

WEST ALWAYS IN FULL CONTROL

By Haydn Bunton

Outstanding co-operation in the forward lines and intelligent use of handball gave West a 33-point win over Port at Adelaide Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	2—8	6—10	11—13	14—17	101
Port	1—1	4—1	8—6	10—8	68

Whitaker, young Port rover who starred in his first league game last week, was even more impressive today.

Port were first into attack with a single, but after Smith goaled a few minutes later West were never headed.

Port were at a disadvantage with two inexperienced players—Luke and Davis—on the centre wings.

They were forced to play either through Boyd, at centre, or over their centre line.

Broadstock was West's best. He overwhelmed Schumann at centre half-forward. His hand and foot passing were perfect, and most West attacks were concentrated through him.

Fos Williams was in the thick of it all day both roving and in a forward pocket. His rugged play forward broke through Port's defence time and again to let West in to score.

James, although quiet early, had the better of Boyd on the

day. He played a useful game throughout.

Best on ground

G. Williams played a typical half-forward's game. When he came on the ball in the last term, he made his presence felt.

Whitaker, roving and forward, was the best man on the ground. He did not make a mistake all day and started most of Port's attacks in a losing side. His disposal was excellent.

McDonald, although playing well when roving and forward, shone when shifted to a centre wing after half-time. He showed he is more suited to this position than to roving.

McLean, although not spectacular, played a hard game throughout.

Griffiths created many opportunities that broke down at the goalfont. Only a junior, he has a good future.

Best Players—West: Broadstock, F. Williams, James, G. Williams, Agars, Faehse, Slattery. Port: Whitaker, McDonald, McLean, Griffiths, Carr, Fletcher, Boyd.

Scorers—West: Smith 4.0, G. Williams 3.1, F. Williams 2.4, Prowse 2.0, Coad 1.4, Broadstock 1.2, Agars 1.2, Slattery 0.2, rushed 0.2. Port: Zucker 3.1, Whitaker 2.0, Marrett 1.1, Griffiths 1.1, McLean 1.1, Carr 1.0, Batt 1.0, Whelan 0.2, Nicholls 0.1, rushed 0.1.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	P.	W.	L.	For.	Agst.	Pts.
North	16	12	4	1546	1215	24
Norwood	16	11	5	1583	1380	22
Torrens	16	10	6	1543	1266	20
West	16	10	6	1494	1306	20
Port	16	7	9	1186	1249	14
Glenelg	16	7	9	1267	1441	14
South	16	4	12	1336	1605	8
Sturt	16	3	13	1000	1565	6

Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	5	60
Zucker (Port)	3	80
Mehaffey (Torrens)	2	49
Dalwood (Norwood)	2	37
Thompson (Sturt)	1	26

MIDFIELD CALL HELPED SOUTH

By Amos Bottroff

South's call over Sturt across centre and Laphorne's dashing exhibition in the first half of the game enabled South to win against Sturt at Unley Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	3—2	7—4	8—8	10—10	70
Sturt	0—4	1—7	6—12	7—14	56

It was Laphorne's dashing forward play which started South along the winning road.

Sturt threw the game away by foolish manhandling and bumping, which was evidently intended to unsettle South, but in reality had the opposite effect.

Sturt ruckmen did most of the knocking out from centre but South rovers, aided by Slattery and Ken Harris on the flanks, were responsible for keeping South in attack.

R. Chapman, playing his first league game, opened an avenue for South at half-forward and with Venning rucking well, South forwards sent their side on to a 33-point lead at half time.

Many chances

There was still plenty of vigor in the game in the third term—it never went out of it all day—but Sturt used much more reason, and their standard of play improved 100 per cent.

Don Pryor and Williams continued to defend strongly for South, but Ingham, Thomas, Southern and Hillary enabled Sturt to have twice the number of scoring chances South had.

The last quarter presented very unimpressive football. Laphorne and Pryor were South's best.

Laphorne inspired his side from the first bounce, and by his extremely accurate kicking was responsible for South's 33-point lead at half time.

Pryor gave yet another of his cool, but purposeful games as custodian. He had an important job to do in defending against the up-and-coming goalsneak Thompson, and fulfilled the task well.

Great debut

R. Chapman, in his first league game, gave an excellent exhibition at half-forward left, and later at centre half-forward. He needs only to polish his footpassing to become a first-class player.

Abbott, at half-back, was Sturt's best. Cool and more purposeful than most of his teammates on the day, he continually outmarked opposition and cleared with long, driving kicks.

Best Players—South: Laphorne, Pryor, R. Chapman, Slattery, Williams, Merchant, K. Harris. Sturt: Abbott, Ingram, Hillary, Thomas, Southern, Boland, Tilley.

Scorers—South: Laphorne, 7.0; Shilleck, 1.3; Bollard, 1.1; Houston, 1.0; Merchant, 0.2; Tabe, 0.1; Deane, 0.1; McLeod, 0.1; rushed, 0.1. Sturt: Boland, 3.2; Thompson, 1.5; Hillary, 1.1; P. N. Giles, 1.0; Lugs, 1.0; Southern, 0—3; Willis, 0—1; Tilley, 0—1; Baker, 0—1.

North were too good

By Len Swan

A runaway win over Norwood at Prospect Oval practically assured North of top place in the final four.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3.1	9.6	9.9	13.15	93
Norwood	1.8	4.9	6.10	6.10	46

North were far too effective and Norwood had no answer to their fast, open forward play.

