

GLENELG FAIL TO PLAY ON IN SECOND HALF

By VIC JOHNSON

Glenelg failed badly to finish on in the second half of the football clash against Torrens at Thebarton today, and were beaten by 32 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Fts
Torrens	6—4	7—4	11—9	14—9	93
Glenelg	1—2	5—15	6—16	7—19	61

Glenelg had been badly beaten in the first term when Torrens had the use of the breeze which later developed into a very strong wind.

The Bays, however, recovered to even matters at half-time.

Coped better

The game was played under really adverse conditions with pools of water on the ground.

It was Torrens' ability to cope with the conditions better which enabled them to win so well.

Skilful football was entirely out of the question, and, as in all such games, the element of luck played a distinct part.

I am not suggesting Torrens had all the luck, but 14 goals 9 behinds, as against 7 goals 19 behinds does help somewhat.

Within a minute Glenelg had the first goal on the board from Churchett after Crabb had sent them goalward with his knock at the centre bounce.

But Torrens answered quickly with a goal from Willis, after Prior had passed to him.

Took charge

Don Taylor and Davies figured early in defence for Glenelg and frequently drove back the Blue-and-Gold attacks.

But from about midway through the quarter Torrens took charge and never let up.

They led by 32 points at the first change, and appeared set for a huge win.

In this term Torrens took 15 marks, Glenelg 16, and were awarded four frees to Glenelg's two.

Big change

A startling change came over the game in the second term, which was a repetition of the first, only in reverse.

After Churchett had got an early goal for Glenelg Willis replied for Torrens but it was Torrens' only scoring shot for the quarter.

Crabb took sole charge of the packs while he was in ruck. Mainly through his grand work, Glenelg got the upper hand.

The wind, which had increased in strength, played

havoc with the white ball being used, and Torrens' defending kicks went everywhere.

Actually, on the play Glenelg should have had a handy lead at half-time instead of trailing one point.

They had plenty of chances, but their goal-shooting let them down badly, only four goals coming from 17 scoring shots in this term.

Marks for second quarter: Torrens 8, Glenelg 12.

Frees given: Torrens 5, Glenelg 6.

Churchett repeated his first quarter's performance by goaling within a minute of the bounce at the start of the third term.

The wind was now blowing straight down the ground in Torrens' favor.

Davies and Taylor again gave grand service for Glenelg in defence in the first 15 minutes of play and Torrens could make no headway.

Hall's goal from a free for Glenelg was invaluable. They led 5 points with much more than half the term gone.

But Don Prior's return to the ruck was a signal for Torrens to unleash their power. Prior did not subdue Crabb, but he greatly lessened the Bay man's power and Torrens went forward.

Strangely enough, it was a badly directed kick from Crabb that first let Torrens in with a goal from Head.

And in a few minutes, Torrens had added four goals to race away to a 19-point lead, which was taken to 23 at three-quarter time.

They had put on four goals five behinds to Glenelg's one goal one behind, but even that did not appear too much in view of the wind.

In the third quarter Torrens took 16 marks, Glenelg 19; and received five frees to Glenelg's five.

Don Taylor was at centre for Glenelg in the last quarter, Alf Bailey at half-forward left, and Wickham at half-back left.

Torrens went farther ahead in the face of the wind, Head being particularly effective in attack.

With victory within their

grasp, Torrens finished very strongly. Still kicking accurately, they added 3 goals to Glenelg's 1 goal 3 behinds to win going away.

In the last term Torrens took 15 marks, Glenelg 10, and were awarded 6 frees to Glenelg's 4. For the match Torrens took 54 marks and Glenelg 57. Torrens received 20 frees and Glenelg 17.

Prior gets my vote as Torrens' best. The tall ruckman rarely wasted anything, and I think he was the prime starter of Torrens' match-winning break in the third quarter.

Ashly did a fine job at centre half-back; Head, particularly in the second half, was always on the job. Clingly again was very strong in defence, and Carr was well under notice at centre wing.

