

# North battle to two-point win in slugging game

By BOB DAVIS

North, with some skill, managed to outlast the crude vigor of Glenelg at Prospect Oval today. North won by two points in an exciting finish.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3—2	7—5	10—8	12—10	82
Glenelg	3—4	6—6	10—10	11—14	80

Throughout the game the lead constantly changed.

The defences on both sides were on top all day. Early, Don Taylor, for the Bays, and McCann, for North, were outstanding.

Taylor continued to shine until North woke up in the last quarter to playing the other flank. McCann, however, faded.

It was this belated move of North's that probably gave them their win.

## Centenary toss

Winning across the centre, where Griffen continued his fine form of last week against Port, North first scored when Hubert McKenzie goaled after a good mark.

Crabb scored first goal for the Bays with an undeserved free near the goals.

The bright spot of this quarter was the colossal individual effort of Guy. Baulking cleverly, he ran about 30 yards with the ball to goal from an almost impossible angle.

Churchett displayed his customary accuracy to put the Bays up two points at quarter time.

Laurie Taylor, who was co-operating well with Davies, goaled immediately after the start of the next term.

Towards the end of the quarter Ray Bailey (Glenelg) thrilled the crowd with a glorious mark in the back pocket, but it was goal for goal, and North finished the term with a five-point advantage.

In the third quarter play continued in the same bullocking fashion. Glenelg were trying to seal the

game and Prior scored three nice goals.

North, however, were now equalling Glenelg with determination and vigor.

At the start of the final quarter North could score only points when goals were very necessary.

But play swung to Glenelg's end and Churchett booted his third goal to put them in front.

With the scores almost level at this stage I heard the crowd roaring for the first time in the three games I have seen this season.

In the last 10 minutes the lead changed at least six times, and with 1½ minutes left for play Phillips goaled, putting North three points in front.

Lyall Griffen again starred. Although not a polished footballer, he continually fed North's forward line with well-directed kicks.

Rover Hubert McKenzie was in the play all the time, and his four goals, with sound forward pocket play, stamped him as one of North's matchwinners.

For Glenelg, Don Taylor was impassable on his half-back flank. Sure marking, long kicking, and tons of spirit made him their best.

Best Players—North: Griffen, H. McKenzie, Carlsson, Kennett, Tidswell, Phillips Aldenhoven. Glenelg: D. Taylor, J. Taylor, R. Bailey, Prior, L. Taylor, Crabb, Davies.

