

North's fast game overwhelms Bays

By BRIAN SHEA

North overwhelmed Glenelg with fast, open football after trailing in an even first quarter at Glenelg today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	1-2	8-8	12-11	19-13	127
Glenelg	3-2	3-3	6-5	10-5	65

North's rucks gradually gained control, and a balanced attack gave them an easy win.

Laurie Taylor withdrew from the Glenelg side before the game, and the reshuffle in positions sadly weakened Glenelg's attack. Rundle opened as goal-sneak and Brian Wright went to centre, Kempson taking over on a half-back flank.

Although these moves unbalanced Glenelg's forward lines, the Bays established a strong-post early in the game at centre where Wright was a driving force.

Support in ruck

Another big improvement in Glenelg's game was in ruck, where Crabb who has been dogged by injuries this season, gave Laffin plenty of support.

This early ruck advantage gave Glenelg plenty of scoring chances but Rundle was outclassed by McKay in the air and many promising drives were easily turned by the brilliant North captain.

Glenelg showed their best form in the first quarter but after quarter-time North gained control in the rucks and across centre, and they raced right away.

The Bays had a hopeless task trying to buttress weak points in their side, and the constant reshuffle in placings only helped unsettle them.

Changes foil

They tried Rundle, Davies, and Churchett at full forward without success.

The most damaging move was forced on them through a back injury received by Brian Wright.

The Glenelg defender had shaped really well at centre early, and when he was taken from the pivot

Griffin came right into the game.

From then on the well-balanced North attack tore gaps in Glenelg's defence. The game was virtually over at half-time.

Although they were forced to bypass Don Taylor at centre half-back, North were able to swing their attacks through Gilbourne on the left half-forward flank, and his powerful drop-kicks made plenty of scoring chances for North.

Phillips, in brilliant form, made the most of the opportunities given him, and the game became a procession of goals by North.

Ron Phillips played brilliant football for North.

His game was a blend of fine marking and fast ground play. His accurate goalkicking gave North a spearhead for their attacks.

Ian McKay made no mistakes at full-back, where his fine marking and long, driving kicks broke up many of Glenelg's attacks.

The one-sided nature of the game after the first quarter did not give McKay many chances to shine.

Don Taylor was head and shoulders over any other Glenelg player. He was impassable at centre half-back where his sensational marking forced North to play wide on the flanks to press home their attacks.

Laffin battled with great courage in a beaten ruck, and McPherson was always dangerous close to goal.

Best Players—North: Phillips, McKay, Griffin, Gilbourne, Aldenhoven, McCann, Tidswell.

Glenelg: Don Taylor, Laffin, McPherson, Marshall, Kempson, Jones, Crabb.

Scorers—North: Phillips 8.4, Fuller 3.1, Cox 3.1, Gilbourne 1.0, Aldenhoven 1.0, Carlson 1.0, Kennett 0.3, Griffin 0.2, McKennie 0.1, rushed 0.1.

Glenelg: McPherson 4.1, Rundle 3.0, Jones 1.0, Crabb 1.0, Laffin 1.0, Davies 0.4.

Norwood scrape in as bell rings

By LEN SWAN

Norwood scraped home by one point from South at Adelaide Oval today. The winning goal was kicked as the final bell rang.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	3-2	4-3	5-5	8-9	57
South	1-2	2-6	5-7	8-8	56

For Norwood, Marriott is mentioned first for a marathon performance. He was not beaten in the ruck and his influence on the game was at all times marked.

It was when he came on to the ball in the closing stages that Norwood made their winning burst.

Gallagher, at centre wing, played one of his typical games. Although at times shut out of the game by South's endeavor to play down the centre, he gave Norwood many opportunities.

Oatey roved effectively and played a true captain's game. He revelled in the conditions and had a big hand in his side's winning drive.

Haussen is given first place for South because of his fine second and third

quarter play. Showing speed and tenacity, he roved well to the knocking of Allen and snapped three good goals.

Allen is proving a tower of strength to the Adelaide side. Although he found Marriott a little too good, he was easily the next best ruckman.

Linke gave another fine half-back performance, and after the first quarter gave the Norwood centre half-forward little opportunity.

Best Players—Norwood: Marriott, Gallagher, Oatey, Hall, Blackmore, Fosdike, Olds, Reimann.

South: Haussen, Allen, Linke, Deane, R. Panizza, Abbott, Tabe.

Scorers—Norwood: Blackmore 1.0, Oatey 2.1, Rudd 1.3, Fosdike 1.0, Hall, Williams, Burke, Trickett 0.1, rushed 0.1.

South: Haussen 3.1, Read 2.0, Deane 1.2, Hewitt 1.1, Fraser 1.0, Allen, Toyne 0.2.

Port remain top

By LAWRIE JERVIS

In a great triumph over adversity, Port beat Torrens today to remain premiership table leaders.

Because of injuries before and during the game, Port played the last half with six players of their team who had spent most of their time this season in B Grade—Leaver, Batt, Zucker, Hall, Jaggard, and White.

Norwood's on-the-bell, one-point win over South has jumped them into third place over Torrens on percentage. Norwood are level on matches won, with Torrens.

West remain fifth. But South's great showing today proved conclusively that their earlier wins were not flukes and they must be one of the teams in the lower four who will be greatly feared from now on.

Port and North are the only two sides who look safely established in the top four.

