

LONG KICKING IN BAYS' WIN OVER WEST

By HAYDN BUNTON

Glenelg's long-kicking game gave them the advantage over West, who relied overmuch on short-passing and handballing tactics, at Glenelg Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	0—1	6—3	7—4	12—8	80
West	3—2	3—4	5—7	7—7	49

The Bays were also superior at the bounce and in the throw-ins, where height was a telling point.

A feature of the early stages of the game was the eagerness of both teams. Play see-sawed from end to end of the ground, with very little scoring.

D. Thomas goaled for West within the first minute of play. They drew further ahead as the quarter progressed, with goals by Thomas and Nelson.

Hunt's fine job

Their lead would have been greater but for the fine job of Ray Hunt and Wright. Hunt, in particular, was outstanding in the early stages—he did not miss a thing.

The game had been in progress for 21 minutes before Haussen scored a point for Glenelg. Reason for the low scoring was the defence of West, together with their good forward players.

Rover F. Agius played a splendid game in a forward pocket for West.

My opinion is that West's lead of 19 points at the end of the first term was due mainly to accurate

handball and co-operation of all men on the field.

The Bay's first goal in the second quarter came from a very bad mistake by McKay (West), who pushed Crabb in the back, giving him a goal from a free.

West retained their speed in this quarter.

Churchett had not scored half-way through the second, mainly due to the close checking of Semmler at full back, but he finally goaled with a beautiful angle shot.

There was plenty of fire in the game at this stage. Glenelg were depending on long kicking, which gave them the lead, while West put their faith in short passing.

Churchett and Laffin both goaled, widening the Bays' lead. This team had supremacy in ruck, where Crabb and Laffin did a solid job, and continued to draw ahead. They were now combining better, and had the advantage of West, who were inclined to overdo their handball.

West made up some of their leeway in the third, due to the advantage of a slight breeze, but Glenelg

drew farther ahead with a goal from a brilliant mark by Davies, who sent the ball forward to Brooker.

Looked winners

However, with a lead of nine points at the end of this term, the Bays looked like winning, as the breeze would favor their long-kicking game in the last.

A very fine goal to Brooker from a pass by Haussen put the score at 10—5, 7—7, with seven minutes of play to go, and left no doubt as to the outcome.

For Glenelg, Hunt would be my choice as the best player on the ground for his excellent game at full back. Rarely did he make a mistake, and saved many of West's forward drives.

Davies, at centre, had the call on his opponent with his consistency, and created many forward moves.

Crabb, in ruck, did the lion's share of a hard game. His knocking out to the rovers gave him the advantage over his shorter opponents.

Brooker roved with consistency, and his four goals came at critical stages.

My choice for West would be A'Court and Williams. In a losing battle they played with courage and did not give up until the end.

Semmler, who was opposed to Churchett, also played well with his close checking. To keep Churchett down to five kicks speaks for itself.

Agius, West's new rover, showed dash and determination throughout the game.

Best Players—Glenelg: Hunt, Davies, Crabb, Brooker, Wickham, Wright, D. Taylor, Laffin. West: A'Court, Williams, Semmler, Agius, Cannon, Brown, Lynch, Nelson.
Scores—Glenelg: Brooker 4.1, Churchett 4.0, Davies 1.2, Crabb 1.0, Laffin 1.0, Boehm 1.0, Haussen 0.2, Potter 0.1, Prior 0.1, Kempson 0.1, West: Thomas 2.1, Nelson 2.0, A'Court 1.2, Agius 1.0, McKay 1.0, Connelly 0.2, Edwards 0.2.

Premiership list

	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.
North	3	—	389	162	6
Port	3	—	283	176	6
Glenelg	2	1	248	213	4
West	2	1	253	255	4
Torrens	2	1	279	268	4
Norwood	—	3	180	227	—
Sturt	—	3	238	371	—
South	—	3	195	360	—

Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Stringer (North)	3	17
Phillips (North)	4	13
Churchett (Glenelg)	4	12
Brooker (Glenelg)	4	9
Dalwood (Norwood)	2	9
Willis (Torrens)	5	9
Cox (North)	1	8
Lapthorne (South)	—	8

Gift for Glenelg captain

In recognition of his 226th game in league football, Johnny Taylor, Glenelg's captain-coach, was presented with a cheque before the game against West at Glenelg Oval this afternoon.

Glenelg president (Mr. E. Rix) paid a tribute to Taylor's fearless qualities as a player for the Tigers and previously for West.

Responding, Taylor gave this advice to young players, "Always make the ball your object, and play the game hard—without having a shot at the other fellow."

Members of both sides lined up for the ceremony, and Taylor was given a great ovation.

Player retires

Ted Robjent, Glenelg follower, had retired from league football, Glenelg secretary (Mr. H. Clamp) said today.

Robjent has not played since he received a severe knee injury in a game against North late in the minor round last year.

The match in which he was injured was his 150th in league company.

He began with the Tigers in 1938 and played in many positions, ending his career as a follower.

STURT FIGHT ALL THE WAY

By LEN SWAN

Torrens, in a devastating last quarter, held Sturt scoreless and from a 29 point deficit finished seven points ahead, at Thebarton Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	4—3	7—6	9—8	14—14	98
Sturt	4—6	8—8	13—13	13—13	91

From the bounce the game was fast and vigorous.

The last quarter was full of excitement as Torrens gradually whittled down Sturt's lead.

Sturt surprised Torrens with their vigor and certainty.

Although the lead see-sawed seven times during the first half, Sturt set about their task in a manner that often left Torrens without an answer.

