

Port, Torrens equal

By Vic Johnson
Port's defeat by Glenelg, coupled with Torrens' win over West, has brought Port and Torrens even on premiership points at the head of the league premiership table. Port shows a slightly better percentage.

Norwood remain third, and Glenelg have strengthened their hold on fourth position.

North are still fifth, but their defeat today proves costly, as they are now four points away.

In next Saturday's games South will play Norwood at Adelaide. I will stick to Norwood.

Port meet West at Alberton, where the Magpies are not doing at all well, having suffered their only three defeats there. However, I choose them to win.

Torrens are at home to Glenelg at Thebarton. Torrens are my choice.

In the other game, Sturt and North at Unley, which could also end either way, I favor North.

Official attendances at today's league football matches were: Adelaide Oval, 6,000; Alberton, 8,100; Thebarton, 6,700; Norwood, 7,800—a total of 28,600.

BAYS DESERVED WIN: PORT'S GREAT THIRD TERM

By LEN SWAN

In a brilliant fighting finish, Glenelg defeated Port by 12 points at Alberton Oval today. After Port's spectacular third quarter, Glenelg seemed certain to lose, but they fought back most impressively and fully deserved their win.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	6-2	7-4	9-5	14-9	93
Port	3-1	5-7	10-12	11-15	81

Port were unchanged, but Glenelg found it necessary to replace Kempson (leg injury) with Bailey. Leigh came into reserve. Winning the toss, Hall took advantage of a slight breeze to the Cheltenham end.

The big crowd showed little interest at the start, but enthusiasm increased as the game developed into a spectacular battle. It was a good, fast, appealing match from start to finish.

Marshall's success was the biggest contributing factor in the Bay win.

In the first half, Edwards and Bailey did reasonably well, but during Port's scintillating third quarter McDonald and Boyd were the masters, and had Marshall not continued to excel Glenelg would have been completely defeated across centre, and without an avenue to goal.

Other factors in Glenelg's win were their ruck strength plus the fact that for the first time for many

weeks their rovers were on top and able to take advantage of the knocks.

Brian Wright gave a grand display at centre half-forward, and with Churchett retaining his form of last week, and playing as if he were enjoying himself, Glenelg had a good chance to score when they did go goalward.

Glenelg started confidently, Churchett and Brian Wright soon had two goals each, and they finished the first quarter looking likely winners. Had it not been for fine defence by Russell and Abley, the lead would have been greater.

The second term was a real battle but Port gradually reduced their deficit to nine points by the long interval. It was a vigorous struggle.

Fought back

In the third quarter Port produced the best football of the match. With Boyd and McDonald breaking a way, and Glenelg powerless to check them, it certainly looked all over for the Bays.

The Magpies went from nine points down to 19 points up.

The fact that Glenelg checked this Port run and then fought back so effectively to victory must give the side heart for the remaining games. On today's showing they deserve a place in the final four.

The field kicking of both sides was of high standard particularly at the game was played at top pace, and with plenty of vigor and determination.

Port are undeniably brilliant when they turn on the pace and get a break. Boyd, McDonald, and Murray make a

match-winning trio across centre and when these players are not checked Port are a brilliant combination.

For Glenelg Marshall is given first mention for a consistent, match-winning effort. He made position, marked safely, and had more kicks than anyone on the ground.

Brian Wright appeared to enjoy the centre half-forward position, and he brought down some phenomenal marks—his two goals were well earned.

Davies gave another fine display and is proving the complete utility man. Playing at centre half-back for most of the day, he showed his stamina by taking a run on the ball during a critical stage.

Boyd elusive

Boyd was at his top. High flying, elusive, and pacy, he lifted Port's game in the third quarter.

McDonald hardly put a foot wrong all day. Russell played his usual solid and effective game.

Best Players—Glenelg: Marshall, Wright, Davies, Potter, King, Laffin, Churchett, Port, Boyd, McDonald, Russell, Marrett, Whittaker, Motley, Hayes.

Scorers—Glenelg: Churchett 5/2 King 3/2, Wright 2/2, McPherson 2/1, Potter 1/1, Guy 1/0, Crabb 0/1, Port: Coldwell 3/1, Hayes, Jaggard 2/1, Motley 1/2, Zucker 1/1, Marrett, Trowe 1/0, Whittaker 0/3, Cliff 0/2, Sawford, Garland 0/1; rushed 0/2.