In direct contrast Norwood floundered badly in attack. Even in the first quarter they had the opportunities. Then close checking by North defenders forced them into mistakes and they finished the term with 1—8.

Norwood got all their drive from across centre where Gallagher played consistently and at times brilliantly.

But with a completely out-classed half-forward line most of these moves broke down before they reached the goalfont.

In this early fight for supremacy, the North defence never faltered. With McKay and Crouch spoiling cleverly and effectively, and using superb judgment, Norwood could not break through.

Best in league

North half-forward line is the most effective in the league.

Today, when Phillips and Marriott, and later Pedler and Marriott, were hotly contesting the direct road to goal, North lost nothing by switching their attack through Keninett and Pash on the flanks.

McKay was best man on the ground. Whether goalkeeper or on the ball, he hardly did a thing wrong all day. His aerial work and fine, long, clearing kicks were features.

Kennett produced one of his brilliant half-forward flank games. In this set position he has few peers in the league.

In defence Crouch was solid all day. His effective checking and strong spoiling when not in a position to mark put him high up in North's list.

Norwood's best

For Norwood, Gallagher was one of the few players to produce consistent form. His intelligent centre play sent Norwood attacking time and again.

Marriott, after a quiet start, defended solidly in the closing stages and brought off some freakish marks.

Burke, although not brilliant, battled hard all day, and, although not as certain in the air as usual, was one of the few Redlegs to challenge North.

Best Players—North: McKay, Kennett, Crouch, Gilbourne, Aamodt, Arbon, Coulls. Norwood: Gallagher, Marriott, Burke, Holmesby, Tilbrook, Dalwood, Olds.

Scorers—North: Kennett, 3.3; Pedler, 3.1; Arbon, 3.0; Cox, 2.2; Griffin, Aamodt, each 1.0; Gilbourne, Phillips, each 0.3; Coulls, 0.1; rushed, 0.2. Norwood: Dalwood, Drage, each 2.1; Williams, Hall, each 1.1; Tilbrook, Farrow, each 0.2; Warren, O'Loughlin, each 0.1.

Torrens were made to go all out to beat Bays

By Brian Shea

Torrens had to fight every inch of the way to defeat Glenelg in a gruelling game at Thebarton Oval today. Torrens rallied desperately in the last quarter, and won in the last minutes of play.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	2—3	5—9	10—11	13—17	95
Glenelg	4—4	6—6	11—7	12—9	81

The game opened at terrific pace.

Laffin's palming of the ball to his rovers gave Glenelg a clear break away from the centre bounce, and with Brooker scouting well the Tigers ran to an early lead.

Torrens overindulged in handball which enabled the vigorous Glenelg defenders headed by Robjert to break up their attacks.

Bigmore held one wing open for Torrens, and his understanding with Glastonbury at half-forward infused system into Torrens attacks.

Reversed tactics

In the second quarter Torrens sent the ball high to McInnes at full forward.

This was a complete reversal of their earlier short passing game and they got two quick goals.

It was again Laffin who lifted Glenelg ruck, with a great effort early in the term.

The early play in the last quarter was very crowded and Torrens could not break out into the open to make use of their pace.

It was not until the last few minutes of play that Torrens gained a decisive break.

Ray Hank's goal from a free gave Torrens a slight lead.

Then Torrens went away with a burst of systematic football. Glastonbury was easily the

best for Torrens. His clever play on a half-forward flank often gave his team many scoring chances.

Bob Hank was next. He had a great tussle with Trenorden, but his good foot-passing was the starting point of many Torrens attacks.

Bigmore held centre wing all day, and Ray Hank roved with great dash.

Laffin controlled the rucks and was best for Glenelg. His accurate knocking to his rovers started most Glenelg attacks.

Brooker roved consistently, and Crabb, after a quiet opening, rucked strongly in the second half.

Best Players—Torrens: Glastonbury, Bob Hank, Bigmore, Ray Hank, Prior, Mehaffey, Coverlid. Glenelg: Laffin, Brooker, Crabb, Robjert, Trenorden, Churchett, Hannaford.

Scorers—McInnes, 3.2; Prior, 3.2; Mehaffey, 2.5; Ray Hank, 2.1; Glastonbury, 1.2; Coverlid, 1.2; Broadstock, 1.0; Bill Hank, 0.1; rushed 0.2. Glenelg: Churchett, 5.3; Brooker, 3.1; Crabb, 2.3; Boehm, 1.0; Hawkes, 1.0; Laffin, 0.1; rushed, 0.1.

Torrens—Backs: Fischer, Commane, Low. Half-backs: Dickerson, Roberts, Oates. Centres: Bigmore, Bob Hank, J. Edwards. Half-forwards: Glastonbury, Broadstock, Siviour. Forwards: Ray Hank, McInnes, Prior. Ruck: Coverlid, W. Hank, Mehaffey. Reserves: Graham, Wyatt.

Glenelg—Backs: Vale, Hunt, Window. Half-backs: Prior, Hannaford, Karutz. Centres: Hillier, Trenorden, McPherson. Half-forwards: Donaldson, Boehm, Teagle. Forwards: Laffin, Churchett, Hawkes. Ruck: Crabb, Robjert, Brooker. Reserves: Haussen, Deer.

Umpire: J. M. Schmelskopf. Estimated attendance, 8,000.