

Torrens' big trump was finesse in attack

By Lew Roberts

In a fast, gruelling struggle at Thebarton, Torrens showed more finesse in attack, and that enabled them to beat Port by 22 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	1-4	4-6	8-7	12-8	80
Port	1-4	3-7	6-8	8-10	58

All day Torrens appeared to be going better than the Magpies. They had the edge with their pace, and a good handball understanding overall, although at times it brought disaster.

Their players all went to the ball with a confidence and determination that brought results.

The younger Port players often showed hesitancy and indecision, as though they could not decide in that split second what was required of them. In this class of football, to hesitate is to lose.

Pyatt used weight

Pyatt played a valuable game for Torrens. He hooked the ball down from overhead often, and went about his work on the ground with speed and weight used in the right amount. Whenever Port drove hard, Pyatt appeared to go better.

Bennett played well when at half-back, and although he received some assistance when placed in goals on Zucker, his effort there probably saved the day for Torrens. He was not brilliant there, but played negatively, to plan.

Ray Hank played with pace

and stamina, which gave the Blue-and-Golds a valuable lift, both when roving and resting forward.

Schumann, Port's best

Schumann, although carrying a bout of the flu, shut the direct road for Torrens all day at centre half-back. He completely eclipsed Broadstock who was later shifted to the flank. Although Siviour improved the position a little for Torrens, Schumann repeatedly turned drives.

Carr played a dazzling first half in a back pocket and seemed to be with the ball wherever it came. Although he faded in the later stages, his was a good effort.

"Congie" McLean played well in attack. He was safe overhead and while his condition lasted, was often under notice.

Best Players—Torrens: Pyatt, Bennett, Ray Hank, Glastonbury, Merritt, Phillips, Bob Hank. Port: Schumann, Carr, L. G. McLean, Greer, Russell, Hewitson, Marrett.

Scorers—Torrens: Parsons 3.1, Glastonbury 3.0, Ray Hank 2.1, Sully 1.2, Fischer 1.2, W. Hank 1.0, Broadstock 1.0, Coverlid 0.1, Merritt 0.1. Port: Zucker 2.1, L. G. McLean 2.1, Hewitson 2.0, Mills 1.1, Marrett 1.0, Sampson 0.3, Hobbs 0.2, Gates 0.1, Growden 0.1.

Norwood's 10 point victory

By Amos Bottroff

Norwood's aerial strength in attack in the last quarter was the deciding factor in their 10-point win over South in a brilliant game at Norwood Oval today.

Had it not been for their brilliant high marking in attack in the final stages of play, and their stout-hearted last line of defence, Norwood would have gone down to the city team in a game which was always fast and vigorous.

The last quarter saw a great battle, as Norwood gradually took control mainly through brilliant interception and fine attacking by Tilbrook, Olds, and Oatey.

It was only by playing the tall high to the tall men, particularly Williams in attack, that Norwood were able to regain the lead late in the quarter, and win by 10 points.

Marriott was Norwood's best man. His brilliant marking and long-telling dropkicks were invaluable.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	2.3	8.6	11.9	14.17	101
South	6.5	7.8	10.18	12.19	91

Next to him must be bracketed Tilbrook, Drage, and Williams each for determined fighting games.

Gallagher played well at centre; Johns was very solid in defence, and Oatey often showed to advantage. Olds was quiet during the first half, but brilliant later.

For South McLeod was the pick. He was the best man afield. His effective knocking to his rovers, and splendid high-marking left its mark on the game.

Shimleck played a great game, being vigorous for a small man. He has football sense.

Others to do well for South were Merchant, half-forward; Pryor, half-forward and ruck; Deane and Laphorne.

Best Players—Norwood: Marriott, Tilbrook, Drage, Williams, Gallagher, Johns, Oatey. South: McLeod, Shimleck, Merchant, Pryor, Deane, Laphorne, Ardill.

Scorers—Norwood: Williams 5.3, Oatey 2.5, Farrow 2.1, Drage 2.0, Hall 1.2, Tilbrook 1.2, Carter 1.1, Burke 0.3, rushed 0.1. South: Laphorne 3.2, McLeod 3.1, Merchant 2.4, Shimleck 2.2, Houston 2.2, Cochran 0.3, Pryor 0.2, Ardill 0.2, rushed 0.1.

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1. D. Olds, Norwood.
2. C. Brown, W.A.

3. Bob Hank, W.T.
4. D. Russell, P.A.
5. C. Churchett, Glenelg.
6. I. McKay, N.A.
7. D. Yeo, Sturt.
8. D. Frazer, S.A.
9. K. Gallagher, Norwood.
10. J. Mehahey, W.T.
11. N. Way, Norwood.
12. S. Hancock, N.A.