Central Umpire: K. L. Aplin. Replacements: Trowe (Port), thigh injury, replaced by Zucker, second quarter; Cliff (Port), thigh injury, replaced by Dittmar in last quarter; Kerrison (Glenelg), replaced by Wickham last quarter; Baillie (Glenelg), cut eye, one stitch necessary, replaced by Leigh last quarter.

(Port kicking up and names underneath)

E. Bailey		Coldwell		Bone	
Laffin	Marrett	Davies	Hayes	Kempson	Motley
Prior	Jaggard	Marshall	Murray	Guy	Farham
Hall	Cliff	Churchett	Abley	Russell	

Rucks—Port: Urowse, Garland, Whitaker; Marrett, Cliff, Sawford; Glenelg: Crabb, Potter, King; Hall, Laffin, McPherson; Reserves—Port: Zucker, Dittmar, Glenelg: Baillie, Wickham. Umpire: K. L. Aplin.



GLENELG'S A. J. Crabb goes for a knockout against Port Adelaide's Z. L. Zucker and T. E. Garland in the Glenelg-Port game at Alberton Oval this afternoon.

How They Stand

Pt.	Ad.	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.C.	Pts.
1	11	3	1317	959	57	22	
2	11	3	1377	1040	56	22	
3	9	5	1297	1143	53	18	
4	8	6	1433	1219	54	16	
5	6	8	1165	1225	48	12	
6	4	10	1065	1214	46	8	
7	4	10	1218	1454	45	8	
8	3	11	932	1550	37	6	

Leading Goalkickers

	Sat.	Mchs.	Ttl.
Churchett (G)	5.2	14	59.46
Mayo (N)	6.2	13	57.34
McKenzie (NA)	4.1	14	49.19
Read (SA)	1.1	14	44.28
Willis (WT)	3.2	12	39.33

SOUTH'S DEFENCE TURNED NORTH BACK: 3-PT. VICTORY

By LEIGH STEVENS

A brilliant South defence which held up North's attack throughout was responsible for their thrilling three-point win at Adelaide Oval today.

South's form was probably their best this season. They fully deserved their win.

Although headed with less than two minutes to go, they would have been unlucky to lose. They had led to that stage, and rose to the occasion by regaining the lead within a minute.

Thrilling finish

It was only late in the last quarter that the North attack came good. With two minutes to go, Hewitt marked after a good pass from Phillips, and goalied for a two-point lead. It looked all over.

South shot the ball forward from the bounce, and it was Dunn who got his foot to it in the goalsquare to give them the match.

Nearly all South's best players were in defence but Deane was probably their most damaging player. Two goals he

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	4-4	7-4	9-6	10-8	68
North	1-3	4-5	6-6	9-11	65

kicked from a long way out in the second quarter were matchwinners.

Linke, on the half-back line, was impossible at times, and must rank next to Deane for shutting out North on his flank throughout.

Hewitt, at full back, spoiled effectively in opposition to McKenzie. His last quarter, in which he was the dominant player, was highlighted by brilliant marking.

Ray Panizza and brother Des, changing in the back pocket, toiled solidly, receiving strong support from permanent back pocket player Grear.

McKay spectacular

McKay for North stood out with his spectacular high marking at full-back. One of his clearing runs finished at centre-wing

His kicking off was first class.

Little behind him for effectiveness was McCann at half-back. Though less spectacular, his doggedness got North out of many tight pinches.

Tanner rucked strongly and defended reliably. Way on a wing gave his side an advantage there.

Best players—South: Deane, Linke, Hewitt, Ray Panizza, Des Panizza, Grear, Allen. North: McKay, McCann, Tanner, Way, Griffin, Glibourne (until injured), Carroll.

Scorers—South: Deane, Dunn, Zubrinich 2/1, Hausen 1/3, M. Read 1/1, Kimber, Michmore 1/0, rushed 0/1. North: McKenzie 4/1, Carroll 3/1, Hewitt 1/2, Hancock 1/0, Fuller, Tanner, Huppertz, Phillips, Kennett 0/1, rushed 0/2.

Replacements—Odgers (North), replaced Glibourne in last quarter. Souter (South), replaced D. Read in last quarter. Central umpire—M. Hall.

Torrens won well; West were grand in patches

By VIC JOHNSON

Although comfortably defeated by Torrens—the margin was 46 points—West turned on some grand bursts of football at Thebarton today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	4-1	7-4	8-6	13-12	90
West	2-2	2-5	4-7	6-8	44

Actually across centre, where Lynch was in splendid form, the city team held the upper hand. But hastiness and fumbling, and a tireless, sturdy Torrens defence, did not make their road easy.

