

FOUR WIDE OPEN

By LAWRIE JERVIS, jun.

After South's surprising but magnificently achieved win over Port today the League football final four is now wide open.

No longer are South the Cinderella team. From now on other teams must fear South rather than South fear them.

It is not that South beat Port, but in the way they beat them—fighting on all the way—that makes them dangerous.

With Norwood springing another surprise on Torrens, and West's defeat by Glenelg, the

first four teams have swung right round.

Torrens drop from second to third, while Norwood, because of better percentage, go into the four ahead of West.

Glenelg are still sixth though level on points with South (seventh), while Sturt trail the field.

There is no team in the competition at present safe from defeat

by any other side including Port, whose attack weakness was glaringly shown up today.

Attendances were:—
Adelaide (South v. Port) 10,600; Unley (North v. Sturt) 7,000; Norwood (Norwood v. Torrens) 10,500; Glenelg (Glenelg v. West) 7,000. Total, 35,100.

Aggregate for the season is now 294,778—nearly 34,000 greater than at this time last year.

Premiership list

| | W. | L. | For | Ag. | Pts. |
|---------|----|----|-----|-----|------|
| Port | 6 | 2 | 635 | 487 | 12 |
| North | 5 | 2 | 654 | 596 | 10 |
| Torrens | 5 | 3 | 706 | 654 | 10 |
| Norwood | 4 | 4 | 790 | 620 | 8 |
| West | 4 | 4 | 563 | 588 | 8 |
| Glenelg | 3 | 3 | 690 | 658 | 6 |
| South | 3 | 3 | 641 | 716 | 6 |
| Sturt | 2 | 4 | 591 | 554 | 4 |

Top goalkickers

| | Today | Total |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| Willie (Torrens) | 3 | 34 |
| Bradford (Tor.) | 4 | 32 |
| Phillips (North) | 1 | 22 |
| Mayo (Norwood) | — | 21 |
| Reed (South) | 2 | 21 |
| Churchett (Glen.) | 4 | 20 |
| Brown (West) | — | 16 |
| Carr (Torrens) | 1 | 15 |
| Phillips (Sturt) | — | 14 |
| Williams (West) | 2 | 14 |
| Boland (Sturt) | 2 | 12 |
| H. McKenzie (North) | — | 12 |
| Rundle (Glenelg) | 1 | 12 |
| L. Taylor (Glen.) | 5 | 12 |
| Walker (Nor.) | 3 | 12 |
| Haussen (South) | 3 | 11 |
| Fordike (Nor.) | — | 10 |
| Rattigan (Sturt) | 1 | 10 |
| Trowse (Port) | — | 10 |
| Whitaker (Port) | — | 10 |
| Aldenhoven (North) | 3 | 9 |
| Cave (Sturt) | 2 | 9 |
| Fletcher (Port) | 1 | 9 |
| Kennett (North) | 2 | 9 |
| Ladd (Sturt) | 1 | 9 |
| Thomas (West) | 1 | 9 |
| Williams (Nor.) | 2 | 9 |
| Poa Williams (Port) | — | 8 |

North, with more purpose, easily overpower Sturt

By VIC JOHNSON

Showing much more purpose in their football, North had little difficulty in beating Sturt at Unley Oval this afternoon.

Although the margin was 34 points in favor of North, I think that on the football shown the difference should have been greater.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------|------|
| North | 2—3 | 6—6 | 10—17 | 14—20 | 104 |
| Sturt | 3—3 | 5—5 | 7—9 | 10—10 | 70 |

North had a bad lapse of goalkicking in the third term, when, although they had most of the play, they could only add 4-11 from 15 scoring shots.

Sturt added 2-4 in this quarter.

Trailing 26 points at the last change—Sturt, who had lost Curnow with a back injury just before three-quarter time, had Fitzgerald in ruck, Cave at full forward, Thompson at the goalfront, and Bagshaw at centre half-back.

Looked better

The quarter was all in favor of North until very late.

They appeared by far the better side and at one stage had run to a lead of nearly eight goals.

But a last-minute burst by Sturt, during which Hunter goaled twice did make their score appear a little more respectable.

For North, I would rate Galloway as their best. He was seldom beaten, and showed tireless energy.

Aldenhoven gave another sound following exhibition and kicked three goals.

McKenzie, with his energetic roving, and McKay's fine keeping are also worthy of mention.

I thought Thompson, who brought down some beautiful marks—he is one tall man who knows how to use his height—and Fitzgerald, were about on a par.

The latter also marked finely and stopped many North attacks.

Boland, with a courageous roving display, and Chapman, with a sound game at full-back, also did well.

Best Players—North: Galloway, Aldenhoven, McKay, H. McKenzie, Glibourne, Fuller, Phillips. Sturt: Thompson, Fitzgerald, Boland, Bagshaw, Kitcher, Rattigan, Chapman.

