

# Port beat Bays in

## dull play

By LEN SWAN

Port had an unconvincing win by 22 points over Glenelg today. It was a dull game, lacking in excitement and spirit.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port . . .	3—5	5—8	9—16	9—17	71
Glenelg . .	0—2	2—3	5—4	7—7	49

With the advantage of a strong breeze, Port raced away to do most of the early attacking, but rugged defence work by Glenelg forced them into errors.

Although Glenelg posted only two points for the quarter, they must be given full credit for the way they closed up the game and kept Port from establishing a match-winning lead.

At this stage the home side had the pace and determination, but could not overcome the strong wind and solid Port defence.

### Luke had answer

It was Luke who showed Port how to attack with the wind—his fine, long dropkicks proved the answer to Glenelg's tight defence.

In the second term it was the Port defenders who were hard pressed as Glenelg attacked vigorously, but the Bay players apparently forgot they were kicking with the wind and continued with their short-passing game that had been so effective during the first quarter.

Glenelg lost the game in this quarter by not capitalising on their opportunities. On the other hand, Port won during the same period by taking full

advantage of Glenelg's errors.

Glenelg rucks had been boosted by the fine rucking of Crabb, but this advantage was nullified by the brilliant Port rovers, particularly Whitaker, who was easily the best rover afield, and Boyd picking up the crumbs at the centre bounce.

The second half continued in tame fashion and although Glenelg always had a chance of victory it was evident that their supporters—realised that, win, lose, or draw, they could not make the final four.

Port did most of the attacking during the third term and at one stage went to a 48-point lead, but again a tight Glenelg defence forced Port to score mainly behinds.

In the last quarter Port were kept down to one point, and Glenelg did most of the attacking, but with a six-goal deficiency and heavy rain starting to fall, their task was too great.

### Salvemini best

For Port, Salvemini at centre wing is named first for his fine, consistent game. He was always in the picture and sent his side moving at every opportunity.

Whitaker gave one of his clever roving displays and was always a difficult man to check, while Growden rucked strongly and brought down some fine marks when playing in the open.

Glenelg's best was Don Taylor, who, at centre half-back, played one of his typical games and made it difficult for Port to pass Glenelg's first line of defence.

Crabb gave his side plenty of drive from ruck and made position well when in a set position. Laurie Taylor played one of his most useful games and worked extremely hard all day.

Best Players—Port: Salvemini, Whitaker, Growden, Boyd, Whelan, Leaver, Luke, Glenelg; Don Taylor, Crabb, L. Taylor, H. Wright, J. Taylor, A. Bailey, Marshall.

Scorers—Port: Clift 2.3, Jagard 2.2, Leaver 2.1, Luke 1.2, Growden 1.1, Whitaker 1.0, Marrett 0.1, Boyd 0.1, White 0.1, Stevens 0.1, Salvemini 0.1, Dittmar 0.1, Zuker 0.1, rushed 0.1. Glenelg: L. Taylor 3.2, Leahy 2.1, J. Taylor 1.0, A. Crabb 1.0, Bailey 0.1, Prior 0.1, rushed 0.1.

# FINAL FOUR DECIDED

By LAWRIE JERVIS

The league football premiers final four was decided by today's games. It comprises North, Port, Norwood, and Torrens, though not necessarily in that order at the end of the minor round.

West's defeat by South today with only two more minor round matches remaining, has left West—along with South, Glenelg and Sturt—no more chance, as Norwood and Torrens are six premiers points clear.

Torrens' loss by five points to North today sent them from third to fourth position.

Torrens needed the win today to have the chance of finishing second in the minor round, with the consequent double chance at the premierships.

Even should Port lose their next two games, it is almost impossible for Norwood or Torrens to dislodge the Magpies from second place because of their fine percentage.

The semi-finals to start in three weeks are almost certain to be: First, Norwood v. Torrens; second, North v. Port.

Attendances today totalled 26,200, made up of: Prospect (North v. Torrens), 11,200; Glenelg (Port v. Glenelg), 6,000; Norwood (Sturt v. Norwood), 6,000; Adelaide (West v. South), 3,000.

### Premiership list

LEAGUE FOOTBALL PREMIERSHIP TABLE					
	W	L	For	Ag.	Pts.
North	12	2	1292	1028	24
Port	11	4	1184	831	22
Norw'd	9	6	1319	1135	18
Torrns.	9	6	1324	1197	18
West	6	9	1006	1064	12
Glenlg.	5	10	1158	1235	10
South	5	10	979	1363	10
Sturt	3	12	1007	1416	6

### Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Willis (Torrens)	1	65
Phillips (North)	2	52
Read (South)	4	44
Bradford (Torrens)	4	35
Rundle (Glenelg)	—	26
Williams (West)	1	26
Churchett (Glenelg)	—	25
L. Taylor (Glenelg)	3	25
Brown (West)	—	23
Maye (Norwood)	—	23
McPherson (Gl.)	—	23
Cave (Sturt)	—	22
Whitaker (Port)	1	22
Hauszen (South)	2	22
Pott (Norwood)	—	20
Boland (Sturt)	—	19
H. McKenzie (N)	—	19
Walker (Norwood)	1	19
Phillips (Sturt)	2	18
Kennett (North)	—	16
Oatey (Norwood)	1	16
Rattigan (Sturt)	1	16

# SOUTH IN NARROW WIN OVER WEST

By BRIAN SHEA

South scored a narrow win over West in a scrappy game at Adelaide Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South . . .	3—3	4—3	8—9	8—12	60
West . . .	2—4	5—9	5—9	7—13	55

South had control in the ruck for the greater part of the game, and a much more purposeful attack gave them a well-earned win.

