

YOUNG PORT PLAYERS STAR IN EASY WIN OVER GLENELG

By HAYDN BUNTON, as told to Vic Rasheed.

Port's convincing win over Glenelg at Alberton today was a triumph for the club in its decision to give young players a chance in the league side. All performed splendidly.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	2—1	9—5	13—7	14—12	96
Glenelg	4—3	6—4	7—8	10—13	73

The Bays' showing indicated they have not improved since last year and also, instead of holding old players too long, they should follow Port's lead in trying to develop juniors.

The condition of the younger Port players also told on the weary Glenelg side in the strenuous second and third quarters, when Port players easily outdistanced them in pace.

The Bays swung into their stride much more quickly, and seemed sure at the start of the game. A better understanding in attack was responsible for the 14-point lead with which they finished the first quarter.

Chances missed

Port gave away too many kicks and opportunities early, and had their supporters really worried by continued fumbling. A prominent and costly fault was short passing in front of goal.

Churchett, in front for Glenelg, early looked a match-winner.

His experience put him right above Abley, and I think an early change would have been profitable. Parham, at half-back flank, who has played full back for Port, would have probably done much better.

More important to Port was the sensational debut of 18-year-old John Hall, a young brother of former Port players Dick and Ron Hall.

In my opinion John, with his clever anticipation, gameness, and necessary football sense, besides being the find of the year for Port, could well be the pick of the season's crop of new players. I think he will be the best of the Hall brothers.

Clark, a former Port player having his first game with the team for some years, seems to have solved Port's problem of finding a centre half-forward to replace Whelan, now in ruck.

He had the call over Don Taylor throughout the first half. Having played with Clark some years ago, I was surprised by his improvement.

Mighty burst

Port came good with a mighty burst early in the second quarter. With the score at 5—3 to 2—1 in Glenelg's favor, the Magpies were rallied mainly by their young players with spirited, fast drives from the centre line.

They put on seven quick goals in part of this term, while Glenelg scored a single.

McDonald, Boyd, and Hewitson, holding the Port centre line, proved an obstacle that Glenelg did not overcome throughout the game.

Umpire Sweeney gave a good exhibition. He kept the game flowing by giving the player in possession plenty of latitude in getting rid of the ball.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	F	A	Pts.
North	1	—	118	77	2
Torrens	1	—	113	82	2
Port	1	—	98	73	2
West	1	—	106	102	2
Sturt	—	1	102	106	—
Glenelg	—	1	73	96	—
Norwood	—	1	82	113	—
South	—	1	77	148	—

By the third quarter the Bays, although defending well, were playing a similar game as Port did in the first term. They were definitely weak in attack, and too much was left to Churchett in the forward lines.

Port was fortunate in having Growden resting in a forward pocket. Hunt, at full back, kept Port goalsneak Zucker scoreless by close checking him. Growden, however, had four goals by the end of the third term.

Crabb, for Glenelg, was coming into his own in ruck towards the close of the game, and Don Taylor improved at centre half-back.

Ten minutes after the start of the last quarter the result was a foregone conclusion. Towards the end the game sank to a shambles, with unnecessary rough manhandling the only thing that prevented a tame finish.

Factor in win

For Port, McDonald, because of his wing play and his co-operation with Boyd and Hewitson, was one of the two best men on the ground. He contributed greatly to Port's win.

Boyd, at centre, was the other outstanding player. He began many wing moves which resulted in goals, and was a big factor in giving the centre line the call all day.

Fos Williams played his usual courageous game roving, and was not beaten all day. Growden played grandly in ruck, taking most of the hard knocks, and there were also his four valuable goals while resting forward.

Others who played well were Fletcher, Hall, Whitaker, and Clark.

For Glenelg, J. Taylor still proved to be a most consistent and solid player.

Hunt played splendidly at full back. Any player keeping a goalsneak scoreless speaks for himself. Wright, on a half-back flank, turned back many Port thrusts.

Churchett made the most of his opportunities, and was the only player for Glenelg in attack to show good form.

Others who did well were Brooker, D. Taylor, Crabb, and Lafsky.

Best Players—Port: Boyd, Fos Williams, Hall, Growden, McDonald, Russell, Clarke. Glenelg: Hunt, Wright, J. Taylor, Brooker, Churchett, Prior, Crabb.

Scorers—Port: Growden and Hall, each 4.2; Whitaker, 2.1; Boyd, 2.0; Fletcher, 1.1; F. Williams, 1.0; Hewitson, Clarke, M. Williams, each 0.2. Glenelg: Churchett, 4.3; Brooker, 3.2; Lafsky, 1.2; Prior, 1.1; Grimwood, 1.0; Crabb and Laffin, each 0.2.

