

GLENELG THIRD QUARTER BREAK OPENED WAY FOR WIN

By Haydn Bunton

Good tactics, well-applied, gave Glenelg a decisive break over Torrens in the third quarter at Glenelg Oval today, and although Torrens kicked on better than the Bays in the last term, they could not bridge the gap.

Glenelg	3—4	6—6	10—11	12—14	86
Torrens	2—2	4—12	6—14	9—17	71

In the first half, the result seemed in the melting pot, with neither team exercising enough influence to foreshadow a win for it.

There was only a goal between the teams when they came out for the third quarter.

That was a pretty true reflection of the state of what had been, to then, a scraggy, slogging game. Both teams had played so close to each other that no better football could have been expected.

Trenorden on top

However, in the third quarter Trenorden beat Bob Hank at centre for the first—and only—time during the match.

This driving influence, coupled with the too-powerful Glenelg ruck work, and a resultant uplift in morale, aided the Bays to run to a four-goal lead at three-quarter time.

Torrens strove desperately in the last term to make good the leeway, but the game was in the bag for Glenelg when two or three Torrens easy shots for goal resulted in behinds.

On the day, Torrens can blame atrocious kicking at mid-field and for goal for their loss. Even easy shots, at almost point-blank range, were put through for behinds when goals could have been expected.

It was just sheer bad kicking—and, after all, bad kicking is bad football.

Full credit must be given to the Tiger defenders, who did everything asked of them. Captain-coach Johnny Taylor showed good tactics in the third quarter, too, when, capitalising on the big break the Bays had in ruck, he worked about 15 yards behind the centre bounce every time.

He should have been covered, but wasn't, and Glenelg drove through him.

Glenelg obviously had orders to stay shoulder-close to Torrens through the first half, with the result that the game became ragged and scrumbly, but with plenty of fire in the clashes.

It was a man-to-man struggle all the time, and no weight was spared. The Bays more than held their own in the air, while Torrens' field kicking, in particular, was awful to watch. You could see where the passes were meant to go—but they seldom reached the objective.

Torrens' scoring in the first term was almost solely due to Glenelg errors.

Don Laffin, in ruck for Glenelg, exerted strong influence on the game from the start. One of the biggest surprises was the strength of Glenelg's defence, which although under heavy pressure didn't give an inch.

Bob Hank, at centre, had just the better of Trenorden in the first term, and repeated his superiority in the second quarter.

Torrens began a long-kick-to-goal play during the second term, and Don Prior came right into the game when he took

three beautiful marks in succession within range, but from none of them could get a much-needed goal.

The big crowd was kept on its toes by the closeness of the scores and the fire in the many hard-hitting exchanges.

In the third quarter the Bays really began to play as a team. They held the ruck, Trenorden was on top at centre, Johnny Taylor was half a kick behind the centre bounces and unchecked and doing a lot of damage. They plugged away at the goals.

Torrens defenders did wonders in staving off many attacks but it was inevitable that some got through.

The one bright spot for Torrens was Loades' good performance on a wing. He held it all day. It was his first senior game. His opponent was another ex-B Grade boy, Edwards, also promoted to the Bays for his first league game.

When Glenelg turned for home in the last term nearly four goals ahead, it was apparent that Torrens would have to play a far better brand of football to win.

Better finish

Torrens certainly finished better than Glenelg in the last term, but poor kicking for goal from good position shots early put them out of the race.

● **Clarrie Window**, for Glenelg, was outstanding in defence. He was safe in the air, and always was in a position to stop a dangerous Torrens drive.

● **Don Laffin**, particularly, held the ruck command, and though his knock was often neutralised, it was never taken from him.

Laurie Taylor, a centre half-forward, had a big battle with Torrens centre half-back Phil Bennett all day, and gave valuable aid to the Bays when in ruck.

Churchett, with a bandaged left knee, earned seven goals, although two were given to him from team mates who could have easily goaled themselves.

● **Reg Sully**, in his customary back pocket position, repelled many Bay attacks.

● **Alf Roberts**, in spite of Churchett's goals, checked hard all day.

Bob Hank, although beaten in the vital third quarter, had the better of Trenorden on the day. The newcomer to the team, Loades, did so well as to ensure his inclusion in the team for some time to come.

Best Players—Glenelg: Window, Laffin, L. Taylor, Haussen, Churchett, McPherson, Robjent, Hupt. Torrens: Sully, Bob Hank, A. Roberts, Loades, Prior, W. Hank, Fischer.

