

Port Burst Upset Torrens

By Amos Bottroff

Port upset calculations by a brilliant systematic third quarter against Torrens at Alberton Oval, and paved the way for a 14-point win in their league football game today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port . . .	3—6	5—7	11—13	13—14	92
Torrens .	3—4	9—8	9—10	11—12	78

Port changed their mud-soaked guernseys at half-time, and, like a team inspired, took complete charge all over the field.

Marrett gave a great display in ruck, and Hewish, who was quieter early, outpointed Bob Hank.

Hank had been the best man on the ground up to the half-time change, but not one of his team could match Port's later brilliance.

Bob McLean had some influence on the play too, when he entered the ruck during the third quarter, but the sustained speed of Dayman and Greer at half-back, and of Hoffman and Peake on the ruck fringes, just didn't give Torrens a chance.

Port kicked 6—6 to two points, a true reflection of their supremacy over the gold-and-blues in that deciding term.

Torrens tried desperately to infuse life into their play in the last quarter, but the heavy rain and the speed of play told their tale, and they went down by 14 points.

Dayman was Port's best man. He played with speed and precision all day, and it was mainly because of his fine effort that Torrens did not have a matchwinning lead at half-time.

Little behind Dayman could be bracketed Peake, Greer, Hoffman, and L. G. McLean, who worked tirelessly all day.

Glastonbury played a solid and useful game for Torrens, and Mehaffey and Bob Hank played fast, open football with patches of brilliance, but they were in partial eclipse in the vital third term.

Others to show out to advantage for Torrens were Ray Hank (roving), Wyatt (ruck), Wood (half-forward), and McKenzie (wing).

Scorers.—Port—A. R. McLean, 5.1; Peake, 3.0; Batt, 2.3; Boyd, 2.0; Moore, 1.0; Hoffman, 0.4; L. G. McLean, 0.2; Nicholls, 0.1; Whelan, 0.1; Marrett, 0.1. Rushed one point. Torrens: Ashby, 2.2; Ray Hank, 2.1; Glastonbury, 2.0; Wood, 2.0; Schwartz, 1.1; Hodgins, 1.1; Prior, 1.0; Mehaffey, 0.5; Wyatt, 0.1; MacKenzie, 0.1.

MUD BALLET AT NORWOOD

By Colin Hay

Norwood were the star performers in the mud ballet at Norwood, scoring heavily in the rain to beat South by 84 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4.5	9.11	15.18	19.24	138
South	2.1	4.5	5.9	7.12	54

Many of the movements would never be seen on a stage, but slithering pivots, spectacular leg-throwing, and intentional and accidental handball brightened a scrambling game.

Chief mudlark was Oatey, handling the ball and keeping his feet with rare judgment and one of the few who always passed accurately. He was best on the ground.

Williams played a big part with fine work at centre half-forward and later in ruck. Olds completely dominated his wing, and Bell's half-forward display was excellent. Drage roved at his top, Marriott rucked soundly, and Burke was best of a strong defence in which Roberts also shone.

Webber was not hampered by the soggy arena and sped through countless packs. He was South's best. Deane (centre), Fraser (for his fine showing against Williams and Way), Harris (sterling defence), and Linke (ruck) were best of the others.

Scorers.—Norwood: Williams, 4.2; Drage, Dalwood, 3.1; Farrow, 2.7; Oatey, 2.4; Bell, 2.3; Marriott, 2.1; Way, 1.2; Blackmore, 0.1; rushed, 0.2. Oatey hit a goalpost. South: Webber, 3.2; Templeton, 2.4; Ward, 1.1; Laphorne, 1.0; Schapel, 0.2; Smith, Addison, 0.1. Rushed, 0.1.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

LEAGUE FOOTBALL

	P.	W.	L.	Points		Ptm.
				For	Agst.	
Norwood	13	10	3	1368	1060	20
Torrens	13	9	4	1362	1151	18
West	13	9	4	1443	1247	18
Sturt	13	9	4	1159	1029	18
Glenelg	13	6	7	1271	1336	12
North	13	5	8	1254	1159	10
Port	13	4	9	1141	1188	8
South	13	—	13	886	1714	—

Top Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	—	79
Tuckey (North)	3	52
Farrow (Norwood)	2	45
Mehaffey (Torrens)	—	43
A. R. McLean (Port)	5	43
Atkins (West)	2	35

West Slaughter Glenelg Hopes

By Roy Colmer

West dashed Glenelg hopes of reaching the finals by a clear-cut win at Glenelg Oval today. They were never in trouble after gaining a grip on the game early.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West . . .	4—5	7—9	9—17	13—19	97
Glenelg .	1—2	3—10	3—12	6—14	50

GLENELG—six premierships points behind West with four games to play—cannot be given a chance of reaching the finals on their form today.

