

North struggle in by 3 points

By HAYDN BUNTON, as told to Lawrie Jervis, jun.

North struggled along to a three-point win over Torrens at Thebarton Oval today in a game which generally was one of the poorest I've seen this season.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	2—10	4—11	7—16	8—18	66
Torrens	2—3	3—11	4—14	8—15	63

Gems of systematic football, when the ball flashed from player to player when it was really meant to, were very rare.

In the first term North took charge, and blitzed away at the goals. Yet the best they could do was 2-10, apart from kicks which went out of bounds.

For 25 of the 30 minutes of the first quarter, North had the ball ahead of their centre line. They missed not only hard shots from hurried kicks, but also many easy set shots.

Torrens' turn

Consequently, although Torrens went into attack only six times, they scored 2-3, to be only seven points behind at the first change.

In the next term it was Torrens' turn to be inaccurate.

North were a goal ahead at half-time, in spite of being well beaten at centre and centre half-forward—positions where Vaughan and Bill McKenzie were being caned by Bob Hank and Phil Bennett, while Slaven had had the better of Griffin on one wing.

One of the features of the game to then had been the great high marking of John Willis, from which he had scored precisely two points.

Willis continued to mark like a champion in the last half, and kick like a junior. He got only three points for the day from at least 12 kicks. It could easily have been six or seven goals.

Willis's trouble is he does not follow through correctly with his foot when kicking. He kicks across his body, and consequently hooks his punts and slices his drop-kicks.

Vaughan was taken away from centre for the last half, and Fuller replaced him. Vaughan went to half-forward.

The change made little difference to the game's trend.

However, the change Bob Hank made in the last term by taking Phil Ben-

nett off Bill McKenzie and sending him into ruck, had one marked effect—McKenzie had five kicks in five minutes, sending them all down forward.

North were more than four goals in front early in the last quarter after Hubert McKenzie goal. But then Torrens hit back with a burst of football which looked as if it might yet pull the game their way.

Slamming on the pressure, they got goals from Coverlid, McKenzie, and Edwards. A running shot from Ray Hank just missed. Another full pointer came from Mehafey three minutes before the bell.

But Torrens' run was too late.

Phillips stars

Phillips was North's best, although Gilbourne went particularly well.

Phillips is usually the one who puts on the goals when others miss, or starts the moves that get the goals.

Gilbourne rucked very strongly, and is most valuable when he sends in long kicks from half-forward.

H. McKenzie roved nicely, and Weston held a back pocket safely. Stringer, at half-back this time, played solidly throughout.

Bob Hank was again Torrens' best player, consistently sending the team forward. He won centre all day.

Actually, there was little between the rest of Torrens' best, but Alf Roberts again checked and cleared very surely, Bennett held centre half-back, and Mehafey roved very strongly.

Best Players—North: Phillips, Gilbourne, H. McKenzie, Weston, Stringer, McKay, Aldenhoven, Cox. Torrens: Bob Hank, Roberts, Bennett, Mehafey, Thiele, Bradford, Pyatt.

Scorers—North: Phillips 2.3, Gilbourne 2.2, McKay 1.3, Cox 1.2, Fuller 1.1, H. McKenzie 1.0, Aldenhoven 0.3, W. McKenzie 0.1, rushed 0.4. Torrens: Mehafey 2.1, Coverlid 2.0, Bradford 1.1, Oates 1.0, McKenzie 1.0, Edwards 1.0, Willis 0.3, Ray Hank 0.3, Clingley 0.2, Cockshell 0.1, Bob Hank 0.1, rushed 0.3.

GLENELG ON TOP

By BRIAN SHEA

Glenelg were too rugged for Sturt in a one-sided game at Unley today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Glenelg	1—0	10—4	15—5	17—11	113
Sturt	7—5	8—7	9—11	11—12	78

Sturt had a big lead in the first quarter, but they faded right out of the game in the closing stages, and Glenelg won easily.