Ray Linke did a magnificent job for South in goals. His safe marking, fine spoiling, and quick recovery on the ground broke up most of West's attacks close to goal.

Allan Dunn must be ranked high for South for a sterling effort on the half-back flank, where he

was always under notice with a dashing game in defence.

Allen bore the brunt of the work in ruck for the winners, and Hauszen roved with fine determination.

For West, Lynch played outstandingly at centre-wing. He was always in the picture in sending his side into attack.

Roaming down into attack in the last few minutes, he almost pulled the game out of the fire for West.

Eglington, the other West wingman, also played a fine game.

He completed a winning West centre line, and must have become tired of driving the ball into attack for West with little support from his forwards.

West captain, Brian Faehse, was also under notice with a consistent effort, both in ruck and defence.

Best Players—South: Linke, Dunn, Allen, Hewitt, Thomson, Fletcher, Hauszen, West, Lynch, Eglington, Faehse, Hewitt, Stoll, Thomas, Brown.

Scorers—South: Read 4.1, Hauszen 2.2, Wilson 1.1, Hewitt 1.0, Polden 0.2, Toyne 0.1, Fraser 0.1, rushed 0.4 (8-12). West: Edwards 2.3, Wright 2.1, Williams 1.3, Hole 1.2, Faehse 1.0, Packham 0.3, rushed 0.1 (7-13).

# NORTH BY FIVE POINTS Thrilling game seen as pointer to final

By VIC JOHNSON

In what could have been a full-dress rehearsal of the 1952 league football premiers, North defeated Torrens by five points at Prospect Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North . . .	3—3	6—6	9—9	10—13	73
Torrens	3—2	5—3	9—5	10—8	68

Although it was not the best football I have seen this season, it was without doubt the best game I have seen this year.

The greatest margin separating the opposing teams was midway through the second term when North led by 13 points.

In my opinion, the difference between the two teams lay at the goalfrost, where Willis for Torrens, was seldom seen. He was completely shut out by McKay, North leader and full back.

Proud, North full forward, kicked four goals from 5 shots.

McKay is my choice as North's best because of his fine checking of Willis. To keep that fine forward down to two kicks speaks for itself.

Aldenhoven followed really well, and must play a big part in North's pre-

miership bid.

Proud played finely whether at full-forward or following, and Gilbourne did a fine job at half-forward.

### Pyatt reliable

Graham played another grand game for Torrens at centre half-back. Bradford was again well in the picture, whether roving or in the forward pocket.

Pyatt was his usual reliable self, while Lodge, at centre wing, and Bob Hank, at centre, were others to play well.

Best Players—North: McKay, Aldenhoven, Gilbourne, Griffin, Proud, Stringer, Galloway, Torrens; Graham, Bradford, Pyatt, Lodge, Bob Hank, Roberts, Ashby.

Scorers—North: Proud 4.1, Phillips 2.4, Aldenhoven 2.0, Gilbourne 1.1, Cox 1.1, Kennett 0.2, MacKenzie 0.2, forced 0.2, Torrens: Bradford 4.3, Ashby 2.0, Head 1.2, Prior 1.0, Willis 1.0, Pyatt 1.0, Coverlid 0.2, Clingly 0.1.

# STURT MEN STAR, BUT NORWOOD WIN

By AMOS BOTTROFF

Norwood defeated Sturt by 14 points on Norwood Oval this afternoon, only because they had more players performing well. It was not a game of very high standard, but it was fast and entertaining.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	2—3	6—8	6—12	9—15	69
Sturt . . .	2—4	2—4	8—6	8—7	55

Norwood's rucks did not win the game. Marriott performed solidly, although his kicking was poor. On the day, even if it was in spasmodic bursts, Sturt's ruck work was superior.

### Reimann brilliant

Although Reimann, goalkeeper for Norwood, did not have quite so much to do as some of the mid-field players, he was brilliant and impassable, and possibly saved more goals than Sturt scored. He must rank as possibly their most effective player.

Carr seemed to relish the opportunity of a loose man during much of the game. In defence and when following Sturt's second rover into the play, he did a serviceable job as a unit in attack.

Drage was tireless roving; Marriott was solid as usual; Edwards was sound

at half-back, and Fosdike was noticeable for good play round centre.

For Sturt Fitzgerald was again brilliant. He was by far the best man afield.

### Sound kicking

Bagshaw tried to follow his captain's example, and gave a great rucking performance. He marked the greasy ball well in the heavy going, and rarely failed to get a good kick.

Kutcher played a fine game on a wing, Jenkins roved well, and Leske was frequently prominent at centre.

Best Players—Norwood: Reimann, Carr, Drage, Marriott, Edwards, Fosdike, Blackmore, Sturt: Fitzgerald, Bagshaw, Jenkins, Kutcher, Leske, Thompson, Boland.

Scorers—Norwood: Rudd 2.2, Tibbrook 2.2, Oatey 1.2, Walker 1.1, Blackmore 1.1, Marriott 1.0, Carr 1.0, Hines 0.4, Drage 0.2, rushed 0.1. Sturt: Phillips 2.1, Jenkins 2.0, Ladd 1.2, Rattigan 1.1, Kutcher 1.0, Fitzgerald 1.0, Boland 0.2, Leske 0.1.