

# TORRENS BEAT NORWOOD IN CLOSE GAME

By JOHN STEVENS

Torrens beat Norwood at Adelaide Oval today in the last 15 minutes of the game.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3—3	5—6	7—11	12—17	89
Norwood	4—4	6—5	8—9	9—11	65

Until that last quarter of an hour, it could have been anybody's game.

Both sides had plugged away with dogged individual efforts rather than sustained teamwork—natural enough for the first game of the season—but neither had been able to gain a winning advantage in any part of the field.

In the final 15 minutes it was a case of the hardened, tried player finishing with greater stamina than his equally well-equipped, but less experienced, opponent.

Torrens, who had been vigorous all day, finally broke down Norwood's resistance and with Roberts absent from the back pocket, and other Norwood men jarred from bumps and knocks, the Redlegs could not hold back the tide.

**Best players:** West Torrens—Robb Hank, Coverlid, Ray, Hank, Prior, Bradford, Clingly, Norwood—Walker, Edwards, Merritt, Roberts, Olds, Vivian.

**Goalkeepers:** West Torrens—Bradford, 4.2; Ray, Hank, Head and Willis, each 2.2; Cockshell, 1.1; Coverlid, 1.0; Pyatt, Bill, Hank, each 0.3; Lodge, 0.1; rushed, 0.1; Nelson hit a goalpost. Norwood—Mayo, 3.1; Walker, 2.1; Dalwood, 2.0; Foodike, Gallagher, each 1.0; Nelson, Young, each 0.2; Vivian, Blackmore, Olds, Couch, Rob Williams, each 0.1; Pyatt and Ray Hank hit goalposts.

## Port and North selected

By Vic Johnson

After today's excellent opening to the league football season, I expect next Saturday's program to be equally as good.

The two main matches appear to be today's winners, Port and Torrens, at Thebarton, and North against Norwood at Norwood.

I am choosing Port and North to win.

At Glenelg, Glenelg will meet West, and here I favor Glenelg. South will play Sturt at Adelaide Oval, and I think Sturt will win.

## League table

	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.
Glenelg	1	—	138	74	2
Torrens	1	—	89	65	2
West	1	—	76	64	2
Port	1	—	63	56	2
North	—	1	56	63	—
Sturt	—	1	64	76	—
Norwood	—	1	65	89	—
South	—	1	74	138	—

## Goalkickers

	Today
Hall (Glenelg)	7
Phillips (North)	4
Bradford (Torrens)	4
Head (South)	4
Hausen (South)	4

# INDIVIDUAL EFFORT GAVE WEST WIN OVER STURT

By DAVID BOWMAN

Individual efforts, not system, gave West their win against Sturt at Unley Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	0—4	6—7	8—11	10—16	76
Sturt	1—6	3—8	8—10	9—10	64

**Goalkickers:** West Adelaide—McKay 3.1; Bern, Slattery and C. Hole, each 2.0; Brown 1.3; Hildebrand 1.1; Cannon 1.0; Broadstock and Packham, each 0.2; Lynch, M. Hole, Thomas, Tregenza, each 0.1; knocked or rushed 0.3. Sturt—Fitzgerald 3.0; Phillips 2.4; Ladd 2.2; Hill 1.1; Shanks 1.0; Becker 0.2; Thompson 0.1.

**Best players:** West Adelaide—Brown, Lynch, Bern, Slattery, M. Hole, Pachie, Lewis, Sturt—Fitzgerald, Hunter, Kitcher, Hill, Shanks, Curnow.

# PORT JUST BATTLE HOME AGAINST NORTH IN TOUGH OPENER

By VIC JOHNSON

More than 13,000 fans at Prospect Oval today saw Port beat North by seven points in one of the hardest fought opening league games I can remember for some years.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1—5	2—11	5—14	8—15	63
North	2—4	4—6	7—11	7—14	56

Port played their best football for the game in the last 10 minutes of play and fought on grimly.

