

PORT WENT STRAIGHT FOR GOAL TO DEFEAT WEST

By Haydn Bunton, "The Mail" football writer

Because they concentrated on the direct route to goal, Port beat West at Alberton Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port . . .	2—8	6—12	10—14	10—17	77
West . . .	1—2	5—2	6—4	10—10	70

These tactics enabled the young Magpies to build up a three-quarter time lead that proved a matchwinner.

On the other hand, West, for most of the match, played round the wings.

This might have been justified if the wind had had any influence on play.

Boyd, best afield

Boyd, Port centreman, was the best man on the ground. Only a youngster, he set older players a lesson in position play and accurate dispatch of the ball. Port's next best was Schumann, not only because of his stubborn defensive play, but because of his steadying influence on the side.

Zucker seldom failed to make the most of Port drives. He fought for his six goals, and overcame several West checking moves.

Fletcher played a sound utility game, in ruck and on the back lines. In the dying stages of the game, McLean was still holding his own. Russell, in a back pocket, was another sterling performer.

Williams elusive

Only for Fos Williams, West would have been a long way farther behind. Elusive, fast, he was always in the game.

Lewis was the pick of the West defence. He proved a menace to Port on many occasions.

Faehse was another hard man to beat. Otherwise, the West defence was ragged.

With Fos Williams handicapped by a leg injury, Slattery had to do most of the roving, and gave a fine display. He was still plugging away at the finish, while others were stopping.

Best Players—Port: Boyd, Schumann, Zucker, Fletcher, McLean, Russell, West, Williams, Lewis, Faehse, Slattery, Smith, Cannon.

Scorers—Port: Zucker 6.2, Gates 1.4, Carr and Fletcher each 1.2, McLean 1.1, Boyd 0.2, Crowden, Marrett, Whelan, McDonald each 0.1. West: Fos Williams 5.3, Smith 2.1, Atkins 2.0, Slattery 1.4, Broadstock 0.1, rushed, 0.1.

South too fast for Sturt

By Amos Bottroff

Supremacy across the centre line after the first quarter and an advantage in speed round the ruck fringes enabled South to defeat Sturt by 26 points at the Adelaide Oval this afternoon.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South . . .	2—4	7—11	9—14	15—16	106
Sturt . . .	2—5	5—7	8—9	11—14	80

The game was generally patchy throughout and never reached a high standard.

The climax was reached in the third quarter when Sturt threw aside their short passing and evened the scores.

For South, it would be almost impossible to decide between Shimleck, McLeod, Merchant, and Deane. Each played an equally important part in their win.

Shimleck played a fast and effective game as a rover and probably handled the ball more than anyone on the ground.

McLeod gave a fine display in ruck. His knocking out from the bounce was generally sound and always well directed.

Deane was quiet in the first quarter in attack, but his ascendancy at centre and his long left-footers into attack enabled South to gain drive.

Merchant was a tireless worker. His speed and vigor helped him into the open, and his strong kicking enabled him to register his side's best score.

Slattery also played a sound game. Ken Harris was another whose speed and anticipation made his flank a safe avenue generally.

Don Pryor played soundly. He found Thompson too tall in the air, but his solidness in defence and later at centre half-back were worthy of merit.

Tilly outstanding

Tilley was Sturt's best. His vigorous play, sound judgment, and strong marking made South play round the flanks for most of their attacks.

Jack Giles played a solid game in the set defence position. He made it difficult for South when they were struggling to get an advantage early in the game.

Kearns was another defender whose play was clean and solid.

Thompson, although opposed by Pryor, was a powerful force in front of goals. His long reach enabled him to outmark opponents on many occasions.

Hillary played patchily but gave his side good service particularly in attack. Johns worked into the play as the game progressed and Abbott also played serviceably for Sturt.

Best Players—South: McLeod, Shimleck, Merchant, Deane, Slattery, Pryor, K. Harris. Sturt: Tilley, L. G. Giles, Kearns, Thompson, Hillary, John, Abbott.

Goalkeepers—South: Merchant 4.2, Ellery 3.1, Shimleck 3.0, Houston 2.6, Leonard 2.1, Butcher 1.0, Harris 0.2, Kenner 0.1, Slattery 0.1; rushed 0.2. Sturt: Thompson 4.3, Johns 2.2, Chapman 2.2, Baker 1.2, Willis 1.1, Hillary 1.0, Evans 0.2, Chardon 0.1, L. G. Giles 0.1.

Attendances at league football games today were:—Adelaide Oval, 4,200; Prospect Oval, 10,000; Norwood Oval, 7,200; Alberton Oval, 6,900. Total, 28,300.

Snapshots

Alan Crabb, Glenelg captain, who played a great part in his side's win over Norwood, was chaired off the field by his jubilant team-mates after the game.

Don Laffin who kicked the winning goal for Glenelg seconds before the final bell sounded, was brought to the ground by a vigorously friendly headlock applied by his excited vice-captain Ted Robjent.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	P.	W.	L.	Points For	Points Against	Pts.
Norwood	12	9	3	1305	1063	18
North	12	8	4	1201	961	16
Torrens	12	7	5	1154	1015	14
West	12	7	5	1086	1011	14
Port	12	7	5	950	887	14
Glenelg	12	6	6	1009	1104	12
South	12	3	9	1121	1314	6
Sturt	12	1	11	762	1253	2

Top Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	1	52
Zucker (Port)	6	44
Mehaffey (Torrens)	1	41
Tuckey (North)	—	32
Merchant (South)	4	30
Dalwood (Norwood)	1	28

Bay's sensational finish for 4-point win

By Brian Shea

In a sensational finish to a gruelling game, Glenelg defeated Norwood at Norwood Oval today by four points. Glenelg were outclassed in the first half, but fought back strongly to win with a goal kicked seconds before the bell.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	1—4	4—8	9—14	13—16	94
Norwood	2—0	7—14	9—14	12—18	90

It was apparent early that Glenelg were going to use their speed and vigor to oppose Norwood's strength in the air.

