

HOW NORWOOD HUNG ON TO BEAT CLOCK IN WIN BY POINT

By Lew Roberts

Norwood hung on desperately to a slender last quarter lead to enable the clock to defeat the irrepressible North side by one point at Norwood Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood ..	4—2	8—4	11—7	14—10	94
North ..	4—3	7—5	11—7	14—9	93

In the last quarter, Norwood clapped on three quick goals for the handy lead which stood them in good stead. After the third goal it was all North, with the Redlegs defending desperately.

There were so many players across the North half-forward line at this stage that the ball scarcely had a chance.

Oatey played a kick behind play, with Marriott one further back to good effect. They wasted as much time as possible for each standing kick.

With the Norwood attack value at nil, it was for them a case of playing the ball wide to the flanks to hold North down.

By a trial and error method, North eventually drew within a point. Oatey and Marriott were still the defenders extraordinary. North were full of running, and were attacking the weary Norwood defence when the bell ended the day.

Oatey was best

Oatey, because of his magnificent roving, driving power, and uncanny defence when his side was being beaten, was the best player afield.

He knew when the attack value of his side was zero, and made his game defence to good purpose.

Marriott, for his effort at centre half-back and later when on the ball, made him a close second to Oatey.

He is dependable overhead and fearless, and mobile on the ground.

The goal he scored at the grandstand end from a top-speed pick-up in the rain was a good indication to his ability.

Way, although shut out of the game at times and out of condition, played his part with telling effect when it was required most.

Pedler was the best man afield in the first half. When he was in ruck, North were on top, but broke down at the scoring end. When he rested at full forward, Norwood were in trouble there. Understandably, Pedler could not keep the pressure up all day.

Griffin played a grand game at centre. He was rarely beaten and showed fine sense of position.

McKay did things in a sensational way, whether on the ball for a break or in goal. His marking and kicking left nothing to be desired, and when on the ball in short bursts gave the side obvious lift.

Best Players—Norwood: Oatey, Marriott, Way, Drage, Roberts, Hall, Gross. North: Pedler, Griffin, McKay, Beeching, Tuckey, Kennett, Odgers.

Scorers—Norwood: Way 6.2, Drage 3.2, Gross 2.1, Marriott 2.0, Oatey 1.0, Williams 0.2, Tilbrook, 0.1, Heidenreich 0.1, Farrow 0.1. North: Tuckey 7.0, Pedler 3.3, Coullis 1.2, Kennett 1.1, Pash 1.1, Tidswell 1.0, Arbon 0.1, Beeching 0.1.

South's first win in two years

By Amos Bottroff

Playing with dazzling speed across centre and on the ruck fringes, and showing their increasing power in the rucks, South Adelaide thrilled supporters with their first victory for more than two years when they beat West by 19 points at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South ..	4—8	6—11	8—14	11—17	83
West ..	3—1	5—4	8—7	9—10	64

Jim Deane was best man on the ground.

Fast and elusive all day, he rarely put a foot wrong. Time and again he took the initiative from West and set South attacking.

Many men good

Next to Deane was Lapthorne, who today really played a captain's game. His speed, vigor, and back turning out of trouble gave his opponents many headaches.

T. Slattery, too, was one of many South players who could be mentioned for a fighting effort full of success.

Brian Faehse was West's best player. Hard pressed all day, he gallantly tried to hold the West defence together, and was

responsible for returning many South attacks with long driving dropkicks.

C. Williams, who worked into the play at half-forward as the game progressed and later in ruck, marked and kicked strongly and fought a great battle for the losing side.

Best Players—South: Deane, Lapthorne, Slattery, K. Harris, McLeod, Fraser, Ardill. West: Faehse, G. Williams, Brown, Slattery, Atkins, Souter, Taylor.

Scorers—South: Houston 3.2, Lapthorne 2.4, Ardill 2.3, Fryar 1.1, Miller 1.1, Merchant 1.1, Cochrane 1.0, Harris 0.2, Panizza 0.1, Martin 0.1, rushed 0.1. West: C. Smith 3.1, Brown 1.3, Atkins 1.1, Agars 1.1, Slattery 1.1, Williams 1.0, Semmler 1.0, Dennes 0.1, Hill 0.1, Broadstock 0.1.

South Adelaide's win over West today was their first victory for more than two years. They last won a game when they defeated North at Prospect on May 10, 1947. Secretary Maurie Bloustein said tonight: "This is not the last win."

Torrens went to Glenelg Oval for their match against Glenelg under false colors. They travelled in a bus painted with Glenelg's colors—yellow and black.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	P	W	L	Points Prem		
				For	Ag.	Pts.
Norwood	4	4	—	452	295	8
North	4	3	1	401	266	6
Glenelg	4	3	1	398	380	6
Port	4	2	2	276	269	4
West	4	2	2	314	349	4
Torrens	4	1	3	325	357	2
South	4	1	3	328	420	2
Sturt	4	—	4	250	408	—

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	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	5	26
Tuckey (North)	7	19
Mehaffey (Torrens)	5	16
Way (Norwood)	6	13
Pryor (South)	—	12
Oatey (Norwood)	1	11

Glenelg shock Torrens with strong second half

By Len Swan

Glenelg finished better than Torrens to win by 18 points at Glenelg Oval this afternoon. It was an exciting tussle until the last quarter, when Glenelg, in a burst of fine football, kicked five goals straight.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	2—2	5—8	9—11	14—14	98
Torrens	4—4	7—7	9—9	11—14	80

Although Torrens began with the advantage of a useful wind, Glenelg showed that they are not always slow starters, and rushed away effectively from the bounce.

