hannaford, Potter, Tierney, T. Obst, Whelan. **GLENELG:** K. Abley, A. Linke, Herron, Hewett, Howard, Kernahan, McDonald.

SCORERS—PORT: Dittmar 5.5, Johns 3.0, Williams 2.3, I. Hannaford 2.1, Potter 1.3, Tull 1.2, Boyd 1.2, P. Obst 1.0, Gill 1.0, Thompson 1.0, Hayes 0.3, Marrett 0.1, Rushed 0.2. **GLENELG:** Kernahan 4.1, Hewett 3.2, Payne 2.0, Hill 1.0, Herron 0.2, McDonald 0.1, Richens 0.1, Flew 0.1, Rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Marrett (impaired vision) replaced by D. Gill in second quarter. D. Boyd (leg) replaced by Luke in last quarter. **GLENELG:** D. Blackburn (thigh injury) replaced by B. Hill at half-time.

At Kensington

Sturt	5-7	7-10	15-19	18-20	128
West	5-3	9-11	10-13	15-21	111

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Thompson, Williams, Douglas, Rigney, Goodchild, King, Fitzgerald, Schoff. **WEST:** Garnett, Chynoweth, Ryan, Day, Bray.

SCORERS—STURT: Douglas 8.4, Thompson 3.0, Fitzgerald 2.2, Goodchild 2.0, Schoff 1.1, Rigney 1.1, Sangster 1.1, Smith 0.4, Williams 0.2, Jarrett 0.1, Halbert 0.1, Kutcher 0.1. **WEST:** Wright 4.3, Garnett 4.2, Ryan 2.6, Sims 2.1, Day 1.4, Chynoweth 1.2, Shrubsole 1.0, Barker 0.1, O'Driscoll 0.1, Roach 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: McLeod (hip), replaced by Shrubsole at three-quarter time. **STURT:** Nil.

At Thebarton

North	5-5	7-9	13-15	14-18	102
Torrens	1-2	4-5	4-5	9-8	62

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Gilbourne, Barbary, Thomas, Pascoe, T. Lindner, Codd, Sheppard. **TORRENS:** Ashby, Clingly, Hanrahan, Rawson.

SCORERS—NORTH: Sheppard (4.2), Codd (3.6), Whitford (2.3), Thomas (2.2), Barbary (2.1), Westley (1.0), Johnston (0.1), Bubner (0.1), Kent (0.1). **TORRENS:** Connolly (2.1), Kingston (2.0), Townsend (1.2), Young (2.0), Clingly (1.1), Zerella (1.0), Head (0.2), Slaven (0.1), Morrell (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Carroll (thigh), replaced by Arbon at three-quarter time. **TORRENS:** Livesey (thigh), replaced by Eifenbein in third quarter.

At Adelaide

N'wood	5-4	8-8	11-12	14-14	98
South	4-1	5-7	5-12	7-18	60

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Minervini, Aish, Miller, Cousins, Bunton, Lill, Wedding. **SOUTH:** Johnston, Parkinson, Christie, Panizza, Polden, Lapins, Morton.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Lill (3.3), Woodhouse (3.1), Cousins (2.1), Johnson (2.1), Wells (1.2), Daly (1.0), Elder (1.0), Kneebone (0.3), Minervini (0.1). **SOUTH:** Copley (2.2), Kitchen (1.3), Judd (1.1), Lapins (1.1), Johnston (1.0), Baraglia (1.0), Morton (0.3), Panizza (0.2), Christie (0.1), Stafford (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—SOUTH: Baraglia (leg), replaced by Ploenges in third quarter. **NORWOOD:** Koerner (leg), replaced by Swanbury in last quarter. Brenchley (leg), replaced by Harrison in last quarter.

