

WEST-GLENELG GET HOME BY A POINT; GOAL AFTER BELL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West-Glenelg . . .	7-2	8-6	10-8	13-11	89
Port-Torrens . . .	3-2	6-6	9-8	13-10	88

By H. G. B.

A thrilling hard bumping game between Port-Torrens and West-Glenelg at Adelaide Oval gave the crowd a rare treat this afternoon in spite of adverse weather conditions.

Although pressed hotly throughout, the tigers maintained their unbeaten record this season and scraped home with only a point to spare at the finish.

THE last quarter was the most exciting seen for years, as J. Taylor scored West-Glenelg's winning goal after the bell had gone. He had been freed from a mark a second before it rang.

Fortunes fluctuated in the closing stages, with players of both sides going into the fray with pluck and skill.

WEST-GLENELG.—Backs: Corbett, Waite, Simons. Half-backs: Matson, Keane, McArthur. Centres: Gillespie, Thatcher, Bachman. Half-forwards: Souter, Hender, Bert. Forwards: Coad, H. Powell, Lynch. Rucks: Crabbe, J. Taylor, J. Cahill, D. Cahill (19th).

PORT-TORRENS.—Backs: Gower, Obst, Thomas. Half-backs: Thiele, Cox, McParlane. Centres: M. Nicholls, Roberts, Gates. Half-forwards: L. McLean, Dangerfield, Dayman. Forwards: Edwards, Shaw, Searie, Rucks: E. McLean, Martyn, Skelley, Hoffman (19th).

Umpire: E. J. Hise. Estimated attendance, 10,000.

West-Glenelg had to make many re-shuffles in their team, and placings as a result of last-minute withdrawals.

Six of their selected players—W. Powell, D. Taylor, Broadstock, Flannagan, Smith, and Boyall—were unable to strip for various reasons. They were replaced by Corbett, Matson, Thatcher, Souter, H. Powell, and Lynch. For Port-Torrens Reval was not available, and Searie went into the magpie side.

A vigorous, pacy first half ensured plenty of excitement for spectators, but a heavy turf and a slippery ball made sustained system very difficult.

TEAMS SETTLE DOWN QUICKLY

By Vic Johnson

Considering the disadvantages under which they started this season, the football displayed by the league teams I have seen so far compares more than favorably with anything I have seen in the opening games for many seasons.

Perhaps I have been fortunate in my choice of games, but reliable judges who have seen other games have also been impressed.

I thought it would take the combined teams a few weeks to become used to one another, and have been agreeably surprised at the speed with which they have done so.

In neither game I have seen so far do I think that members of any team could be accused of only playing to former clubmates.

One thing these early games have proved is the greatness of Marcus Boyall as a footballer.

When this player transferred from Collingwood to Glenelg, he came with a wonderful reputation, and everyone was eager to see the champion in action.

STOOD DOWN FOR SEASON

Unfortunately for Boyall and the public, Collingwood did not see fit to grant a clearance, and Boyall was forced to stand down for a season.

When he was allowed to play, Boyall played many more than useful games for Glenelg, and although I saw him in some of them I was a little disappointed, and I am certain that he was, too.

A season out of any player's career no matter how good he is must set him back, and I am certain that was the reason for his not showing his best form. But with two seasons of football in succession, it is a vastly different tale.

I saw Boyall in his first two games this season, and I am satisfied that he must be all that his admirers claim.

The certainty with which he uses for the ball and the surety with which he clamped it were a treat to watch. His kicking, which did not appear so strong before, is now powerful and accurate.

But we are not to see a great deal more of Boyall this season, I believe. His duty with the Navy will not permit him to play.

Let us all hope that the war may soon end, and Marcus Boyall, along with all our other great players who are in the fighting forces, will once again thrill us with their deeds.

VICTORIAN LEAGUE.—North Melbourne, 12-8; South Melbourne, 8-17; Carlton, 13-13; Fitzroy, 9-14; Melbourne, 16-15; Hawthorn, 8-17; Essendon, 20-16; Collingwood, 13-9; Richmond, 25-13; St. Kilda, 11-17.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
West-Glenelg	3	3	—	333	379	6
Sturt-South	3	2	1	403	326	4
Port-Torrens	3	1	2	309	353	2
Norwood-North	3	—	3	284	330	—

The tigers surprised by their early ground skill, and led by 24 points at the first change of ends. Relying on strong punting, coupled with keen anticipation they were all over their rivals at times.

