

WEST FULLY EARNED WIN OVER GLENELG

By Len Swan

West were too systematic for Glenelg at Glenelg Oval today. The Bays had every opportunity but kicked atrociously for goal in contrast to West's accuracy.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West . . .	3—3	8—4	15—5	19—8	122
Glenelg . .	3—2	5—13	9—17	11—20	86

Under ideal conditions, only shocking goalshooting prevented Glenelg from holding an advantage at half-time.

After half-time, West played improved football and looked the better side.

The Bays had the opportunities, but bad kicking is poor football, and in spite of the fact that Glenelg had a great deal of the play, West deserved their win.

West kicked with devastating accuracy all day.

Eight goals straight was their best burst.

Faulty punt passes

As well, West's short passes were far more effective. Some of the Tigers' passes were executed by means of a high punt, which were easily intercepted.

After the second quarter—during which they had most of the play but could manage only 2—11—Glenelg made several changes in an effort to improve their forward play.

The main move was to place Churchett at full forward. For a time it looked as if this would be successful.

When Crabb was in the ruck, Glenelg were able to drive away from centre, but on the day West had the edge in the packs.

West rovers held

It was expected West would have an advantage round the ruck fringes.

Although Fos Williams, Slattery, and Coad were prominent, the Glenelg rovers, particularly Brooker, held their own and kept their side attacking.

Forward of centre West were like a machine as they tore through with intelligent handball and accurate foot passes.

Although inaccuracy in front of goal cost Glenelg the game, the West defenders must be given credit for their close checking and bustling tactics.

West were an even, well-balanced team, but Fos Williams gave a fine sustained display and was always in the thick of the fight.

Lynch, although quiet early, played the wing position intelligently and with fine purpose.

Semmler, again in fine form, gave the Glenelg forwards little chance to settle down.

Trenorden clever

For Glenelg, Trenorden was a great power. He kept driving the ball goalward and his interceptions at the centre bounce were clever.

Brooker roved tenaciously and never admitted defeat.

In defence Prior was sound and brought down some fine marks. He battles on well.

SNAPSHOTS

Football attendances were: Adelaide, 7,700; Glenelg, 6,100; Prospect, 5,100; Alberton, 11,500. * * *

Although he did not strip today, officials were confident Deane (South) would be fit to make the trip to Perth with the State side. * * *

Goal posts at Glenelg had a hammering. On seven occasions the ball hit a post. The unlucky scorers were Atkins (twice), and Coad (West), Crabb, Window, Hausen, and Brooker (Glenelg). * * *

Ray Hunt led Glenelg on to the Bay Oval for today's match against West. It was captain Allan Crabb's gesture to the goalkeeper in recognition of his 150th league game. Hunt was given a good reception by the home supporters.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	P.	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.
Norwood	14	11	3	1469	1180	22
North	14	10	4	1384	1109	20
Torrens	14	9	5	1378	1086	18
West	14	8	6	1286	1170	16
Port	14	7	7	1058	1079	14
Glenelg	14	6	8	1156	1289	12
South	14	3	11	1211	1509	6
Sturt	14	2	12	905	1425	4

Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	5	57
McHaffey (Torrens)	1	47
Zucker (Port)	2	47
Tuckey (North)	1	34
Thompson (Sturt)	5	33
Dalwood (Norwood)	1	32

Best Players—West: Fos Williams, Lynch, Semmler, Lewis, Prowse, Broadstock, Brown. Glenelg: Trenorden, Brooker, Prior, Boehm, Crabb, Donaldson, Churchett.

Scorers—West: Prowse, 5.0; Coad, 3.1; Fos Williams, 2.3; Smith, Slattery, 2.0; Atkins, 1.2; Souter, 1.1; Taylor, Agars, Broadstock, 1.0; rushed, 0.1. Glenelg: Churchett, 5.1; Brooker, 2.6; Hausen, 1.4; Laffin, Boehm, 1.1; Teagle, 1.0; Window, 0.4; Crabb, 0.2; Donaldson, 0.1.



D. F. LAFFIN (Glenelg) flew high for the ball in this throw-in incident of the Glenelg-West Adelaide match at Glenelg today. He missed the ball, but team mate K. Hausen (centre) got the ball before B. Slattery (West Adelaide) could take a hand.

TORRENS PLAYED LIKE PREMIERS

By Haydn Bunton

On their showing against Port at Alberton today, Torrens should win the 1949 premiership. After an even opening, they proved far superior to the Magpies.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3—6	6—10	10—14	16—18	114
Port	3—4	4—5	5—9	7—9	51

They gave an exhibition of the Australian game at its best. Main features in their excellent display were:

- Cool, heady play under all circumstances,
- Model handballing and punt-passing in the forward lines,
- The influence of Jack Broadstock at centre half-forward.

