

DOUBLE CHANCE FOR NORTH, NORWOOD IN LEAGUE FINAL

By Haydn Bunton

North (first) and Norwood (second) will have double chances in the 1949 premierships finals. This was the outcome of today's games.

Next week, Torrens (third) and West (fourth) will meet. I think the winner of this game—probably West—will take the premiership.

West gave a sample of their best play at Adelaide Oval today when they beat North.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	0—4	5—7	10—10	12—14	86
North	1—5	4—10	8—12	9—16	70

West took a long time to settle down. It was not until after half time that their system clicked, but it was soon enough to prove too much for North to counter.

Both sides gave a shocking exhibition for most of the first half. They crowded the ball and fumbled. Even reliable players fell into error consistently.

With nothing to commend the midfield play, defences of both sides started.

From 10 scoring shots in the first term only one goal was scored—a lucky one near the bell from Arbon, who picked up a stray and ran in close.

Breakdown cause

This breakdown was the result of brilliant defending and lack of purpose past centre.

McKay and Crouch stayed off West thrusts with brilliant marking and tear-through play.

Brown, operating over a wide field from a back pocket, played a similar role for West.

Styles of play throughout contrasted sharply, with West trying to break through by handball, and North concentrating on long kicks.

It was a tribute to Taylor's leadership that West persisted with handball when it was failing—it developed eventually into a matchwinner.

Umpire Schmelzkopf gave the best exhibition I've seen this

season. He kept the game moving smoothly all day.

Lewis played an excellent game in the half-back line. He saved time after time and brought down a number of brilliantly judged marks.

Taylor rucked strongly and gave invaluable service in defence.

Slattery, until injured in the last quarter, was a vital link in all West's forward moves. Brown (in defence) saved time and time again.

McKay was the best man on the ground. Not only did he play tigerishly to keep West out, but (on the ball) was the springboard for North's only two clear-cut goals.

Crouch played his usual consistent game at half-back. But for him West's winning margin would have been greater.

Coulls (roving) played consistently all day and was prominent in a number of North's attacks.

Phillips, although not as brilliant as usual, worked hard on the forward line.

Best Players—West: Lewis, Taylor, Slattery, Brown, P. Williams, Lynch, Agars. North: McKay, Crouch, Coulls, Phillips, Aamodt, Odgers, Pash.

Scorers—West: Agars 3.2, Prowse 2.2, P. Williams 2.2, Slattery 1.3, Taylor 1.1, Broadstock 1.1, Coad 1.1, Smith 1.0, Atkins 0.1, rushed 0.1. North: Coulls 2.2, Pash 2.2, Phillips 1.5, Cox 1.2, Pedler 1.1, Arbon 1.0, Kennett 1.0, Thorsen 0.1, Aamodt 0.1, O'Leary 0.1, rushed 0.1.

HOW TEAMS FINISHED

	P.	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.
North	17	12	5	1616	1301	24
Norwood	17	12	5	1698	1471	24
Torrens	17	11	6	1638	1320	22
West	17	11	6	1580	1378	22
Glenelg	17	8	9	1456	1519	16
Port	17	7	10	1277	1302	14
South	17	4	13	1392	1791	8
Sturt	17	3	14	1139	1654	6

Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	3	72
Mehaffey (Torrens)	6	55
Zucker (Port)	1	51
Thompson (Sturt)	2	38
Dalwood (Norwood)	—	36

NORWOOD WON WITH LATE BURST

By Shan Hoskyns

With a late burst, the cool, determined Norwood side beat Port by 22 points at Norwood Oval and gained a double chance in the finals.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4—2	8—9	11—12	16—17	113
Port	5—3	10—7	12—11	13—13	91

Whitaker and Boyd could hardly be separated as the two best players on the field. Whitaker was leading out to the half-forward line or wing time and time again. Boyd was beating Gallagher most of the time.

This was Whitaker's third league game and he has established himself as one of the foremost league players.

McLean and Schumann at half-forward and half-back respectively, were also brilliant in the Port system play.

For Norwood, Williams was outstanding. He was brilliant in the air, always out in front and kicked accurately.

Tilbrook was a good supporter in the full forward line and Drage was solid in ruck until he went off with an injury.

Norwood players injured were Drage (replaced by O'Loughlin), Dalwood (Heidenreich). Port players: Schumann (Bunce) and Whelan (Hobbs).