Scorers—North: Aldenhoven 3.2, Cox 3.2, Fuller 2.3, Glibourne 2.2, Kennett 2.1, Phillips 1.5, Carlson 1.1, H. McKenzie 0.2, Tanner 0.1, Hancock 0.1. Sturt: Cave 3.3, Boland 2.3, Hunter 2.0, Rattigan 1.1, Thompson 1.1, Ladd 1.0, Marshall 0.1, Leake 0.1.

SOUTH'S THRILLING 2-pt. VICTORY

In a dramatic upset South beat the leaders Port by two points in a thrilling finish at Adelaide Oval today.

South owe their win to their control of the key positions and the fast tireless play of their rucks.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|
| South | 2—1 | 4—3 | 7—7 | 9—8 | 62 |
| Port | 2—3 | 4—3 | 6—7 | 8—12 | 60 |

South played fast, systematic football.

There was nothing between them early.

Port had a definite advantage in ruck, but this was more than offset by South's control in key positions.

Jim Deane early gave an indication of his understanding of the vital centre half-forward position.

His fast leads for the ball and bullet-like passes cut holes in the Port defence.

It was a tense struggle late in the game with the lead swinging from one team to the other.

But Deane, going on to the ball at the critical moment for South, steadied his side with cool play in the crushes and South ran out winners in a close finish.

Jim Deane deserves a lot of credit for South's win.

His fast, open play and bullet passes opened out the South attack.

His ability to hold the side together in the tense finish were the hallmarks of a great player and a fine leader.

Faultless game

Ray Linke turned in another faultless game for South at centre half-back.

His ability to spoil in the air and recover quickly when the ball was forced on to the turf had the Port half-forward line in trouble throughout.

Others to play well for South were Tabé, who battled strongly in the ruck, Parham, who shut Boyd out of the game at centre, and Haussen, who roved with plenty of dash.

Harold McDonald did not put a foot wrong for Port at centre wing.

He held his wing open for Port all day, and he must have been tired of driving the ball into his forwards.

Russell was very solid in defence, and Keough played well when sent to centre wing.

Best Players—South: Deane, Linke, Tabé, Parham, Fraser, Haussen, Abbott, Port, McDonald, Russell, Abley, Growden, Keough, Williams, Garland.

Scorers—South: Haussen, 3.1, Read 2.1, Brand 2.0, Toyné 1.0, Hewitt 1.0, Deane 0.2, Fraser 0.2, rushed 0.2. Port: Garland 2.4, Growden 2.1, Marrett 2.0, Dittmar 1.0, Fletcher 1.0, Williams 0.2, Whitaker 0.2, Kretschmer 0.2, Whelan 0.1.

Glenelg slow to find touch

By LEN SWAN

After an unimpressive start Glenelg rallied and with greatly improved football took the initiative to defeat West by 21 points at Glenelg Oval today.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|
| Glenelg | 1—0 | 7—4 | 10—8 | 16—13 | 109 |
| West | 5—5 | 6—5 | 8—9 | 13—10 | 88 |

West started the game with such speed and certainty that Glenelg were nonplussed and left flat-footed.

The wind had some influence on the game, but this handicap was no excuse for Glenelg's first quarter showing. Glenelg had no answer to West's pace, and had it not been for Don Taylor, would have been even further behind at the first change.

West posted the first goal in the second quarter to give them nearly a six-goal lead. The result then looked forgone but Glenelg became a transformed side as Churchett and L. Taylor made the forward line work like a machine.

Inspired form

This inspired form continued for the remainder of the game, and West could not break their confidence and determination.

Glenelg's back lines were consistent throughout with Don Taylor shining as the best player afield, but Glenelg's success was due in the main to two factors.

● An improvement across centre after the first quarter.

● Fine forward work by Churchett, L. Taylor, and Jones. This has been absent from Glenelg's play previously this season.

Had no answer

West were on top early because they kept the ball in the open and took full advantage of their pace.

Colin Brown in particular could not be checked, and he made every use of his speed to get West moving.

It was when Glenelg started to drive the ball in high and straight down the centre that West did not have the answer to Davies, Churchett, and L. Taylor.

For Glenelg, Don Taylor was easily first choice. His first half was brilliant, and he must be a certain choice for the State 18.

Laurie Taylor was next because he did so much to install system into Glenelg's forward lines and allow others to score with his driving leads.

Churchett is rated equally for a fine game at centre half-forward — including four clever goals.

West uneven

West were uneven, and their best were not easy to select. Colin Brown, however, did all that was asked of him by roving cleverly. Thomas rucked strongly against good opposition, and Lynch was often brilliant early.

