

# TORRENS IN EASY WIN

By BRIAN SHEA

Playing with much better system, Torrens easily defeated Glenelg at Thebarton today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	2-1	9-6	10-9	16-16	112
Glenelg	3-2	5-2	9-5	14-6	90

After trailing Glenelg in the first quarter, Torrens broke through when Bob Hank seized control of the pivot, and his ability to keep Torrens in attack was the deciding factor in their easy win.

Glenelg opened the game as if their reachy players would completely swamp Torrens with their straight-down-the-ground game.

## Freak marks

Churchett's clever position play at centre half-forward and almost freak marks gave them a clear road to goal.

His understanding with Laurie Taylor sent Glenelg off to a handy lead, when Taylor booted two magnificent goals from the half-forward line.

Their advantage was shortlived, however, and the gradual ascendancy of the Torrens' rucks spelled trouble for Glenelg.

Torrens broke away cleanly from the centre bounce, and with Willis coming into the game, Glenelg's lead was cut to seven points at quarter time.

Don Taylor had hardly given Torrens centre half-forward, Clingly, a kick, and he was ranging wide out on the wings to break up Torrens' attacks.

He was the main problem for Torrens to solve before they could hope to break away from Glenelg.

When Bob Hank came into the play at centre the game suddenly swung in Torrens' favor.

His faultless passing opened up the game in attack for Torrens, and Cockshell, running wide out on the left half-forward flank, made many more opportunities for Willis, Torrens' goalsneak.

## Turning point

This second quarter was the turning point, and although Glenelg fought on strongly, their rather haphazard attacks gave them little chance against the

speedy system shown by their opponents.

With Willis marking as he liked against Hunt, and their ruck facing an uphill fight, Glenelg made a desperate gamble which did not pay off.

Laurie Taylor was taken from full-forward, and after a run on the ball he was sent to mind Willis, as goalkeeper.

It was noticeable that Glenelg could not push home their attacks with Taylor out of the forward line, and in the third-quarter they reverted to Laurie Taylor as goalsneak.

Glenelg failed to make full use of the breeze after half-time, and with Alf Roberts checking Churchett closely at centre-half, their direct road to goal was shut off.

Glenelg played their best football early in the last quarter, but they suffered a blow when Johnny Taylor could not resume after pulling an abdominal muscle.

Bob Hank played magnificent football for Torrens. He was the prime mover in nearly every one of Torrens' attacks and his brilliant, sustained effort was the biggest single factor in Torrens' win.

Lodge kept one wing open for Torrens throughout the game. His fast ground play and accurate passing gave Torrens a definite edge across centre.

Don Taylor was the outstanding player for Glenelg. He ranged over the full area of Glenelg's half-back line. His ability to make the extra yard brought off some phenomenal saves for Glenelg.

Jones roved with plenty of dash for Glenelg and McPherson was another to play well.

**Best Players—Torrens:** Bob Hank, Lodge, Cockshell, Coverlid, Alf Roberts, Willis, Sully.  
**Glenelg:** Don Taylor, Jones, L. Taylor, McPherson, Lamn, Wright, Churchett.

**Scorers—Torrens:** Willis 6.3, Cockshell 4.0, Bradford 3.3, Ashby 1.2, Coverlid 1.2, Prior 1.0, Lodge 0.2, Clingly 0.1, rushed 0.3, Glenelg: L. Taylor 4.0, McPherson 3.2, Churchett 2.2, Jones 2.0, Lamn 1.1, Rundle 1.0, Crobb 1.0, Potter 0.1.

# North system and speed dazzle Port

By AMOS BOTTROFF

Throwing a complete blanket over Port's half-forward line and playing with such dazzling speed and system everywhere else, North had Port so bewildered that they unexpectedly trounced them 11-6 to 3-5, in the first half at Prospect this afternoon.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	6-5	11-6	12-9	14-12	96
Port	1-3	3-5	4-8	7-12	54

It was North's first victory over Port since their premiers year, 1949. Port have since beaten them nine times in a row.

It was an even last half, with Port slightly more successful.

So fast and venomous was the play and so strong the attack that no team in the league would have lived with North as they cashed in on everything, including Port's knocks at the bounce.

Both teams finished full of fight, but Port concluded their unsuccessful day with 17 men, as Abley (third quarter) and Williams and Keough each left the field with injuries.

## Griffin best

For North Griffin was best, as he held centre all day.

McKay, out of much of the game early, had a

brilliant third-quarter and fine last term.

Phillips played a heady game in attack and on the ball, and Gilbourne contributed greatly to North's drive in attack.

North had no passengers. For Port McDonald really stood alone, with four good quarters. He was best on the ground today.

Whitaker and Williams (until injured) both had a good second half and Growden appeared to be fairly well placed at centre half-forward.

**Best Players—North:** Griffin, McKay, Phillips, Gilbourne, Hancock, Galloway (until injured), Stringer, Port: H. McDonald, Whitaker, Williams, Growden, Russell, Dinning.

**Goalkeepers—North:** Phillips 3.2, Gilbourne 3.1, Kennett 2.2, McKenzie 2.1, Fuller 2.0, Cox 1.2, Carlson 1.1, Griffin 0.2, Aldenhoven 0.1, Port: Whitaker 2.1, Growden 2.0, Williams 1.3, Boyd 1.1, Dittmar 1.0, Garland 0.2, White 0.1, Keough 0.1, Whelan 0.1, Marrett 0.1, McDonald 0.1.

