

NORWOOD BEAT PORT WITH SMASHING THIRD QUARTER

By Haydn Bunton, as told to Lawrie Jervis, jun.

Norwood beat Port with a smashing third quarter burst at Norwood Oval today. In rain and with a soggy ball, they slammed on 4—6 to three points mainly because of their ruck power and Port's failure to check as closely as they had done earlier.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	0—3	4—7	9—13	11—16	82
Port	4—1	5—2	5—5	8—13	61

Norwood eventually won by 15 points, after a desperate last-quarter burst by the Magpies. It is interesting to speculate how things would have been if Port had known the scoreboard was wrong.

With 11 minutes to go, after Tilbrook had goaled for Norwood, the scoreboard showed the Redlegs three goals ahead. Actually, they were only two goals ahead.

In the third quarter, when Marriott became a dominating influence in ruck, Norwood went to work in earnest. Oatey got the goal which put the Redlegs in front for the first time five minutes after the term began.

Then it was all Norwood. Rudd—who did very well on the day—Williams, Gallagher, and Carter all got goals, and Marriott (twice), Dalwood, and Tilbrook all had shots which produced only points.

Play had deteriorated because the light rain made the ball heavy and slippery, necessitating punts and a lot of soccering when it was on the ground.

Port fight back

It looked too much of a task for Port to overtake a 32-point lead in the last quarter, but the way they went about their task showed they hadn't lost heart.

For a time, about half-way through the term, it looked as if they might succeed when they hit Norwood with everything they had.

However, after they had scored 3—7 to 1—2 from Norwood, the Redlegs got a timely goal from Ron Williams which finally dampened Port's fire five minutes before the end.

Norwood were a very even team.

ASSOCIATION

Rundle forged further ahead on the association list of goalkickers when he kicked seven goals for Glenelg to give his team victory over West.

Today's goals brought his total for the season to 31—eight ahead of the next man on the list, Jacquier, of Port. Jacquier's score for the day was three.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	4—0	9—0	11—0	13—4	82
West	4—6	6—9	7—15	10—16	76

Goalkickers—Glenelg: Rundle (7), Martin (2), Potter, Miller, Heywood, Evans. West: Atkins (3), Tuckey, Peckham, Panizza (each 2), Blattery. Best Players—Glenelg: Cuthbertson, Rundle, Martin, Heywood, Hunt, Wright. West: Adelaide: Parnell, Panizza, Cappo, Forby, Blattery, Keough.

NORTH HAVE EASY WIN OVER STURT

By Brian Shea

North played faultless wet weather football in easily defeating Sturt at Prospect Oval today. Their half-back line was far too strong for Sturt.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4—2	9—5	17—9	24—13	157
Sturt	1—1	5—2	8—3	11—3	69

The heavy turf did not slow the game down to any extent, and with players on both sides throwing themselves vigorously into the play, the game was full of incident.

Ryan was giving Sturt drive from centre, but they could not force the ball past the North half-back line, where Crouch and Blunden easily turned their attacks.

Sturt attacks which did get within scoring range came mainly as the result of individual effort, rather than teamwork. Only their accurate kicking for goal kept them in touch for the first half of the game.

The fast football played by North from half way through the first term until the final bell had Sturt in trouble in most positions.

After half-time there was little doubt on who would win. Phillips was in control at centre half-forward, and their attack was moving smoothly. The Sturt defence was caught under the ball repeatedly in their efforts to cover the loose man coming through with the ball.

Crouch was impassable at centre half-back for North. His strong marking and vigorous ground play broke up many Sturt attacks.

Griffin played a great game for North at centre wing. His speed and anticipation made his wing a safe avenue of attack throughout the game.

Marriott, because of his good ruck work in the second half, did a lot towards a Norwood win. He was not in the picture much during the first half, but came to light after half-time.

Blackmore held centre safely all day, although he made a couple of errors late in the last quarter when he hung on to the ball too long.

