

PORT DEFEAT NORWOOD IN GREAT BATTLE

Dominate ruck and faster to ball

By LEN SWAN

Port gave Norwood their second defeat for the season at Alberton Oval today.

The Magpies were faster to the ball and their performance today showed that Norwood have no monopoly of the 1950 premiership.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3—2	8—5	11—6	14—12	96
Norwood	3—8	5—10	9—13	12—15	87

It was probably the best game of football for the year, and spectators enjoyed every minute of the fast, vigorous battle.

Port gained an early advantage by being faster to the ball than Norwood, and after half-time it became a question of whether they could maintain this pressure. That they finished in front and with plenty of fight remaining is a credit to their stamina and condition.

Norwood looked a danger in the final term when after going to a seven-point lead Oatey took on his defensive role and playing a kick behind the ball checked Port time and again.

Both sides played fine football, and the closeness of the match can be judged by the fact that the lead changed hands 12 times in the game and scores were level five times.

It was still anyone's game with a minute to go, then Mills snapped Port's last goal 30 sec. before the final bell.

Growden was Port's best because of his sterling ruck effort. The effective way he and Marrett checked Norwood's ruck power and eventually took control is worthy of the highest praise.

Fos Williams, roving to determined rucks, was not far behind Growden as Port's best. He set his side a fine example with his courageous game, and was always in the play.

Boyd gave a polished display and sent Port attacking with well-directed footpasses and intelligent handball.

Oatey at top

For Norwood it would be difficult to displace Oatey as best. He was always doing something useful and his understanding with Olds often upset the Port defenders.

Gallagher was spectacular and at times brilliant, but his disposal of the ball was not always the best.

Marriott is a class ruckman, and again today he did his part, whether on the ball or resting in a set position.

Best Players.—Port: Growden, Williams, Boyd, Marrett, Russell, Schumann, Mills. Norwood: Oatey, Gallagher, Marriott, Drage, Olds, Roberts, Williams.

Scorers.—Port: Mills 4.3, Carr 3.2, Growden 3.0, Whelan, Williams 2.0, Whitaker, Marrett 0.2, Fletcher 0.1, rushed 0.2. Norwood: Williams 3.3, Tilbrook 3.0, Gallagher 2.0, Dalwood, Marriott 1.2, Oatey 1.1, Warren 1.0, Mayo, Rudd 0.2, Blackmore, Drage, Burke 0.1.



BERNIE SLATTERY (West, No. 22), was able to get away with the ball when D. Laffin (Glennelg)—centre—and G. Williams (West) went for a throw-in at Glennelg Oval. Laffin had the ball but dropped it when tackled by Williams.

North far superior: Win by 93 points

By BRIAN SHEA

North easily defeated Sturt in a dull game at Unley Oval. They were too strong in attack and raced right away over the last half of the game.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	2—2	8—5	11—13	19—17	131
Sturt	0—7	2—9	4—10	4—14	38

Best Players.—North: W. McKenzie, 3.0; McKay, 2.0; Aldenhoven, 1.1; Blunden, McKay, Aamodt, Arbon, H. McKenzie, Phillips. Sturt: Thomas, L. O. Giles, Mortimer, Green, Abbott, Coffrey, Tester.
Scorers.—North: W. McKenzie, 7.4; Aamodt, 3.1; Kennett, 2.1; Phillips, 2.0; McKay, 2.0; Aldenhoven, 1.1; Cox, 1.1; H. McKenzie, 1.1; Odgers, 0.2; Coullis, 0.1, rushed, 0.1. Sturt: Chapman, 1.3; Sanders, 1.1; Cave, 1.1; Mackereth, 1.0; Toyne, 0.3; Britton, 0.2; Langley, 0.1; Tester, 0.1; Boland, 0.1, rushed, 0.1.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	For.	Ag.	Pts.
Norwood	14	12	2	1668	1025	34
Port	14	10	4	1206	1053	20
Torrens	14	9	5	1416	1141	18
Glennelg	14	9	5	1322	1203	18
North	14	7	7	1296	1055	14
West	14	7	7	1228	1097	14
Sturt	14	2	12	977	1604	4
South	14	—	14	854	1787	—

Top goalkickers

	Today.	Total.
Churchett (Glennelg)	7	80
Mehaffey (Torrens)	9	48
Williams (Norwood)	3	45
Willis (Torrens)	10	44
Dalwood (Norwood)	1	34
Bradford (Torrens)	4	33
Thompson (Sturt)	—	32
Fos Williams (Port)	2	32

GLENELG WON BY OVERPOWERING THIRD TERM

By HAYDN BUNTON, as told to Lawrie Jervis, jun.