Best Players—Norwood: Williams, Tilbrook, Dansie, Drage, Marriott, Pedder, Gallagher. Port: Boyd, Whitaker, Schumann, McLean, Whelan, McDonald, Batt.

Scorers—Norwood: Williams 7.5, Tilbrook 2.3, Way 2.3, Hall 2.1, Drage 1.2, Dansie 1.1, Pedder 1.0, rushed 0.2. Port: Carr 4.0, McLean 3.0, Whitaker 2.2, Boyd 2.1, Growden 1.2, Zucker 1.2, Griffiths 0.1, Nicholls 0.1, Marrett 0.1, Fletcher 0.1, rushed 0.2.

Torrens give South sound thrashing

Torrens' brilliant first quarter, during which they outpaced South, and footpassed with uncanny accuracy, enabled them to trounce the visitors at Thebarton today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	7—7	9—13	12—15	13—17	95
South	0—2	4—6	4—7	7—12	54

Best Players—Torrens: Mehaffey, Bob Hank, Coverlid, Bennett, Bigmore, Edwards, Low, Broadstock. South: Deane, Pryor, Tabe, Laphorne, Abbott, Williams, McLeod, K. Harris.

Goalkickers—Torrens: Mehaffey 6.4, Coverlid 3.3, McInnes 2.0, Prior 1.2, Broadstock 1.1, R. Hank 0.3, Glastonbury 0.2, Fischer 0.1, rushed 0.1. South: Laphorne 2.3, Shimleck 2.1, Deane 1.2, Chapman 1.0, McLeod 1.0, Merchant 0.3, Ellery 0.2, Williams 0.1.

Glenelg withstood late challenge

By Len Swan

Repelling a late challenge, Glenelg beat Sturt by 11 points at Glenelg today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	4—2	7—3	10—7	13—11	89
Sturt	1—3	3—5	7—9	11—12	78

Glenelg took the initiative during the first quarter. Only for the vigorous and effective defence work of Abbott, Ingham, and Tilley, the Bays would have been more than 17 points ahead at the change.

Glenelg won the match in this term.

During this early stage the home side got their drive from Trenorden (centre), and Crabb (ruck).

Crabb retires

These players were keeping the side functioning as a team but when both were forced to retire, Crabb (to hospital), and Trenorden (injured thigh), the team fell into a negative game.

Sturt were not slow to grasp their opportunity and, with their opponents visibly disorganised and weakened, they fought back in tigerish style.

In the third quarter a goal from Chapman put them within four points of Glenelg.

This was the closest they got to whittling away their first quarter disadvantage.

Laffin must be ranked high for a lion-hearted, marathon performance. He gave of his best all day and with Crabb off the field, he shouldered the responsibilities in fine style.

Window gave an intelligent display when sent on to the ball during the second half and showed plenty of pace.

Hunt showed outstanding judgment in his defence work. He spoilt his taller opponents in telling fashion.

At half-back, Abbott was like a rock. Boland gave a clever display round the crushes.

Ingham was particularly prominent in the first half. At times prominent on the ball, he was at his best in defence.

Best Players—Glenelg: Laffin, Window, Hunt, Robjent, Hausen, Brooker, Trenorden (until injured). Sturt: Abbott, Boland, Ingham, Tilley, Chapman, Whelan, Southern.

Scorers—Glenelg: Churchett 3.3, Brooker 3.1, Hausen 2.0, Window 1.3, Prior 1.2, Boehm 1.1, Crabb 1.0, Laffin 1.0, rushed 0.1. Sturt: Thompson 2.2, Boland 2.1, Chapman 2.0, Ryan 2.0, Hillary 1.2, Whelan 1.1, Trezise 1.0, Southern 0.2, Willis 0.1, rushed 0.3.

Glenelg—Backs: Deer, Hunt, Vale. Half-backs: Prior, Hannaford, Karutz. Centres: Hillier, Trenorden, McPherson. Half-forwards: Window, Boehm, Teagle. Forwards: Hausen, Churchett, Laffin. Ruck: Crabb, Robjent, Brooker. Reserves: Wallis, Heywood-Smith.

Sturt—Backs: L. Giles, Ingham, Whelan. Half-backs: Yeo, Tilley, Abbott. Centres: Thomas, Ryan, Kutcher. Half-forwards: Chapman, Southern, Willis. Forwards: Read, Thompson, Hillary. Ruck: N. Giles, Trezise, Boland. Reserves: Baker, Walsh.

Umpire: B. M. Harvey.

Estimated attendance, 3,500.