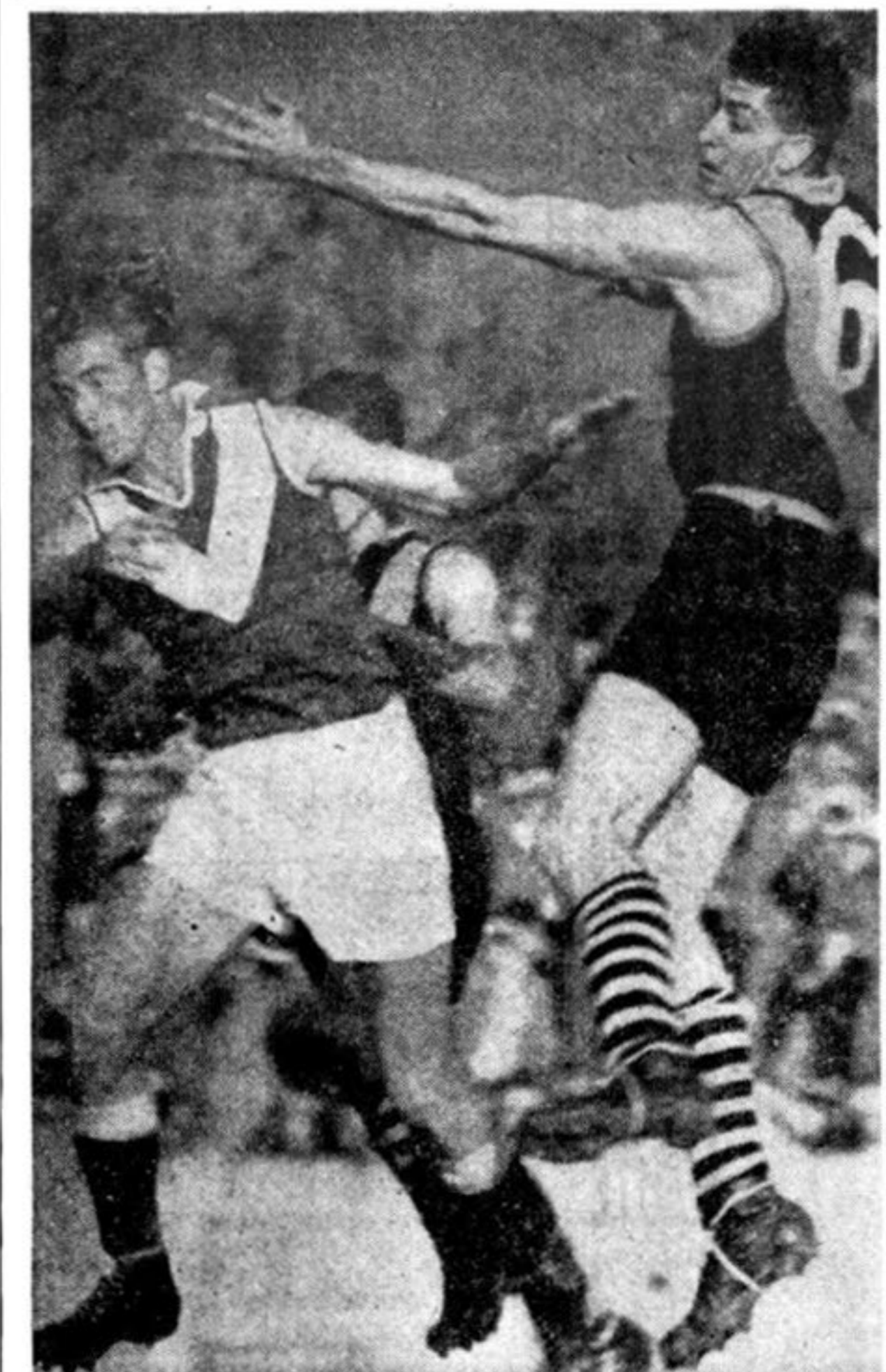
Scorers—North: Phillips 4.3, H. McKenzie 4.1, Griffen, Renner, Kennett each 1.1, Aldenhoven 1.0, rushed 0.3. Glenelg: Prior 4.2, Churchett 3.3, Guy, McPherson, L. Taylor each 1.1, Crabb 1.0, A. Bailey, Potter, Laffin, Davies each 0.1, rushed 0.2.

## Premiership list

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Norwood	3	—	385	193	6
Port	3	—	279	150	6
West	2	1	291	191	4
Torrens	2	1	262	291	4
North	1	2	215	269	2
Sturt	1	2	244	352	2
Glenelg	—	3	224	270	—
South	—	3	192	376	—

## Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Willis (Torrens)	4	16
Mayo (Norwood)	2	13
Brown (West)	5	10
Bradford (Torrens)	1	9
Phillips (Sturt)	1	9
Williams (West)	2	8
Read (South)	4	8
Walker (Norwood)	5	8
Churchett (Glenelg)	3	8



GIANT GLENELG ruckman Laffin, beat his North opponent Tidswell to the knockout in this incident in the league match at Prospect Oval this afternoon. Laffin palmed the ball to the rover with his open hand.

## Sturt fail against West's speed

By AMOS BOTTROFF

West trounced Sturt today by kicking 7-9 to 1-1 in the last quarter after Sturt had outpointed them in an interesting third-term battle at Adelaide Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	3—6	7—15	9—17	16—26	122
Sturt	2—1	4—4	7—9	8—10	58

Three features of West's play were responsible for their victory.

● Their greater natural all-round speed.

● The use of good handball to a moving player as an attacking rather than defensive medium.

● Stronger and better direct footpassing.

Sturt had battled solidly and gamely for three quarters, and just when it appeared there would be a strong, fighting finish their built-up efforts failed them and their slump was rather profound.

For West, Lewis was best. He hardly let a shot go past him all day. He was consistently under pressure, but returned the ball into play at every opportunity.

Lynch would rival him closely for his play at centre, where Kutcher rarely had a feel of the ball all day.

Brian Faehse was again a very solid defender who, after an early dual with Ladd, became a strong pivot for West.

Merv Agars gave one of his best rucking displays and appears to be very fit

at present. Brown and Agius both covered a great area very effectively and Williams did much at centre half-forward.

Fitzgerald, for Sturt, could easily be underrated. In every game, as in today's he appears to have the ball on a string and much is expected of him in this inexperienced side.

## Downing's display

Downing probably produced one of his best displays as custodian in a frequently bombarded area throughout the game. His kicking was very strong, but his main attributes were his strong defensive methods and good judgment.

