

BAYS DOWN NORTH IN SLOGGING MATCH

By HAYDN BUNTON as told to LAWRIE JERVIS jun.

In a desperate, slogging, cut-throat game, almost devoid of system, Glenelg beat North by 18 points at Glenelg today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3—4	7—7	9—11	14—15	99
North	6—3	7—5	9—9	12—9	81

For North it was an ominous defeat. They have three tough games—Torrens, Norwood, West—in the remaining four matches of the minor round, and might be hard-pressed to hold their place in the four.

For the Bays, it was a match which they had to win at almost any cost, to keep in the running for the final four.

Such an atmosphere of tension naturally produced little good football—only a get-it-and-kick-it game.

And in that branch the Bays were too strong for a North side, which, in the past few weeks has gone to pieces.

In the first quarter North went about things with some semblance of purpose. Ron Phillips, was in form and was the most dangerous man afield when he got near goals.

Hubert McKenzie, also roving, was a handful in the forward pocket while Garnett and Stringer both were on top.

Handling the man

North were so much on top that the Bays, in an excess of will-to-win zeal, began to handle the man frequently, giving away frees.

Twice, Churchett was

penalised right in front when he mauled North goalkeeper, McCann, who was checking very hard and closely.

North ended the term nearly three goals ahead.

But from then on the Bays tightened up their play, and slugged it out hard.

It was simply bulldozing football afterwards, poor as a spectacle, but intense because of the closeness of the scores.

At half-time only two points separated the teams. Don Taylor had been too much of a handful for Ian McKay, Davies won at centre, the Bay wingmen Lafsky and McPherson had broken even, while Brian Wright had held centre half-back.

Defence solid

With those positions safe, the Bays should have been farther ahead.

But the North defence, outside of centre half-back, was solid, and as McCann had Churchett covered, and Weston in a back pocket was another winner. Glenelg had trouble in breaking through to the goals.

As it was, most of the Bays' successful attacks were in the nature of rushes, with the ball more often than not slammed

Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	2	65
Bradford (Torrens)	—	41
Lapthorne (South)	1	39
Phillips (North)	2	38
Willis (Torrens)	6	38
Brooker (Glenelg)	1	31

Premiership list

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Port	13	1	1297	816	26
North	9	5	1198	940	18
Torrens	9	5	1214	1033	18
Glenelg	8	6	1302	1172	16
Norwood	7	7	1009	955	14
West	7	7	966	1041	14
Sturt	2	12	960	1415	4
South	1	13	881	1515	2

through hurriedly. In the exciting third term, when both teams scored 2-4, North defenders lapsed by not picking their men up, which offset the good from McKay, who had begun to match Don Taylor.

Goals to Churchett

Completely blanketed for three quarters, it was Churchett who turned the tide for Glenelg in the last term. He goaled about two minutes after the term began, then missed what has been regarded as an easy shot for him in the past.

Lord, on because Stan Wickham went off (he has been off-color with the current gastritis complaint), goaled to give the Bays a 2-3 lead. But Garnett and Gilbourne reduced the lead to three points again almost in a flash.

Then Churchett hooked a running shot through the goals, Don Taylor angled another, and it became apparent North were done with.

Their only goal thereafter came when a free was given to Stringer near the goals because umpire Dawe decided Glenelg goalkeeper Ray Hunt deliberately kicked the ball out.

North looked tired

McKay went into ruck in the last quarter, but the move made little perceptible difference.

On their form today, neither Glenelg nor North

would bother Port. North, in particular, looked a tired side, and seemed to lack knowledge of the first principles of teamwork.

Best on the ground was Don Taylor, who gave Glenelg their main attacking force. Next best for the Bays was Brian Wright, at centre half-back. Davies won centre handsomely, while the ruckmen, Crabb and Potter, worked splendidly. The wingmen, Lafsky and McPherson, did good jobs, as did Kempson, at half-back, and Bailey, roving.

McCann, because he kept Churchett to two goals by severe close checking, was best of a poor lot of North players.

Weston, in a back pocket, Griffin (wing), Crouch (half-back) all went solidly. Hubert McKenzie began in great style, but faded out a great deal afterwards. Aldenhoven rucked well enough, and Gilbourne did better when he went to centre half-forward. Phillips was another who went great guns at the start, but dropped out of things later.

Best Players—Glenelg: D. Taylor, B. Wright, Davies, Crabb, Lafsky, Potter, Bailey, Kempson. North: McCann, Weston, Griffin, Crouch, H. McKenzie, Aldenhoven, Gilbourne, Phillips.

Scorers.—Glenelg: D. Taylor 3.2, Churchett 2.5, Crabb, Bailey 2.1, Brooker 1.3, Lafsky, Lord, Laffin, Potter 1.0, Davies 0.2, rushed 0.1. North: Garnett 3.2, Stringer, Gilbourne 3.0, Phillips 2.1, H. McKenzie 1.0, Kennett 0.3, W. McKenzie 0.1, rushed 0.2.

Norwood rely on rucks

By AMOS BOTTROFF

Norwood's rucks, headed by Marriott and Oatey, plus a defiant last-line effort by their new goalkeeper Dalwood, gave Norwood the match against West on Adelaide Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	2—0	3—3	6—4	7—5	47
West	2—0	4—1	5—1	6—3	39

Oatey and Marriott are Norwood. Take them from the side and arrive at your own conclusion.