Scorers—Glenelg: Churchett 7.1, Laffin 2.0, Haussen 1.5, Donaldson 1.0, J. Taylor 1.0, Crabb 0.2, Brooker 0.2, Kempson 0.2, Robjent 0.1, rushed 0.1, Torrens Pyatt 3.2, Bradford 2.4, Prior 2.3, Willis 1.3, Fischer 1.0, Coverlid 0.3, J. Edwards 0.1, rushed 0.1.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts
Norwood	5	5	-	-	588	377	10
Glenelg	5	4	1	-	534	366	8
West	5	4	1	-	528	412	8
Port Adel	5	3	2	-	440	386	6
Torrens	5	2	3	-	396	380	4
Sturt	5	1	4	-	419	523	2
North	5	1	4	-	368	467	2
South	5	-	5	-	307	669	-

Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	7	32
Shanks (Sturt)	4	16
Edwards (North)	4	14
Oatey (Norwood)	7	14
B. Broadstock (West)	2	14



TORRENS ROVER John Mehahey (left foreground) raced in front of J. Walding (part hidden) and E. Robjent, both of Glenelg, to give teammate P. Fischer a scoring chance in this incident in the goalmouth in the league football game at Glenelg Oval this afternoon. Fischer soccered the ball, but could manage only a single.

Outclassed North lose by 36 pts.

By Len Swan

Port outclassed North at Alberton Oval and won easily by 36 points. After the first quarter Port held the initiative and had command in most departments.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port . . .	2—2	7—8	11—10	14—17	101
North . .	3—5	4—5	7—6	9—11	65

Although the wind appeared slight, it had an appreciable effect on the game during the first half.

North had this advantage in the first term, and fought hard to establish a lead, but a tight Port defence kept them down to 3—5.

Kicking with the wind in the second quarter, Port assumed command, and within minutes took the lead.

Assisted by strong ruck work and fine position play by Whitaker, they opened up the game for the first time.

From then, North looked a defeated side. In fact, they offered little further serious opposition.

Port received terrific drive from their rucks. When the North followers got the knock it was misdirected, and usually gathered up by the clever Port rovers.

When Port had 12 goals up, 10 different players had goaled.

The game was fast, with Port leading to the ball. North gradually lost their fire and pace as Port forced ahead.

Best Players—Port: Growden, Williams, Clift, Fletcher, Whitaker, Boyd, McDonald.—North: Arbon, McKay, Blunden, Edwards, Aidenhaven (until injured), Coulls, Gilbourne.

Scorers—Port: Zucker 3.3, Fletcher 2.4, Williams 2.3, Whitaker 2.1, Batt 1.2, Farr, I.1, Growden 1.1, Mills 1.0, Boyd 1.0, Hewitson 0.1, Hobbs 0.1. North: Edwards 4.0, Coulls 1.3, Kennett 1.2, Gilbourne 1.0, Aamodt 1.0, Odgers 1.0, Cox 0.2, McKay 0.2, Philips 0.1, rushed 0.1.



STAR GLENELG FORWARD Colin Churchett adjusts the bandage on a knee which he injured at training on Thursday night, before the game at Glenelg today. Churchett was pronounced fit after an hour's try-out and played brilliantly to kick seven goals, one behind.

27-point West win after even half

By Brian Shea

Hard-pressed until half-time, West had an easy 27-point win over Sturt at Unley Oval. This was due to a better-balanced attack and a superior defence.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West . . .	3—4	8—8	14—10	18—11	119
Sturt . .	2—1	8—6	10—7	14—8	92

● **Frank Lewis** was West's best with a fine game on a half-back flank. He got a lot of work when Sturt swung their attacks away from Faehse.

● **Brian Faehse** held centre half-back throughout the game for West.

● **Bob Ryan** controlled centre throughout the game with safe marking, elusive ground play and well directed kicking.

● **Shanks**, Sturt rover, also played well. His clever scouting round the packs and ac-

curate snapshots gave the Sturt attack a badly needed lift.

Best Players West: Lewis, Faehse, Brown, A Court, Blattery, Williams, Lynch. Sturt: Ryan, Shanks, Abbott, Whelan, Rattigan, Fry, Inkham.

Scorers West: A Court 4.2, Blattery 3.2, Nelson 2.2, B Broadstock 2.1, Puntizza 2.1, Agnes 2.0, Cannon 1.1, Williams 1.0, James 1.0, rushed 0.2, Sturt Shanks 4.4, Rattigan 2.3, Thompson 2.1, Chapman 2.0, Boland 1.0, J. G. Giles 1.0, Sanders 1.0, Trester 1.0.

Norwood height superior

By Amos Bottruff

Overpowering height in set positions and decisive getting out of crushes were the tell-tale features in Norwood's win over a greatly improved South team at Adelaide Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	3.3	10.9	16.15	22.17	149
South	4.1	6.2	9.6	10.6	64

With Marriott impassable at centre half-back, and Williams and Gallagher at half-forward in devastating moods, Norwood had reliable avenues to goal.

South had to fight desperately on the longest way to goal.

Oatey and Carter, when resting, were deadly near the goalmouth, and South's stronger than usual defence could not stand up to the barrage.