

Port rattled by Sturt last-term burst

By LEN SWAN

Sturt rattled Port at Kensington Oval today. After an uninteresting and spiritless first half they fought back vigorously, but Port, in a last-minute rally, finished 20 points in front.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port . . .	4—2	12—4	13—6	16—11	107
Sturt . . .	2—1	6—4	9—8	13—9	87

Up to half-time the game had little interest, and Port looked the better side. It was so one-sided that a goal barely raised applause.

Within five points

With eight minutes to go, Sturt were within five points of their opponents.

In the final minutes, Port rallied, and goals from Growden and Zucker placed the issue beyond doubt.

Port's expected ruck supremacy was not revealed, and the Sturt followers did a grand job all day.

It was round the ruck fringes that Port scored, and brilliant work by both Williams and Whitaker kept the Magpies moving.

Too many Port players tried to play the field, instead of disposing of the ball at the first opportunity.

Brilliant bursts

Two brilliant bursts of football stand out.

● Greer, playing at half-back for Port, came through with great pace. Driving the ball before him, he covered so much ground that his kick nearly scored full points.

● At the other end of the ground Langley, Toyne, and Rattigan combined brilliant handball to enable Rattigan to raise both flags.

Williams gave a classic display on the ruck fringes. He set his side moving in the second

quarter, and was always in the picture.

His counterpart, Whitaker, was little behind his captain. His effort in the last quarter, when Sturt were pressing hard, saved Port. This elusive rover is brilliant at evading opponents.

Fought hard all day

Russell also gave Port good service in the back lines — his judgment is at times uncanny.

For Sturt Rattigan was outstanding. He fought hard all day, and his work in the crushes against heavier and bigger opposition was brilliant. He was rarely beaten for the knock, and marked strongly.

Tilley was rugged in defence, and Langley was clever when stationed at half-forward. In the last half many Sturt players produced short, inspired bursts of good football.

Best Players—Port: Williams, Whitaker, Russell, Hewitson, Growden, Cliff, Marrett, Sturt, Rattigan, Tilley, Langley, Whelan, Boland, Sanders, Toyne.

Scorers—Port: Zucker 4.2, Growden 3.0, Marrett 2.9, Whittaker 2.0, Abley 1.1, Batt 1.1, Boyd 1.1, Fletcher 1.0, Farr 1.0, Greer 0.1, Williams 0.1, Mills 0.1. Sturt: Thompson 4.1, Shanks 2.1, Rattigan 2.0, Boland 1.4, Cave 1.1, Southern 1.1, Toyne 1.0, Langley 1.0, rushed 0.1.

● Colin Churchett kicked the goal of the day just before the final bell at Glenelg Oval. He was being forced out of bounds in the right pocket when he hooked the ball with his left foot right on the boundary line.

BAY HIGHFLIERS BEAT SOUTH

By BRIAN SHEA

Glenelg were too strong in key positions for South in the game at Glenelg Oval. South's early speed and accuracy made Glenelg fight hard until half time, but the Tigers' high fliers called the tune from then on.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg . . .	3—8	8—9	12—13	17—18	120
South . . .	2—3	7—3	10—4	11—9	75

The Tigers had the advantage in the ruck duels for the greater part of the game, but they could not drive home this advantage in the face of clever scouting by the small South men, who sharked effectively.

Glenelg had to thank individual players for their lead at half-time.

Until that stage they had not succeeded in developing any system in their attack. They were unable to compensate for the close checking of Churchett.

South were using their speed to work the ball out into the open, and their accurate kicking for goal kept them in touch with Glenelg.

Michelmores and Gould gave Glenelg plenty of opposition in the rucks after half-time, but the early South attacks were broken up by Don Taylor, who was almost impassable at centre half-back.

Held key points

The Tigers held strong points up the centre of the ground. L. Taylor, leaping high for the ball at centre half-forward let Glenelg in time and again, and only their inaccurate kicking for goal kept them from clearing right away from South.