Bagshaw (ruck), Fry (half-back), Leske (wing), and Boland (roving) were best of the remainder.

Best Players—West: Lewis, Lynch, Faehse, Agars, Brown, Williams, Agius. Sturt: Fitzgerald, Downing, Bagshaw, Fry, Leske, Boland, Berry.

Goalkickers—West: Brown 5.3, Williams 2.5, McKay 2.4, Agius 2.2, Leith 2.0, Zeuner 1.3, Agars 1.2, Mabarrack 1.2, Packham 0.2, rushed 0.2. Sturt: Ladd 2.1, Thompson 2.0, Phillips 1.3, Hill 1.2, Boland 1.1, Rattigan 1.0, Kutcher 0.1, Fitzgerald 0.1, Hunter 0.1.

## NORWOOD ALWAYS LOOKED WINNERS

By LEN SWAN

The result never looked in doubt at Norwood Oval today, and in spite of inaccuracy in front of goals, Norwood defeated South by 92 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4—10	8—17	14—26	20—33	153
South	3—0	6—5	8—6	9—7	61

It was a disappointing, one-sided game, with spectators sympathetic to South and generally grateful that Norwood did not kick straight.

Norwood started in complete control 20 minutes of the quarter had gone before South had the ball past their half-forward line. But in a brilliant burst, they posted three goals in as many minutes to get within five points of the home side.

Again in the second quarter South fought back and by accurate kicking crept within three points of Norwood but from then on they trailed badly.

For Norwood, Walker rucked strongly all day and was rarely beaten in the air. He made full use of his height and knocked from the crushes with intelligence to his rovers.

Gallagher was the best man across centre although he was ably supported by Blackmore and Olds. This trio kept their side in attack all day.

Marriott is gradually running into top form.

For South, Linke played splendidly. He kept Mayo down to two goals and turned Norwood time and again. Thompson, too, at centre half-back, did everything that was asked of him, and Fraser, until injured, combined valiantly with Veitch against the strong Norwood rucks.

Best Players—Norwood: Walker, Gallagher, Marriott, Blackmore, Olds, Oatev, Burke. South: Linke, Thompson, Fraser, Deane, Veitch, M. Read, East.

Scorers—Norwood: Walker 5.4, Oatev 3.3, Reimann 3.2, Mayo 2.4, Burke 2.0, Poedike 1.7, Hoy 1.3, Hall 1.2, Drake 1.1, Marriott 1.0, Potts 0.3, Olds, Gallagher 0.1, rushed 0.2. South: M. Read 4.3, Torne 1.1, Panizza, Walker, Ballantyne 1.0, East, Parham, Veitch 0.1.

## CLIFT'S BRILLIANCE LED PORT TO VICTORY

By VIC JOHNSON

A brilliant display by Roger Clift at centre half-back paved the way to an easy victory for Port against Torrens at Alberton Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1—2	8—8	12—9	16—12	108
Torrens	4—2	6—3	8—7	8—8	56

Clift was almost impassible.

His grand high-marking, strong dashes when clearing, and long drop kicks were a treat, and when Torrens were forced to

bring Willis from the goal-front to oppose him, it was the beginning of the end.

Playing alongside him at half-back right was Greer, who could not have

co-operated better.

These two players held the Magpies together when their rucks and rovers were not functioning properly early and when those players did strike form there was only one team in it.

Torrens have weaknesses which must be overcome particularly across centre, where they slump when Bob Hank is not allowed to control the centre position.

Clift, as I have mentioned, was brilliant. That is the only word for his game today.

Dittmar made an auspicious opening in league ranks, and much could be

said for some of the others notably Garland, McDonald, and Whitaker.

For Torrens I thought Sully's steadiness made him first choice. Willis with four goals, did everything asked of him while at full-forward and Prior and Ashby must be given full marks for their displays.

Scorers—Port: Trowse 5.3, Garland 2.2, Fletcher 2.1, Williams 2.1, Whitaker 2.0, Groden 1.1, Whelan 1.0, Luke 1.0, Marrett 0.2, Boyd 0.2, Dittmar 0.1. Torrens: Willis 4.0, Carr 1.3, Oates 1.1, Prior 1.1, Bradford 1.0, Ashby 0.1, Pyatt 0.1, rushed 0.1.

Best Players—Port: Clift, Greer, McDonald, Garland, Whitaker, Boyd, Dittmar, Torrens, Sully, Willis, Graham, Prior, Ashby, Crammond, Pyatt.