

# Redlegs' fight for last-term win

By BRIAN SHEA

Norwood and Glenelg fought out a ding-dong battle in a fast, thrilling game at Kensington Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4-1	11-3	13-4	20-7	127
Glenelg	5-2	10-3	15-8	15-13	103

Norwood were better served by their rovers and this advantage, coupled with a fine goal-kicking exhibition by Dalwood, enabled them to come away from Glenelg in the closing stages of play.

The game opened at terrific pace and both sides fell into a long-kicking, high-marking game, and although Norwood broke away early in the first quarter, Glenelg were well in the fight with a close checking defence making the Redlegs earn every kick they received in front of centre.

Glenelg had a clearcut advantage on one centre-wing where Marshall was far too good for Olds in the air and throughout the game Norwood's persistence in driving the ball in high to Olds saw many of their attacks go astray.

## Slight lead

The Tigers held a slight lead at quarter-time. Their game had picked up a lot from the opening stages, mainly due to a great effort by Laffin in ruck.

where he was the only Glenelg ruckman to more than break even with the tall Redleg followers.

With Marshall still holding his wing and Laffin giving Glenelg plenty of drive from the centre bounce, Glenelg were able to switch their attacks through the flanks, when their long-kicking game straight down the ground broke down under the strong Norwood defence.

The Redleg rovers were opening up the attack for their side, and with Glenelg failing to check the Norwood ruckmen in attack they raced on three quick goals from Dalwood to hold a slight lead at half-time.

## Thrilling tussle

The game had been played at such pace and both sides had produced football of such similar pattern that it seemed the first side to crack under the strain would be swamped by their opponents.

No player had more influence on the game than

Peter Dalwood, Norwood ruckman. He marked as if no opposition existed, kicked 12 goals—the highest tally for the season—and hit the post twice with 14 scoring shots.

His goals were a mixture of acute angle shots and long-driving kicks from half-forward.

Marriott was another tall Redleg ruckman to show good form. His strong marking and long kicking were of great advantage to his side in midfield, and he was easily the pick of Norwood's ruckmen at the centre bounce.

Don Laffin played grand football for Glenelg in the ruck. He was rarely off the ball, where his intelligent palming was the starting point of many Glenelg attacks.

Best Players—Norwood: Dalwood, Marriott, Tilbrook, Edwards, Fosdike, Drage, Butler, Glenelg: Laffin, Marshall, D. Taylor, Churchett, L. Taylor, Wickham, Guy.

Scorers—Norwood: Dalwood 12, Hines 2, Carr 1, Drage 1, Blackmore 1, Fosdike 1, Rudd 1, Walker 1, Marriott 0.2 (20-7). Glenelg: L. Taylor 6, Churchett 3, Laffin 1, Wickham 1, Prior 1, Crabb 1, J. Taylor 1, D. Rundle 0.1, rushed 0.2 (15-13).

(Glenelg kicking up names underneath)

Reimann		Roberts	
L. Taylor			
Hill	Laffin	Lambert	Prior
Butler	D. Rundle	Churchett	Edwards
Olds	Edwards	Fosdike	Gallagher
Carr	Kempson	D. Taylor	Yeo
Tilbrook	Bone	Hines	Hunt
Kucks—Glenelg: Crabb, J. Taylor, Wickham; Laffin, Foster, Prior, Norwood: Marriott, Dalwood, Drage; Walker, Hill, Tilbrook.			
Reserves—Glenelg: Leahy, Guy, B. Rundle, Norwood: Trickett, Appelbe.			
Umpire—B. M. Harvey.			

## TOP GOALKICKERS

Player	Today	Total
Willis (Torrens)	9	87
Phillips (North)	4	60
Read (South)	1	47
Bradford (Torrens)	2	39
L. Taylor (Glenelg)	6	39
Churchett (Glenelg)	3	28
Rundle (Glenelg)	—	26
Williams (West)	—	26
Hausson (South)	2	26
Dalwood (Norwood)	13	25
Brown (West)	—	24
Whitaker (Port)	1	24
Maye (Norwood)	—	23
McPherson (Glenelg)	—	23
Walker (Norwood)	1	23

## Premiership list

Team	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
North	14	3	1525	1178	28
Port	13	4	1423	959	26
Torrens	11	6	1421	1316	22
Norwood	10	7	1519	1340	20
Glenelg	6	11	1386	1457	12
West	6	11	1161	1395	12
South	5	12	1093	1652	10
Start	8	14	1157	1678	6

# NORTH LEAP TO FRONT

## Game marred by poor handling

By AMOS BOTTRUFF

North, as expected, raced right away from South in the league football game at Adelaide Oval today and won by 63 points.

