

NORWOOD STRUGGLE HOME

By LEN SWAN

Norwood struggled home by four points from Glenelg at Norwood Oval today. It was a fast even game with the home side holding just sufficient aerial power to win.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	0—3	4—4	8—7	10—15	75
Glenelg	0—2	4—5	6—7	10—11	71

The first half was a strenuous struggle for supremacy, with both sides sound in defence and breaking down in front of goal. The first full points for the match were not posted until the second quarter, when Davies scored for Glenelg.

It was during this period that the visitors looked most dangerous as they went to a lead of 18 points — mainly through improved forward play and accurate kicking from Churchett.

On the day Norwood were a more even side and when in their stride looked effective and determined—Gallagher's footpasing was a treat to watch.

Glenelg undoubtedly lost the game forward of centre, where they lost many opportunities to score through the lack of a good, high-flying forward.

Laurie Taylor was sadly missed.

Their attacks became more fruitful after half-time, when the resting ruckman went to the full forward position to challenge Reimann, the Norwood full back.

There was little in the game across centre, as Alf Bailey gave Glenelg plenty of drive, while Gallagher made one wing safe for Norwood.

Norwood had too many big men who were capable of marking in the packs. Glenelg, on the other hand, had to rely on a few stalwarts.

In the rucks Crabb and Davies battled hard to fly with Marriott and company. Although they did well, their task was strenuous, and at times affected their play in the open.

Admittedly Norwood used handball more effectively than their opponents, but at times it was overdone, with disastrous results.

Reimann brilliant

For Norwood, Reimann is mentioned first for a

brilliant display at full back. He was less prominent when asked to check the Glenelg ruckmen, but continued a thorn in the side of the visitors.

Marriott rucked strongly and brought down some fine marks.

At centre wing Gallagher was spectacular, with fine marking and delightful disposal. He gave the Norwood forwards every opportunity.

J. Taylor was not only Glenelg's best but in my opinion best on the ground. He rucked tirelessly, and used fine judgment in flying for the ball.

Alf Bailey turned on another good game, and initiated many of the Glenelg's forward moves.

Hunt played solidly in defence and gave the tall Dalwood few opportunities.

Best Players—Norwood: Reimann, Marriott, Gallagher, Drage, Robert, Lambert, Fosdike, Glenelg: J. Taylor, Bailey, Hunt, Crabb, Davies, D. Taylor, Prior.

Goalkickers—Norwood: Walker 3.3, Potts 3.0, Dalwood 2.1, Oatey 1.2, Drage 1.1, Slade 0.4, Blackmore 0.2, Hall 0.1, rushed 0.1. Glenelg: Churchett 2.1, Lafty 2.0, Rundle 1.3, Davis 1.2, Crabb, McPherson 1.1, J. Taylor, Yeo 1.0, Leahy 0.2, Bailey 0.1.

£1 EACH FOR GLENELG MEN

Glenelg trophies today went to J. Taylor and Alf Bailey. In addition, supporters contributed sufficient to provide the 20 players with £1.

(Glenelg kicking up names underneath)

Reimann	Lafsky	Carr
Rudd	Davies	Wickham
Roberts	Lambert	P. Partridge
Rundle	Churchett	Leahy
Trickett	Fosdike	Gallagher
Marshall	A. Bailey	Edwards
Blackmore	Hall	Hines
B. Wright	D. Taylor	Kempson
Drage	Bone	Walker
		Prior
		Dalwood
		Hunt
Rucks—Glenelg:	Crabb, J. Taylor, McPherson, Davies, Prior, Wickham, Norwood, Marriott, Slade, Oatey, Walker, Rudd, Drage.	
Reserves—Glenelg:	Yeo, Brooker, Norwood, Potts, Davies.	
Umpire:	K. L. Aplin.	

Final four seem certain

By LAWRIE JERVIS

Barring sensational upsets the league football final four now appears certain — North, Port, Norwood and Torrens.

Norwood's narrow win and Torrens' easy victory today put them six premiership points clear of West and Glenelg with only four more minor round games left.

To get in the top four, West, and Glenelg will have to win at least three of their remaining games and Torrens and Norwood must lose every one.

North look the likely minor premiers.

Their biggest major round snag may be Torrens, but if the four top teams are in the same order when the minor round finishes as they are today, North may not have to meet Torrens before the grand final, if Torrens get that far.

Attendance figures today were: Norwood (Norwood v. Glenelg), 9,000; Thebarton (Torrens v. West), 8,000; Adelaide (North v. South), 6,500; Alberton (Port v. Sturt) 6,700; Total, 30,200.

Premiership list

	W.	L.	F.	Agt.	Pts.
North	10	3	1141	883	20
Port	9	4	996	721	18
Norwood	8	5	1166	970	16
Torrens	8	5	1146	1040	16
Glenelg	5	8	1059	1098	10
West	5	8	885	954	10
South	4	9	858	1191	8
Sturt	3	10	875	1269	6

Top goalkickers

	Today	Ttl.
Willis (Torrens)	8	56
Phillips (North)	7	48
Read (South)	2	37
Bradford (Torrens)	—	29
Churchett (Glen.)	2	25
Rundle (Glenelg)	1	24
Mayo (Norwood)	—	23
McPherson (Glen.)	1	23
Williams (West)	2	28
Brown (West)	1	22
L. Taylor (Glen.)	—	20
Cave (Sturt)	—	19
H. McKenzie (Nth.)	—	19
Whitaker (Port)	2	19
Haussen (South)	—	18
Walker (Norwood)	3	17
Phillips (Sturt)	2	16
Boland (Sturt)	—	15
Carr (Torrens)	—	15
Kennett (North)	2	15
Oatey (Norwood)	1	15
Potts (Norwood)	3	15
Rattigan (Sturt)	1	15

TORRENS DOWN WEST

Willis's deadly form: 8 goals

By VIC JOHNSON

In a hard fought and gruelling game today at Thebarton, Torrens outstayed West to win by 28 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	4—3	5—4	11—8	14—11	95
West	1—2	5—8	8—11	9—13	67

Torrens have a lot to thank for the amazing accuracy of Willis.

