

# BAYS' FINALS CHANCE SAFER AFTER WIN OVER TORRENS

By HAYDN BUNTON, as told to LAWRIE JERVIS, jun.

In almost complete charge down the middle of the field, Glenelg convincingly beat Torrens by 17 points at Thebarton Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	1-1	6-4	9-6	12-9	81
Torrens	4-6	5-6	8-7	9-10	64

By their win, the Bays have virtually clinched their place in the final four. Only by a combination of unlikely circumstances can they possibly be squeezed out.

Most credit for the Bays' win must be given to Davies and captain Johnny Taylor.

Davies, at centre, was the power behind Glenelg moves repeatedly after half-time. He beat his opponent, Cockshell, almost pointless. There are few men in the league who can cover the ground faster than the long-legged lad from Broken Hill.

But Johnny Taylor supplied two things which the Bays have been lacking lately—steadiness in a crisis, and powerful, accurate kicking, whether clearing from the back lines or shooting for goal.

Torrens blundered over the centre position. For a start, Bob Hank was playing at half-forward left, a position I've rarely ever seen filled by a left-legger.

But when Cockshell was so obviously no match for Davies, Hank should have gone to centre at half-time at the latest.

In addition, Clingly, centre half-forward, was beaten by Brian Wright throughout.

With Hank at centre, Torrens at least would have had the power to by-pass Wright.

In the other key position, centre half-back, Bennett could never cope with Don Taylor.

With such obvious weak points, it is remarkable that Torrens got as close as they did to Glenelg.

The first quarter was practically all the home team's.

They had three goals up in a matter of minutes, then ran up a string of behinds, to end the quarter with 10 scoring shots to Glenelg's two, and a 23-point lead.

By the way Glenelg manhandled their opponents and gave away frees, it seemed they were well rattled.

### Great recovery

Yet, from the start of the second term, it was the reverse. Glenelg exploded on Torrens like a bomb. In eight minutes they had kicked four goals straight—two of them long running shots by Johnny Taylor. They hit the front by a point.

Torrens had one shot for the quarter, a goal from Bradford after Rundle had been floored in the Bay

half forward lines, and Torrens drove upfield.

The Bays' four-point lead at half time had been a great recovery.

Yet many of the team were still giving away unnecessary frees by failing to recognise that Umpire Aplin was giving the man in front, and going for the ball, the most latitude.

When Churchett and Crabb both goaled soon after the third term opened, it looked as if the Bays would run away with the game.

Surprisingly, Torrens came with another burst of really fine football, and, almost in a twinkling, got three goals and hit the front again, by a point.

### Dry-day game

Torrens made the cardinal mistake of trying to play a dry-day, short passing game in the last term. The Bays, on the other hand, played the ball high and long to their tall men.

Glenelg played far better today than against North a fortnight ago, but still rely more on individual effort than teamwork.

Best that could be said for Aplin's umpiring today was that it was not one of his best efforts.

Two players stood out for Glenelg—Johnny Taylor and Davies. Taylor has one attribute which others could copy—when he gets the ball he really sinks his

boot into it. He rarely fools about with short passes. His long kicks cover as much ground as two or three short passes.

Davies gives Glenelg much drive when in form. His task was made easier today by not having to oppose Bob Hank, but he dominated centre. Wickham played surely and safely in a back pocket, while Brian Wright (centre half-back) and Don Taylor (centre half-forward) well won their positions.

### Big ruck force

Don Prior was Torrens' biggest force when in ruck. He's the type of ruckman I'd love to rove to, the way he send the ball out, and nine times out of 10 he goes for the ball in front. Reg Sully played a great game in a back pocket. At one stage he was knocking Glenelg back with almost monotonous frequency. Pyatt did well rucking or defending very robustly. Bradford made good use of his opportunities in a forward pocket, while Glastonbury held his wing. Alf Roberts, in goals, held Churchett to four goals, and saved repeatedly.