At the start of the game the centre was very muddy and slippery.

Glenelg were unable to handle the slippery ground, and Sturt, playing with great pace, ran to a big lead before the Tigers had settled down.

Sturt were yards faster than Glenelg early in the game.

Sturt forwards made position nicely and finished

off most attacks with accurate kicking.

Changed game

Glenelg made all the errors early.

They were playing a short passing game, and their field kicking was very poor.

It was a different game after the first quarter.

Glenelg swung into a long kicking game. For the first time they offered plenty of opposition to Thompson, who was playing great football in ruck.

Glenelg's defence, rattled early in the game, steadied

Wright, at centre half-back, drove Sturt out of scoring range repeatedly, and Glenelg hit the front early in the quarter.

The Tigers were gaining plenty of drive from centre, where Bailey, a junior, was playing faultlessly.

Sturt were outclassed everywhere, and Glenelg went further ahead.

Sturt dropped much of their pace late in the game, and were no match for Glenelg in the air.

Churchett cool

Churchett's cool play in front of goal let Glenelg score almost as they pleased, and they ran out easy winners.

No Glenelg player had more to do with the team's win than Bailey at centre.

He held his position hands down, and many Glenelg attacks came through him.

Brian Wright, at centre half-back, was very close to Bailey as Glenelg's best.

His fine position play and strong marking forced Sturt to take the long road to goal.

Thompson was easily Sturt's best.

He was hardly beaten in ruck, and his strong marking in midfield made him a constant danger to Glenelg.

Abbott played well for Sturt at centre half-back.

Others to show out were Rattigan and Curnow in defence.

Best Players—Glenelg: Bailey Wright, Potter, Churchett, Wickham, Hunt, J. Taylor, Sturt: Thompson, Abbott, Rattigan, Curnow, Cave, Jenkins, Bagshaw.

Scorers—Glenelg: Churchett 7.1, Brooker 3.1, D. Taylor 2.1, J. Taylor 2.0, Rundle 1.1, McDonald 1.1, Hart 1.0, Crabbe 0.2, Davies 0.2, Potter 0.1, rushed 0.1. Sturt: Caut 3.4, Boland 2.2, Thompson 2.1, Jenkins 2.0, Fitzgerald 1.3, Cave 1.0, Coulls 0.2, Rattigan 0.1.

Injuries.—Oiles (Sturt) strained leg muscle and left the ground in the last quarter. He was replaced by Fry.

Norwood too good

By LEN SWAN

Norwood had too many guns for South at Adelaide Oval today. After a devastating first quarter Norwood went on to win by 63 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Norwood	6—7	10—12	14—15	18—17	125
South	1—3	5—10	7—12	8—14	62

Norwood wingman Doug Olds, who was to have played his first game for the season, withdrew on medical advice after a test of his knee this morning.

The Redlegs won the game in the first quarter, when they took advantage of a slight breeze and bombarded the goals to post 6-7 to 1-3. This attack naturally staggered South.

It was not until the second quarter that South recovered, and at one stage drew within 18 points of Norwood.

Norwood, however, took over again, and from then on had command in most departments until the final bell.

While South have certainly improved greatly, today Norwood gave them little chance to break away.

Generally Norwood had too much height or experience.

Both sides lacked co-ordination forward of centre.

South have two very useful wingmen in Harris and Jones, who gave their side drive and started most of the attacking moves.

It is difficult to find any other positions where South consistently had the edge.

Jack Oatey played a true captain's game, and his skill and experience was to a large degree responsible for his side's supremacy throughout most of the day.

Whenever Norwood eased in their tenacity, Oatey was there to inspire them into attack.

Norwood rucks had too much reach for South, with Marriott, Dalwood (playing his 100th game), and Hall a powerful trio.

Marriott and Oatey were the best players on the ground.

For South, Walker took first place with a tireless and big-hearted effort, although roving to beaten rucks.