H. Powell marked his last-minute appearance in the team with a fine performance in this term, kicking three goals, and marking superbly.

Gillespie's Great Run

Gillespie provided another highlight for the tigers with a remarkable winding run during which he gathered up the ball from all angles, and in the face of stiff opposition.

West-Glenelg's passing was excellent, considering the conditions, and they held the greasy ball with fine judgment.

Their sharpshooters were well on the target, kicking seven goals in the first nine scoring shots.

The magpies' turn came in the second quarter. They countered their opponents' brilliance with solid go-through tactics which gradually cut down their deficit.

Vim and vigor were seen in the exchanges, and Port-Torrens also improved their position play.

At half-time they were 12 points down, but appeared to have any amount of fight left.

Shaw, who had scored three of the magpies' five goals in the first half, added two more goals on resumption, and J. Taylor was assigned to watch him. Waite returned to this position later.

Dour Struggle

The third quarter was grimly contested, Port-Torrens reducing their lead to 6 points at the last change.

Weight was freely exchanged with players of both sides sparing no effort during the dour struggle. There was still little to choose between the teams.

For the vital last term, Cahill went to centre half-forward for West-Glenelg, Hender to a half-forward flank, and Burt to a forward pocket.

McArthur, who had been defending dashing all the afternoon was called on to the ball to relieve the hard-worked tiger followers.

The excitement was intense when Burt sent West-Glenelg away with another sixer, but the magpies were undaunted. Jumping into the fray with even greater determination, they again made the difference a goal with full points from L. McLean.

With the light very bad now, it was difficult to distinguish the players.

Midway through the term Souter goaled to put his side farther ahead, but Shaw replied with a goal for the magpies.

The big crowd was on its toes when Bob McLean, with only six minutes to go, called up both flags, leaving Port-Torrens only a point behind.

Almost on the bell, L. McLean put the magpies ahead with another goal. It was the first time his side had led since early in the first term.

J. Taylor retaliated with another goal, giving West-Glenelg victory by one point.

Best Players.—West-Glenelg: Gillespie, Crabbe, McArthur, Thatcher, Burt, J. Taylor, H. Powell, Port-Torrens: Martyn, Thiele, Skelley, Shaw, McParlane, Dangerfield, Edwards.

Goalkeepers.—West-Glenelg: H. Powell (4); Burt (3); Coad (2); Hender, J. Taylor, Souter, J. Cahill. Port-Torrens: Shaw (6); L. McLean, Skelley (each 1); R. McLean.

CURTAIN-RAISER FOOTBALL

Three curtain-raiser football matches were played today.

ADELAIDE OVAL.—Air Force 8-10 (58 points); Army 6-9 (45).

Goalkeepers.—Air Force: Riley, Menzies (each 2); Nicholls, Redman, Lee, Leonard. Army: Cook (2); Wickett, Rushedge, McCoil, Peterson.

UNIVERSITY OVAL.—Army 5-8 (38); Air Force 4-12 (36).

Goalkeepers.—Army: McKay (2); Lokan, Stalte, Johnston. Air Force: Britain (2); Maizard, Ratcliffe.

Unley Oval.—Army 20-9 (129); Navy, 4-6 (30).

Goalkeepers.—Army: Cassebohm, Beaton, Kemp (each 4); Cave, Conroy, Johnson (each 2); Scott, Hardy. Navy: Sax (3); Williams.

BLUES TOO GOOD IN LAST TERM

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt-South	2.2	6.7	8.11	15.19	109
Nor.-North	1.3	5.10	8.14	11.16	82

By Vic Johnson

AFTER a very even three quarters, in which both sides were handicapped by the heavy ground and greasy ball, Sturt-South broke away with a brilliant burst of speed and, rattling off five quick goals in the early part of the last quarter, finally defeated Norwood-North by 27 points.

