

SMART WORK BY BAYS

Greatly improved side downs Port

By HAYDN BUNTON

Glenelg showed they are a vastly improved team on last season by the tradesmanlike way they disposed of Port at Alberton today. The Bays were in command from the start, and had the game won half way through the third quarter, and then bolted home.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	5—2	7—6	13—13	17—16	118
Port	2—1	4—4	5—5	6—8	44

On their form today, the Bays have the most even side I've seen them with for many years. If they've got weak links, it's on the centre wings.

With a strong down-the-middle line, they will probably try to avoid wing play, however, as they were particularly instructed to do today by their coach, Johnny Taylor.

It wasn't so much the margin the Bays won by, but the way they did their work with purpose and determination which impressed.

Forward link

It was evident early the Bays were banking their hopes to a large extent on the combination of Laurie Taylor at centre half-forward, and Churchett as goalsneak. Churchett made fast leads right out from the goals, and Taylor often looked long and searchingly for Churchett.

Churchett was a different player from the somewhat lackadaisical type he seemed in many matches last year. He plunged into the game with a fire and energy which brought him and the Bays good reward.

It was a treat to watch Whitaker in the early stages. The young Port rover kicked beautifully, and moved with the coolness of a veteran.

By the way he talked to his ruck at the throw-ins and bounces and let them know where he was, it was quite evident he profited from his spell of training with Richmond (Vic.).

The second quarter was very much a repetition of the first, although Port did begin to show glimmerings of combined play.

Calculated play

Up to nearly half-way through the second term, most of Port's scoring shots came either from frees or errors by Glenelg.

On the other hand, the Bay score had been consistently attained through calculated team play, and Brooker, roving, had played a big part in carrying on the system from the centre through to the forwards.

Growden seemed quite at ease at centre half-forward for Port, although Port probably would have appreciated him in his usual place in the ruck, where they were beaten badly.

The Bays showed a tendency to overdo the "looking for Churchett" policy toward the end of the quarter.

They led wide into forward pockets, asking Churchett to make some almost impossible leads.

For the first time in the match there were really some fiery exchanges when the third term began. Port seemed to want to make the game hard, but the harder it became the better Glenelg went.

It wasn't very long after the quarter started that the Bays took complete command. Boyd had gone out from centre to half-forward right for Port, with Mills at centre, and this gave Trenorden the chance to become a dominating influence.

It was apparent half-way through the third quarter that Glenelg had the game won.

Brooker fine

Brooker, the Bays' first rover, played all day with courage and brains.

He showed good sense many times, and the way he helped Glenelg attacks to be pressed right home by keeping the play going while Port were off-balance showed Glenelg may not be so badly off for roving strength by the time the season is well under way as has been thought.

Colin Churchett played like a man with renewed youth compared with some of his games last season. When he got the ball, he put it to good use.

Haussen, the other rover, also went well and was a good second roving string but did not quite get the results his colleague did. Laffin rucked well, too.

Robjent went solidly throughout. All the Taylor brothers—Jack, Don, and Laurie—proved valuable. Jack was in the picture most consistently, but Laurie and Don often pulled off many cool, smart moves.

Alan Greer, on the backline for Port, played practically a lone hand in defence all day. He did not give his opponent much say in the game.

Best Players—Glenelg: Brooker, Churchett, Haussen, L. Taylor, Robjent, Laffin, Crabb. Port: Greer, Williams, Whitaker, Growden, Cliff Whelan, Boyd.

Scorers—Glenelg: Churchett 8.4, Haussen 3.2, Robjent 2.2, Brooker 2.2, L. Taylor 1.1, Boehm 1.1, Laffin 0.2, Crabb 0.1, rushed 0.2. Port: Zucker 3.1, Growden 1.1, Whitaker 1.1, Williams 1.1, Boyd 0.3, Parham 0.1.

