

NORTH THRASHED BAYS IN LAST TERM

By HAYDN BUNTON

Checked for three quarters, North bolted to a 45-point win over Glenelg at Prospect Oval today by non-stop, systematic football in the last 25 minutes.

Few spectators were prepared for the change North wrought in the game.

They had it won 10 minutes after the last change.

The Bays began with dash, and were the best at the bounces in the first term.

They cleared well from centre, mainly due to the efforts of Crabb, who began well but faded as the game progressed.

There was plenty of fire and hard bumping—a change for SA football.

Phillips shone for North in the first term in forward play, being responsible for three quick goals on the board.

North's lead at this stage of the game was due mainly to the co-operation of the forwards, among whom Churchett was too experienced at full-forward for McCann.

It might have been different if McKay had been standing him.

Regulars missed

Sterling work by Phillips paved the way for a North seven-point lead at half-time.

North opened the third quarter with a burst which kept them ahead.

After 10 minutes of play, Brooker goaled for Glenelg, and brought them to within a point of North, and another goal by Churchett gave the Bays a five-point lead.

Very little system was shown by either side in this quarter. Progress of scoring depended upon individual efforts.

Inaccurate kicking by North for goal was very noticeable in this period, but another goal by Phillips put them further ahead.

North's 10-point lead at three-quarter time was mainly due to the tireless work of Carroll, who took the brunt of the ruckwork throughout the game.

North 4—4, Glenelg 4—1 showed how even the game was.

The second term began with a goal to Laffin, who was not covered by any North men.

It was apparent that North were missing their regular half-back line. The absence of Blunden and Galloway had a noticeable effect on their game.

Stringer gave North the lead, but Churchett replied in quick time, again evening the scores.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4—1	8—6	11—10	17—16	118
Glenelg	4—4	7—5	10—6	11—7	73

The game was not systematic, but the crowd was thrilled by the way the two teams won and lost the lead.

North were losing many opportunities by looking for Stringer at full-forward, when he was in a hopeless position.

Phillips put North further ahead in the final quarter with a fine goal, and Kennett increased the lead.

However, it was regrettable that Johnny Taylor was penalised three times for palming in the face—he should know better.

The final quarter was young when it became apparent that North would win with more accomplished methods.

Good players

It is difficult to pick North's best player, because one could choose four or five straight away.

I would bracket three in the leading position—Carroll, for his courageous, non-stop ruck work throughout the four quarters; H. McKenzie, for his outstanding roving; and Aldenhoven, who bore the brunt with Carroll on the ball or in a forward pocket.

Phillips, although not consistently brilliant as usual, created many forward moves and topped his game off with six goals. Others to shine were Griffin, Cox, Kennett, and Gilbourne.

Davies, for his consistently fine game at centre—although not having all his own way—is my pick as the Bays' best player.

Hunt, as usual, played his consistent game at full back. By close checking, he kept Stringer down to a limited number of kicks.

Wickham played soundly in the back pocket, and broke off many of North's forward moves by his fine clearing.

Churchett made the most of his chances and managed to get his usual bag of goals.

Others to do well were Brooker, Wright, J. Taylor, and Crabb.

Scorers:—North: Phillips 6.1, Kennett 3.1, Aldenhoven 3.0, Stringer 2.2, H. McKenzie 1.5, Cox 1.2, Gilbourne 1.1, W. McKenzie 0.3, rushed 0.1. Glenelg: Churchett 6.1, Brooker 3.1, Laffin 1.1, Crabb 1.0, Potter 0.1, Donaldson 0.1, Edwards 0.1, Prior 0.1.

Port control too strong

By LEN SWAN

Port, in a more polished exhibition, easily accounted for Sturt at Kensington Oval this afternoon. At the final bell, Sturt were 44 points in arrears with Port still attacking.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4—6	5—8	11—13	14—18	102
Sturt	3—1	3—5	5—8	8—10	58

Sturt had the advantage of ends, but it was Port who broke through first.