In this fine display of speed, Sturt-South received great assistance from Templeton, who was on top all day at centre, and from the forwards, who were too nippy for the redleg defenders.

STURT-SOUTH.—Backs: Baker, Wilson, Williams; half-backs: Ball, Haines, Heylen; centres: Cahill, Templeton, Doherty; half-forwards: Biggs, Leak, Solomon; forwards: Scott, Reynolds, Rusby; ruck: Zucker, Thomas, Langley; second ruck: Williams, Biggs, Rusby, Peake (19th).

NORTH-NORWOOD.—Backs: Holmesby, Martin, Eaton; half-backs: Jervin, Lush, Bugg; centres: Koch, Coleman, Aamodt; half-forwards: Neville, Sawley, Monahan; forwards: Price, Cearns, Butler; rucks: Hogan, Page, Foweraker, Winward (19th).

Umpire: L. J. Quinn. Estimated attendance, 1,500.

Both teams were forced to make alterations in their placings, because the inability of several of the players to play. J. P. Dawes, Doyle, House, Jim Dawes, and Cockburn dropped out of Sturt-South, and Hardiman, Oatey, and Laurence were unable to play for North-Norwood.

The turf was heavy and slippery, and players found great difficulty in handling the greasy ball. As was only to be expected, players were unable to show their best, and play was scrubby and indecisive.

Thomas, the ex-Victorian, was early in the picture with strong ruck work, and scored the first goal of the day with a fine kick.

The blues were doing the bulk of the attacking. Templeton, Cahill, and Doherty having the call across centre, and creating many opportunities for their side.

However, Lush, Hogan, and Bugg were defending ably for Norwood-North, and kept the blues in check.

Redlegs' Reshuffle

Norwood-North made many changes when the second term began, but the conditions were making scoring more a matter of luck than skill. Finally Sawley, with a fine punt, landed a goal to give the redlegs the lead for the first time.

The blues quickly returned to the attack, and goals from Scott and Solomon once more gave them the advantage.

When Norwood-North attacked Sawley's efficiency at half-forward gave Butler a chance, of which he made full use.

Then Templeton, dashing through from centre, goaled for the blues. Norwood-North broke away again from centre, and Cearns goaled to make the scores three points in favor of Sturt-South at the long interval.

Thomas was again very prominent when the third term began, his handling and drop kicking of the ball being a feature of the play, but despite the persistence of the blues, the Norwood-North defence held firm.

A redleg attack was rewarded with another goal from Sawley, who was doing a great job at centre half-forward.

Templeton Tears Through

But Templeton was carrying too many guns for Coleman at centre, and, tearing through the redleg defence, goaled for Sturt-South. This was quickly followed by another from Langley, but two goals from Butler gave the redlegs a four-point lead.

Reynolds hit a post for Sturt-South, and the margin was again three points, the same as at half-time, only this time it was in favor of Norwood-North.

Continuing to dominate the centre, Templeton, covering a huge amount of ground, restored the lead to the blues with his third goal, and Rusby put them further ahead with another. Then Scott, with an angle goal, sent them to a 16-point lead.

The heavy turf was beginning to tell on the heavier North-Norwood backmen. Reynolds and Leak goaled for Sturt-South, and the game was seemingly theirs.

The ball was rarely beyond centre, and the redlegs had not added one point to their third quarter tally.

At last they got through, and Sawley, who, with Butler, had been the most reliable man in the attack, kicked his fourth goal, but back came Sturt-South with a full-pointer from Reynolds.

Undaunted by the scores Norwood again attacked strongly, and Foweraker and Price goaled, but Sturt-South had the game won, with their dash in the early part of this term.

Scott, who had scouted finely all day, added his fourth goal just before the final bell to give Sturt-South a 27-point victory.

Best Players.—Sturt-South.—Templeton, Scott, Doherty, Cahill, Thomas, Leak, Langley. North-Norwood: Sawley, Butler, Foweraker, Hogan, Bugg, Martin, Neville.

Goalkeepers.—Sturt-South: Scott (4), Templeton (3), Langley, Reynolds (each 2); Solomon, Leak, Thomas, Rusby. Norwood-North: Sawley (4), Butler (3), Monahan, Price, Foweraker, Cearns.