An overpowering third quarter won Glennelg the game against West, at Glennelg Oval today. Apart from that term, the football was of poor standard, and neither team looked a premiership contender.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glennelg	1—2	3—4	10—14	13—16	94
West	4—1	5—6	6—8	11—13	79

The Bays' winning margin was 15 points. Considering the weakened side West put into the field, and the paper strength of Glennelg, the home team should have romped in.

West made all the play in the first half. They won across centre, and in key positions.

Atkins had Churchett well subdued at the goalfront—Churchett did not get a goal until after half-time—Faehse was too good for Laurie Taylor, and Don Taylor was not holding the centre half-back post.

In the first quarter, with Parnell playing well in a pocket, West did the attacking early.

Agars, Slattery, and Parnell (twice) goaled, and all Glennelg could manage was one from Prior.

Crabb in picture

Two or three Bay men looked and played as if they didn't care.

In the second term it was much the same. Faehse shut Laurie Taylor out of the game and Churchett had few opportunities.

Jack Taylor switched places with Kempson at one stage, sending Kempson into the pack as a rover, while Taylor took over at half-forward left, but the move produced no better result.

If it hadn't been for Crabb's fine ruck work, and repeated saves in the back lines, Glennelg may have been facing a greater deficit than 14 points at half-time.

Whatever Jack Taylor said to Glennelg at half-time must have been scalding, judged from the change in the side in the third quarter.

Apart from an apparent different mental approach, there were some position changes, main one being the re-allocation of Trenorden to centre, with Donaldson at half-back left.

Even though Donaldson had not done much good against Hewitt, Trenorden had not played as if he had his heart in the game.

Back at his accustomed centre position, however, he at least put some added zest into his game, although his usefulness was not as great as in past games.

"West's bad error"

Glennelg, however, "went for the doctor." They slammed away as if the team which had been wearing their colors earlier was not of their ken.

West made then, what I consider a bad error. Atkins had covered Churchett well in the first half. For some reason, Atkins was taken from the goalfront. Cannon was sent back to guard Churchett, and immediately the Bay 'sneak put on a party.

He got four goals for the term Cannon did not check

him as closely as did Atkins, and after Churchett had kicked his fourth. Atkins was sent back to mind Churchett again.

By then it was too late, however. In the meantime, Laurie Taylor had come into play, and he got two goals too with long kicks after good marks.

Glennelg kicked 7—10 for the quarter against 1—2 by West. That settled West's chances, although they fought back well in the last quarter.

However, with Jack Taylor continuing his solid defensive work, and Alan Crabb in complete mastery of the ruck, West were unable to overtake Glennelg.

Again, the Red-and-blacks had more of the play, and scored 5—5 to 3—2, but Glennelg were well on top.

Alan Crabb was the best ruckman afield. He gave the Bays great assistance when resting in a back pocket.

Johnny Taylor, although not brilliant, was one of the most dependable men in the Bay side—as always.

Haussen roved well, and Laffin was often in the picture.

Faehse, at centre half-back for West, kept Laurie Taylor quiet in the first half, although the former West player was right in the game later.

Best Players.—Glennelg: Crabb, J. Taylor, Haussen, Laffin, L. Taylor, Hannaford, Churchett. West: Faehse, Brown, Parnell Cannon, Todd, Lewis, Slattery, G. Williams.

Scorers.—Glennelg: Churchett 7.2, J. Taylor 2.3, Haussen 2.4, L. Taylor 1.1, Prior 1.1, Brooker 0.2, Laffin 0.1, Trenorden 0.1, rushed 0.1. West: Parnell 5.3, Slattery 2.0, Williams 1.4, Agars 1.1, Nelson 1.0, Broadstock 1.0, Trestrail 0.1, Todd 0.1, Cannon 4.2, rushed 0.1.



ALTHOUGH C. Cannon (West) tried to punch the ball away from behind as Glennelg captain J. Taylor went for a mark near goals in the Glennelg Oval game, Taylor held the ball and kicked a behind.

RECORD SCORE BY TORRENS

By AMOS BOTTRÖFF

Torrens kicked an all time record score for a league game in South Australia and possibly in any Australian Rules League match in any game against South at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	10—6	16—11	24—13	34—15	219
South	2—0	6—2	10—7	14—8	92

The previous record was held by Port in a game against Glennelg at Alberton on May 12, 1934, when Port kicked 33—10, a total of 217 points (two points less than the Tor-

rens tally today) against Glennelg 12—14 (six points less than South's score)

Today, John Willis, with 10, and John Mehaffey, with nine, kicked most goals.