The teams were locked together for most of the game, the greatest margin separating them being 13 points late in the third term in North's favor.

Port's victory was solely due to their tenacity and will to win.

Their attack at times looked deplorable, but the case with which Williams and Whitaker were able to take the ball on the ruck fringes found a glaring weakness in North's roving.

## Magpie rovers

North were by far the better team in the air and in their precision in attack, but they were never able to cope with the Magpie rovers. Williams was almost up to his best form of two seasons ago.

North won the toss, but that success was negligible as there was no wind at all to affect the game.

Port were soon into their stride, and showed great dash, but the forwards lacked purpose and took no time to steady themselves before disposing of the ball. Consequently they failed in accuracy.

North, on the other hand, had very few chances, but there was more polish about their display.

Although they could obtain only two goals four behinds from their six scoring attempts, Port could manage only one goal five behinds from five more tries, and were led by five points at quarter-time.

The frees given to them were Port 7 and North 8.

Marks taken were Port 10 and North 9.

The second quarter saw no improvement in the Magpie's accuracy, and they were able to add only 1 goal 6 behinds while North gained 2 goals 2 behinds.

It was a repetition of the first quarter, one team bulldozing their way and the other trying to make the best of its limited opportunities.

Port had an advantage across centre and on the ruck fringes, but North's defence, ably led by McKay, forced them into errors.

The game was willing, but cleanly fought, and it was already evident there would be a close finish.

Frees in the second term were North 5 and Port 3. Marks taken were North 24, Port 16.

North's margin was seven points at half-time.

Luke was at centre half-forward for Port on the resumption of play, Motley going to half-forward right. North did not make any changes.

Jaggard soon evened the scores for Port, but this was North's best term and their last goal-scoring quarter.

## Superb marking

Phillips' forward football had that touch of class for which he is so well known, and Proud rose to great heights, literally speaking.

Proud's marking was superb, as was most of North's tall men, but a tireless Port defence stopped the runaway, and at the same time, I thought, sapped the pace

from the Northerners.

Port were trailing for most of the term, and were 13 points behind with only minutes of the quarter left to play. But they managed to reduce the deficit to nine points before the siren.

Frees given in this quarter were North 2 and Port 4. Marks taken were North 21 and Port 14.

Donnithorpe, at half-back left, had a leg injury, and was replaced by Vaughan for North to begin the last term. McKay took a turn on the ball.

Both Vaughan and McKay were instantly under notice, but much resultless play followed, the game seesawing from end to end.

North were still supreme in the air, but Port hung on grimly.

## Scrambly play

Actually the play became scrambling and unattractive, but this was more than evened by the keenness of the struggle.

Jaggard, who had been outstanding in Port's attack at half forward left, evened the scores at 7-14 each.

Then McKay was caught holding the ball, after Boyd, with strong centre football had forced it forward.

Motley, who was doing better on the flank at half-forward, gave Port a six-point lead with the kick.

All players were on their toes now, and when North went forward they ran into a tight Magpie defence.

Whitaker's point made the game safe for Port, and gave them a seven-point winning margin.

During this term, North were held goalless and Port obtained three goals.

Their goal sense improved out of sight.

Frees given for the last term were North 4 and Port 5. Marks taken were North 15 and Port 6.

Frees for game were Port 19 and North 19. Marks were North 69 and Port 46.

## Jaggard best

For Port, I thought Jaggard was best. His lightning pace, position play, and tenacity enabled him to be their leading goalkicker with three goals.

Williams and Whitaker roved well and the Port leader was the best afield in that position. He should have a good year.

Salvemini held one wing safely throughout despite Hancock's height advantage, and his left turn served him well for some neat kicking.

I give the palm to McKay as best for North. He is a grand goalkicker, and was right at his top, which is saying something.

Phillips played the forward pocket to perfection. His smart leads and coolness in disposal of the ball provided an education for younger players.