To the third quarter Sturt had the edge on their opponents and were more effective in their general play.

However, Torrens showed glimpses of fine teamwork, which gave the impression they were capable of taking control if Sturt weakened in any way.

Breeze advantage

This breakaway occurred in the last quarter when Torrens, taking full advantage of a freshening breeze, raced away. Their speed and purpose rattled Sturt into errors.

Sturt can also blame their own indecision and mistakes for their scoreless last quarter. Boland missed an easy chance in front of an open goal.

The principal factors in Torrens' scintillating final term were the inspiring play and drive of Bob Hank at centre and Willis being returned to his position in front of goal.

For the first time in the game he was unbeatable in the air—he posted four of his five goals during this burst.

Although Prior (Torrens) gave a grand display the Sturt rucks generally had the call all day and took the knock at the centre bounce.

It was round the ruck fringes that the most interesting tussles developed.

Torrens trio

The brilliant Torrens

trio, Mehaffey, Ray Hank, and Bradford, found Boland, Jenkins, and Coulls a match for their skill.

For Torrens, first mention must be made of their small men, particularly Mehaffey and Bradford. They gave their side sterling service throughout the game.

Had it not been for the drive given by these two players and Ray Hank during the first two quarters, Sturt could easily have held a commanding lead at half-time.

Prior was a tower of strength and it was noticeable that when this player was off the ball Sturt had little trouble in taking the knock from the crushes.

Thompson, for Sturt, was in my opinion, the best man afield.

This greatly improved player has now developed the ability to handle the ball on the ground and retain his balance.

He was rarely beaten in ruck and brought down some brilliant marks during his long spell on the ball.

Boland roved with tenacity and vigor and his determination earned him possession time and again.

Played well

At half-forward, Ladd gave an intelligent display and kept his side attacking.

Mention must be made of Koehne, who gave fine service opposed to the brilliant Bob Hank at centre.

Best Players—Torrens: Mehaffey, Bradford, Prior, Ray Hank, Bill Hank, Bob Hank, Roberts, Sturt: Thompson, Boland, Ladd, Koehne, Kutcher, Jenkins, Fitzgerald.

Scores—Torrens: Willis 5.0, Prior 4.0, Bradford 2.3, Ray Hank 1.3, Glastonbury 1.2, Covertid 1.1, Mehaffey 0.4, Fischer 0.1, Bradford hit post. Sturt: Rattigan 5.0, Caust 3.0, Boland 1.4, Fitzgerald 1.4, Ladd 1.1, Thompson 1.1, Phillips 1.0, Jenkins 0.1, Marshall 0.1, rushed 0.1.

Wing play gave North victory

By AMOS BOTTROFF

Playing through Griffen and Kennett round the eastern wing, North decisively defeated Norwood in a sustained third quarter effort at Prospect Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	2—2	4—4	9—4	11—8	74
Norwood	1—2	4—3	5—5	5—10	40

Emanating from strong rucks in which McKay and Phillips were most prominent, North appeared to work to a plan which Norwood found almost impossible to break.

Strangely, the men who did much towards North's breakaway, Kennett, Griffen, and Phillips, were rarely among their side's best until after half-time.

Norwood battled hard, with Marriott and Williams playing very well in ruck and Oatey endeavoring to instal some system into his side.

Notwithstanding the main channel for North's win, I would name Hubert McKenzie as best on the ground.

Difficult to place

Like a bouncing rubber ball, he sidestepped and outwitted opponents throughout the game, and rammed home every opportunity.

It was difficult to separate the next half-dozen.

McKay's ruck work and

the match-winning brilliance in the second half of Kennett and Griffen, and Phillip's scouting round the pack, rank them near top.

Hancock held a safe wing all day, and Weston did a really fine job in a back pocket.

For Norwood, Roberts' fine defensive effort would possibly make him their best.

Gallagher, fast and clever on a flank and at half-forward; Blackmore, safe at centre; Marriott, solid and persistent in ruck; and Reimann's checking Stringer, were possibly the Red-leg's best performers.

Goalkickers—North: Phillips 4.2, Stringer 3.2, H. McKenzie 1.2, Gilbourne 1.1, W. McKenzie 1.0, Cox 1.0, Kennett 0.1, Norwood: Dalwood 2.1, Oatey 1.1, Gallagher 1.0, Peters 1.0, Mayo 0.2, Williams 0.2, Le Page 0.1, Pedder 0.1, Gross 0.1, rushed 0.1.

Best Players—North: H. McKenzie, McKay, Kennett, Griffen, Phillips, Hancock, Weston. Norwood: Roberts, Gallagher, Blackmore, Marriott, Reimann, Williams, Oatey.

Port on top all the way

Port outclassed South in a one-sided game at Adelaide Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	5—4	7—10	10—15	16—17	113
South	1—1	3—3	4—6	6—9	45

Best Players—Port: Hewitson, Whitaker, McDonald, Russell, Boyd, P. Williams, M. Williams. South: Panizza, Williams, Dunn, Bolton, Lapthorne, Linke, Weidenbach.

Scores—Port: Henningsen 4.1, Crowder 3.2, Clark 2.2, Whit-

taker 2.1, P. Williams 1.3, Keough 1.2, Marrett 1.1, Boyd 1.1, Fletcher 1.1, Whelan 0.1, McDonald 0.1, rushed 0.1. South: Dunn 2.0, Michelmore 1.2, Read 1.1, Abbutt 1.0, Veitch 1.0, Panizza 0.2, Walker 0.1, Deane 0.1, Lapthorne 0.1, rushed 0.1.