For his scientific exposition of how the centre half-forward position should be played, Broadstock must be named as Torrens' best player.

Ray Hank played brilliantly, but I felt he owed a good deal to Broadstock's domination of the attack.

Prior battled hard in the ruck, and when "resting" forward, got four goals. Others to play well were Mehafeey, who gave sound support to Ray Hank, Pyatt, consistent

throughout, and Glastonbury, who dominated a wing.

Boyd's sterling display on a losing side was particularly meritorious, particularly as he was opposed to a player of Bob Hank's calibre.

Russell again played a dashing, clearing game. Batt made the most of his opportunities on a half-forward flank.

In spite of strong roving opposition, McDonald was always prominent. Schumann, although beaten by Broadstock on the day, must also be mentioned.

Best Players—Torrens: Broadstock, Ray Hank, Prior, Mehafeey, Pyatt, Glastonbury. Port: Boyd, Russell, Batt, McDonald, Greer, Schumann.

Scorers—Torrens: Ray Hank 6.3, Prior 4.2, McInnes 2.1, Mehafeey 1.5, Coverlid 1.3, Siviour, Ashby (each 1.0), Glastonbury, Pyatt, Broadstock (each 0.1), rushed 0.1. Port: Batt 4.0, Zucker 2.0, Marrett 1.1, McDonald 0.3, Fletcher, Carr, Hall, White (each 0.1), rushed 0.1.

North finished very strongly

By Brian Shea

North defeated Sturt by 31 points in a game which was of very high standard throughout. There was little between the teams for most of the game, but North finished too strongly.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	5—4	7—9	9—14	16—15	111
Sturt	2—1	7—3	9—6	12—8	80

Pash, North's best

Pash was easily North's best. He scouted wide at half-forward, and his long, driving kicks often sent the ball into scoring range.

Donnithorpe, in a back pocket, defended grandly until injured late in the game.

Among others to do well for North were Cox (solid roving display) and Phillips (centre half-forward, and a good display when in ruck late in the game).

Boland, Sturt rover, gave a sustained brilliant performance. His clever scouting and

accurate disposal of the ball started many Sturt attacks.

Ryan, at centre, was little behind Boland as Sturt's best. Although opposed by three different players, he dominated centre.

Southern at centre half-forward, also played well, while Abbott was often under notice.

Best Players—North: Pash, Donnithorpe, Cox, Phillips, Pedler, Beeching, Aasmott, Sturt, Boland, Ryan, Southern, Abbott, Thompson, Baker, Ingham.

Scorers—North: Aasmott 3.2, Beeching 3.2, Pedler 3.1, Arbon 3.1, Phillips 2.3, Tuckey 1.1, Gilbourne 1.0, Kennett 0.2, Pash 0.1, Cox 0.1, rushed 0.1. Sturt: Thompson 5.2, Baker 4.2, Southern 1.1, Boland 1.1, Willis 1.0, Lugg 0.2.

Redlegs had to go all out

By Amos Bottroff

Norwood's aerial strength at the goalfront, a brilliant burst late in the third quarter, and South's inaccurate goalshooting enabled the Redlegs to win at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood 4.4	6.6	8.10	12.13	85	
South 2.7	4.12	5.16	8.22	70	

South virtually lost because of their shocking kicking in attack, particularly in the first quarter.

For Norwood, Williams was best. He made position brilliantly and made good use of almost every opportunity.

He was fast and elusive and his left-footers were dispatched in a businesslike way.

Hall, Marriott, and Dansie would be hard to separate from Williams because of their tradesmanlike efforts.

Hall was sound and valuable in ruck and in attack.

Marriott starred in his almost customary manner at centre half-back, and Dansie was much too fast for his opponent. In the second half he had the ball on a string.

For South, McLeod played soundly in ruck. He is one of the few ruckmen in the game who knocks with accuracy.

Linke gave McLeod great support and played soundly.

Cochrane had a brilliant first half and last quarter. He decidedly outpointed Way in the early stages.

Laphorne (roving) did well, and Slattery was most effective on a flank.

Best Players—Norwood: Williams, Hall, Marriott, Dansie, Giles, Drage, Farrow. South: McLeod, Cochrane, Linke, Slattery, Laphorne, Tab, Merchant.

Scorers—Norwood: Farrow 4.2, Williams 3.3, Tilbrook 2.1, Hall 1.3, Dalwood 1.0, Bluett 1.0, Drage 0.4. South: Ellery 3.5, Laphorne 1.5, Cochrane 1.1, Ardill 1.1, Shimleck 1.1, Houston 1.1, Tab 0.3, Merchant 0.2, McLeod 0.1, Linke 0.1, rushed 0.1.