Norwood were hustled off their game in attack and they posted eight successive singles. Crabb lifted Glenelg with a great display in ruck.

Norwood played much more systematically than Glenelg half-way through the second term.

The Redlegs kicked better, and cleared out to a five-goal lead.

At this stage, Glenelg were making all the errors. Their field kicking was poor and they persisted in driving the ball in high to centre half-forward.

There, Marriott easily out-reached his opponents and turned many attacks.

Glenelg switched their attacks through the wings late in the term and three quick goals put them in the fight again.

Boys combine

Glenelg made many team changes in the third quarter. Karutz went to centre half-back, Churchett opened on a half-forward flank, and Laffin went to full-forward. These moves brought immediate results.

The Tigers began to play as a team, and by three-quarter time had levelled the score.

Norwood put Dalwood on the ball in an effort to break Glenelg's grip on the vital ruck duels in the last quarter.

Great recovery

Norwood went away to a three-goal lead, and the game seemed all over half-way through the term.

Then Crabb again set Glenelg attacking.

They kicked three goals, to make the difference two points. Glenelg were all over Norwood in the last few minutes, and Laffin pulled down a fine mark in front just before the bell.

and goaled.

Alan Crabb was the outstanding ruckman on the field. His accurate knocking started most Glenelg attacks and he marked strongly.

Ray Hunt played grandly for Glenelg at full-back. He shut Dalwood out of the game.

McPherson played brilliantly on a wing opposed to Olds. He beat Olds and was the avenue for many Glenelg attacks.

Williams at centre half-forward was Norwood's best. His cool position play and long, accurate drop kicks made him the most dangerous player in the Redleg attack.

Potts was the best Norwood rover. His accurate passing infused system into the Norwood attack.

Best Players—Glenelg: Crabb, Hunt, McPherson, Karutz, Laffin, Haussen, Trenorden. Norwood: Williams, Potts, Marriott, Drage, LePage, Giles, Tilbrook.

Scorers—Glenelg: Laffin 3.2, Robjent 3.1, Churchett 1.3, Crabb 1.2, Haussen 1.2, Brooker 1.2, Patching 1.1, Window 1.0, Trenorden 1.0, Donaldson 0.2; rushed 0.1. Norwood: Williams 3.4, Tilbrook 3.3, Carter 2.3, Dalwood 1.1, Drage 1.1, Heidenreich 1.1, Hall 1.1, Farrow 0.1, Peters 0.1, Potts 0.1; rushed 0.1.

Norwood—Backs: Matthews, Giles, Holmesby. Half-backs: LePage, Marriott, Ransom. Centres: Olds, Peters, Potts. Half-forwards: Farrow, Williams, G. Heidenreich. Forwards: Tilbrook, Dalwood, Carter. Ruck: Burke, Hall, Drage. Reserves: Reimann, Fosdike.

Glenelg—Backs: Patching, Hunt, Grimwood. Half-backs: Karutz, Hannaford, Prior. Centres: Sullivan, Trenorden, McPherson. Half-forwards: Brooker, Window, Teagle. Forwards: Haussen, Churchett, Laffin. Ruck: Crabb, Robjent, Donaldson. Reserves: Forster, Vale. Umpire: J. M. Schmelzkopf. Estimated attendance, 7,000.

Torrens better all-round

By Len Swan

Torrens played all-round better football to beat North by 32 points at Prospect Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	2.5	7.10	10.13	13.18	96
North	3.6	5.6	7.7	9.10	64

It was a disappointing game with Torrens looking the winners from soon after the start of the second quarter.

Torrens did most of the early attacking but then the home side found their feet and making use of the wind, showed glimpses of good form.

Soon after the second term started, however, Torrens scored four fine goals, took the lead, and from then on, were never headed.

Bill Hank best

Bill Hank was Torrens best and, for the first half, best on the ground. He was at his top when resting in defence and showed a particularly safe pair of hands.

By keeping one wing open all day, Glastonbury gave Tor-

rens forwards plenty of chances. He played intelligently and fast.

Coverlid was tireless, rucked strongly, was safe overhead, and kicked three goals.

Bob Hank cut Griffin out of the game to such an extent in the first half that Griffin had to be moved.

Cox was North's best with a grand effort. He never let up and fought on with determination.

Kennett had a fine first half, playing half-forward flank position intelligently.

North captain McKay, although quiet early, made a lionhearted effort in the last quarter.

Best Players—Torrens: Bill Hank, Glastonbury, Coverlid, Bob Hank, Prior, Bennett, Commare. North: Cox, Kennett, McKay, Hancock (until injured), Crouch, Blunden, Beeching.

Scorers—Torrens: Coverlid 3.1, McInnes 2.5, Ray Hank, Prior 2.3, Mehaffey 1.4, Pyatt 1.2, Glastonbury, Sivilour 1.0, Mehaffey and Ray Hank hit a goalpost. North: Beeching 3.1, Cox, Pedler 2.1, McKay 1.2, Phillips 1.0, Arbon, Pash 0.2, rushed 0.1, McKay hit a goalpost.