Best Players—Glenelg: D. Taylor, Churchett, L. Taylor, J. Taylor, Prior, Jones, Crabb, Davies. West: Brown, Thomas, Lynch, Lewis, Semmler, Hole, Edwards.

Scorers—Glenelg: L. Taylor 5.1, Churchett 4.3, Jones 3.1, McPherson 2.0, Rundle 1.3, Potter 1.2, Crabb 0.2, J. Taylor 0.1. West: Williams 3.1, Hole 2.1, Packham 2.0, Agars 1.3, Edwards, Leath 1.1, Slattery, McKay, Thomas 1.0, Brown 0.2, rushed 0.1.

IT WAS A MIXED DAY FOR VETERAN

Johnny Taylor, Glenelg captain and coach, who played his 250th game today, received a presentation, won a trophy, and was reported.

Taylor played a first-class game.

He was chaired off the ground by his teammates, and afterwards received a presentation from the chairman of the Glenelg committee (Mr. E. Rix).

Taylor was reported by boundary umpire R. K. Lewis and goal umpire M. Innes for allegedly charging Lynch (West Adelaide) in the second quarter.

Other Glenelg trophies went to Don Taylor and Colin Churchett.

Jubilant South supporters gave three cheers for their team in the dressing room after the game against Port. £6 donated by ex-

South captain Frank Tully was split up between Deane, Linke, Allen, Tabé, Dunn, and Haussen.

Greer (Port), who suffered a leg injury, was replaced by Dinning in the second quarter in the game against South.

There was a dazzling display at Norwood in the third quarter when Doug Olds, hotly pressed by two Torrens players, raced round a semi-circle, and passed to Kevin Gallagher 40 yards away. Gallagher marked brilliantly and his 50-yard streaking kick went through off players' hands.

(Glenelg kicking up and names underneath)

(West probable placings only)

Semmler
L. Taylor

Lewis Bundle Thomas Potter

Hewitt Faehac Stell

McPherson Churchett Guy

Slattery Lynch Eglinton

Marshall Davies Curyer

F. Mabarrack Williams O. Hole

Bone D. Taylor W. Prior

R. Mabarrack Leith

Wickham A. Bailey

Packham
E. Bailey

Rucks — Glenelg: Crabb, J. Taylor, Jones, Potter, A. Bailey, McPherson. West: McKay, Agars, Brown, Leith, Thomas, K. Mabarrack.

Reserves—Glenelg: Kempson, Lafty, West: Christopherson, Edwards, B. Smith.

Umpire—B. M. Harvey.

REDLEGS SHOW BRILLIANT FORM

By AMOS BOTTROFF

A brilliant revival of form by Gallagher and Olds, coupled with Marriott's best game for the season, so lifted the whole Norwood team that they decisively downed the fast systematic Torrens side at Norwood Oval today.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|------|------|-------|------|
| Norwood | 1—9 | 2—13 | 8—21 | 12—27 | 99 |
| Torrens | 2—1 | 8—3 | 9—5 | 11—15 | 81 |

Norwood provided even greater speed and more vigorous football than their opponents.

Gallagher was at his best and could have been classed a matchwinner but for the equally great performance of Marriott.

Olds, too, produced his top form of two seasons ago, and no team in the league could have held these three players today.

I think the pressure of the second hard game in the week had an effect on Torrens' touch, but Norwood were so much better from early in the first quarter that they deserve full credit for their win.

Many changes

Changes were made by both teams during the day. The most notable were:

Marriott's temporary transfer into goals to curb Willis in the second quarter, although Reimann played well to keep Willis to three goals.

The moving of Ray Hank from wing to rove, where he was much more effective.

The need for Bob Hank to twice transfer himself in an effort to stop Gallagher, but no one would have held Gallagher on the day, so Lodge was asked to do his best.

Norwood's third quarter was the most brilliant league football I've seen for a long time.

Marriott's rucking, Heidenreich's play at half-forward, Robert's great dashes from half-back, where the ball rarely passed, the brilliant work of Olds, and the speed of Gallagher were some of the features of a great, sustained effort.

Best Players—Norwood: Marriott, Gallagher, Olds, Drage, Walker, Hall, Roberts, Lambert. Torrens: Pyatt, Bob Hank, Bradford, Ray Hank, Willis, Lodge.

Goalkickers.—Norwood: Hall 3.1, Williams 2.5, Drage 2.3, Walker 2.2, Heidenreich 1.3, Burke 1.2, Davies 1.2, Mayo 0.3, Fordike 0.3, Gallagher 0.2, rushed 0.1. Torrens—Bradford 4.1, Willis 3.2, Ray Hank 1.3, Carr 1.1, Ashby 1.0, Pyatt 1.0, Lodge 0.1, Sully 0.1, W. Hank 0.1, rushed 0.5.