The muddy condition of the oval might suit one such as Oatey, but generally it is against the bigger man. That was why Marriott's fine game was worth so much today.

For Norwood, I bracket Oatey and Marriott as the best afield.

Perhaps Oatey did more and carried the responsibility on the day, but one cannot dismiss the brilliance and soundness of Marriott's great effort.

Dalwood turned on yet another good game in goal. He made position well, marked grandly, and spoilt well almost as the occasion warranted.

Hall and Williams played solid and effective games to boost the Norwood rucks.

Kicked five goals

Potts started in a forward pocket and finished up as goalsneak, with five fine goals.

For West, Brian Faehse was again their best. He dominated his position all day.

Cannon produced one of his best rucking efforts, but he fought against strong odds.

Lewis and Franklin defended soundly, Slattery roved with dash, Eglington held centre all day, and Lynch (wing) and A'Court (ruck) played finely until injured.

Best Players—Norwood: Oatey, Marriott, Dalwood, Hall, Potts, Williams, Watson, LePage. West: Faehse, Cannon, Lewis, Eglington, Slattery, G. Williams, Lynch and A'Court (both until injured).

Goalkickers—Norwood: Potts 5.0, Marriott 1.1, Edwards 1.0, Curtis 0.2, Williams 0.1, rushed 0.1. West: Williams 3.0, Slattery 1.1, Agius 1.1, Packham 1.0, Agars 0.1.

South take thrashing

By BRIAN SHEA

Torrens thrashed South in a one-sided game at Kensington Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	4—4	5—5	12—12	14—14	98
South	0—1	2—6	2—7	3—9	27

South made a half-hearted bid in the second quarter, but they were outclassed in nearly every position on the ground, and were decisively beaten.

Clingly, Torrens centre half-forward, played consistently all day. His ability to find Willis made the game safe for Torrens in the third quarter, and his cool game in the muddy conditions was outstanding for a big man.

Glastonbury was another member of a strong Torrens half-forward line. He played the flank position perfectly, always on the move, marking safely, and driving the ball into scoring range with accurate kicks. He played fine football in the bad ground conditions.

Colin McKenzie held one wing for Torrens throughout the game. His vigorous ground play and safe marking opened up many attacks for Torrens, and he

continued to dominate centre wing to the final bell.

Jim Deane, seen in a variety of positions, was outstanding for South.

He roved early in the game, played finely at centre, and when a crop of injuries forced him into a defensive role he played really well at centre half-back late in the game.

Dunn was one of the few South defenders to hold his position throughout the game. He always played the ball in front of him, and his pace enabled him to clear the ball out of danger for South many times.

Best Players—Torrens: Clingly, Glastonbury, McKenzie, Slaven, Pyatt, Ray Hank, Willis. South: Deane, Dunn, Fletcher, Walker, Jarrett, Jones, Abbott.

Scorers—Torrens: Willis 6.2, Ray Hank 3.1, Pyatt 2.0, Coverlid 1.4, Fischer 1.2, Loades 1.0, Mehafeey 0.3, Clingly 0.1, rushed 0.1. South: Lapthorne 1.3, Wilson 1.0, Bolton 1.0, Fraser 0.1, Ellery 0.1, Deane 0.1, Jarrett 0.1, rushed 0.2.

STURT WERE OUTCLASSED

By LEN SWAN

Port, playing premiership football completely overwhelmed Sturt at Alberton Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	6—6	9—9	13—11	20—13	133
Sturt	1—0	1—2	3—5	6—7	43

Port won by 90 points.

Little can be said in support of Sturt's showing. Port on the other hand played football of the highest order and on today's performance must feel confident of their premiership chances.

Port dominated practically every set position and, playing as a team, gave Sturt only three scoring shots in the first half.

If Port did have a weakness it was round the ruck fringes, where they missed the clever scouting of Fos Williams.

Although Port had sufficient strongholds in all departments to win comfortably, their greatest drive came from across centre.

McDonald, Boyd, and Hewitson were outstanding. This trio will present a problem to any side hoping to down Port.

For Port, Boyd gave a clever performance and illustrated the drive that a good centreman can give a side. Boyd wanders a long way, but his pace enables him to regain his position quickly.

BEST FORM

McDonald, at centre wing, playing his first game for some weeks, was in his best form. His disposal of the ball was a feature.

Marrett rucked strongly and prevented Thompson from taking control at the centre bounce. Leaver did most of his useful work in the open and when resting forward.

Sturt had few players who were permitted to give of their best.

Boland is first choice because of his untiring and tenacious efforts round the rucks.

Rattigan fought hard all day and was one of the few Sturt players to hold his own in the aerial duels.

Thompson and Fitzgerald were solid and did some useful work.

Best Players—Port: Boyd, McDonald, Marrett, Leaver, Russell, Clark, Zucker, Sturt, Boland, Rattigan, Thompson, Fitzgerald, Downing, Ladd, Bagshaw.

Scorers—Port: Leaver 5.1, Zucker 4.2, Marrett 3.0, Clark 3.2, Kretschmer, Whelan 2.1, Davis 1.2, Fletcher 1.0, Boyd 0.2, McDonald, Salvemini 0.1, Whelan hit post. Sturt: Fitzgerald 2.1, Thompson, Boland 1.2, Ladd, Cave 1.1, Fitzgerald hit post.

Attendances at today's league football matches were: Glenelg, 6,500; Alberton, 5,500; Adelaide, 13,800; Kensington, 2,600.

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