

NORTH'S SPEED GAVE THEM 22-POINT WIN OVER NORWOOD

By Amos Bottroff

North's outstanding speed, particularly round the ruck fringes and across their half-forward line, was the main factor in their success in beating Norwood by 22 points at Norwood Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	0—4	7—8	11—8	15—12	102
North	6—7	8—9	17—15	18—16	124

North's win was well merited, if judged from the way in which they set about out-racing a team which they expected to be full of vigor blended with speed, too.

The play certainly held its entertainment value well into the last quarter, but for brilliance it left much to be desired, except for some individual efforts.

Aamodt best

For North, I would name Aamodt as best, not forgetting how closely Pash vied with him for the honor.

Almost from the first bounce Aamodt made position for North's attacks, and went in fearlessly to get the ball for himself. His great speed enabled him to gain the open spaces, and Norwood had no one capable of preventing him from making his a loose man game reminiscent of the type that Reval, of Port, perfected.

Pash must be playing well nigh the form of his Magarey Medal season. Today, although opposed to the young recruit Reimann after Roberts had left the field injured, he brilliantly outmarked opponents and his long, telling kicks were a treat.

Donnithorpe must be ranked high for his courageous defensive play. Quite often when Norwood looked most dangerous he would out-manoeuvre his opposition and force the ball out of the danger zone.

Kennett was another to assist his side in attack. His third quarter effort was a display of perfect half-forward work.

Cool and clean, he never took his eyes off the ball until it was out of danger. Usually he sent it 60 yards nearer the goals.

Crouch had an even battle with Way, but he did many useful things and quite often beat Way to the ball.

Giles in form

Phillips, opposed to Marriott, played very well, particularly before the big fellow had reached his best late in the game.

O'Leary battled well in the ruck and McKay, too, did well in goals, although he often found Dalwood's high leaping too much for him.

For Norwood, Giles must get first mention for his great defensive effort. He marked very strongly and sent the ball out for great distances, but could not cope with the frequency of the attacks when North had the wind in their favor. North's score would have been much greater but for his excellent form.

Marriott, although he opposed a difficult man in Phillips, and while he took some time to run into form, was often too strong in the air and too vigorous on the ground for the smaller North men.

Dalwood was another to do well. His duels with McKay often found him victor at the goalfront.

Others to play serviceably were Way (centre half-forward), Drage, and Tilbrook, mainly when roving, and Hall in ruck.

Scorers—North: Tuckey 4.2, Aamodt 3.2, Beeching 3.1, Kennett 2.4, Phillips 2.3, Arbon 2.0, Hancock 1.1, Cox 1.0, Odgers 0.1, rushed 0.2. Norwood: Dalwood 4.2, Carter 3.3, Hall 3.2, Way 3.1, Drage 2.0, Burke 1.0, Williams 0.1, Farrow 0.1, Potts 0.1, Tilbrook 0.1.

Best Players—North: Aamodt, Pash, Donnithorpe, Kennett, Crouch, Phillips, O'Leary. Norwood: Giles, Marriott, Dalwood, Tilbrook, Drage, Hall, Way.

South fade away after stubborn opening

By Brian Shea

After trailing for half the game, West scored an easy win over South at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	5—4	7—6	14—14	19—19	133
South	2—4	9—8	11—8	15—10	100

South fought back in the closing stages of the game, but West were too good.

Coad, West rover, played a brilliant game. His ability to get the ball in the crushes, coupled with accurate kicking for goal, made him West's best player.

Agars was the outstanding ruckman in the game. His accurate knocking from the bounce started many West attacks. His strong marking was another feature of a solid all-round display.

Bruce Broadstock's clever position play and intelligent hand-ball at centre half-forward kept the West attack working smoothly.

Ellery (at half-forward) was South's best. His speed gave

him a break over his opponent. His driving kicks were a constant danger to the West defence.

Merchant, South rover, played a very useful game. His accurate kicking for goal and deadly snapshots made him South's top scorer.

Best players—West: Coad, Agars, Broadstock, F. Williams, James, J. Taylor, Cannon. South: Ellery, Merchant, Pryor, Linke, Kenner, Leonard, Deane.

Scorers—West: Coad 6.1, Slattery 3.2, J. Taylor 2.3, Broadstock 2.1, James 2.0, Smith 1.3, F. Williams 1.2, Agars and A'Court each 1.0, Brown 0.2, Cannon and G. Williams each 0.1; rushed 0.1. South: Merchant 5.1, Leonard 3.1, Ellery 2.2, Schimleck 2.1, Houston, Linke, and Cochrane each 1.0, Kenner 0.3; rushed 0.2.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	P.	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.
Norwood	11	9	2	1215	959	18
North	11	8	3	1187	864	16
West	11	7	4	1026	934	14
Torrens	11	6	5	1058	851	12
Port	11	6	5	873	417	12
Glenelg	11	5	6	914	1311	10
South	11	2	9	1015	1234	4
Sturt	11	1	10	682	1117	2

Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	1	52
Mehaffey (Torrens)	5	40
Zucker (Port)	4	38
Tuckey (North)	4	32
Dalwood (Norwood)	4	27
Merchant (South)	5	26

LATE BID BY GLENELG FAILS BY 4 POINTS

By Len Swan

Torrens held off a spirited last quarter challenge by Glenelg and won by four points at Glenelg Oval today. It was an interesting tussle with both sides maintaining their pace till the final bell.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	1—1	9—8	10—9	16—13	109
Glenelg	6—3	8—4	12—7	16—9	105

In the first quarter Glenelg played a matchwinning brand of football, holding a 5—2 lead at the change.