West played fine football in patches in spite of turf that was all against co-ordinated effort. Short punt passing and clever handball were features in West gaining their early lead.

Glenelg were a disorganised side, relied mainly on individual effort, and were unable to take complete control of any position.

Williams was best for West in keeping them moving when he was on the ruck fringes. Zeuner played one of his best games for the season by taking control of the ruck work. Taylor kept Churchett to three singles and played soundly.

Agars and Cannon gave Zeuner solid support with the heavy work. Brown was sound as the back pocketman and Lewis did a fine job at half-back. Burkett (centre) and Braidwood (centre half-forward) were others to give good service.

Window, centre half-forward, was best for Glenelg. He took the points from Faehse in the first half and broke even in the second. Manning won at centre wing and Hannaford (centre half-back) put up a grim fight against the superior speed of Braidwood.

Robjent was seen in flashes of good play as a loose man when partnering Betson in the first ruck. Vale (half-back), Crabb (follower), and Donaldson (centre) were best of the others.

Scorers.—West: Braidwood, 3.5; Zeuner, 2.4; Coad, 2.3; Atkins, 2.2; Williams, 2.0; Langsford, 1.2; Agars, 1.0; Cannon, 0.1; rushed, 0.2. Glenelg: McPherson, 2.1; Betson, 1.1; Window, 1.1; Crabb, 1.0; Haussen, 1.0; Churchett, 0.3; Wallis, 0.2; Laffin, 0.1; Heywood-Smith, 0.1; Manning, 0.1; rushed, 0.3.

Glenelg.—Backs: Bradley, Hunt, Tugwell. Half-backs: Vale, Hannaford, Cuthbertson. Centres: Manning, Donaldson, Heywood-Smith. Half-forwards: Wallis, Window, Laffin. Forwards: McPherson, Churchett, Crabb, Ruck, Betson, Robjent, Haussen. Reserves: Link, Grimwood.

West.—Backs: Sutherland, Taylor, Brown. Half-backs: James, Faehse, Lewis. Centres: Beaton, Burkett, Mackay. Half-forwards: Braidwood, Langsford, Slattery. Forwards: Coad, Atkins, Agars. Ruck: Zeuner, Cannon, Williams. Reserves: Lynch, Semmler.

North Played Well in Wet

By Lawrie Jervis, Jun.

North, by intelligently adopting their play to the soggy conditions, outclassed Sturt today to win by 35 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North . .	6—2	11—5	13—6	15—8	98
Sturt . .	2—0	3—3	7—7	9—9	63

From the first bounce North played text-book, wet-weather football. They kept in front of their opponents, and kicked the ball off the ground whenever there was not ample time to pick up.

In the first half Sturt rucks hardly touched the ball. Langley was about the only double-blue man who really showed form, and he was outstanding.

Sturt, given a solid stirring up by coach Ralph Green at half-time, did much better in the third quarter.

But even then, it was mainly Langley who got goals, or sent the side forward.

While Sturt carried many passengers, North men all pulled their weight.

McKENZIE BRILLIANT

For North, Tom McKenzie played a great game in a back pocket, time and again breaking up Sturt drives.

Phillips (centre half-back) also did well. He did his best work in the second half.

Cox and Kennett (half-forwards) were safe for North all day. Coulls (roving), Griffen (centre), O'Leary (ruck), and Odgers (wing) also played well.

Langley, whether roving or back, was a cut above his teammates. The rest of Sturt's

best must be chosen mainly on their performances after half-time.

Crawley (half-back), Schober (ruck), Kearns (goalkeeper), Southern (centre), and Trezise were about the most useful.

Scorers.—North: Coulls 4.1, Tuckey 1.1, Bailton, Kennett 2.0, Beeching 1.1, Amos, Arbon, O'Leary 1.0, Cox 1.3, rushed 2 pts. Sturt: Langley 4.1, Cave 2.0, Tilley, Pike 1.1, Trezise 1.0, Schober 0.3, Lowe 0.1, rushed 1 pt.

Snapshots

Timekeepers at Glenelg Oval today were kept busy calling to spectators to sit down to give them a view of the umpire. Seats and steps in the grandstand were crowded long before the start of play, and became packed again when it rained again just before the start of the third quarter.

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Although many players took heavy falls at Glenelg Oval today, West Adelaide had no players injured and Glenelg only two—Churchett (injured leg) and Tugwell (pulled leg muscle).