	PREMIERSHIP				Prem.	%
	W.	L.	For	Agst.		
North	2	—	207	103	4	66.77
Sturt	2	—	242	201	4	54.63
Port	1	1	198	141	2	58.41
Norwood	1	1	183	171	2	51.69
West	1	1	183	196	2	48.28
Torrens	1	1	173	187	2	48.05
Glenelg	—	2	159	244	—	39.45
South	—	2	101	203	—	33.22

	LEADING GOALKICKERS	
	Today	Total
Douglas (Sturt)	8.4	9.8
Kernahan (Glenelg)	4.1	8.3
Wright (West)	4.3	8.3
Garnett (West)	4.2	8.2
Townsend (Torrens)	1.2	7.4
Codd (North)	3.6	6.10
Dittmar (Port)	5.5	6.7
Lill (Norwood)	3.3	6.6
Johns (Port)	3.0	6.4
Sheppard (North)	4.2	6.4
Thomas (North)	2.2	5.3
Thompson (Sturt)	3.0	5.0

PORT REDEEM POOR START

By VIC JOHNSON

After a bad start when they were slow and inaccurate, Port won by 61 points against Glenelg at Alberton Oval today.

Port were well beaten for early pace and Glenelg held sway across centre, where Herron and A. Linke were in charge.

At centre half-forward, D. Hewitt helped many of the Tiger's scoring thrusts, while Port had only one or two players working well.

Dittmar began with top class football at centre half-forward and, except for a short spell in the third term, maintained his superiority throughout.

He ended the game with five goals five behinds without being selfish.

Glenelg began with fire in their game and in the early stages showed promise.

They looked much the better then and Port's inaccuracy could be attributed to close checking and hard tackling.

The Magpies were down seven points at the end of the first term and although they had had two fewer scoring tries than their opponents they had earned their lead.

But the second term was not long under way before Port showed some of their real power and also attacked accurately.

Potter began a fine roving exhibition in this term and with Hayes and Williams doing everything right Port were clearly on top then.

Glenelg still had centre through Heron, but several timely breaks by Boyd brought results for Port, and Whelan also was exerting pressure at centre half-back.

Port's rucks, led by Hannaford, gained the upper hand and the writing was appearing on the wall for Glenelg when the Magpies led by 16 points at half-time.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1-8	6-9	12-21	18-22	130
Glenelg	3-3	4-5	6-6	10-9	69



Hayes Ashby

Blackburn was replaced by Hill for Glenelg just before the siren at half-time. Port had lost Marrett for Gill in this term.

Johns got his first goal for Port shortly after the third term. He finished the game with three and unselfishly hand-passed for two more, but he was never allowed much latitude by K. Abley, the Tiger full back.

In the third term the Magpies got well on top, but again they repeated their first term inaccuracy.

But this time, however, it was the failure to goal from set shots which left the score looking so lopsided.

It was difficult to find one position during this term where Glenelg could say they won with the possible exception of K. Abley in goal. He never let up.

Port appeared to have it well won at the last change. The margin was 51 points and Glenelg's chances had vanished. They were the slower side.

Players switch

They made some alterations in the middle of the last term. Hewitt went to

centre, Hill to centre half-forward, and Heron to half-forward right. Payne had previously been replaced by Flew at the goal-front.

Although Glenelg fought back slightly and managed four goals as against the Magpies' six, it was only a temporary flash and Port were never in danger once they had taken the lead.

I name Hayes as Port's best. Besides his roving effort, his work in attack and later in defence was invaluable to the Magpies.

Dittmar's effort at centre half-forward was excellent. One of his marks was of the Ian McKay type.

Ian Hannaford was the best follower afield and Potter the best rover. Others who did well were Tierney in defence and at centre, when Boyd left the ground in the closing stages; Trevor Obst, and Whelan also did well.

Kevin Abley is my best for Glenelg. He allowed Johns few chances to get loose and kicked in well.

A Linke at centre wing, had a good first half, as did Heron, at centre, and Hewett, at centre half-forward.

Kernahan's four goals was a good effort. He showed pace in attack and led well. Howard was another to show good form sometimes.

ATTENDANCES	
Adelaide	10,500
Thebarton	11,000
Alberton	8,500
Kensington	9,250
Total	39,250