Early it was very much all Port.

Sturt, however, rallied and to the long interval, although less impressive, were within touch and looked like making the game interesting.

Forged ahead

After half-time the Magpies appeared to take their job more seriously. Gradually they forged ahead to eventually hold a commanding lead and control in most departments.

Sturt must be given full credit for the way they fought on to the final bell, but while they persist in kicking aimlessly and without purpose, they cannot hope to challenge seriously the more co-ordinated sides.

Thompson, the tall Sturt follower, troubled Port ruckmen all day and Sturt must thank this player for most of their driving power and command at the centre bounce.

While Sturt did everything the hard way, Port made their forward moves in a business-like and systematic manner.

Fos Williams, Boyd, and Whitaker combined well. Port's best are difficult to select as many players were under notice.

On the day Clark was probably the most consistent, and gave his side much of their drive from the centre half-forward position.

Whitaker roved brilliantly and his elusive turns kept him out of trouble.

In Keough, Fos Williams, and Whitaker, Port have a clever match-winning trio.

Abley gave one of his best displays as goalkeeper with spectacular high markings and vigorous clearances.

Thompson, whether on the ball or resting forward, gave a lion-hearted exhibition for Sturt.

Jenkins again roved with pace and tenacity, and Kutcher sent his side goalward with a vigorous game at centre wing.

Best Players—Port: Clark, Whitaker, Abley, Growden, Fos Williams, Russell, Marrett, Sturt, Thompson, Jenkins, Kutcher, Boland, Rattigan, Downing, Ladd.

Scorers—Port: P. Williams 4.2, Henningsen 3.3, Clark 2.1, Whitaker 1.3, Salvemini 1.2, Growden 1.1, M. Williams 1.1, Whelan 1.0, Fletcher 0.2, Keough 0.1, Boyd 0.1, rushed 0.1.

Sturt: Boland 3.2, Thompson 2.1, Phillips 1.1, Coullis 1.1, Caust 1.0, Ladd 0.2, Fitzgerald 0.1, Koehne 0.1, Jenkins 0.1.

SNAP SHOTS

Torrens rover "Nipper" Bradford had a field day against South. He scored 11 goals. His last goal came after a freakish one-hand mark in the goal square.

Lew Roberts, Port captain and State centre man in 1948, visited the Magpies' dressing room today and renewed old friendships. He was down from Broken Hill.

Durbridge (Norwood rover), bruised elbow, was replaced by Pedder at three-quarter time. Hewitt (West), half-forward, jarred an ankle, and was replaced by Nelson at three-quarter time. Todd (West), ruck and defence, bruised ribs, was replaced by Thomas in the last five minutes of play.

Official attendance figures at league football grounds today were:—Prospect, 10,200; Norwood, 7,500; Adelaide, 5,500; Kensington, 5,000.

Premiership list

	P.	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.
North	5	5	—	609	302	16
Port	5	5	—	487	326	16
Torrens	5	3	2	521	445	6
Glenelg	5	3	2	436	377	6
West	5	3	2	383	402	6
Norwood	5	1	4	328	375	2
Sturt	5	—	5	348	576	—
South	5	—	5	316	625	—

Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glen.)	6	25
Phillips (North)	6	20
Stringer (North)	2	20
Bradford (Torrens)	11	18
Brooker (Glenelg)	3	17
Lapthorne (South)	5	15
Dalwood (Norwood)	1	14
Willis (Torrens)	2	13

OPPOSING RUCKMEN LEAP FOR BALL IN GAME AT PROSPECT



NORTH ruckman A. Aldenhoven (hidden) secured the knock from Glenelg follower D. Laffin after a throw-in during the first quarter of the Prospect Oval game today. Ian McKay, North captain, waits to gain possession.

