

# WEST OUTPLAYED EARLY, BUT WON BY 10 POINTS

By LEN SWAN

Completely outplayed in the first quarter, West fought back with spirit and purpose to finish 10 points in front of Glenelg at Kensington Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	2—1	6—4	12—12	13—16	94
Glenelg	4—10	6—14	8—18	10—24	84

There was little wind to affect play but Glenelg started as if they were aided by a strong breeze.

With long, driving kicks the Bays bombarded their goal for most of the first quarter.

Then, Glenelg looked in complete command, and had it not been for poor kicking they could easily have held a six-goal advantage at the first change.

It was in the second term that West fought back with such effect that Glenelg looked nonplussed with only a shadow of their earlier form.

Bernie Slattery must be given credit for a great deal of West's rallying effort. He shot holes in the Glenelg defence and kicked with an accuracy that enabled his side to gradually whittle away their deficit.

## Shocking kicking

It took West to the third term to equal Glenelg's score when again Slattery was the Bays'

downfall. He kicked two goals in quick succession and took West to 10-6.

Glenelg at this stage were 8-18.

Glenelg's shocking kicking was the main factor of their loss for they had ample opportunities to win.

Once West had a hold on the issue their whole game improved. Sensing victory, they did not give Glenelg another chance to settle down.

Although Glenelg did not look impressive in the closing stages and merely muddled on with erratic kicking and handball they still had sufficient chances to have snatched victory.

It is hard to understand why Glenelg did not continue their first quarter policy of driving the ball straight down the centre of the ground.

With their passing all astray, it was easy for the nippy West players to intercept and West took full advantage of this change in tactics.

West had the edge across centre, where Edwards, Lynch, and Eglinton got their side moving.

Their job of disposing of the ball accurately was made easy by the failure of the Glenelg rovers to cover Agius and Slattery, who raced through time and again to take possession.

Bernie Slattery is first choice for West. His pace and tenacious play set an example that lifted West for a win.

His five goals were of the highest order.

Cannon came into his own in the last half and helped to give the necessary drive in the closing stages.

Eglinton played a brilliant first half at centre wing, but found Lafsky a much more difficult opponent after.

For Glenelg, Potter gave a tireless performance in ruck. Although not always spectacular, he was always in the play and rarely beaten.

He brought down some of the best marks for the day.

Wright played the centre half-back position with fine judgment and in spite

## Premiership list

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Port	12	1	1164	773	24
North	9	4	1117	841	18
Torrens	8	5	1116	1006	16
Glenelg	7	6	1203	1088	14
West	7	6	937	993	14
Norwood	6	7	1032	916	12
Sturt	2	11	918	1282	4
South	1	12	847	1425	2

## Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	3	63
Bradford (Torrens)	2	41
Laphorne (South)	4	38
Phillips (North)	1	36
Willis (Torrens)	6	32
Brooker (Glenelg)	1	30

of a heavy knock in the second quarter was little behind Potter.

Laffin rucked strongly and used his height to advantage in the aerial duels.

Best Players—West: Bernie Slattery, Cannon, Eglinton, Lynch, Hewitt, Semmler, Lewis, Edwards. Glenelg: Potter, B. Wright, Laffin, D. Taylor, Davies, Lafsky, Crabb.

Scorers—West: Bernie Slattery 5.1, Agius 2.2, Packham 2.1, Stewart 1.6, A'Court, Agars 1.2, McKay 1.0, Cannon 0.2, Agius hit post. Glenelg: Churchett 3.7, Crabb 2.2, Hart 2.1, D. Taylor, Potter, Brooker 1.2, Davies 0.5, McDonald, Laffin, J. Taylor 0.1.

## Torrens get break in second term

By AMOS BOTTROFF

After overcoming Sturt's ruck superiority by the end of the first quarter, Torrens broke away with two devastating terms to win by 41 points at Unley today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3—1	7—10	15—11	16—14	110
Sturt	5—5	6—6	6—8	10—9	69

Features of the game at a glance included:—

● A burst of brilliant marking, kicking, and dash by Len Fitzgerald in the first quarter—one of the most outstanding individual efforts I have seen—excellently supported by Thompson and Ladd.

● A sound and more sustained effort by Torrens centre half-forward Clingly which resulted in three different defenders opposing him.

● The loss to Torrens of Bob Hank early in the second term when he went off with an ankle injury. Cockshell took his place and dominated the centre play.

● The contrast in the effectiveness of John Willis as a spearhead in the early and later stages of play. Willis was shockingly inaccurate until he snapped a goal just before half-time. From that stage he was a great asset to his side and, notwithstanding several frees, he finished with six goals.

## Clingly effective

For Torrens, there was no more effective player than Clingly, who led at least three different defenders quite a dance. His work was clean, his

judgment sound, and he was very fast for a man of his physical build.

Cockshell must rank high for a splendid exhibition at centre after Bob Hank had left the field. He relished the position and handled the ball with real precision.

Roberts gave another fine high-marking and sound-kicking game as custodian.

Bradford roved with dash as did Mehaffey. Glastonbury played strongly on a flank, and Willis' six goals was a worthy effort.

For Sturt, Fitzgerald was best—his first quarter being brilliant.

Ladd, at centre half-forward, led out well, but his fine marking helped to give Sturt many of their scoring chances from the outer attack.

Curnow defended well. Boland roved with dash, and Bagshaw rucked well early.

Best Players—Torrens: Clingly, Cockshell, Roberts, Bradford, Glastonbury, Coverlid, Willis. Sturt: Fitzgerald, Ladd, Bagshaw, Thompson, Curnow, Boland.

