

# BIG MEN, SOUNDER TACTICS WON GAME FOR NORWOOD

By Lew Roberts, "Mail" Special Football Writer

Norwood proved stronger than West at Norwood Oval today because of a predominance of capable big men in a generally superior side which used sounder football tactics.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4-6	7-7	14-13	15-16	106
West	0-6	4-15	6-15	8-19	67

WEST had no position in attack at any time which gave their team an advantage.

As the teams lined up for the presentation of the 1948 premiership trophy to Norwood the physical advantage held by the home team was most apparent.

Olds played a grand game at centre wing, and was beaten only once for the day. He combines well with Way, and gives the redlegs many scoring chances. His short-distance passing is superb.

Way played brilliantly at half-forward left, was always in a position to make openings, and ripped holes in the West defence.

Blackmore, when roving and at half-forward, played well all day. Two of his goals were from beautiful drop kicks.

Fachse hit the high spots right from the first play, and continued in grand style all day. He went far afield to cover

others' mistakes. His judgment overhead was flawless.

Brown often brought applause for his efforts in the back pocket. He has the ability to size up a difficult position and to provide an answer in a manner possessed by few.

Pos. Williams gave a good roving display to a beaten ruck, and has courage and an alertness which stand him in good stead in any company. His knee showed no sign of weakness.

Best Players—Norwood: Olds, Way, Blackmore, Williams, Marriot, Gilles, Hiatt. West: Fachse, Brown, F. Williams, Lewis, D. Taylor, J. Taylor, Thorsen.

Scorers—Norwood: Williams (3-3), Way, Blackmore (each 3-1), Dalwood (2-4), Drage (1-2), Hall (1-1), Oatey, and Burke (each 1-0), Potts, Olds, Heidenreich, Gallagher (each 0-1). West: G. Williams, Scuter (each 2-3); Atkins, Langsford (each 1-2), J. Taylor, Dennes (each 1-1), Slattery (0-3), P. Williams, Lynch, Coad (each 0-1). Rushed 0-1.

# SOUTH NEVER IN HUNT WITH BAYS

Glenelg	6.5	11.8	20.12	23.14	152
South Adel.	1.1	7.4	10.6	15.12	102

By Brian Shea

The re-organised South team was trounced by Glenelg in a one-sided game at Glenelg Oval today. Outclassed in the rucks and unable to find an answer to the goalgetting of Churchett, they never threatened Glenelg at any stage of the game.

The opening phase of play gave an early indication that South would have a hard row to hoe.

Glenelg had no trouble in sweeping the ball from the centre bounce, and when Churchett posted two goals within five minutes of the start, South were already yards behind their opponents in the race for the ball.

As the game progressed the tigers' rucks, headed by Window and Laffin, began to exert compete control of the bounce, and with South making errors in mid-field Glenelg raced away to a five-goal lead.

South became disorganised as the game progressed, and there was hardly a position on the field which was not a strong post for Glenelg.

South were offering little opposition at this stage, with the exception of Koehne, who was holding one wing open with fast, effective ground play, and McLeod, who staged an uphill fight in ruck.

It was not until half-way through the second term that the first serious move came from South.

Lapthorne came into the play, and with Pryor kicking accurately they got to within 22 points of Glenelg at one stage.

Their challenge was quickly accepted by Glenelg, who raced right away to see Churchett post his eighth goal before half-time.

The game became very one-sided after half-time, with Glenelg calling the tune in every position, and a procession of goals from Churchett and Window put paid to any hope South had of making a close finish of the game.

Best Players—Glenelg: Churchett, Window, Laffin, Karutz, Robjent, Forster, Crabb. South: Koehne, McLeod, Lapthorne, Pryor, Linke, Ardill, Slattery.

Scorers—Glenelg: Churchett (13.7), Haussen (4.3), Window (3.0), Robjent, McPherson, Wallis (each 1.0), Forster (0.2), Rushed, 0.2. South: Pryor (4.4), Lapthorne (3.2), Panizza (3.1), Merchant (3.0), Ardill (2.1), Elliott, Slattery, Houston (0.1), Rushed, 0.1.

## Norwood have set record

Before the Norwood-West game at Norwood, SA National Football League chairman (Mr. Eric Millhouse, KC) presented Norwood with the shield which they won as premiers for 1948.