The Blue-and-Golds had much more method in front of centre, and always appeared to be travelling smoothly.

Plenty of vigor

There was plenty of vim and vigor in the game, as is usual when these teams meet, and although Torrens never appeared in much danger after the first quarter, interest was maintained throughout.

In winning, Torrens gave evidence that they are worthy contenders for this season's title, and in their present form appear the logical choice—that is, of course, always excepting serious injuries.

I rank Prior as Torrens' best—for intelligent hitting-out in ruck, fine high marking, and his three goals.

Roberts was a tower of strength in goal, and received able support from Clingly. Ray Hank roved well and kicked splendidly. Lodge sparkled at centre wing and Ashby gave good service at half-back.

I class Lynch as best on the ground. The West

centreman was always in position, was never beaten, and placed the ball to advantage with little result.

Eglinton did finely at centre wing. Thomas was great in goal, and was strongly supported by Lovegrove in the pocket.

Brown rowed well, particularly in the second half, and Stoll was sound at half-back.

Best Players—Torrens: Prior, Roberts, Ray Hank, Clingly, Lodge, Bob Hank, Ashby, West, Lynch, Eglinton, Thomas, Lovegrove, Brown, Stoll, A Court.

Scorers—Torrens: Head 4/1, Prior 3/4, Willis 3/2, Ray Hank 2/2, W. Hank 1/1, Lynch 0/1, rushed 0/1. West: Wright 2/2, Brown 1/2, Broadstock 1/0, Cannon 1/0, Parkham 1/0, Trengza 0/2, Ryan 0/1, Lynch 0/1.

Replacement—Faehne, West captain, injured shoulder in first quarter, replaced by Cannon at start of second quarter.

NORWOOD IN FAST FINISH

By HUBERT BIGGS

Outpaced and outplayed by Sturt in the first half at Norwood Oval, a fast-finishing Norwood team rallied to snatch a 21-point win after a vigorous struggle.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	2-1	6-7	10-14	14-17	101
Sturt	4-2	10-4	12-4	12-8	80

The Redlegs had two factors to thank for victory after a poor start. They paved the way for their recovery with an effective tactical move, and they took the honors in stamina just when they wanted it—in the vital last term.

Sturt showed surprising pace and purpose early. They quickly had Norwood unsettled, and were superior in teamwork to race to a 13-point lead at the first changeover.

The Redlegs were hustled right off their usual systematic game. They lapsed into frequent errors, and muddled their way forward for the most part.

Found answer

For a while Norwood did not seem to have an answer to the challenge.

The move which finally proved the match-winning one was shifting John Marriott on to the brilliant Phillips.

At the risk of weakening their ruck, Norwood bolstered their half-back line. The change paid dividends, slowly at first but more decisively as the match progressed.

Phillips, while still useful, was unable to exert as much influence on the Sturt attack.

Clayton Thompson did not get the same chances for his towering marks at the goalfront.

Marriott, as tireless as ever, gets my first vote for Norwood.

I thought Gallagher was the Redlegs' best early. But the way in which Marriott subdued Phillips later saved the day for the easterners.

Roberts was consistently safe in a back pocket, while Mayo—six goals in nine scoring shots—and Fosdike, clever on the ruck fringes, did nearly everything asked of them.

Donaldson's effort

Donaldson starred for Sturt. He was fast, clever, and determined at half-back. Another fine defensive effort was turned in by Tester in a back pocket. He cleared time and time again.

Boland roved with determination, and Downing was often under notice at half-back. Phillips was the losers' best in the first quarter. Shanks (wing) and Thompson (forward) battled hard throughout.

Best Players—Norwood: Marriott, Roberts, Gallagher, Mayo, Fosdike, Walker, Nelson, Edwards, Sturt, Donaldson, Tester, Boland, Downing, D. Faehne, Phillips, Shanks, Thompson.

Scorers—Norwood: Mayo 6/3, Fosdike 4/3, Nelson 2/2, Hines 1/4, Farrelly 3/1, Hodgins 0/2, Walker 0/1, rushed 0/1. Sturt: Thompson 4/0, Phillips 2/1, Kitcher 1/1, Bagshaw 1/1, Faehne 1/0, Ladd 1/0, Hill 1/0, Boland 1/0, Shanks 0/3, Murray 0/1, rushed 0/1.

Replacements—Bob Williams (Norwood), replaced Marriott shoulder injury in last quarter. Umpire: C. J. Evar.