Deane, although not as spectacular as usual, was always in the picture.

Best Players.—Norwood: Marriott, Oatey, Dalwood, Blackmore, Gallagher, Hall, Lambert, South: Walker, Deane, Jones, Bolton, Abbott, Harris, Linke.

Scorers.—Norwood: Dalwood 3.3, Williams and Blackmore each 3.2, Mayo 3.0, Lambert and C.ley each 2.1, Curtis 1.3, Marriott 1.1, LePage 0.3, Hall 0.1, rushed 0.1. South: Mills 3.1, Deane 2.3, Walker 1.3, Penizza 1.1, Butcher 1.0, Read 0.3, Tatchell, Martin, and Weidenbach each 0.1, rushed 0.1.

PORT'S OPEN PLAY, HIGH MARKS HELD WEST

By AMOS BOTTROFF

Port owed their fifteen point win against West today to high marking and ability to open up the play for a short period in the second quarter.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3—2	8—2	10—6	13—8	86
West	2—3	5—6	7—9	10—11	71

Port have no reason to be pleased about their win. West have the consolation that several of their players are reaching top form and the return of Bob Lee strengthened their inexperienced half-forward line.

With A'Court out of their rucks and Agius injured, it was expected they would be swallowed by the fit Port side on their own ground.

But after half-time, when West played their best football, Russell and then McDonald (Port) left the field through injury.

Both had dominated

their positions earlier.

Boyd received a knock on the leg and had to spell for a time in a forward pocket, while Whitaker took over at centre.

Hard bumping

The game was fast throughout and the closeness of the scores showed a keen interest on both sides of the pickets.

West were first away with a couple of points, and because of their close-checking in defence it was 10 minutes before Port opened with a single.

Fletcher gave Port an advantage in the rucks, and they raced out to an 11-point lead

A great pass by Mabarack to Agars just before the first bell reduced the leeway.

Cannon exerted a counter influence in the ruck for West, but this was short-lived, and Port, through Boyd and Williams, opened up the game to the home team's liking.

It was long, direct kicking and fine leading which enabled them to run to a 21-point lead just before half-time.

From then onwards the game was very even.

Play was still very fast and the least mistake in ball handling resulted in hard bumping and man to man clashes.

Port's big men continued to mark well, and left the ground play to Whitaker, Williams, and company.

West began to play really sound football with Eglington

holding one flank and Lynch asserting a decided influence at centre.

The game was still fast with the two sides dividing the honors as Port finished 15 points ahead.

For Port I would name Whitaker as best. The value of his cool efficiency in handling the ball could quite easily be lost sight of in favor of someone less capable.

Fletcher's great rucking effort, speedy dashes, and safe marking would rank him high on the list.

Pos. Williams and McDonald (before injury) played their usually fine games. Abley saved well and kicked well from goal. Boyd and Russell (both until injured) played very fine games.

For West Cannon fought effectively in ruck and must be given full marks.

Eglington was not beaten all day on one wing.

Bob Lee, centre half-forward, made a great comeback with fine marking and a vigorous exhibition to make his position a safe avenue.

Mabarack must also be mentioned for a most encouraging effort at half-forward. Lynch played a great second half at centre.

Best Players.—Port: Whitaker, Williams, Fletcher, Abley, Boyd, Russell, Clarke, McDonald. West: Cannon, Eglington, Lee, Mabarack, Lynch, Brown, Faehse.

Goalkeepers.—Port Adelaide: Clarke 3.0, Williams 2.1, Marrett 2.0, Boyd 1.3, Zucker 1.1, Fletcher 1.1, Keough 1.0, Trowse 1.0, Whitaker 1.0, Whelan 0.2, rushed 0.1. West Adelaide: Lee 3.2, Agars 3.0, Bern Stattery 1.2, Cannon 1.2, Mabarack 1.1, Stewart 1.0, McKay 0.1, G. Williams 0.1, Keough 0.1, rushed 0.1.