Sturt too good for South

By Brian Shea

Sturt's better stamina and greater ruck strength gave them an easy win over South in a dull game at Unley Oval. South held an early lead, but an inexperienced attack let them down badly.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	2—7	5—11	11—22	14—25	109
South	4—3	4—8	6—9	7—13	55

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	P.	W.	L.	Points	Prem.
Glenelg	1	1	—	118	44
Sturt	1	1	—	67	33
Torrens	1	1	—	82	71
North	1	—	1	71	62
South	1	—	1	33	67
Port	1	—	1	44	118
Norwood	—	—	—	—	—
West	—	—	—	—	—

North outplayed by Torrens in fast game

By Len Swan

Torrens outplayed North for most of the game at Prospect Oval today. North made a belated last-quarter bid to snatch victory, but Torrens held on to win by 11 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	1—1	6—4	8—9	12—10	82
North	2—5	2—8	3—10	10—11	71

The game was played at top pace from the first bounce to the last and, with dust rising in patches from the dry turf, players had a gruelling day.

From early in the first quarter until the third term North did not raise both flags. Torrens combined betted and played with more purpose. They were the better balanced side.

In the last term North made radical changes and in an inspired burst gave the first glimpse of team play and determination.

After scoring only three goals for three-quarters of the game, they rattled on seven in the last term. The moving of Phillips to centre half-forward, McKay on to the ball, and Stringer to goalsneak made a big difference to North's co-ordination.

The Torrens backmen were solid and effective and gave their opponents few openings. Both sides need a really good goalsneak.

McKay was best man on the ground and but for his untiring and brilliant display North would have been further behind

at the bell. In defence his judgment and clearances could be rarely faulted and his drive from the ruck in the last quarter set his side fighting back.

Bill Hank was another defender to give a spectacular display — his effective disposal of the ball finished off fine aerial and ground work.

The small Torrens rover Bradford was continually in the fight and his intelligent handball and speedy moves were a feature. He and Coverlid combined particularly well in one spectacular move that raised both flags.

Best Players—Torrens: Bill Hank, Bradford, Bob Hank, Mehaffey, Roberts, Edwards, McManus. North: McKay, Tidswell, Coulls, Carroll, Odgers, Crouch, Kennett.

Scorers—Torrens: Mehaffey 4.4, Ashby 2.1, Perkins 2.0, Willis 1.2, Prior, Bradford 1.1, Pyatt 1.0, L. Hank 0.1. North: Phillips, Kennett 2.1, Cox 1.5, Stringer, McKay, Coulls, Arbon, McKenzie 1.0, Aldenhoven 0.2, Tidswell 0.1; rushed 0.1.

Snapshots

Obviously there is somebody at Glenelg with a sense of propaganda values. At half-time, while Port walked casually off the field to the dressing room, every Bay man jog trotted, or even went faster—which caused a few Port players to wonder. It was a good move from a morale viewpoint.

Len Fitzgerald, who is awaiting a clearance from Collingwood, went to every member of the Sturt team before the match against South and wished them luck in their opening game.

Jim Deane, brilliant South centre man, dashed the full length of the ground at Unley Oval. He passed the ball to one of his team-mates, ran on to receive a hand pass, but he scored a point only.

The turf was churned up at Unley Oval. The ground had been heavily watered during the week, and was in excellent condition.

Bradford, the small Torrens rover playing his first game in South Australia, was reported today by Umpire Schmelzkopf for allegedly disputing the umpire's decision.

Prospect Oval today could well have been the scene of a Test match. Shirt sleeves and summer frocks were the fashion for the crowd seated on the mounds.

Jim Deane, State and South centre man, was reported by Boundary Umpire R. M. Alkman for having allegedly struck R. J. Ryan, Sturt wingman, during the third quarter at Unley Oval. Ryan was reported by Alkman for having allegedly struck Deane, too.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Matches	Sat.	Total
Churchett (G)	1	8.1	8.1
Shanks (S)	1	5.8	5.8
Mehaffey (WT)	1	4.4	4.4
Haussen (G)	1	3.2	3.2
Thompson (S)	1	3.2	3.2
Zucker (PA)	1	3.1	3.1