Best Players—Glenelg: J. Taylor, Davies, Wickham, B. Wright, D. Taylor, Lord, Potter. Torrens: Prior, R. Sully, Pyatt, Bradford, Glastonbury, Roberts, Coverlid

Scorers—Glenelg: Churchett 4.2, J. Taylor 4.0, D. Taylor 1.1, Crabb, Laffin, Bailey each 1.0, Rundle, Davies, Laisky, Potter each 0.1, rushed 0.2. Torrens: Bradford 4.3, Coverlid 2.1, Pyatt 2.0, Prior 1.1, M. Sully, Loades, Fischer each 0.1, rushed 0.2.

Premiership list				
	W.	L.	For	Ag. Pts.
Port	15	1	1450	968 30
North	11	5	1373	1067 22
Glenelg	10	6	1319	1289 20
Torrens	9	7	1344	1193 18
Norwood	8	8	1249	1119 16
West	8	8	1093	1130 16
Sturt	2	14	1077	1647 4
South	1	15	975	1727 2

Top goalkickers	
	Today Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	4 78
Bradford (Torrens)	4 45
Willis (Torrens)	— 43
Lapthorne (South)	2 41
Phillips (North)	3 41
Brooker (Glenelg)	— 32
Stringer (North)	4 32

## SNAPSHOTS

Centreman Neil Davies and captain-coach Johnny Taylor were awarded trophies by Glenelg supporters after the game.

McPherson, Bay wingman, came off one minute before the end with cramp at Thebarton, and Alec Donaldson took his place.

Sturt trophies were awarded to Fitzgerald, Curnow, Green.

Port players received 30/ each as a donation following their win over Norwood at Alberton.

Torrens goalsneak John Willis came off in the first 15 minutes of the Thebarton game, with a badly dislocated finger. Fischer took his place. Ray Edwards, after a hard knock between the eyes in the second quarter, did not resume after half time and Wyatt went on.

After a heavy tackle, Bay half forward Rundle was too groggy to take his free kick in the second quarter. He weakly knocked the ball forward, it was snapped up by waiting Torrens packs, and went right upfield to Bradford. His goal was Torrens' first for the term, and gave back a five points lead to Torrens.

# Rovers, centre line had big hand in Port win

By AMOS BOTTROFF

Port rovers and supremacy across centre were main factors in the 44-point win over Norwood at Alberton Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1-1	5-5	9-11	15-13	103
Norwood	5-3	8-4	8-4	9-5	59

Loss of Oatey early in the third quarter had much to do with Norwood's doldrums for the remainder of the game, but Port were on the way to wiping off their deficit before the second quarter had ended.

Norwood started off with such dash and confidence that Port appeared almost a second-rate side. Norwood's 5-5 to 1-1 was a true indication of their superiority.

Marriott was supreme, and Oatey and Blackmore led a high tempo of forceful play in attack.

Nearly every Port attack was broken up by LePage and Dalwood and put into attack by Reimann.

It was just before half-time that the sharpness of Norwood's play was blunted by the determined efforts of first Whitaker, and then Williams.

Following a quick goal to Port after half-time the game became vigorous.

It was at this crucial stage that Oatey was evidently jammed between two players near the Port goalfront and had to leave the field with a broken jaw.

Shortly after Zucker goaled to give Port the lead for the first time.

From that stage Port so dominated the play across centre, round the rucks, and in some set positions that Norwood only scored 1-1 for the second half.

Fos Williams' effort, slow at first, but sure and definite later, made him the best afield.

At times he was off the target, but he more than made up for it with his anticipation, speedy dashes, and quick disposal.

Whitaker was very little behind him with a similar effective effort—a fine game after six weeks' absence.

Hewitson and McDonald dominated their positions for most of the game. Luke at centre was another who played well. His second half was high-class.

Davis and Clarke at half-forward did much valuable work in the second quarter and continued as links in a strong chain.

Whelan was solid at centre half-back.

LePage, for a "Russell-like" effort all day with plenty of mobility and courage was best for Norwood.

Close behind him was Edwards, who battled hard and effectively as second rover.

Bob Williams and Marriott did well to even the ruck duels for the day.

Dalwood's was another strong game as custodian, and Blackmore played his best early.

Oatey was obviously nursing his injured finger, but he was the driving force behind Norwood's early play.