North were generally much faster but poor ball handling by both sides marred the greater part of the game.

Ray Linke (acting captain) won the toss from Lyall Griffin who was playing his hundredth game for North, but choice of ends meant nothing as there was only a light cross breeze.

Although North were able to demonstrate their skill, to a large degree there was little, from the impartial spectator's point of view, of noticeable merit in the game.

## Magnetised ball

If any particular features stood out, they were the complete dominance of Griffin at centre and the unfortunate injuries to Peter Tabe, Stan Hancock, and Ron Hewitt.

Griffin should not forget his hundredth game. He seemed to magnetise the ball and rarely failed to make full use of it. On the day he was so outstanding that he would not have been a near rival for best afield.

On the other hand, the first quarter was only half over when Peter Tabe (South) was assisted from the field with a broken bone in the left leg.

It was in this quarter, too, that Stan Hancock, North wingman, received a knock in the face. It appeared to worry him until he was sent to Royal Adelaide Hospital midway through the game, treated for a jaw injury, and allowed to leave.

Ron Hewitt (South) remained off with a sprained right ankle at three-time.

With the ground hard-

ened by the recent weather, both teams started with great speed.

## Fast defence

Where players were unable to mark the ball, or race to take it on the full, they met trouble with its tricky bouncing.

That type of play was frequently seen, when the speed of defence forced players into hurried kicking, much of which was short or ill-directed.

North went away from South almost from the outset.

The North half-back line soon tended to dominate the play in their area. Griffin and Hancock held sway on the centre line, and the visiting rucks had a much easier role than their opponents in being able to play to fast leading men in attack.

It must be mentioned that Allen Wilson and Fraser fought strongly all day but the South men in set positions were unable to give them the breaks they often looked for.

Ian McKay was being starved for something to do and midway through the second quarter had his first of several effective periods in ruck.

In this quarter North played with great dash and system and raced on 9-4 to 1-1, but from this stage much of their good brand of football fell away.

After half-time the game became less spectacular. Play was more congested, and as South strove in their "never-say-die" manner, both teams lapsed into kicking and ball-handling errors.

Ray Linke continued to play a vigorous game and South fought out an even third quarter.

The last quarter was a repetition of the third, apart from a bright period for South when Lapthorne came on with a great burst of speed.

## Thoughtful game

As mentioned earlier Griffin was best afield. Following his display Phillips would rank high for another fine, thoughtful game.

Garnett at half-back would earn a lot of credit for not only good saving but for his strong disposal and good clean ball handling.

McKay was perhaps a little unfortunate not to have had the opportunity of a greater share in the play, because what he did was high class, and in the last half he thrilled the crowd with his leaping marks, and long dropkicks.

Kennett and Gilbourne played excellent games at half-forward.

For South, Ray Linke stood alone for a great effective game in looking after Proud, and also for his vigor in ruck on a couple of occasions.

Allen played another good game in ruck. This player should rank with some of our best ruckmen next season, following the experience he has gained.

Fraser was another tireless worker and McAvaney and Fletcher played effective games.

Best Players—North: Griffin, Phillips, Garnett, McKay, Kennett, Gilbourne, Cox, Tidwell, South: Linke, Allen, Fraser, McAvaney, M. Read, Fletcher, Hausson, Hewitt (before injured).

Goalkickers—North: Proud 4.3, Phillips 4.3, Gilbourne 3.2, Cox 3.0, Kennett 2.1, McKay 2.0, Griffin 1.0, Fuller 1.0, Stringer 0.1, McKenzie 0.1, Hancock 0.1, rushed 0.2. South: Fraser 0.1, Hausson 2.1, Lapthorne 2.1, McAvaney 1.2, Polden 1.1, M. Read 1.1, D. Read 0.3, Wilson 0.1.

# Port turn on the heat

By LEN SWAN

Port enhanced their premiership chances by soundly defeating Sturt by 82 points at Unley today. Too strong in most departments, Port looked a good side.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	5-7	6-13	12-15	20-17	137
Sturt	3-5	3-7	4-9	7-13	55

Under ideal conditions, Port accepted the game as a test of their strength and generally delighted supporters with their fine showing.

On today's form they are strong contenders for the final.

With a string of match-winning players striking form at the right time, Port must be confident of their chances.

They are now a well-balanced side and their greatly improved forward play has left them with few weaknesses.

## Hard for Sturt

Sturt battled but did everything the hard way; in fact, it was pathetic at times to see good play break down with aimless, purposeless kicking.

