

REDLEGS TURN ON LATE THRILLING BURST TO DEFEAT BAYS BY 2 GOALS

By VIC JOHNSON

Norwood came with a thrilling burst in the last few minutes of play to snatch victory by 12 points from Glenelg at Norwood Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood . . .	3—3	7—11	12—14	15—22	112
Glenelg . . .	6—3	8—5	12—8	15—10	100

The burst came just when it seemed the Bays would see the game out for a narrow win.

The match was a real thriller, with fortunes fluctuating throughout, and the two teams were particularly evenly matched.

However, Norwood, in a do-or-die effort, found Hodgins, who had replaced Marriott, twice.

And he made no mistake with his kicks. They yielded two goals.

The breeze again today was of little account, although it may just have favored the northern goal early in the game. It dropped for the last term.

Hall, Glenelg captain-coach, playing against his old team, won the toss, and chose the northern goal. The teams were unchanged.

Ruck advantage

Norwood, with a ruck advantage, were first into their stride, and appeared to have the edge on Glenelg in the dash to the ball.

Marriott was their early power and with Blackmore playing dashing, they had the Glenelg de-

fence right on its toes.

Later Davies, at half-forward left, found a temporary mastery there and combining well with Churchett in closer, gave Glenelg the upper hand.

The battles across centre were very even in this term but better combination in attack gave Glenelg the advantage and they led 18 points at quarter-time.

Marks taken in this term were: Norwood 14, Glenelg 17.

Frees awarded were: Norwood 6, Glenelg 10.

Norwood had all the better of matters early in the second term.

Time and time again they reached the goal front, only to be driven out by Glenelg's last line of defence, where Bone, in particular, was prominent.

But Nelson had now become a driving force for Norwood at centre, where his dash was remarkable.

The persistent way in which he drove the Redlegs in at last found its reward.

Norwood held Glenelg down to 14 points in this term, while they them-

selves, added 32.

Had it not been for a bad lapse in accuracy, the Redlegs must have finished at half-time with a better than even score.

It had been a great go between the teams up to this stage, and more was to come.

Marks for the second quarter were: Norwood 20, Glenelg 15.

Frees awarded were: Norwood 8, Glenelg 6.

Similar changes

Both teams altered their centre-half-forward positions after half-time. Davies going there for Glenelg, and Young for Norwood.

Norwood appeared temporarily to upset Glenelg with their youthful vigor in this term, and with Mayo playing a very intelligent game in front of goal, they gained a useful lead of 12 points.

At the other end, Churchett was doing a fine job for his side, and his fifth goal was a gem after a splendid mark.

Marriott came out of a crush limping badly, and this, of course, did not brighten matters for Norwood. However, in the end it proved a blessing in disguise.

Toward the close of this quarter, Glenelg came back fighting, and quick goals from DeCure and Hall put them well into the fight. They were only six points behind at the last change.

Marks for this term were: Norwood 16, Glenelg 13.

Frees awarded were: Norwood 4, Glenelg 8.

Grand goal

Rundle, leg injury left the ground for Glenelg at three quarter-time, being replaced by Wickham, and Hodgins took Marriott's place for Norwood.

Churchett again kicked a grand goal to give Glenelg the lead shortly after the last term began, and from then on, the teams were locked together in a grim fight.

First one would lead and then the other. It was purely a matter of which team would break first, or which way the luck of the game would go.

Crabb came to light with a fine fighting effort for Glenelg in ruck in this period. Previously he had been good, now he was great.

Fanelly replaced Ray Williams for Norwood, and when King goalied, Glenelg were six points clear.

But Norwood fought back, and with five minutes to go Saunders put them in front, only to see Guy again restore the lead to Glenelg.

Desperate bid

Then just when it appeared all over bar the shouting, Norwood made a desperate last bid.

There came the two quick drives in which Hodgins made no mistake, and Norwood ran out winners of a hard test by 12 points.

Truly Norwood might be called "The Tamers," as in two matches out of the last three they have beaten the Magpies and the Tigers.

Marks taken for last quarter were Norwood, 20, and Glenelg, 15.

Frees given were Norwood, 4, and Glenelg, 9.

For the whole game the marks taken were Norwood, 70, and Glenelg, 60. Frees awarded: Norwood, 22; Glenelg, 31.

Nelson's dash

In naming the best for Norwood, I would choose Nelson for his fine sustained work.

His was a real effort, full of courage and dash, and he gave Norwood great drive from centre.

Mayo did a grand job at the goal-front, and although he got only four goals from 11 shots, he was always a force to be reckoned with.

Roberts again played a sterling game in defence, as did Edwards, while Blackmore's dash at half-forward also contributed greatly to his team's victory.

I think Churchett was Glenelg's best. He kicked six goals from eight shots, the result of fine position play and grand marking.

Bone played his back pocket really well, and Marshall had a good day at centre wing.

Crabb followed well, particularly when the pressure was on in the last term, and Davies again did well at half-forward.

Best players—Norwood—Nelson, Mayo, Roberts, Edwards, Blackmore, Fosdike, Giles, Glenelg—Churchett, Bone, Marshall, Crabb, Yeo, Davies, King.