He said they had been top 21 times, a record for an Australian team.

Norwood Club chairman (Mr. Heidenreich) was given an ovation when he received the shield on behalf of Norwood, whose captain-coach Jack Oatey, also spoke.

## PREMIERSHIP LIST

	P.	W.	L.	Points For	Points Agst.	Prem.
North	1	1	—	66	26	2
Norwood	1	1	—	106	67	2
Glenelg	1	1	—	152	102	2
South	1	—	1	102	152	—
West	1	—	1	67	106	—
Port	1	—	1	26	66	—
Torrens	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sturt	—	—	—	—	—	—

## Top goalkickers

	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	13
Haussen (Glenelg)	4
Pryor (South)	4

# Port fizzled right out

North	1-4	3-9	5-10	9-12	66
Port	2-3	3-3	3-6	3-8	26

By Len Swan

In a fast but disappointing game, North, by sheer speed and physical fitness, downed Port by 40 points at Prospect Oval today. Port did not score a goal after half time.

Port started with a ruck advantage, and their big men, Marrett and Growden, sent their side forward time and again.

It was not until these players tired that North equalised, and at times took command, in the crushes.

Pedlar (North) came into his own, and improved his knocking out as the match progressed.

North had the call across centre, where Griffin and Odgers kept the home side moving goalward.

Port were unlucky to lose two wingmen, Nicholls (cut over eye) and L. Gates (torn ligament of shoulder), and it was really only after Gates' retirement that Odgers gave North a safe road to goal.

The red-and-white defence was on top all day, with McKay and Phillips starring. Phillips thrilled the crowd with some fine finger-tip marking and long, clearing kicks.

Port will have to do something about a full forward, for although North had nothing to be pleased about in this department, they did not miss the same number of set shots for goal.

Russell (Port) had few peers on the day, and his performance was a model of consistency.

Phillips was at his best early, and at one stage Whelan (Port) was sent to try to check this wrecker of Port advances.

Best Players—North: McKay, Phillips, Arbon, Kennett, Pedlar, Odgers, Griffin. Port: Russell, Dayman, Growden, Whelan, Sampson, Marrett, King.

Scorers—North: Arbon 3-3, Bolton 2-1, Tuckey 2-0, Pash 1-1, Griffin 1-0, Coulls 0-3, Kennett, Pedlar 0-2. Port: Whelan 1-1, Clarke, King 1-0, Moore, Mills 0-2, Fletcher, Clift, Hobbs 0-1.

## SNAPSHOTS

Colin Churchett, State goal-sneak, equalled a Glenelg Club record today when he kicked 13 goals against South at Glenelg Oval.

In 1932, the late Jack Owens kicked 13 goals in successive games against Port at Alberton and South at Glenelg. In that year Owens kicked 102 goals—a record yet to be beaten by a Glenelg player.

Churchett showed uncanny goal sense once. His second goal would have been a fluke for most players. Caught on his wrong leg, and heavily grassed, Churchett coolly steered the ball through while falling near the boundary line.

West's rovers hurt in today's match at Norwood—Foster Williams (jarred ankle) and Bernie Slattery (hip injury)—are not likely to be kept out of action in the next series.

Len Lapthorne, South captain, was reported by field umpire D. Hendry for allegedly attempting to strike Donaldson, Glenelg centremen, in the third quarter of the game against Glenelg.

Glenelg's new guernsey design was well received by supporters. It is modelled on that of Richmond "Tigers" in Victoria. Before the match, coach "Bull" Reval told them to live up to the name of "Tigers." They did.

Official attendances at the three games of the opening round of league football today were 22,500, announced SA Football League secretary (Mr. F. S. Hill) tonight. Attendances were:—Norwood, 11,000; Prospect, 7,500; Glenelg, 4,000.

West presented a strange sight when they took the field at Norwood Oval today wearing white knickers. It was the first time they had been seen in other than black knickers for 14 years.

Jack Oatey gave spectators at the north end of the Norwood Oval an unusual treat today. He stood legs astride on the goal-line urging his unopposed team-mate Williams to follow the running ball to goal and kick it through. Williams chased hard but was unable to get to the ball. When it reached Oatey, he nonchalantly back-kicked it through for a goal.