TORRENS Result in doubt to final bell

Torrens scraped home by one point from Glenelg at Glenelg Oval today. The game was full of excitement and vigor, with the result in doubt until the bell.

Final Pts. Ist 2nd 3rd Torrens . 1—6 8—11 10—14 14—16 100 10-5 15-9 Glenela . 3—0 7—4

ing influenced the stanlittle opportunity.

with little wind to influ-glimpses of his old form, ence play, and fortunes and two clever goals from fluctuated.

Even in the early stages, porters on their feet. when Torrens appeared to The home side had have the edge, Glenelg ample opportunities to looked full of fight.

third quarter, when Torrens went to a 26-point lead.

quick goals, placed them-selves again within chal-lenging distance. display in front of goals. This tall forward proved today that he could be a

ball was generally better, to be a headache for any and it was this asset, goalkeeper if he retains his together with their steadi- form. ness in the closing stages. Don Prior gave another that enabled them to finish of his fighting just in front.

There were many in- out to the finish.
teresting duels. The Don He was ably supported Prior-Laffin ruck clash was on the fringes by Bradford, the highlight. Both players who finished off his play must be ranked high for in the open with three their marathon perform- clever snapshot goals. ances and the service they gave their sides.

At centre but it was Hank's clever asked. work in the second quarter that sent Torrens moving other fine game and Don to post 7-5—a match- Taylor (half-back) has lost winning burst in any none of his brilliance in closely contested game.

Glenelg had no answer to Willis at the goalmouth, with the showing of and at varying stages Hunt, Curyer, their new wing-Don Taylor, John Taylor, man.
and Ray Bailey tried to Best Players-Torrens: Willis. check the tall full forward. Prior.

themselves. Glenelg were forced to send Taylor. two men into the air with him the ball came off Don Prior.

points over South at Unley today.

Sturt's well-merited win

Sturt were without Ray

Jenkins, who was replaced

was unable to get to Ade-

potential but with Hill proving a find, Sturt were,

laide from Lameroo.

Haussen because Bob Fuss the game.

dedly weakening South's five times.

half time.

Umpire Harvey's umpir- tunity with his snapshots. Glenelg were down nine dard of play, and at times points at the last change players from both sides and they came back with were confused by his such purpose and determidecisions. He gave the nation that within minutes man going for the ball of play they had taken the lead.

The game was played It was during this period conditions that Churchett showed him had Glenelg sup-

snatch victory in the last Three quick goals few minutes of play but, in their eagerness, fumbled Greatest difference in the ball, and the Torrens' the scores was early in the backmen were able to clear.

Brilliant display

For Torrens I give Wil-But Glenelg, with three lis first vote for a brilliant

Torrens' disposal of the matchwinner and is going

performances and fought the game

For Glenelg, Laffin is mentioned first because, Davies like Don Prior, a lot was (Glenelg) generally had expected of him and he the better of Bob Hank, did everything that was

> Bill Prior played andefence.

> Glenelg must be pleased

Bradford, His seven goals speak for Slaven, Carr. Bob Hank, Glen-nemselves, and when Davies, Wright, Curyer, L. Wright, Curyer. L.

Goalkickers-Torrens; (7) Bradford (3), Slaven (2). Carr. claimed by Nipper Brad-ford, who lost no oppor-Ray Bailey, Alf Bailey, Guy

Deane was superb in the

While the Sturt rucks

The game was full of

But Sturt steadily pushed

ahead in the last half, and

hrills up to half-time with

outpaced and outplayed

STURT BY 42 PTS.

By AMOS BOTTROFF

and overpowering rucks led by Fitzgerald gave Sturt victory by 42

was due mainly to polished first term, but Bill Kutcher

football, but South's vigor then found his feet and

kept the teams level up to became a match-winner

by rover Bernie Hill. South their opposition, Kutcher

had to include Bernie almost shut Deane out of

This resulted in deci- the lead changing hands

if anything, a better side. the match lost some of its

After an even first half, the brilliance of Bill Kutcher at centre

and 3rd Fnl. 10.10 15.13 17.19

9.7 11.8 11.13

for Sturt.

SCRAPE HOME OATEY'S LEAD INSPIRES NORWOOD

By VIC JOHNSON

Playing under ideal conditions in today's league football series, Norwood beat West by 14 points at Adelaide Oval. I believe they owed their win to a player many thought could no longer dominate a game-Jack Oatey.

Final Pts. Norwood 2-0 7-2 10-5 12-9 West . . 1-5 1-7

If ever a player set his plexion of the game, team an example of how In this term Norwood forward football should be looked a great side.

played, Oatey did today.

Four goals from Norwood's tally came directly from his boot, but I am prepared to say he participated in every goal they kicked.

The rucks were too strong for the opposing rucks, and, winning across centre, they took a firm grip of the game.

West were forced to shift Williams to half-for-

Similarly, for West Williams did everything a player could do for his team after his transfer to by 31 points. centre half-forward just before half-time.

He figured in most of West's scoring shots, and lifted them from a team playing ordinary lackadaisical football into one which became a strong force after half-time.

After Faeshe chosen the river end at the start, West had any amount of play in front of their opponents, but they centre but their attack was haphazard and ragged. The tremendously, and they were quite the equal of their opponents, but they suffered a severe blow when Cannon had to retire haphazard and ragged.

With Lambert at centre with a leg injury. half-back playing well, and Steadied his team aided by the valuable pocket work of Burke, West were forced to kick hurriedly and with no direc- Norwood,

wood only penetrated He also figured in the West's inner defence twice only other two scored by -for two goals - and, his side in this term, to aided by West's inaccuracy, led by one point at the first change.