During one particular period Russell and Abley cleared with such apparent ease it almost appeared Sturt were not interested in scoring.

Although Sturt rovers were not disgraced they were not good enough at the centre bounce.

A ruck advantage given the home side by Thompson and Rattigan was nullified by the clever scouting of the Port pair, Williams and Whitaker.

For the first half Sturt kept well in the picture with dogged play and a tight defence.

The Port defenders, too, were sound, and in the second quarter only one goal was scored—this by Luke for Port.

After half-time Port took over. Brushing Sturt aside, they attacked relentlessly to establish a

fine, impressive win.

The Kutcher-McDonald duel was a highlight as they matched each other with bursts of speed and brilliance.

## No weakness now

With a clever match-winning centre line, good fast leading half-forwards, an effective spearhead in Clift, and first-class rovers resting in a pocket, the Port attack is no longer a weakness.

For Port, Clift is given first mention for the effective way he posted his 10 goals.

At different stages he was opposed by Downing and Abbott, but neither could break his confidence.

Williams, although not as spectacular as Boyd, was behind much of Port's success. He was tireless and effective, and never let his side relax.

Boyd gave one of his brilliant displays and held centre all day.

## Fitzgerald again

Although less conspicuous than in recent games, Fitzgerald again gave Sturt fine service at centre half-back.

Phillips did well at centre half-forward and Thompson took most of the knocks when he was on the ball.

Best Players—Port: Clift, Williams, Boyd, Garland, Russell, Luke, McDonald, Sturt, Fitzgerald, Phillips, Thompson, Boland, Hogan, Kutcher, Abbott.

Scorers—Port: Clift 10.1, Williams 3.3, Boyd 2.1, Luke 2.0, Clark 1.4, Jaggard, Whitaker 1.2, Garland 0.3, rushed 0.1. Sturt: Phillips 2.3, Thompson 2.2, Harris 1.3, Leske, Boland 1.0, Hill 0.2, Ladd, Kenny, Hogan.

# BIG MARGIN TO TORRENS

By HUBERT BIGGS

Torrens' 11-goal victory over West at Thebarton Oval this afternoon capped a successful dress rehearsal for their semi-final against Norwood next Saturday.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	4-6	11-9	17-10	21-16	142
West	2-0	3-2	7-7	11-10	76

With the acquisition of three promising former Colts in Day, Lovegrove, and Rosetto, West's attack functioned better than it did throughout most of the season, but at the key points Torrens were not consistently challenged.

Willis, scoring 9-4, was once more a menace at the goalfont, but a couple of his Torrens' teammates played even better in their respective positions.

West's fade-out in the first half, after a promising start in the first 10 minutes, proved a bitter disappointment to their supporters.

## Defenders at top

Frank Lewis (West) and Frank Graham (Torrens) were both at the top of their form in defence, and repelled thrusts time and again for their teams.

The second quarter saw Torrens spurt right away with dazzling brilliance. They added 45 points during this term and pinned West down to eight. It was a revelation of combined, purposeful football, which left their rivals standing.

## Bill Hank best

For Torrens, I would rank Bill Hank first. In what must have been his best display for several years, he was a force either following or placed, and was particularly convincing in the second half. His brother, Bob, foot-passed

with his usual polish at centre, and had slightly the better of Lynch after a keen tussle.

John Willis flew with his customary unerring judgment, and his score of 9.4 speaks for itself. A few of his goals were the result of frees, but he again proved he will be a power for opposing goalkeepers to reckon with in the major round.

Lindsay Head was neat and clever as rover.

Frank Lewis, safe and consistent in a back pocket was the pick of the losers. He was one of the few West men to play well from the first quarter to the last.

Glyn Williams began rather quietly on a half-forward flank, but he subdued Frank Graham so effectively when sent over to centre half-forward that I would name him West's second best.

He played a big part in West's improvement in the third term.

Thomas was well to the fore in the packs, and Lynch, while not such a strong factor as sometimes battled well against Bob Hank.

Best Players—Torrens: Bill Hank, Bob Hank, Willis, Head, Prior, Bradford, Graham, Coverlid, West: Lewis, G. Williams, Thomas, Lynch, Hewitt, Eginton, Lovegrove, Rosetto.

Scorers—Torrens: Willis 9.4, Prior 3.0, Bradford 2.3, Ashby 2.2, Clingly 2.1, W. Hank 1.2, Head 1.2, Coverlid 1.0, Cockshill 0.2, West: Packham 2.3, Lovegrove 2.2, Day 2.1, Zeuner 2.0, Rosetto 2.0, Hole 1.1, Brown 0.2, Agars 0.1.