Clever rover

Ron Williams, although he kicked badly, had many kicks and with a little luck could have had half a dozen goals. Oatey, as usual, was more conspicuous for the way he organised Norwood's game than for actual brilliance.

There's bound to be much controversy over whether Roger Clift or Ray Whitaker did best for Port. My choice is Whitaker.

Whitaker today made some of the cleverest moves I've ever seen from a rover. He is so cool, and does his work with such economy of movement and polish that much of his play is apt to be overlooked. The things he does are over almost before you've had time to appreciate their value.

Roger Clift took some screaming marks at centre half-back, further, he showed he has the sort of game to use against Victoria—hits hard and can take a crack. His was the spectacular effort of the day, but as Williams did so much good for Norwood, I give Whitaker my vote.

Best Players	Norwood	Marriott
Blackmore	R. Williams	Oatey
LePage	Rudd	Port
P. Williams	Greer	Whitaker
McDonald	Greer	Whitaker
	Rowden	Russell

Assoc. Premiership table

	Pts.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
West	7	5	2	584	492	10
Port	7	5	2	486	423	10
South	7	5	2	559	521	10
Torrens	7	4	3	623	481	8
North	7	3	4	502	565	6
Glenelg	7	3	4	551	652	6
Sturt	7	2	5	492	513	4
Norwood	7	1	6	482	539	2

Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Rundle (Glenelg)	7	31
Jacquier (Port)	3	23
Gross (Norwood)	2	17
W. McKenzie (North)	1	16
Peckham (West)	2	15
Chown (Torrens)	—	14

Stringer also played grand football for North as goal-sneak. His fast lead often unsettled the Sturt defence.

Others to show fine form in an even side were McKay, who defended well as goalkeeper, Blunden (half-back), and Phillips (centre half-forward).

Ryan gave Sturt one of their few strong points at centre. He marked well, and his long, driving kicks were the starting point of many Sturt attacks.

Whelan was another Sturt player who played consistently well. He was especially under notice with fine work when resting in a back pocket.

Others to do well for Sturt were Boland, who roved with plenty of determination; Thomas, who played well at centre wing, and Sanders, who played well in ruck.

Best Players	North	Odgers
Stringer	52	Phillips
McKay	44	Cox
Blunden	40	Amadi
Phillips	20	Kennell
Sturt	13	Gilbourne
Whelan	11	Edwards
Boland	01	Sturt
Sanders	01	Shanks
Shanks	01	Thompson
Tilley	01	Boland
	01	Cave
	01	Langley

Scorers—North: Odgers, 72; Stringer 52; Phillips 44; Cox 40; Amadi 20; Kennell 13; Gilbourne 11; Edwards 01; Sturt: Shanks 41; Thompson 40; Boland 30; Cave 01; Langley 01.

Premiership list

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Norwood	7	7	—	817	587	14
Glenelg	7	5	2	664	568	10
West	7	4	3	635	554	8
Port	7	4	3	582	523	8
Torrens	7	4	3	584	543	8
North	7	3	4	638	578	6
Sturt	7	1	6	576	788	2
South	7	—	7	421	808	—

Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	4	39
Shanks (Sturt)	4	20
Dalwood (Norwood)	2	19
Thompson (Sturt)	4	19

Bays, better in wet, win by 9 pts.

By Len Swan

Glenelg, in a battle of tactics after half time, beat West by nine points at Adelaide Oval. The Bays handled the wet ball with more certainty.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	2—8	5—11	7—13	8—13	61
West	3—3	6—7	7—7	7—10	52

Today's game was one of the best exhibitions, from the spectators' viewpoint, for the season.

There was little between the sides until the final bell, and at times each produced fine co-ordinated football.

Although Glenelg had the advantage of a slight breeze their inaccuracy in front of goal in the first quarter nearly cost them the game. Their first five scoring shots were behinds, and they managed only 2—8 for the term.

James and Trenorden fought out a great tussle early, but gradually the Bay centre man took control, and it was from this position that Glenelg received much of their drive.