Attendance totalled today was 31,500, made up of Adelaide Oval (South v. Norwood), 12,000; Thebarton Oval (Port v. Torrens),

Premiership list

	Points Prem.				
	W.	L.	For.	Ag.	Pts.
Port	7	3	775	565	14
North	7	3	877	715	14
Norwood	6	4	954	749	12
Torrens	6	4	880	860	12
West	5	5	722	733	10
South	4	6	679	818	8
Glenelg	3	7	704	897	6
Sturt	2	8	724	1038	4

Top goalkickers

	Today Total	
Willis (Torrens)	3	43
Phillips (North)	8	33
Read (South)	2	27
Bradford (Torrens)	—	26
Churchett (Glen.)	—	22
Mays (Norwood)	—	22
Brown (West)	2	19
Haussen (South)	3	17
Rundle (Glenelg)	3	16
L. Taylor (Glen.)	—	16
Williams (West)	2	16
Carr (Torrens)	—	15
Cave (Sturt)	—	15
Boland (Sturt)	1	14
McKenzie (Nth.)	—	14
Phillips (Sturt)	—	14
Whitaker (Port)	2	14
McPherson (Glen.)	4	13
Walker (Norwood)	—	13
Gilbourne (North)	3	12
Oatey (Norwood)	2	12
Packham (West)	6	12
Fosdike (Norwood)	1	11
Jones (Glenelg)	1	11
Kennett (North)	—	11
Potts (Norwood)	1	11
Williams (Norw.)	—	11

10,000; Glenelg Oval (North v. Glenelg), 6,000; Unley Oval (West v. Sturt), 3,500.

PORT REGAIN PRESTIGE 24-point victory over Torrens at Thebarton

By VIC. JOHNSON

Port regained a lot of their lost prestige and won a much-needed two premiership points when they beat Torrens by 24 points at Thebarton Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-7	6-8	9-13	12-14	86
Torrens	0-1	5-1	6-5	9-8	62

Port held the balance of power across centre, where McDonald and Luke were in splendid form, and they were helped by a grand roving performance by Whitaker.

The inclusion of Zucker too, lifted the Magpie following division to a much higher plane than it has been for several weeks.

When Greer was unable to strip for Port, Clift took over the goalkeeping position, thus allowing Dinning to be used as a follower, Whelan going to centre half-back, and White to half-back right.

In naming McDonald as best for Port, I am mindful of the grand games of Whitaker and Luke, but the sturdy Port wingman does not know the meaning of defeat. He was grand.

Whitaker returned to his top form, which is saying something. Luke was unbeaten throughout, and

Boyd too showed a welcome return, to form at centre

Although Graham was chosen as the trophy winner for Torrens, I would name Bob Hank as their best. The Torrens captain did some remarkable things at centre, but beaten wings did not assist him.

Graham defended really well at centre half-back, marking well and kicking strongly.

Pyatt and Roberts played soundly on the last line of defence, in fact most of the Blue and Golds best players were in defence.

Best Players—Port: McDonald, Whitaker, Luke, Zucker, Hall, Clift, Whelan.

Torrens: Bob Hank, Graham, Roberts, Sully, Fischer, W. Hank, Crammond.

Scorers—Port: Marrett 3.1, Zucker 2.3, Whitaker 2.1, Fletcher 1.2, Jaggard 1.1, Hall 1.1, Leaver 1.1, Garland 1.0.

Boyd 0.3, Batt 0.1, Torrens: Willis 3.2, Clingly 2.0, Prior 1.1, Thiele 1.0, Ashby 1.0, Pyatt 1.0, Corkshell 0.2, rushed 0.2, Lodge 0.1.

LATE RUCK CHANGE WON FOR WEST

By AMOS BOTTROFF

In a late last quarter bid, Faehse went into West's rucks and gave them the spirit to attack and defeat Sturt by 14 points at Unley.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4-0	8-4	11-6	15-12	102
Sturt	5-5	8-6	11-6	13-10	88

It was crowded but entertaining football on a ground with a wide belt of water and mud across the centre, and dropkicking was completely out.

The game was fairly close throughout, and it was late in the third quarter before West were able to overtake Sturt's early lead.

Then play seesawed until midway through the final term when, with Sturt leading by one point, Faehse went into the rucks to pull his side out of the fire.

For West I would rank Hewitt in top place for a fine defensive game full of courage and precision on such a wet ground.

Slattery and Brown would follow closely for vigorous never-let-up efforts and fine foot-passing.

Zeuner, though not brilliant, helped tremendously by his coolness and effective handball at the right times.

Fitzgerald, not overrated, was again Sturt's best, although Leske's fine game at centre must not be overlooked. Solid and deliberate, it was a great effort to break more than even with a player of Lynch's calibre in the wet.

Jenkins roved well and kicked two good goals, and Cave's first half was outstanding.

Best Players—West: Hewitt, Slattery, Brown, Packham, Eglington, Zeuner, Lynch, Sturt, Fitzgerald, Leske, Jenkins, Hodgeman, Cave, Harris, Thompson.

Scorers—West: Packham 6.1, Zeuner 2.2, Brown 2.1, G. Williams 2.1, Smith 1.1, Faehse 1.1, Thomas 1.1, Hole 0.2, Agars 0.2, Leith 0.1, Sturt: Cave 4.2, Jenkins 3.0, Bagshaw 2.1, Thompson 1.3, Harris 1.1, Boland 1.0, Ladd 1.0, Ellis 0.2, Rattigan 0.1.