The rugged play by the bigger Glenelg players in the crushes gradually wore the edge off South's earlier speed. It was noticeable that when they swung into a long-kicking game they began to clear away from South.

South were fighting hard but they could not match Glenelg in the air and the Tigers made full use of their highfliers, swinging their attacks through Laurie Taylor.

The last half of the game produced the best football, although South's attack, which early functioned with great accuracy, became a little ragged under the close checking and hard tackling of the Glenelg defence. A run of singles when goals would have put them right in the picture ended their hopes of winning the game.

Bays on top

Glenelg were finishing all over the opposition in the closing stages of play and three quick goals to L. Taylor put the game beyond doubt. South

Goal disallowed

In the last quarter, however, West played the same sort of game that Torrens had done so well with in the second term. Torrens looked as if they had stopped to a walk, and when Tuckey, then Slattery, then Bruce Broadstock got goals to take them within 19 points of Torrens, West really got "stuck into" the game.

Torrens couldn't handle the onslaught. Lewis, on a half-forward flank for West, was going like a house on fire, and Jack Broadstock, at centre, was still giving most of their drive.

Tuckey and Cannon got goals — Cannon's, only six minutes before time, put West just six points behind. Two minutes later Tuckey kicked another goal, but umpire C. Egar disallowed it and gave a free to a Torrens man.

Under terrific pressure, Torrens got a point from Bill Hank — they had kicked only two points for the quarter against 5—6 by West — and two minutes later the bell went.

● Colin Brown, in a back pocket for West, was outstanding. Time and again he broke up Torrens' drives, and if it hadn't been for his strong defence, Torrens might have penetrated more often.

● Jack Broadstock played probably his best game this sea-

Premiership list

	P.	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts
Norwood	7	7	-	817	507	14
Glenelg	8	6	2	784	640	12
Port	8	5	3	689	610	10
Torrens	8	5	3	676	628	10
West	8	4	4	720	646	8
North	7	3	4	636	575	6
Sturt	8	1	7	663	895	2
South	8	-	8	496	980	-

could not force the ball past the Glenelg half-back line over the last 10 minutes of play.

● Laurie Taylor turned on a magnificent game for Glenelg at centre half-forward. His game was a mixture of intelligent handball and terrific marks. South had no answer to his brilliance throughout the game.

● Don Taylor at centre half-back was little behind his brother as Glenelg's best. He showed great judgment going for the ball, and his long, clearing drop-kicks invariably carried the ball into Glenelg's half-forward line.

Started attacks

Hannaford also played well at half-back left, where his pace off the mark often carried him clear of his opponents. Others to do well for Glenelg were J. Taylor (ruck), Haussen, who roved with great determination, Brooker in attack, and Crabb, who rucked strongly.

● Michelmores played a great game for South in ruck. His well-judged knocks were the starting point of many South attacks.

● Linke defended well for South as goalkeeper. He checked Churchett closely throughout the game and showed great speed for a big man in clearing.

Fraser at half-back left for South, also defended well. Others to show good form were Chapman on the other half-back flank and Gould, who rucked well.

Best Players—Glenelg — L. Taylor, D. Taylor, Hannaford, J. Taylor, Haussen, Brooker, Crabb. South — Michelmores, Linke, Fraser, Chapman, Gould, Fuss, Shimleck.

Scorers—Glenelg — Churchett 4.4, L. Taylor 4.2, Brooker 3.3, Kempson 3.0, Haussen 1.1, Laffin 1.1, Trenorden 1.0, Rundle 0.2, Crabb 0.2, Robjet 0.1, rushed 0.2. South — Laphorne 3.2, Michelmores 3.0, Shimleck 2.1, Gould 1.3, Jones 1.0, Deane 1.0, Weidenbach 0.2, rushed 0.1.

TORRENS SCRAPE HOME BY SEVEN POINTS AGAINST WEST

By Haydn Bunton, as told to Lawrie Jervis jr.