Even after James left the field and Edwards was sent to shadow Trenorden, this vigorous player had an influence on the game.

Packed back lines

Both sides developed a tight defence, and the low scoring testifies to the effectiveness of both the Glenelg and West back lines.

Glenelg closed up the game in the final quarter by crowding the West forward lines.

At one stage in the last quarter Churchett and Semmler were the only players in the Glenelg forward lines.

Thirty-four players in half the field trying to handle a wet ball does not give the attacking side much chance.

The Glenelg rucks were in the picture all day, and although A'Court, for West, played a fine first half, it was from the crushes that the Tigers initiated many attacks. Their big men knocked intelligently and with good direction.

Better in rain

It was in the rain after half-time that Glenelg looked the winning side. They handled the wet ball better than West and revelled in the vigorous exchanges.

The game was played at a fast pace throughout, and players of both sides gave their best in what was a vital match for both sides.

Glenelg's tactics of crowding the game during the final term, holding West down to three points, was a match winner.

The Bay ruckmen were changed quickly and often to combat the lighter, mobile West followers, and the occasional use of Laurie Taylor as a ruckman brought results.

The game was hard fought, and although Glenelg generally combined better West played good football and were not disgraced.

Intelligent knocking

For Glenelg, Crabb was a tower of strength. He had plenty of good opposition but was rarely beaten in the ruck. His knocking from the crushes was purposeful and intelligent. He moves fast for a big man and played well when resting in a forward pocket.

Trenorden enjoyed the conditions and gave his side an avenue of attack all day. He was at home whether in the open, or in the vigorous individual clashes.

The Bay backmen all played well, but Don Taylor's second half gives him pride of place.

Kempson is proving a fine acquisition, and roved cleverly today.

Best Players.—Glenelg: Crabb, Trenorden, D. Taylor, Kempson, Boehm, Hannaford, L. Taylor. West: Brown, Semmler, A'Court, Lewis, Fachie, Williams, Lynch.

Scorers.—Glenelg: Churchett, 4.5; Crabb, 1.2; Haussen, Brooker, 1.1; Laffin, 1.0; L. Taylor, Trenorden, Donaldson, 0.1; rushed, 0.1; hit goal post, Brooker. West: J. Broadstock, Williams, Cannon, A'Court, 1.1; Ford, Todd, B. Broadstock, 1.0; Bernie Blattery, 0.3; Franklin, Ackland, 0.1; rushed, 0.1; hit goal post, Cannon.

SOUTH ALMOST UPSET TORRENS

By AMOS BOTTROFF

Only a sound defence saved Torrens from defeat when they met a vastly improved tactical South side at Thebarton this afternoon.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	1—4	8—7	10—11	11—14	80
South	4—3	9—4	9—6	11—9	75

Possibly the conditions affected Torrens' open play to some degree, and the loss of Bradford early in the game threw more work on to Pyatt.

But the greatest factor in the close fight was South's tactical attacking effort.

Torrens won the game in the low-scoring third quarter, when they penetrated the close South defence to score 2—4, while they kept South to two points.

They also owed much to their last quarter defensive effort.

South were winning in the rucks and on the wings, and rarely let Torrens into attack.

Torrens' last line of defence, headed by Roberts and Oates, stopped a continuous barrage to stave off what could easily have been South's first win.

Torrens were unable to score for the last half of the final term, and South were in attack as the game closed.

Oates was best on the ground. Tireless and vigorous, he was responsible for a grand effort when resting in defence and an equally great effort on the ball.

Bob Hank, although beaten many times in ground play by Fuss, initiated many of his team's forward drives. His kicking was powerful and well-directed.

Roberts gave a polished display as goalkicker and took many goals off South's score by brilliant judgment and safe marking.

Mehaffey came to light with a very pleasing effort, rewarded with five goals. Bill Hank (ruck), Willie (goalkicker) and Pyatt (roving) also contributed much to Torrens' effort.