Crabb, I think, was the best on the ground. The Glenelg follower hardly put a foot wrong, whether following or in attack.

Davies was safe and sure at centre half-back. King, suited by the conditions, put plenty of fire into his roving.

Don Taylor at half-back left and later at centre, was always prominent, and Wickham did a serviceable job for his side.

Best Players—Torrens: Prior, Ashby, Head, Clingly, Carr, Willis, Ray Hank, Glenelg: Crabb, Davies, King, Taylor, Wickham, Guy, Prior.

Scorers—Torrens: Willis 4.3, Head 4.0, Bradford 2.0, Prior 2.0, W. Hank 1.2, Cockshill 1.0, Bob Hank 0.1, Lodge 0.1, Ray Hank 0.1, rushed 0.1, Glenelg: Potter 2.2, Churchett 2.2, Crabb 1.2, King 1.2, Hall 1.0, McPherson 0.4, Guy 0.1, Wright 0.3, rushed 0.1.

Fight for final four

By Vic Johnson

Although none of the positions on the premiership table was altered by today's games, the position is highly interesting.

Port lead Torrens by a narrow percentage margin for first place. Norwood are two points ahead of Glenelg in third position.

And close on Glenelg's heels in fifth place are North, who still threaten fourth position by their victory today.

West, Sturt, and South, with eight points each, have their positions, too, decided on percentage.

Three of next week's games promise to have an important bearing on the final four.

South play Glenelg at Adelaide, and could seriously jeopardise the Bays' chances. However, I favor Glenelg.

North play Port at Kensington. I am sticking to the Magpies. At Thebarton Torrens will be at home to Norwood, and should win.

In the other game, Sturt and West at Unley, Sturt's chances are favored.

League table

	W.	L.	For	Agst	Pts
Port	12	3	1203	994	24
Torrens	12	3	1470	1101	24
Norwood	9	6	1350	1209	18
Glenelg	8	7	1194	1317	16
North	7	8	1256	1287	14
West	4	11	1100	1298	8
Sturt	4	11	1260	1225	8
South	4	11	998	1083	8

Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Mayo (Norwood)	5	62
Churchett (Glen)	2	61
W. McKenzie (N.)	6	55
Read (South)	2	44
Willis (Torrens)	4	44
Bradford (Torrens)	2	40
Hall (Glenelg)	1	38

North had edge on Sturt in close fight

By AMOS BOTTROFF

Though outplayed by Sturt rucks in the third quarter, North's stubborn outer defence and aggressive play around the wings and at half-forward enabled them to finish nine points in front on the waterlogged Unley Oval this afternoon.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
North	2—0	7—2	8—3	11—5	71
Sturt	2—1	2—3	8—7	9—8	62

The ground was in shocking condition, the centre and much of the outfield was churned up by the earlier game and pools of water spread over most of the arena.

Because of this, soccering of the ball became the only effective method of clearing when more than one player was in its vicinity.

It was remarkable, therefore, that no serious injuries resulted, although three players left the field with minor knocks.

A group of North players must share in the honors for best, Griffin, Way, and Proud would be hard to separate because of their value at various stages of play.

Griffin was the match-winner in the first half, quieter in the third quarter, but strong again

in the last. Way and Proud were solid throughout.

Stringer, though never brilliant, never gave in and much of his good work could have gone almost unnoticed.

Fitzgerald, though still not fully recovered, was Sturt's best. His ruckwork and invaluable defence took his side to within a small margin of victory.

Tester was solid and effective in defence all day, and Thompson would vie closely with both Fitzgerald and Tester for the best of the 18.

Best players—North: Griffin, Way, Proud, Stringer, Hutcheon, Kennett, Galloway, Phillippe, Sturt; Fitzgerald, Tester, Thompson, Green, Kitcher, Shanks, Rattigan.