In a thrilled-packed finish Torrens scraped home by seven points against West at Adelaide Oval today, after looking all over the winners at half-time.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens . . .	1—5	9—10	13—12	13—14	92
West . . .	2—5	2—8	6—13	11—19	85

At half-time Torrens were nearly seven goals ahead, and had played so superbly in the second term—they kicked 8—5 to three points—that it seemed to be no race. After half-time, however, West made two changes, which had a most important bearing on the game.

Jack Broadstock, who had opened the game at centre opposed to Bob Hank and had gone to centre half-forward for the second quarter, returned to the pivot, and Frank Lewis was brought on to a half-forward flank.

For the last two quarters both Broadstock and Lewis played so magnificently that they alone nearly pulled the game off for West.

Broadstock anchored himself to the centre position, while Bob Hank roamed, as usual. Whenever Broadstock got the ball in the last half he sent it through to Lewis at half-forward, and West went forward.

In the second quarter, for some reason, Jack Broadstock shifted himself from centre and went to centre half-forward, and his brother, Bruce, took his place against Bob Hank.

Tactical error

Torrens and Bob Hank appreciated the change. West had shown for the first two quarters that although they had the power to get the ball up forward, they were powerless to do anything with it.

As Jack Broadstock had been the main cause in sending the ball to the forwards from centre, when he left the position West were unable to get drive.

It seemed a tactical error on Broadstock's part — due, no doubt, to his anxious desire to see that somebody in West's forward lines was able to take the chances offered.

His brother, Bruce, was unable to cope with Bob Hank at centre, and Torrens simply did as they liked. They put on 8—5 to three points in that second quarter—were faster to the ball, always in front of their men, and got their goals easily.

In fact, at one stage, Jim Willis in 10 minutes had five shots for goal and although he only got 3—2, with an ounce of luck they could have all been full-pointers. Willis showed that with match experience he is likely to become a top class full-forward.

In the third quarter, Jack Broadstock—again sticking very close to the centre position while Bob Hank roamed—drove West forward repeatedly.

Broadstock didn't waste a kick, while Hank, being tackled almost as soon as he got the ball, was forced to kick hurriedly and in the air.

Torrens put on three goals quickly from Prior, Mehaffey, and Willis early in the piece, and then West took charge.

Tuckey, Acourt, and Ford all got goals before the term ended, to bring West within six goals of Torrens.

Even though Broadstock gave Hank a beating in this term, much of his driving force was wasted because there was nobody in West's forward lines to bring down the marks or take the passes with which he fed them.

son. He set out to beat Bob Hank—knowing him as the driving force for Torrens—and by sticking close to centre while Hank wandered, achieved his object. A'Court rucked well and Bernie Slattery played solidly.

● Bradford roved well all day for Torrens and gave them many opportunities. Alf Roberts, as goalkeeper, however, probably took as many tricks as anyone, and did not give West's goalsneak, Lance Tuckey, any latitude.

Bob Oates, in ruck and defence, and Peter Fischer, also rucking, did well. Bob Hank probably got more kicks than any other man of the side, but he was so closely watched that many of his kicks had to be sent "wild."

Umpire C. J. Egar, handling his first league game, was given a hard game to control, and he did reasonably well. However, one or two incidents in the third quarter—particularly when a general melee looked like developing in front of the river-end goal—showed that he had not tight enough control over the players.

Best Players—Torrens—Bradford, A. Roberts, Oates, Fischer, Crammond, Willis, Bob Hank. West—Brown, J. Broadstock, A. Court, Slattery, Cannon, Lewis, Fehse.

Scorers—Torrens: Willis 4.3, Fletcher 3.1, Mehaffey 2.1, Prior 2.0, Pyatt 1.0, Crammond 1.0, Bradford 0.3, Bob Hank 0.1, W. Hank 0.1, Loades 0.1, rushed 0.3. West: Tuckey 3.4, Ford 2.2, A. Court 2.1, Slattery 1.2, Cannon 1.2, B. Broadstock 1.1, Lewis 1.1, O. Williams 0.2, Ackland 0.1, rushed 0.7.