Scorers—Torrens: Willis 6.5, Bradford 2.4, Mehaffey 2.2, Ray Hank 2.1, Coverlid 2.0, Prior 1.0, Pyatt 1.0, Clingly 0.2. Sturt: Southern 2.2, Jenkins 2.1, Caust 2.0, Ladd 1.1, Fitzgerald 1.1, Thompson 1.1, Boland 1.1, Baker 0.1, rushed 0.1.

## Redlegs' teamwork was superior

By HAYDN BUNTON

Norwood gave North a lesson in teamwork to win by 16 points at Prospect Oval this afternoon.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	1—4	6—8	7—12	8—15	63
North	2—1	2—4	3—8	6—11	47

The Redlegs gave glimpses of the form which made them premiers last year.

North lacked combination and were out of touch until it was too late to make up the leeway.

There was at times an atmosphere of tense rivalry apart from the play. It led to several incidents, the most notable being a clash between McCann (North) and Mayo (Norwood).

## Marriott again

Marriott dominated the ruck throughout the game, and was Norwood's best player.

Oatey gave an intelligent lead and was responsible for many attacks.

Hall was a 'good back

stop to Marriott and was a tower of strength in ruck. LePage was solid in defence.

For North, McKay halted many Norwood drives and was the best player on the ground.

Crouch, on the half-back flank, supported him. Kennett and Gilbourne, on half-forward flanks, beat their opponents.

Best Players—Norwood: Marriott, Oatey, Hall, LePage, Dalwood, Edwards, Reimann. North: McKay, Crouch, Kennett, Gilbourne, Griffin, Vaughan, H. McKenzie, W. McKenzie.

Scorers—Norwood: Oatey 3.2, Mayo 2.2, Edwards 2.1, Curtis 1.1, Heidenreich 0.2, Walker 0.2, Lambert 0.1, Trickett 0.1, Reimann 0.1, rushed 0.1. North: Stringer 2.1, Kennett 1.2, H. McKenzie 1.2, Fuller 1.0, Phillips 1.0, Aldenhoven 0.2, Gilbourne 0.1, Vaughan 0.1, Tidwell 0.1, W. McKenzie 0.1.

## PORT MUCH TOO GOOD

By BRIAN SHEA

After a promising opening, South were swamped by a brilliant Port combination at Alberton Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	7—4	11—8	20—13	23—19	157
South	3—1	6—1	8—3	11—6	72

The issue was never in doubt after Port gained control in the rucks. They played with great dash and fine system against a very uneven South team.

South opened brilliantly and posted two quick goals.

Panizza in ruck gave South drive, and fine leading by Mills gave South an early advantage.

## Settled down

Port quickly settled down. Fos Williams, with superlative handball, opened up the game for them.

They swung into a fast, open game which left South yards behind.

The Port rucks had taken charge and gave Port plenty of scoring chances.

Port were on top in almost every position.

Salvemini played an outstanding game for Port. Called on to the ball when Fos Williams was injured, he rose to the occasion magnificently.

Scouting cleverly round the ruck fringes, he finished off a fine game by accurate kicking for goal.

Dick Russell was an outstanding member of a very solid defence. He played the back pocket position to perfection.

Boyd was in control at centre throughout. His dashes down the centre of the ground often paralysed the South defence, and his long, driving drop kicks carried the ball well into scoring range.

## Fine battle

Des Panizza battled against odds in ruck for South. He opened in great form, and gave South fine service against the taller Port ruckmen.

Allan Dunn was little behind Panizza as South's best. He had a hard job checking the Port rovers, but battled on strongly, and was easily the pick of the South defence.

Best Players—Port: Salvemini, Russell, Boyd, Clarke, Marrett, Luke, Leaver. South: Panizza, Dunn, Mills, Rosevear, Garrett, Walker, Deane.

Scorers—Port: Salvemini 4.3, Leaver 4.3, Clarke 4.2, Marrett 3.0, Growden 2.3, Zucker 2.1, Whelan 1.0, Williams 1.0, Davis 1.0, Batt 1.0, Boyd 0.5, Luke 0.1, Fletcher 0.1. South: Laphorne 4.0, Mills 2.0, Milery 2.0, Fraser 1.1, Tabe 1.0, Veitch 1.0, Merchant 0.3, rushed 0.2.

## Snapshots

Colin Churchett Glenelg and State full-forward, playing his 100th league game, was paid two compliments at Kensington Oval today.

Not only did he lead Glenelg on to the field in place of Johnny Taylor, but he also tossed with Brian Faehse, West captain, and repaid the compliment by giving his side choice of ends.

Central umpire R. Dawe had a hard initiation into league football at the Port-South game today.

The partisan supporters and the close fought exchanges gave him a hard game to control.

After a sound opening, Dawe lost a lot of control over the game, and missed many breaches after half-time.

Attendances at today's league football matches were, Prospect Oval 11,000; Unley, 6,000; Kensington, 5,000; Alberton, 5,000.

Norwood forward Max Mayo was reported by central umpire K. Aplin for allegedly having struck an opponent in the Norwood-North match.

Bob Hank, injured ankle, was replaced by Crammond 10 minutes after the start of the second quarter of the Torrens-Sturt game. Hank collided with Caust at the southern end of the pitch area, and both players were down for several minutes.

Hank was carried to the boundary line, but walked off. Cockshell went to centre, and Crammond to half-back left.

Ellis (Sturt), broken blood vessel in left hand, was replaced by Coulls in the third quarter. Bradford (Torrens), bruised shoulder, was replaced by Edwards in last quarter. Abbott (Sturt), jarred leg, was replaced by Martin in last quarter.

Trophies were presented to Fitzgerald, Ladd, and Bagshaw as Sturt's best players. Glenelg trophies went to Wright and Potter.