But their early aggressiveness faded. With Torrens going in harder, and Broadstock seemingly directing the Torrens forward lines at will, it looked early as if the home side were going to be in trouble.

At half-time they were 11 points down, but by this time Broadstock had been checked, and Glenelg, attacking strongly, were mainly trailing only through inaccuracies in front of goal.

It was an unusual sight to see Churchett off the target—he hit a goalpost and one went out of bounds from short range.

To this stage Torrens were playing on better than Glenelg, and were set a fine example in this regard by Bob Hank.

After half-time the Bays drove the ball forward with long driving kicks, and seemed more certain of their intentions.

Admittedly in the third term the wind was not to the same extent favoring the Brighton goal, but the home side at this stage were using handball with fine purpose, and with Donaldson not allowing Bob Hank his usual dominating influence, the Tigers had changed an 11-point deficit into a two-point advantage by three-quarter time.

During this exciting term the lead changed hands five times, and the crowd appreciated the fine battle and brilliant bursts of football by both sides.

Straight shooting

During the last quarter, Glen showed they could kick accurately, and in one period added five goals from as many shots—Churchett three, and Trenorden two.

In the second half, when Glenelg sensed victory, they looked a well-balanced side. Trenorden was their best, with a fine sustained effort on the ruck fringes.

Window must be given credit for a dashing and tireless display at centre half-back, and for checking Broadstock, who, in the first quarter, looked a danger.

Laffin gave his best performance since joining league ranks, and his knocking from the crushes was well directed.

Torrens had many good good players. Mehaffey was in the picture all day—he kicked all of Torrens' goals after half-time, and roved skilfully.

Glastonbury prayed intelligently on a wing, and sent the ball goalward with well-directed kicks. In defence, Phillips and Commans were solid.

Best Players—Glenelg: Trenorden, Window, Laffin, Prior, Robjent, Hausson, Donaldson. Torrens: Mehaffey, Glastonbury, Phillips, Commans, Coverlid, Bill Hank, R. Ashby, Bob Hank.

Scorers—Glenelg: Churchett 5.3, Trenorden 2.3, Laffin 2.2, Hausson 2.1, Brooker 1.2, Crabb 1.1, Robjent 1.0, rushed 0.2; Churchett hit a goalpost. Torrens: Mehaffey 5.2, Broadstock 2.3, R. Ashby 1.2, Fisher 1.2, Ray Hank 1.1, Bennett 1.0, Coverlid 0.7, Pyatt 0.1; Coverlid and R. Ashby hit a goalpost.

Glenelg—Backs: Robjent, Hannaford, Vale. Half-backs: Wallis, Window, Prior. Centres: Sullivan, Donaldson, Heywood-Smith. Half-forwards: Brooker, Teagle, Miller. Forwards: Hausson, Churchett, Laffin. Ruck: Crabb, Patching, Trenorden. Reserves: Moore, Morphett. Torrens—Backs: Pyatt, Sully, Commans. Half-backs: Low, Phillips, Oates. Centres: Edwards, Bob Hank, Glastonbury. Half-forwards: R. Ashby, J. Broadstock, Wood. Forwards: Ray Hank, Bennett, Fisher. Ruck: Coverlid, Bill Hank, Mehaffey. Reserves: G. Ashby, Merritt. Umpire: W. J. Staker. Estimated attendance, 6,000.

Port too fast for Sturt

By Brian Shea

Port showed great pace in gaining an easy win over Sturt at Alberton Oval. Sturt had control in the rucks early, but the smaller Port men raced them off their feet.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	2—4	7—9	10—11	13—12	90
Sturt	5—0	6—1	7—1	9—4	58

David Boyd, Port junior, gave a polished display throughout the game.

He opened at half-forward and when shifted to centre he controlled the pivot with great judgment and accurate passing.

Greer, with fast, determined ground play, held centre wing open for Port all the afternoon. "Congie" McLean played solidly for Port in ruck, and he was also under notice with solid work in defence.

Noel Giles battled hard for Sturt in ruck, but his advantage to the side was offset by poor roving support.

Tilley returned to form for Sturt today with a solid game in defence. He opened at centre half-forward, but when changed to full back his vigorous clearing helped to hold the Sturt defence together.

Best Players—Port: Boyd, Greer, L. G. McLean, Schumann, Sampson, Russell, Whelan. Sturt: Noel Giles, Tilley, Britton, Whelan, Pynor, Crawley, Bartlett.

Scorers—Port: Marrett 3.2, Gates 3.1, Hobbs 2.0, Boyd 1.3, Zucker 1.2, Sampson 1.1, Mills 1.0, Whelan 1.0, Hewitson 0.1, rushed 0.2. Sturt: Britton 4.0, Pynor 2.1, Johns 2.1, Willis 1.0, Price 0.1, Boland 0.1.

Snapshots

Official attendances at league football matches today totalled 31,250. They were:—Norwood, 15,000; Adelaide, 4,250; Glenelg, 6,500; Alberton, 5,500.

Glenelg captain, Alan Crabb, was carried shoulder-high by four of his team mates through a crowd of 1,000 Glenelg supporters at the end of today's game.