They made intelligent use of the wind and kept Torrens down to two scoring shots.

During this period, Bob Hank gave his forwards the opportunities, but the Glenelg defence was on top.

Glenelg should have adopted these tactics in the third term. Instead they looked for the loose man across the field.

Backs crowd game

Torrens won the game in this quarter. Their backmen crowded the game and forced the Bay forwards into errors. Five times in succession hurried shots for goal went out of bounds.

The ruck duels were interesting all day. Usually the smaller men, coming in from the fringes, sent the ball away at the bounce. In this regard Bob Hank is without a peer. His anticipation at times is uncanny.

After Glenelg's relatively unsuccessful third quarter, Torrens started the final term by showing them how to use the wind.

Bob Hank, securing at the bounce, found McInnes with a long pass, and this player's kick falsed both flags—a goal from two kicks, the wind's true value.

Anyone's game

At this stage Glenelg fought back. When Haussen goaled, the scores were level.

From that point to the final bell it was anyone's game.

Bennett saved Torrens at a critical time by marking spectacularly at centre half-back.

Glenelg made the mistake of leaving their forward area practically unattended during the last few minutes of play.

After the first quarter Glenelg broke down at half-forward and several unsuccessful changes were made in an effort to overcome this weakness.

Torrens, too, had difficulty in forcing the ball past their half-forward line, particularly when kicking into the wind. Hannaford was too fast for

Broadstock.

Crowd on toes

It was an interesting fast game that kept spectators on their toes and neither side faltered in the race for the ball.

Pyatt, with a fine sustained effort, was Torrens' best. He made few mistakes and was never out of the picture, whether resting at full forward or on the ball.

Torrens had many players who were brilliant in patches, but Mehaffey's last half earned him second mention. His fine goals from beautiful drop kicks were a treat.

Hank inspired side

Bob Hank gave his side the usual drive from centre, and his third quarter effort did a lot towards keeping the Bays from breaking away when kicking with the wind.

For Glenelg Haussen deserves full credit for a fine, determined roving display. Some of his marks against taller opposition were first class. His five goals were well earned.

Hannaford was best of the Bay defenders. Brooker was another of the small men to take advantage of the crumbs and he roved fearlessly.

Scorers—Torrens: Mehaffey 5.2, Ray Hank 3.0, Pyatt 2.3, McInnes, Bill Hank 2.0, Prior 1.2, Broadstock 1.1, Siviour, Coverlid, Edwards, Fischer 0.1, rushed 0.1. Glenelg: Haussen 5.2, Laffin 3.0, Brooker 2.3, Crabb 2.1, Teagle 2.0, Churchett, Donaldson 1.1, Robjont 0.1. Brooker hit a goalpost.

Best Players—Torrens: Pyatt, Mehaffey, Bob Hank, Bennett, Edwards, Ray Hank, Wyatt. Glenelg: Haussen, Hannaford, Brooker, Trenorden, Laffin, Crabb, Hunt.

Glenelg—Backs: Window, Hunt, Grimwood. Half-backs: Patching, Hannaford, Prior. Centres: Sullivan, Trenorden, McPherson. Half-forwards: Miller, Donaldson, Teagle. Forwards: Haussen, Churchett, Laffin. Ruck: Crabb, Robjont, Brooker. Reserves: Wallis, Forster.

Torrens—Backs: Wyatt, Commans, Sully. Half-backs: Low, Bennett, Roberts. Centres: Ray Hank, Bob Hank, Edwards. Half-forwards: Glastonbury, J. Broadstock, Siviour. Forwards: Prior, McInnes, Pyatt. Ruck: Coverlid, Bill Hank, Mehaffey, Prior, Wyatt, Pyatt. Reserves: Fischer, Bignmore.

Umpire: K. L. Apltn. Estimated attendance, 4,500.

Port defeat Sturt in hard Unley game

By Ted Sell

Port's speed, cleaner handling and passing, and early ruck advantage gave them a comfortable win over Sturt in a crowded, hard-slogging game at Unley.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	5—5	5—6	9—8	10—9	69
Sturt	1—3	4—8	4—9	5—12	42

Best Players—Port: Growden, Schumann, Boyd, Carr, Whelan, Zucker, Fletcher. Sturt: Jack Giles, Tilley, Yeo, Trezise, Southern, N. Giles, Chapman.

Scorers—Port: Zucker 4.1, Gates 2.1, Mills 2.0, Boyd 1.1, Marrett 1.0, McDonald 0.4, Whelan 0.1, McLean 0.1. Sturt: Thompson 2.4, Chapman 2.2, Chardon 1.1, Kutcher 0.2, Willis 0.2, Johns 0.1.