

Roberts Saves For Torrens

GLENELG BUMPS WEST

TORRENS OFF ITS GAME

By KEITH BUTLER

By taking the fight to its opponent from the first bounce, Glenelg never allowed West Torrens to settle down in the league football match at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

West Torrens made a strong bid in the third quarter and got to within 11 points of Glenelg, but Glenelg was untroubled to run out the winner by 27 points.

The superiority of the Glenelg rucks and the eclipse of the West Torrens centre line and rovers left it struggling in all but the third quarter.

But for some erratic kicking for goal in the last quarter—two goals from 12 shots—Glenelg would have won by a much bigger margin.

If West Torrens is to become a premiership contender, it will have to either perfect its short-passing game or give the idea away.

Change Of Play

Glenelg quickly hit West Torrens off balance—made easier by lack of retaliation—and always was a yard or two faster. At half-time it led by six goals and looked like going on to an easy win.

West Torrens, which had left itself wide open to the determined, hard-hitting Glenelg players by its erratic short game, immediately after half-time dropped into a long kicking game.

Those tactics paid dividends. It tore down the field to bombard the goal and finished the quarter by kicking 5.8 to 2.1 and placed itself within striking distance of victory.

But those successful tactics were forgotten when the last quarter began and West Torrens reverted to its earlier type of play.

There was a certain disordered individualism about Glenelg's play in the opening game against Port Adelaide, but yesterday it was transformed into a hard-hitting, co-ordinated team which took the pace up to West Torrens and outstripped it.

McPherson (centre wing) made some brilliant and elusive moves and was always shooting the ball goalwards to advantage. He was undoubtedly the best man afield.

Crabb and J. Taylor in the ruck, outplayed the opposing followers, with the possible exception of Prior.

Davies in his second league game, outshone Bob Hank at centre in all but the third quarter, and gave promise of great things to come. Others in an even side to do well were Wickham (back pocket), Brooker (rover), Laffin (ruck), Don Taylor (first half at centre half-back), Hunt (goal), Potter (ruck) and Churchett (full forward).

West Torrens had few outstanding players, but Sully (back pocket), Oates (ruck and defence), Pratt (half-back) and Roberts (goal) played bravely against some tough and determined bombardments.

Prior was the pick of the ruckmen. Bob Hank played a brilliant third quarter, while others to do well were Glastonbury (when shifted to centre half-forward), Bennett (centre half-back), Mehahey (rover) and Bill Hank (defence).

Glenelg rover McDonald, playing in his first league game, was admitted to a private hospital for observation after the game. McDonald walked off the ground at half-time and did not take the field for the third quarter.

The attendance was 17,000.

Yesterday's Stars

McPherson (G), Crabb (G), J. Taylor (G).

Quarter Scores

First quarter—Glenelg 4.2, West Torrens 1.0.
Half-time—Glenelg 9.4, West Torrens 4.0.
Third quarter—Glenelg 11.7, West Torrens 9.8.

Final—
GLENELG 13 goals 17 behinds (95 points).
WEST TORRENS 10 goals 8 behinds (68 points).

Goalkeepers—Glenelg: Churchett, 4.5; Brooker, 2.0; Potter, Laffin, Davies, each 1.2; McDonald, McPherson, each 1.1; Prior, Crabb, each 1.0; Boehm, Laffin, Hannaford, rushed 0.1; West Torrens: Prior, 3.2; Bob Hank, Mehahey, each 2.2; McKenrie, Bradford, Glastonbury, each 1.0; Willis, 0.1; rushed 0.1.



West Torrens goalkeeper Alf Roberts takes a mark on his chest in front of Glenelg goalsneak Colin Churchett, who attempts to spoil.

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Davies In S.A. Team After Two Games

Neil Davies, 19-year-old Glenelg centreman, who has played only two games of league football, has been selected in the State team to play the Victorian Football Association at Adelaide Oval on May 9.

Davies played in Broken Hill last season and in his two matches this season has given sterling performances against Boyd and Bob Hank, two of the State's best centreman.

Four centreman—Hank, Boyd, Deane and Davies—have been included in the 26. The team will be captained by I. McKay with Bob Hank

as vice-captain.

The players named by the State selectors (Messrs. J. Hume, A. R. McLean and W. H. Jackson), with club representation, are:—

Port Adelaide (3)—D. Boyd, E. McDonald, R. Russell, E. Whitaker, F. N. Williams.

Glenelg (4)—A. Crabb, C. Churchett, N. Davies, D. Taylor.

North Adelaide (3)—J. Stenden, I. McKay, R. Phillips.

West Adelaide (3)—F. A'Court, B. Fuchs, J. Lynch.

West Torrens (2)—E. W. Hank, E. Oates.

Norwood (1)—J. Marriott.

South Adelaide (1)—J. Deane.

Sturt (1)—L. Fitzgerald.

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PITIFUL SHOWING WHEN STURT FAIL TO NORTH

By HAYDN BUNTON as told to Vic Rasheed

Sturt were a disgrace to their supporters when they were completely outclassed in a pitiful showing today against North at Unley.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|
| North | 7—5 | 13—9 | 21—14 | 25—17 | 167 |
| Sturt | 0—3 | 2—3 | 4—5 | 6—9 | 45 |

I think North will be hard to beat for this year's premiership.

And rarely have I seen a team so consistently and completely weak as Sturt were.

They just did not know what to do with the ball.

North co-operated well as a team in a consistent display in which they did not show one weak link.

For North, Phillips was best man on the ground with his outstanding play in the four quarters. He topped his performance with six valuable goals, and his position play was outstanding.

H. McKenzie roved with consistent speed and great tenacity. He showed courage and stamina out of proportion to his small size.

Cox, also roving, proved himself a very robust and reliable player, and made a good partner for McKenzie.