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WEST CRUSHED BAYS TO WIN BY 62 POINTS

By Len Swan

West crushed Glenelg at Adelaide Oval today. Holding command in most departments, and playing a brand of football that left Glenelg without an answer, they won by 62 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4-2	10-11	11-12	17-19	121
Glenelg	3-3	6-3	9-4	9-5	59

There was little to commend about Glenelg's performance. In fact, in the main, it was a case of West versus Allan Crabb.

When Crabb won the toss, it was expected that Glenelg would take advantage of a useful wind, and drive the ball goalward with long telling kicks.

Instead, they tried to make ground with poor foot passes, and indiscriminate handball.

The first two goals of the match were freaks — Brooker goaled from a seemingly impossible angle, and then Slattery replied for West with full points from a running shot that had to curve round a post.

West were dealt a blow when Fos Williams had to leave the field early in the first quarter, but Glenelg were equally unfortunate in that Trenorden was heavily grounded about the same time, and for the rest of the game showed none of his usual tenacity.

West too fast

West were more effective in their every move and Glenelg had no answer to their speed and purpose.

Whereas West knew where they were going and handled the ball with certainty, Glenelg players fumbled the ball, and were hesitant in practically every move.

The Red-and-Blacks have a team that, when on the move, work with precision, and with Broadstock playing the centre half-forward position intelligently, they can make any opposing defenders appear flat-footed.

Although Glenelg took the lead early in the second quarter, they never looked a danger, and from this point West raced away and scored 27 times to the Bays five—an indication of their superiority.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	P.	W.	L.	Points For	Points Against	Points
Norwood	7	6	1	705	584	12
North	7	5	2	694	514	10
Torrens	7	4	3	670	586	8
West	7	4	3	602	580	8
Glenelg	7	4	3	590	630	8
Port	7	3	4	559	523	6
South	7	1	6	581	762	2
Sturt	7	1	6	458	683	2

Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	4	42
Mehaffey (Torrens)	—	29
Tuckey (North)	4	25
Pryor (South)	—	18
Zucker (Port)	2	17
Laphorne (South)	3	16
Williams (Norwood)	5	16

West had an even eighteen with Slattery taking pride of place with a speedy and clever display all day. He loses few opportunities to keep his side attacking.

Broadstock must be given credit for influencing West's fine, open game. He is always looking for the man coming through, and his hand-pass rarely misses.

Beaton played another speedy game, and has few competitors when once into his stride.

For Glenelg Crabb was outstanding. Best man on the ground, he gave of his best from start to finish. His work in the crushes was particularly spectacular.

Robjent tried hard, and was at his best in defence.

Brooker and Hunt gave glimpses of their true form.

Best Players—West: Slattery, Broadstock, Beaton, Semmler, James, Lewis, Coad. Glenelg: Crabb, Robjent, Brooker, Hunt, Miller, Hannaford, Prior.

Scorers—West: Slattery 6.6, Coad 4.1, Broadstock 3.4, Hill 2.2, Depnes 1.1, A'Court 1.0, James, Lynch, Agars 0.1, rushed 0.2. Glenelg: Churchett 4.1, Brooker 2.0, Miller 1.4, Hausen, Dorsett 1.0.

NORTH EASILY DOWNED STURT

By Brian Shea

North easily defeated Sturt in an uninteresting game at Unley Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	1-9	7-17	12-19	19-25	139
Sturt	4-3	5-5	8-11	9-12	66

Sturt held a handy lead in the first quarter, but from then on North's pace proved too much for them.

North were in trouble early with inaccurate kicking for goal.

Pedlar was the outstanding player on the ground. He opened quietly in the ruck, but quickly seized control of the bounce, and his reach made him a danger for Sturt in attack.

McKay, North captain, gave a polished display at full back and speeded up the North rucks when he had a run on the ball.

Chapman played strongly for Sturt at centre half-forward. He marked surely and sent long driving kicks into Sturt's scoring area many times.

Noel Giles again battled hard for Sturt in ruck.

Best Players—North: Pedler, McKay, Phillips, Kennett, Pash, Gallowsay, Odgers. Sturt: Chapman, F. N. Giles, Tilley, Whelan, Thomas, Abbott, Walsh.

Scorers—North: Tuckey, 4.3; Phillips, 4.1; Beching, 3.2; Arbon, 3.1; Pedler, 2.5; Aamodt, 1.2; Pash, 1.2; Coullis, 1.1; Odgers, 0.2; Hancock, 0.2; Kennett, 0.2; rushed, 0.2.

Scorers—Sturt: Chapman, 3.3; Thompson, 2.3; Britton, 2.0; F. N. Giles, 2.0; Boland, 0.3; Hillary, 0.1; Pynor, 0.1; rushed, 0.2.

Attendances at league games today aggregated 30,200. Individual attendances were: Thebarton, 10,500; Adelaide, 8,100; Norwood, 5,600; Unley, 6,000.