Proud had some fine patches whether following or resting in a forward pocket, and will be a tower of strength to North.

**Best Players:** Port: Jaggard, Williams, Salvemini, Whitaker, Growden, Cliff, Boyd, North: McKay, Phillips, Proud, Fuller, Tanner, McCann, Griffin.

**Goalkickers:** Port: Jaggard 3.4, Whitaker 1.4, Williams 1.3, Luke 1.1, Trowe 1.0, Motley 1.0, Growden 0.3, North: Phillips 4.4, Proud 1.4, McKenzie 1.1, Stringer 1.0, Odgers 0.3.

## COLTS' GAMES

**Senior:**—Torrens 7-13, Norwood 7-2, North 8-9, Port 6-13, Glenelg 15-10, South 6-7, West 7-8, Sturt 4-11.  
**Junior:**—Port 15-20, South 1-4, Torrens 14-15, West 1-0.

# BAYS' MATCHWINNING BURST AGAINST SOUTH

By HUBERT BIGGS

After a rather uncertain start, Glenelg got really down to business in a devastating finishing onslaught against South at Kensington Oval, and their 50 points in the last term while they held their rivals scoreless were very convincing.

Glenelg	5—5	9—9	13—10	20—18	138
South	4—3	8—5	11—8	11—8	74

Until the final change-over, it was anyone's game.

There were many times when the Bays handled the ball more safely than the city players, but South always gave the impression, until that one-sided climax, that they still had victory just outside their grasp.

It seemed strange to see Pat Hall, former Norwood follower, in the stripes of the Tigers, but he undoubtedly proved the deciding factor in the 64-point win.

For a season's opening game, when players could be excused for an occasional fumbling and hesitancy, the speed and system were well above average.

At the start of the closing term South trailed by 14 points.

It was obvious a great rally would be needed to overhaul the now confident seaiders.

And South did not fulfil their early promise. They just fizzled out.

Previously South could always be relied on for intermittent bursts, but they just seemed to give up the fight in the face of the all-conquering Glenelg team.

The winners proved by that burst that they may well develop a superiority sufficient to put them well to the forefront of the league fight.

Because of his fine marking, effective work on the ball, and high standard of sharpshooting, I name Glenelg's Pat Hall as best on the ground.

His seven goals from nine scoring shots tell their own story, but more

than that, his ability to revitalise the Bays when South frequently threw out hot challenges, promises well for his first season as the team's captain-coach.

Neil Davies once more proved his worth as a utility player for the Tigers, and until Hall's spectacular second half he shared the starring honors with his captain.

Of a fairly even bunch of other useful men among the winners, Bone cleared well in defence, Don Taylor flashed out at times with rugged work at centre half-back, although shaded by Deane, and Alf Bailey did quite well opposed to Denis Parham at centre.

While not at his superb best, Jimmy Deane made many openings with classy ground work and neat kicking for the losers. His task became an impossible one when South laded so badly in the final quarter.

Parham, with his sterling effort in the pivot, and Barney Hausen, an elusive rover could well be bracketed with Deane in South's outstanding trio.

Of the rest, I thought Bob Allen showed lacking promise, Murray Fraser was often a batter, and Ray Panizza was usually in the picture on a half-forward flank.

**Best players:**—Glenelg—Hall, Davies, Bone, D. Taylor, A. Bailey, B. Wright, South Adelaide—Deane, Parham, Hausen, Allen, Fraser, R. Panizza.

**Goalkickers:**—Glenelg—Hall, 7.2, Davies, 1.3, Prior, 1.1, Churchett, 2.4, Guy, 2.2, King, 2.0, Crabbe, 1.2, Marshall, Potter and Bailey, 0.1. South Adelaide—Hausen 4.2, Read 4.2, Hewitt 1.1, Deane 1.1, Wilson, 1.0, Fraser, 0.1, rushed, 0.1.