"MOSQUITO FLEET" HELPED BEAT STURT

By AMOS BOTTROFF

West Adelaide's "mosquito fleet"—ruckmen Slattery and Agius, and Brown, in defence—were mainly responsible for their team's four-point victory over Sturt at Adelaide Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	1—4	6—11	12—14	15—16	106
Sturt	2—1	7—1	13—6	15—12	102

The teams were evenly matched throughout. Faehse largely contributed to West's effort in holding Sturt in the final stages of play.

Two factors possibly robbed Sturt of victory—

- The loss of Jack Giles through injury at half-time.
- Toyne's great error in leaving the goalfront unguarded when Whelan was forced to move down the field.

Toyne wandered away on several occasions while Whelan was out, and West had a veritable harvest.

Giles was the best man on the field, and suffered undue man-handling until he was forced to remain off the field with a leg injury after half-time.

Surpassing the interest in the outcome of the game was the influence former Victorian Fitzgerald (Sturt) would have over the trend of play.

His first performance here was a very fine one, proving just what a great player he really is.

He wasn't long in his set half-back position, but, as expected, went into the ruck in a purposeful, effective manner, but not perhaps as boisterous

as one would expect from a robust Victorian.

I would name Brown as possibly West's best. Rarely did he fail to stop the ball when it came his way. His clean, effective disposal added to a job well done.

Slattery must be named for a brilliant roving effort until he was injured during the third quarter.

Faehse's last-quarter defensive effort alone would make him one of the side's most valuable players.

Agars, A'Court, Agius, and Nelson were others who played a vital part in West's win.

For Sturt, Bowler (half-back) and Fitzgerald (in ruck) must be given credit for pressing West so closely.

Phillips, the new country player, showed great promise at centre half-forward. Thompson, Kutcher, Dowling, and Rattigan also played well.

Best Players—West: Brown, Slattery, Faehse, A'Court, Agars, Agius, Eglington. Sturt: Giles, Bowler, Fitzgerald, Coulls, Phillips, Thompson, Kutcher.

Goalkeepers—West Adelaide, Slattery 3.3, Nelson 3.2, G. Williams 2.2, Edwards 2.1, A'Court 2.0, Thorsen 1.2, Agius 1.1, Lynch 1.0, Thomas 0.4. Sturt: Coulls 6.1, Caust 3.0, Fitzgerald 2.2, Rattigan 2.1, Toyne 1.2, Phillips 1.0, Thompson 0.3, Boland 0.1, rushed 0.2.

W. Torrens led Redlegs from start

By BRIAN SHEA

West Torrens easily defeated Norwood at Norwood Oval, today. Norwood were never able to match Torrens' speed and position play.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	5—5	9—8	11—14	16—17	113
Norwood	1—0	3—5	6—8	12—10	82

Torrens raced away from Norwood in the early stages of the game. They were yards faster and the early Norwood ruck advantage was nullified by the smart work of the Torrens rovers.

Throughout the game the Torrens rovers and Bob Hank had their opponents so well covered that on most occasions they were able to take advantage of Marriott's knocking out from ruck.

At centre and in ruck Norwood seemed unable to improve, with the result that Torrens' attacks gathered strength from every bounce.

Bob Hank gave a great display for Torrens at centre.

Prior was close to Hank. With a great display in ruck and his fast leads and fine

marks, he kept up the pressure of Torrens' attacks.

Pyatt was consistently good at half-back, Sully very solid in a back pocket, and Willis had to battle hard for his opportunities as goalsneak.

Reimann was in great form for Norwood as goalkeeper.

M. Roberts battled hard for the Redlegs at half-back, and Oatey often steadied Norwood with clever anticipation and good despatch of the ball.

Best Players—Torrens: Bob Hank, Prior, Pyatt, Sully, Willis, Oates, W. Hank. Norwood: Reimann, M. Roberts, Oatey, Marriott, Gallagher, LePage, Dalwood.

Goalkeepers—Torrens: Willis (4), Mehahey, Bradford (each 3), Bob Hank, Ray Hank (each 2), Sully, Coverlid, Norwood: Dalwood (5), Oatey, Tilbrook (each 2), Mayo, Marriott, Lambert.

NORTH HOME BY 71 PTS.

By LEN SWAN

In a fast but uninteresting game, North completely outclassed South at Prospect Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	8—2	11—4	20—11	22—16	148
South	0—1	4—7	6—8	11—11	77