Griffen held his wing throughout the day against Kutcher, and caused many forward moves.

Others who did well were McKay, W. McKenzie,

Stringer, and Weston.

For Sturt, Fitzgerald, although not always the brilliant player we know him to be, was definitely the pick of a very mediocre side.

Thompson, who is improving with every game, did a lion's share in the ruck and brought down some very spectacular marks.

Thomas, playing on a centre wing, had the call on his opponent Hancock throughout the game. His position was probably the only winning position for Sturt.

Boland, although up against strong opposition in H. McKenzie and Cox, battled throughout.

The only two other players I could mention were Sanders and Koehne.

Best Players—North: Phillips, H. McKenzie, Cox, Griffen, McKay, W. McKenzie, Stringer, Weston. Sturt: Fitzgerald, Thompson, Thomas, Boland, Sanders, Koehne.
Scorers—North: Stringer 8.3, Phillips 6.3, W. McKenzie 4.1, H. McKenzie 2.4, Cox 2.1, Aldhoven 2.1, Kennett 1.0, Gilbourne 0.1, rushed 0.3. Sturt: Fitzgerald 2.2, Coulls 1.1, Koehne 1.1, Boland 1.0, Jenkins 1.0, Thompson 0.2, Phillips 0.1, rushed 0.2.

Army Outplayed By Navy-Air Force

An overwhelming third quarter, during which it kicked 6.3 to 1.0, enabled a combined Navy and Air Force team to comfortably defeat an Army team by 31 points in the curtain-raiser.

Navy-Air Force 12.7, Army 6.12.

Goalkeepers—Navy-Air Force: Cave, James, each 3; Davidson, 2; Sorrell, Morton, Seith, Kay, each 1. Army: Freer, Cotter, Vivian, C. and R. Allen, Kemble.

Best players—Navy-Air Force: Cave, James, Sorrell, Seith, Hewitt, Davidson, Lukan, Army: Freer, Bolton, Hunt, Whittington, Nelson, Cannon.

Spirited play put Port on top

Port beat Norwood in spirited close checking football at Norwood Oval, today.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|
| Port | 1—3 | 4—8 | 6—11 | 10—14 | 74 |
| Norwood | 0—7 | 3—9 | 5—13 | 7—16 | 58 |

Although Port held a slender lead for the greater part of the game they only gained a definite break in the last few minutes of play.

The Magpies won by 16 points.

Hewitson played great football for Port. He was the only player across centre to win hands down for his side.

His intelligent despatch of the ball opened many attacks for Port.

Fos Williams led his team with great dash. His clever ground play and fine foot passing were lessons to many of his teammates.

Marriott was the out-

standing player on the ground. He called the tune in ruck throughout the game and exhibited fine marking and strong kicking while resting in a back pocket.

Heidenreich played grand football at centre-wing for the losers. He marked strongly and his faultless foot passes gave the Red-legs many scoring chances.

Best Players—Port: Hewitson, F. Williams, Russell, Parham, Whittaker, Greer, Growden, Norwood, Marriott, Heidenreich, Blackmore, Roberts, Le Page, Oatey, Riemann.

Scorers—Port: Hall 3.2, Williams 2.2, Zucker 2.1, Fletcher 1.0, Keough 1.0, Boyd 0.3, Whittaker 0.2, Marrett 0.1, rushed 0.1. Norwood: H. Williams 2.1, Dalwood 2.1, Mayo 1.3, Gross 1.1, Oatey 1.1, Walker 0.3, Pedder 0.2, Le Page 0.2, Hall 0.1, Marriott 0.1.

WEST WON GAME IN THIRD QUARTER

By LEN SWAN

West with a fighting third quarter defeated South by 26 points at Kensington Oval today.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|------|------|-------|------|
| West | 3—8 | 6—9 | 10—9 | 13—21 | 99 |
| South | 2—3 | 5—11 | 6—11 | 10—13 | 73 |

To half-time, South matched West in every department, and generally gave a greatly improved showing on last week.

Best Players—West: Lynch, Thomson, G. Williams, Ross, Bistary, Edwards, Nelson, Facher. South: Deane, Lapthorne, Panians (until injured), Wedderburn, Puse, Williams, Walker.

Scorers—West: Edwards 3.2, Bistary 2.2, Thomson 2.1, Williams 2.1, Nelson 2.0, Parrell, Puse 1.0, Thomas 0.3, Agius 0.2, A'Court 0.1, rushed 0.3. Thomson hit post. South: Lapthorne 3.4, Mitchem 1.3, Velich, Walker, Fletcher 1.1, Wedderburn, Puse 1.0, House 0.1, Smith 0.1, rushed 0.2.

Premiership list

| | P | W | L | For | Agst | Pts. |
|---------|---|---|---|-----|------|------|
| North | 2 | 2 | — | 315 | 122 | 4 |
| Port | 2 | 2 | — | 170 | 131 | 4 |
| West | 2 | 2 | — | 265 | 175 | 4 |
| Glenelg | 2 | 1 | 1 | 168 | 164 | 2 |
| Torrens | 2 | 1 | 1 | 181 | 177 | 2 |
| Norwood | 2 | — | 2 | 140 | 187 | — |
| South | 2 | — | 2 | 150 | 247 | — |
| Sturt | 2 | — | 2 | 147 | 273 | — |

Top goalkickers

| | Today | Tot. |
|---------------------|-------|------|
| Stringer (North) | 8 | 14 |
| Phillips (North) | 6 | 9 |
| Churchett (Glenelg) | — | 8 |
| Lapthorne (South) | 4 | 8 |
| Cox (North) | 2 | 7 |
| Dalwood (Norwood) | 2 | 7 |
| Hall (Port) | — | 7 |
| Coulls (Sturt) | 1 | 7 |