Goalkickers—North: McKenzie 6.0, Proud 3.0, Kennett 1.1, Carroll 1.0, Fuller 0.2, Griffin 0.1, rushed 0.2, Sturt: Thompson 4.2, Hill 1.1, Fitzgerald 1.0, Goldfinch 1.0, Green 1.0, Ellis 1.0, rushed 0.4, Umpire—K. L. Aplin.



GLENELG'S D. F. Laffin falls on the ball as team-mate W. Wickham wards off J. Bradford (West Torrens) in the West Torrens-Glenelg match at Thebarton Oval this afternoon.

South defeated Norwood the hard way

By LEIGH STEVENS

There was no fluke about South's 13-point win from Norwood at Adelaide Oval today. They won the game the hard way.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
South	1—3	3—3	6—9	9—12	66
Norwood	0—3	3—7	5—7	7—11	53

South, who held the initiative for most of the match, finished well, considering the state of the ground.

There was only one when Norwood seemed as if they might overcome South.

That was early in the second quarter when Mayo kicked three goals in less than 10 minutes.

Parham, at centre, played his best game for a long while and was South's best. He didn't shirk the scrummages in the mud and kept up a relentless series of drives to his forwards.

His opponent, Gallagher, tireless performance on the ball. He was in the thick of the heavy work and battled to the end.

Michelmore, who kicked three goals in the second half, struck one of those patches which so often means the difference between winning and losing.

Hauszen, considering he is not so young, roved with dash and Linke countered Norwood's attacks effectively on his half-back flank.

Edwards best

For Norwood, Edwards, in shutting out Deane right from the start, was their best. It takes a good man to stop Deane and Edwards did that today.

Mayo, at full-forward, showed class when he five, threw the ball and his got of Norwood's seven goals speak for themselves.

Posdike scouted well around the fringes and Dalwood was the best of their big men.

Best players South: Parham, D. Panizza, Michelmore, Hauszen Linke, Dunn, Deane, Norwood, Edwards, Mayo, Posdike, Dalwood, Reimann, Walker, Giles.

Scorers—South: Michelmore 1.2, M. Read, Dunn 2.1, Zubrnick 1.1, Deane 1.0, Hauszen 0.3, D. Panizza 0.3, Allen 0.1, rushed 0.1, Norwood: Mayo 5.2, Vivian 1.1, Gallagher 1.0, Parrelly 0.2, Dalwood, Walker, Hines, Aish 0.1, rushed 0.2.



GLENELG'S captain Pat Hall marks the white ball cleanly in front of Don Prior (Torrens) at Thebarton this afternoon.

TEARAWAY WIN TO PORT

By HUBERT BIGGS

A tear-away third quarter gave Port a 41-point win over West at Alberton Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Port	2—3	2—6	8—14	10—16	76
West	1—1	1—5	2—6	4—11	35

Conditions were against systematic football, and it was not surprising that a stogging, vigorous game resulted.

The worst period was in the second quarter when poor light and rain squalls put brilliant football out of the question.

Port won because of their more purposeful play particularly in the third term, when they outscored West 6—8 to 1—1.

To offset the muddy patches a white ball was used.

Ray Whisker, first rover for Port with their captain-coach, Fos Williams,

still out of action, played a cool, clever game from start to finish. I thought he was the pick of the Magpies.

Thomas gets my first vote in the West side because of his valiant work as goalkeeper.

Best players—Port: Whitaker, Motley, Whelan, Jaggard, Boyd, McDonald, Zucker, Marrett, West, Thomas, Wright, Cannon, Lovegrove (until injured), Lynch, Brown, Eglinton, Franklin.

Scorers—Port: Zucker 4.1, Whitaker 3.1, Coldwell 2.0, Morley 1.2, Marrett 1.1, Dittmar 0.3, Hayes 0.2, Sawford 0.2, Boyd 0.1, Whelan 0.1, West: Brown 1.2, Packham 1.1, Cannon 1.0, A'Court 1.0, Wright 0.2, Thomas 0.2, Tregenza 0.1, Ryan 0.1, rushed 0.2.