From nine shots at goal, the tall Torrens full forward kicked eight goals one behind, all the result of fine leading and grand high marking.

None of his goals were gifts. He had to work hard against strong opposition from West's defenders.

Actually, there was not much difference in the all-round strength of the teams, generally speaking they were very evenly matched. West lacked a spearhead to their attack, and except for a bright period towards the close of the second term, were off the target from easy shots, while West had no counter for the brilliant Willis, who was in deadly form.

I choose Willis as Torrens' best, his fine forward work, in my opinion, made the difference between the two teams.

Bob Hank was again in fine form at centre, his foot passes rarely missing the mark.

Carr played well at centre wing, combining well with Hank, Cockshell did a good job at centre half-forward against strong opposition from Faehse, and Graham was sound at half-back.

I thought Zeuner, with a strong following exhibition, was West's best, and should nearly get in the State side.

Hewitt played finely at half-back and, with Faehse and Stoll, made a good outer defence.

Edwards gave solid support to the forward lines and kicked three goals.

Best Players—Torrens: Willis, R. Hank, Carr, Cockshell, Coverlid, Graham, Pyatt, Roberts, West: Zeuner, Hewitt, Stoll, Faehse, Edwards, Williams (until injured), Lynch.

Goalkickers—Torrens: Willis 8.1, Head 3.2, Pyatt 1.1, Ashby 1.0, Coverlid 1.0, Bradford 0.2, Cockshell 0.2, Lodge 0.1, W. Hank 0.1, forced 0.1. West: Edwards 3.4, Zeuner 3.2, Williams 2.2, Brown 1.1, Hole 0.1, Leith 0.1, Lovegrove 0.1, Thomas 0.1.

TORRENS MEN GET TROPHIES

Trophy winners for Torrens, announced after the game against West at Thebarton, were Willis, Cockshell, Carr, Graham.

PORT WIN SCRAMBLE

By BRIAN SHEA

After an even opening half, Port broke right away from Sturt to easily win a dull, scrambling game at Alberton Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3—4	4—8	7—11	11—18	84
Sturt	3—0	4—1	5—1	6—1	37

Port owed their win to better teamwork in attack and their control of the ruck duels.

The game never reached a very high standard, and there was poor field kicking by both sides.

Ted Whelan played outstandingly for Port at centre half-back. He was rarely beaten in the air, and his speed and vigor drove Sturt out of scoring range on many occasions.

Russell was always in the way when Sturt managed to force the ball close to goal. His perfect judgment enabled him to break up many Sturt attacks near the Port half-back line.

Len Fitzgerald was very solid in defence for Sturt. His sure marking and intelligent disposal of the ball broke up many promising Port drives.

Kill Kutcher, until he was forced to leave the ground in the last quarter, played outstandingly for Sturt at centre wing. His pace, strong marking, and vigorous ground play were too much for McDonald, Port wingman.

Best Players—Port: Whelan, Russell, Boyd, Salvemini, Whitaker, Stevens, Marrett, Sturt: Fitzgerald, Kutcher (until injured), Downing, Green, Hodgeman, Boland, Harris.

Scorers—Port: Cliff 3.2, Luke 3.0, Whitaker 2.5, Jaggard 1.6, Salvemini 1.1, Boyd 1.0, Stevens 0.2, Marrett 0.1, McDonald 0.1, Sturt: Phillips 2.0, Thompson 2.0, Rattigan 1.0, Kenny 1.0, Leske 0.1.

North win speedy game by 12 goals

BY AMOS BOTTROFF

In a game which was fast but unimpressive, apart from the uncanny goalgetting of Ron Phillips, North raced away from South in the last quarter to win by nearly 12 goals.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3—6	9—12	9—16	17—23	125
South	1—1	4—2	6—7	7—12	54

In perfect conditions with little breeze to affect the play, one would have expected good kicking and good ball-handling, but that was the exception as often as it was the rule.

For three quarters North were more like a team of woolly goats, bunting their way through, than an impressive premiership side. But perhaps the leech-like tenacity of South's defensive, rather than aggressive, play would explain some of that.

North had a winning centre line all day, and it was generally from here that they derived much of their attacking power.

They went out to a handy lead before the end of the first quarter, but not without a great amount of effort, to penetrate a strong South defence, in which Williams was prominent.

South only rarely man-

aged to get the ball into attack, and when they did, North, too, defended solidly.

Both teams used spilling tactics to great effect, specially when going for the ball in the air.

North's success was more obvious when McKay went in to brighten the rucks in the second quarter, and as Cox and McKenzie were more effective in their efforts than the South rovers, they more often cleared the ball from congested packs.

Best Players—North: Phillips, Gilbourne, Griffen, Tidswell, Stringer, McKay, McCann. South: Allen, R. Panizza, Williams, Dunn, Hewitt, Toyne, Read Thomson.

Goalkickers—North: Phillips 7.5, Gilbourne 2.6, Cox 2.2, Kennett 2.2, Fuller 2.1, Carlson 1.2, Bryan 1.1, McKay 0.1, Tidswell 0.1, rushed 0.2. South: Read 2.3, Toyne 2.2, Allen 2.1, Hewitt 1.1, Haussen 0.2, Fraser 0.1, D. Panizza 0.1, rushed 0.1.