Best Players—Port: Fos Williams, Whitaker, Hewitson, Luke, McDonald, Davis, Clark, Whelan. Norwood: LePage, Edwards, Williams, Marriott, Dalwood, Oatey (until injured), Blackmore.

Scorers—Port: Williams 4.3, Clark 4.1, Zucker 3.1, Davis 2.4, Fletcher 2.1, Salvemini 0.2, Whitaker 0.1. Norwood: Oatey 2.1, Blackmore 2.0, Marriott 1.2, Mayo 1.1, Walker 1.0, Curtis 1.0, Lambert 1.0, Fosdike 0.1.

## WEST TOO CLASSY

By BRIAN SHEA

After the first quarter, West ran away from South for a 54-point win at Adelaide Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	2-5	6-10	12-17	12-22	94
South	3-1	4-4	4-8	5-10	40

South played a fine first quarter but then were no match for their speedy opponents and West, despite poor kicking, ran out easy winners.

No player had a greater influence on the game than Lynch. He was on top throughout the game and his safe handling and safe disposal were the starting points of most of the West attacks.

Eglinton gave him great support with a solid and at times brilliant game at centre wing.

Des Panizza rucked

strongly for South. He called the tune in the early part of the game and continued to battle strongly.

Best Players—West: Lynch, Eglinton, Brian Slattery, Hewitt, Faehse, Bernie Slattery, Agius, Lewis. South: Panizza, Frazer, Abbott, Wilson, Lapthorne, Deane, Veitch, Butcher.

Scorers—West: Williams 4.6, Edwards 2.1, Faehse 2.1, Bern Slattery 1.4, A'Court 1.3, Broadstock 1.1, McKay 1.0, Agius 0.2, Lynch 0.1, Cannon 0.1, rushed 0.2. South: Lapthorne 2.3, Mills 2.2, Read 1.1, Walker 0.1, Veitch 0.1, Panizza 0.1, Ellery 0.1.

# Initial burst quells Sturt

By LEN SWAN

North, with an overwhelming first quarter, defeated Sturt by 35 points at Unley Oval this afternoon. It was uninteresting.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	7-4	9-10	13-13	13-18	96
Sturt	1-1	3-4	7-10	8-13	61

After McKay had won the toss, North took over, and, sweeping Sturt aside in an almost careless but none the less effective, manner, bombarded their goal to finish more than six goals in front at the first change.

Sturt looked hopelessly outclassed at this stage. They were beaten in the race for the ball and were content merely to aimlessly chase their opponents round the field.

With the change of ends, Sturt started to fight back and actually outscored North by four points during the last three terms.

### Fitzgerald brilliant

Biggest factor in Sturt's revival was the brilliance of Fitzgerald. He lifted his side from a team far below general league standard to a combination that could match North for the rest of the day.

Although North had an easy victory, they have no reason for complacency. Their standard of play after the first quarter was not high.

With the ground in poor condition and rain falling for most of the time, the game had little to commend it.

North received most of their early drive from across centre, but the Sturt wingmen Green and Kutcher came into their own as the game progressed and effectively checked the North stronghold.

Phillips endeavored to keep North moving all day and did a great deal in opening up the play. He is named as his side's best because his efforts did not slacken and he was effective and a danger to Sturt to the final bell.

With pace and good position play, Gilbourne was prominent at centre half-forward. He was not accurate in front of goals, but did a lot towards giving other forwards the opportunities.

Weston gave a fine display in a back pocket and his intelligent pacy clearances were a feature.

For Sturt, Fitzgerald was outstanding. He was best on the ground and a dynamic force in Sturt's recovery. His deceptive speed and outstanding stamina enable him to keep in the play practically all day.

Curnow played the back pocket position cleverly and turned many dangerous North thrusts.

Green came into his own in the second half and played an elusive, speedy game at centre wing.

Best Players—North: Phillips, Gilbourne, Weston, Griffen, Aldenhoven, Tidwell, H. McKenzie. Sturt: Fitzgerald, Curnow, Green, Caust, Thompson, Ladd, Boland.