West too speedy for Norwood

By AMOS BOTTRUFF

West Adelaide's speed in most of their set positions and round the rucks, and Cannon's dominance at centre half-forward enabled them to defeat Norwood by 17 points at Norwood Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	2—5	5—7	7—10	8—14	62
Norwood	1—3	3—3	5—6	6—9	45

The game was uninspiring and was marred by poor umpiring.

A. W. Logan's display was in direct contrast to his display last week.

Players nor supporters seemed able to follow decisions.

From the start players appeared safer out of scrums.

West gained an advantage in the first quarter and most of the second by speedy close checking.

They should have had a matchwinning lead before half-time, but their disposal was poor.

Reimann's superiority in goal and Marriott's great support when resting in defence also kept West's margin well below a safety limit.

Oatey moved Gallagher to centre to combat Edwards, who, with Eglinton, was winning well in their positions.

Oatey's example

Oatey instilled what system he could into his team and had them moving well to match West in the third quarter.

They functioned better early in the last term, but it was mainly through well-directed long kicking that they penetrated the tight West Adelaide defence to score.

With A'Court marking and kicking well in contrast to many of his teammates, West finished too strongly for the home team.

A'Court's sustained rucking effort would rank him as West's best.

Cannon was rarely beaten and served a valuable through road for many of West's forward drives, but his kicking was not always accurate.

Agius again roved excellently, and appeared untroubled by much rough handling.

Eglinton had control of one wing all day, while Lewis and Faehse played well in defence.

Marriott was again outstanding for Norwood, but the fine, safe marking and stoic defensive effort of Reimann would rank him near the top.

Oatey, with fine bursts of system and four goals, Peters, ruck, Trickett, wing, and Roberts were possibly best.

Best Players—West: A'Court, Cannon, Eglinton, Agius, Lewis, Faehse, Agars, Norwood, Marriott, Reimann, Oatey, Trickett, Roberts, Williams.

Scorers—West: A'Court 2.1, Agars 2.0, Edwards 1.4, Agius 1.2, G. Williams 1.1, Nelson 1.0, Parnell 0.2, Cannon 0.1, Slatery 0.1, Todd 0.1, rushed 0.1. Norwood: Oatey 4.0, Dalwood 1.2, Peters 1.0, Potts 0.5, Durbridge 0.1, Williams 0.1.

Torrens untroubled

By BRIAN SHEA

Torrens were untroubled, at Adelaide Oval, in defeating a South team overawed by their opponents' speed and system.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3—7	11—15	17—21	21—24	150
South	2—0	7—1	11—2	12—3	75

Opening exchanges featured even clashes in the rucks and across centre.

Bob Hank, playing effectively at centre, gave Torrens plenty of drive. They made full use of their pace to break out into fast, open football.

Bradford, left unattended in a forward pocket, kicked three quick goals, and Deane was forced to transfer Dunn from a half-back flank.

Bad kicking prevented Torrens from gaining a decided break over South. Speed and faultless position play made the game look ridiculously easy for Torrens.

The South defence could not hold the speedy Torrens' forwards, who were always in front of their opponents.

South's failure to hold their positions cost them dearly.

Little opposition

When Panizza (injured groin) did not resume after half-time, South offered little opposition in the ruck.

Torrens played all over South late in the game, maintaining a terrific pace.

The biggest factor in Torrens' superiority, however, was their ruck advantage after quarter time.

Best Players—Torrens: Bob Hank, Glastonbury, Bradford, Coverlid, Ray Hank, Pyatt, Prior. South: Jones, Dunn, Bolton, Deane, Tatchell, Abbott, Mills.

Scorers—Torrens: Bradford 11.1, Willis 3.2, Mehafeey 2.6, Prior 1.1, Pyatt 1.1, M. Sully 1.1, Ray Hank 1.1, Coverlid 0.3, Glastonbury 0.3, Bob Hank 0.1, Bill Hank 0.1, rushed 0.3. South: Lapthorne 5.0, Mills 4.0, Deane 1.0, Read 1.0, Smith 1.0, Abbott 0.1, Michelmore 0.1, rushed 0.1.