For a short time in the second term the game de- Williams, who went veloped into a battle between the half-back lines the wing. Then Oatey swung into

action in attack.

had put Mayo in possession three himself from the for-ward pocket, and had altered the whole com-ward pocket, and had altered the whole com-

He has every reason to ward centre in place of be proud of his perform- Leith, who could not cope Redleg with Lambert. centre half-back

Williams soon made his presence felt after the long interval. His flashing leads, high-marking and long drop-kicks, put tremendous sting into West's attack.

Within 10 minutes. West were up alongside Norhad wood.

Their rucks improved

Just when it seemed West would forge ahead of Oatey steadled his team with a In direct contrast, Nor- much needed goal.

give the Redlegs a 12-point advantage at the last change.

Gallagher. who But they, too, had given played well for Norwood at no indication of what was centre wing, had to retire to come in the second with a leg injury at threequarter time.

> His place was taken by half-forward, and Drage to

Williams, for West, again In a few moments he put his team in touch with Norwood when he put Brown into possession for

Premiership list

			Points. Prem.		
	W.	L.	For.	Az.	Pts.
Port	2	-	171	94	
Norwood	2	_	232	132	
Torrens	2	-	206	183	
West	1	1	169	133	2
Start	. 1	1	186	230	2
Glenelg	-		144	188	_
North .	-	2	133	189	_
South		2	131	223	-

Top goalkickers

		Today, Total,			
Willis (7	orrens)		7	12	
Mayo (N	(becare		8	11	
Bradford	(Tor.)		8	8	
Phillips	(Sturt)			8	
Thomas	(West)		1	6	
Williams	(West)				
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Attendances at league football matches today totalled 34,400.

Oval totals were:—Ade-laide, 12,400; Glenelg, 9,800; Alberton, 8,600; 3,600.

Oatey was forced to rove for the first time in the game.

Agius gave lead

He steadled his team with his customary cool-ness, but Agius, with a neat goal, gave West a lead of one point for the first time since the early minutes of the first quarter.

One could then be for-given for thinking they again would go on and win it.
with a But it was not to be.

Lewis, performing grandly in the back pocket, saved West several times with great marks and dashing defence work. The minutes were ticking away.

But the Redleg leader tame to the rescue again to pull the game out of the

Combining well with Olds at centre wing, he figured in every forward move by Norwood in the closing stages.

Best Players-Norwood: Oatey, Marriott, Hall, Olds. Roberts, Gallagher Burke. West: Williams. Pachse, Brown, Lewis, Pranklin. Cannon (in-Jured Goalkickers-Norwood: Oatey

North play well to extend Port

By BOB DAVIS

Relying on too few players, Port were extended by a courageous under-manned North side at Alberton Oval today.

2nd 3rd Final Pts. Port . . . 4-3 6-4 10-8 83 12—11

ing them from the first he jumbled up Port's bounce, Port had 2-1 posted attack by his wandering. within five minutes—and and failure to return to that virtually won the his position quickly enough. game for them.

From that point, North burst, battled all the way.

resting ruckman Kretsch- ing their opponents than mer too strong. North's hard efforts contrasted with Port's work term was a goal. It came from seasoned players, who from a perfect chain of

were content to stand be- passes round the grandhind the packs and score stand wing. from the slips of North's over-taxed defenders.

Regular stars

Phillips, Aldenhoven, Gal-loway, and Weston—all However, injured — was definitely finished with Port still in missed by North, even front by 19 points. though the team played well.

On their showing today, second. Port will need to stabilise their forward line and control centreman Davey Boyd.

Although his breakaway in the third quarter was

With Fos Williams lead-profitable—he kicked 3-1-

Port's After North defenders recovered, and They had equally as quarter time the game was much forward play, but even. It was rugged, too, found Port's last-line de- with players seemingly fence by Russell, Abley and more concerned with crashgathering the ball. North's only score this

In the second quarter

North paced it with Port. The ball was continually in The steady influence of goals by Huppatz and Cox five regular stars—McKay, put them within eight the

much the same

smoother combination had he kept his undoubted ability at centre.

Blunden tireless

North's defence, headed by a tireless Blunden, who was acting captain in opening place of McKay, did great work repulsing constant Port attacks in the last quarter.

Towards the finish, play was scrambly with Port winners by about six goals. but it was a performance not creditable to last year's premiers.

Their back-pocket man Dick Russell was their best. His reliability and coolness in any crisis is excellent.

Blunden was best player of the match. Every time the ball came his way he stopped it, either with a well-judged mark or good ground play.

Scorers - Port: Boyd 12. Wheian 22. Growden 20. Williams 1.4. Garland 1.1. Whitaker, Fletcher, Trowse, each 1.0. Salvemini, Luke, each 0.1 North: The third quarter was Cox 2.1. Gilbourne, Puller, much the same as the Bryan each 1.1. Huppain, Kennett each 1.0 Stringer, Taylor, Cunningham each 0.1.

Boyd roamed to the for-ward lines looking for goals. He got three, but Port would have been a far

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It was the co-ordinated play of Deane, Panizza, and Toyne, who moved freely on the half-forward flank area, that kept South first out to the sec-Boorers—Sturt: Philips 4.2, Hunter 3.3, Hill 2.2, Boland 2.2, Battigan 2.0, Pitsgerald 1.3, Ladd 1.2, Green 1.0, Leske 0.2, Pasch 6.1, rushed 0.2, Bouth: Read 4.0, Toyne 2.2, Baussen 2.1 Veitch 1.3, Panissa 1.0, House 1.0, Desne 0.3, Walker first quarter. Deane 0.3 Walker 0.3. Parham 0.1 reformatted from

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