Goalkickers—Norwood—Mayo 4.8, Fosdike 2.4, Vivian 2.1, Hodgins 2.0, Saunders 1.5, Applebee 1.2, Young 1.2, Marriott 1.0, Walker 1.0. Glenelg—Churchett 6.2, King 2.2, Crabb 2.0, Davies 1.1, de Cure 1.1, Potter 1.1, Hall 1.0, Guy 1.0, Rundle 0.2.

PORT LEAD 3 TEAMS ON PERCENTAGE FOR TOP

By VIC JOHNSON

Glenelg's first defeat today — by Norwood — leaves four teams — Port, Glenelg, Torrens, and Norwood — equal for top position with eight premierships points each.

Port lead on percentage, and Glenelg, Torrens, and Norwood follow in that order.

West, by defeating North, have moved up from seventh to fifth with four points. Sturt drop from fifth to sixth with two points, and South from sixth to seventh with two points.

North, as yet unsuccessful, stay at the bottom.

Only three games will be played next Saturday in the sixth series of games.

The other match will be on the Tuesday holiday at Adelaide Oval.

West will meet Torrens at Kensington in what I consider to be the principal match next Saturday, and I think Torrens will win.

League table

	W.	L.	Points	Prem.	
Port	4	1	506	308	8
Glenelg	4	1	608	381	8
Torrens	4	1	508	385	8
Norwood	4	1	422	391	8
West	2	3	354	425	4
Sturt	1	4	451	366	2
South	1	4	388	670	2
North	—	5	364	495	—

Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Gl.)	6	28
Read (South)	2	25
Bradford (Tor.)	5	19
Mayo (Norwood)	4	18
Phillips (Sturt)	2	15
Hall (Glenelg)	1	14

Norwood may beat Sturt at Unley, and in the South-North game at Adelaide Oval. I choose North.

Today's attendances were 37,100 — Adelaide, 8,300; Norwood, 14,500; Alberton, 6,000; Thebarton, 7,800.

PORT, IN TOP GEAR, THRASH SOUTH HARD

By JOHN STEVENS

Port looked an invincible football machine today when they gave South a 130-point thrashing at Alberton Oval. Port kicked 11 goals in the third quarter.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Port	5—5	8—7	19—11	23—17	155
South	0—2	1—3	2—4	3—7	25

Port's captain-coach Fos Williams kicked seven goals from nine shots.

It was the Magpie's fast, close-checking backs that kept the South goalkicking tally to three.

Even the loss of both Port's wingmen before half-time could not throw them off balance.

Although there was never the slightest doubt about the result, the Port crowd never lost interest as their idols, Williams, Boyd, and Whitaker, reached brilliant heights.

When it comes to naming the best players, one could go right through the Port side with a favorable comment for each player.

Williams had a magic touch today, and Boyd and Whitaker have played few better games.

The ruckmen, Trowse, Cliff, Garland, and Marrett, were all outstanding.

Port may have found the goalsneak they are looking for in Dittmar.

Linke did a grand job for South. As well as making a success of the difficult task of curbing Hayes, who was "fcd," he often seemed to bob up in other parts of the field to save his side.

Ray Panizza battled hard throughout. So did Grear. Abbott took some good marks at full back, and Allen carried a badly beaten ruck.

Best Players—Port: Williams, Boyd, Whitaker, Garland, Cliff, Trowse, Jazgard. South: Linke, Grear, Ray, Panizza, Abbott, Allen, Deane.

Scorers—Port: Williams 7.2, Whitaker 5.3, Boyd 3.0, Dittmar 2.3, Hayes 2.3, Cliff 2.1, Jazgard 1.2, Zucker 1.1, Luke 0.2. South: Read 2.2, Sexton 1.1, Allen 0.1, Polden 0.1, Wilson 0.1, rushed 0.1.

North do better, but still go down to West

By HUBERT BIGGS

Except in the crucial last term, North today looked like gaining their first win for the season. But West's surer tactics in the closing stages enabled them to scrape home at Adelaide Oval by eight points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	2—5	6—5	9—7	12—12	84
North	5—7	6—8	9—13	10—16	76

West trailed at the end of every quarter but the one that really counted.

Their sharpshooting showed improvement. They were off the target in the opening term, but after that added 10-7.

By contrast, North showed a goalkicking lapse to get only five goals from 14 scoring shots in these three quarters.

Best players—West Adelaide—Lynch, Lee, Stoll, Ryan, Brown, A Court, North Adelaide—W. McKenzie, Weston, McCann, Kennett, Lonnisthorpe, Stringer.

Goalkickers—West Adelaide—Wright, 3.0, Tregenza, 2.3; Brown, 2.2; Broadstock, 2.0; Thomas, 1.2; Hewitt, 1.1; A Court, 1.0; Slattery, 0.1; rushed, 0.3. North Adelaide—W. McKenzie, 5.0; Phillips, 2.1; Proud and Puller, each 1.1; H. McKenzie, 1.0; Kennett, 0.5; Carroll, 0.3; Griffin, Hancock, P. Blunden and Hewitt, each 0.1; rushed, 0.1. Hewitt hit a goalpost.

Forward strength a Torrens winner

By LEIGH STEVENS

Overcoming a first quarter lead with ease, Torrens outplayed Sturt for the rest of the game to win by 76 points at Thebarton Oval this afternoon.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3—3	10—7	11—12	18—23	131
Sturt	5—3	5—4	7—9	7—13	55