# Port still on top

By LAWRIE JERVIS

Port, defeated today for the third time this season, still head the premiers table, but only on percentage.

North (second) and Torrens (third) are level with Port on points. So precarious is Port's position at the top that defeat by Torrens next week could cause them to drop to fourth place.

Only change in the premiers table after today's ninth minor round series was that South climbed over Glenelg into sixth place, level on points with West.

Glenelg now look to have an almost impossible job to get into the final four, because the other teams are playing so well.

Norwood look fairly solidly entrenched now, but the up-and-coming young South side are the danger.

Attendances today were: Prospect (North v. Port) 10,600; Thebarton (Torrens v. Glenelg) 7,500; Norwood (Norwood v. West) 7,200; Adelaide (South v. Sturt) 7,000; total, 32,300.

## Premiership list

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Port	6	3	689	503	12
North	6	3	759	630	12
Torrens	6	3	818	774	12
Norwood	5	4	897	693	10
West	4	5	620	645	8
South	4	5	623	761	8
Glenelg	3	6	699	770	6
Sturt	2	7	636	936	4

## Top goalkickers

	Today	Ttl.
Willis (Torrens)	6	49
Bradford (Torrens)	3	26
Phillips (North)	3	25
Read (South)	4	25
Mayo (Norwood)	1	22
Churchett (Glen.)	2	22
Brown (West)	1	17
L. Taylor (Glen.)	4	16
Carr (Torrens)	—	15
Phillips (Sturt)	—	14
Williams (West)	—	14
H. McKenzie (Nth.)	2	14
Haussen (South)	3	14
Boland (Sturt)	1	13
Rundle (Glenelg)	1	13
Walker (Norwood)	1	13
Whitaker (Port)	2	12
Cave (Sturt)	2	11
Kennett (North)	2	11
Williams (Norwood)	2	11
Fosdike (Norwood)	—	10
Potts (Norwood)	3	10
Rattigan (Sturt)	—	10
Trowse (Port)	—	10
Oatey (Norwood)	3	10
Fos. Williams (P.)	1	10
Growden (Port)	2	10
Hall (Norwood)	2	10
Jones (Glenelg)	2	10

# BIG MEN GIVE REDLEGS EASY WIN OVER WEST

By VIC JOHNSON

With their big followers in charge from the first bounce, Norwood had little difficulty in defeating West by 40 points at Norwood today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	3-2	10-12	14-13	15-17	107
West	2-2	4-3	8-5	10-7	67

The disadvantage imposed on the rest of the team at the centre bounce, and all other parts of the field, caused them to fall into limitless errors in their play, and they looked like anything but a good side today.

Play generally, except for the second term when Norwood played really fine football, was disappointing.

West were trailing 45 points at half-time, and should have been further behind.

Walker was my choice as Norwood's best, his strong following and fine marking being in evidence throughout.

Gallagher was never beaten at centre wing, and Oatey must be given credit for a brainy game.

Brown stood out for West; he never gave up and was one of the few West men who disposed of the ball properly.

Lewis again played well in the back pocket and was well supported by Semmler until his injury, while Eglinton was the only player across centre to hold his own for West.

**Best Players—Norwood:** Walker, Gallagher, Hall, Marriott, Oatey, Edwards, Williams, West, Brown, Lewis, Eglinton, Hole, Faehse, Williams, Packham.

**Scorers—Norwood:** Potts 3.2, Oatey 3.0, Williams 2.3, Hall 2.0, Heidenreich 2.0, Walker 1.3, Gallagher 1.3, Mayo 1.1, Fosdike 0.2, Drage 0.2, Marriott 0.1, West: Packham 2.0, Agara 2.1, Hole 1.3, Brown 1.1, McKay 1.0, Zeuner 1.0, Lewis 1.0, Thomas 0.1, Hillebrand 0.1.

# SOUTH EASILY DOWN STURT

By LEN SWAN

Although South had little difficulty in defeating Sturt by 37 points at Adelaide Oval today the standard of play was not high.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	2-6	6-10	10-12	11-16	82
Sturt	2-1	3-3	5-6	6-9	45

South, however, did produce bursts of teamwork that could be associated with their form of the last few weeks.

Sturt had few players at top form and they lacked determination.

Only Fitzgerald saved them from being more soundly thrashed by South. Fitzgerald transferred from centre half-back after the long interval and rucked continuously for the last half of the game.

## Fine roving

South were a fairly even side, and although Haussen left the field in the last quarter with an injured ankle, he is mentioned first for a very fine roving performance.

Today he produced pace and stamina made him the best rover afield. Fraser was also promi-

nent round the ruck fringes and made few mistakes. Coulls played a fine game against the pacy Sturt winger Kutcher.

## No co-operation

For Sturt, Fitzgerald was outstanding, whether at centre half-back or on the ball. He is a heady player, and at times must be discouraged by the lack of co-operation he receives from his side.

Leske did well at centre and on the day had the edge on Parham, the South centre man, who in past weeks has done so well.

**Best Players—South:** Haussen, Fraser, Coulls, Linke, Panizza, Dean, Allen, Sturt: Fitzgerald, Leske, Kutcher, Boland, Downing, Thompson, Berry.

**Scorers—South:** Read 4.1, Haussen 3.3, Hewitt 2.3, Fraser 2.2, Dean 0.5, Tabe 0.1, rushed 0.1, Sturt: Cave 2.1, Fitzgerald 2.0, Hill 1.2, Boland 1.1, Ladd, Rattigan, Bagshaw, Marshall 0.1, rushed 0.1.