

# Bays' rally took them close to victory over Torrens

By LEN SWAN

Torrens had far too many guns for Glenelg during the first half at Glenelg Oval today, but the Bay side made a spectacular last quarter bid. Although defeated by 14 points, Glenelg could easily have snatched victory.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens . . . . .	3—3	8—5	12—9	14—13	97
Glenelg . . . . .	2—2	3—4	8—6	12—11	83

## Three teams level

By Vic Johnson  
With the seventh round of league matches completed, Port, Norwood, and Torrens are level with 12 premierships points each.

But Port's better percentage enables them to retain top position with Norwood and Torrens following in that order. Glenelg, having had their third successive defeat, are fourth with eight points.

North, with two wins in a row, have moved up from sixth to fifth, displacing West who are now sixth.

Sturt remain seventh, and South are still bottom.

Torrens and Port at Thebarton appears to be the big attraction in the next series, and I am sticking to the Magpies.

South will play Sturt at Adelaide. I choose Sturt to win. Glenelg will meet West at Glenelg, where I favor Glenelg.

And in what is literally a long-range forecast, for the propaganda game to be played in Sydney—Norwood against North—I fancy Norwood.

Estimated attendances at today's league games were: Glenelg Oval, 11,000; Adelaide Oval, 8,500; Prospect Oval, 8,000; and Norwood Oval, 6,000—a total of 34,500.



**GLENELG CAPTAIN, COACH** Hall marks over West Torrens' Clingly and Scully (part-hidden) in the Glenelg-West Torrens match at Glenelg this afternoon.

With the ground hard and no wind to affect play, conditions were ideal for a fast open game. Torrens, after winning the toss, started as if determined to play this style of football.

Glenelg, however, were the first to break through when Kerrison, Prior, and Davies combined brilliantly to place Hall in possession and he made no mistake with his kick.

Although the same side continued to hold the ruck supremacy and could get the ball away from centre, they gradually lapsed into a listless unimpressive side.

### Poor to watch

The game generally deteriorated as a consequence and had little to commend it as a spectacle.

Glenelg seemed suddenly to realise they were tired after Tuesday's strenuous game, and that they were without two of their mainstays, Crabb and Taylor, who had both withdrawn at the last minute because of injury.

By half-time Torrens had established themselves and gained control to such an extent that they held a 31-point lead.

Bob Hank, although quiet early and in the closing stages, did a lot during the second term to place Torrens in a winning position by accurate foot passes to his forwards.

By contrast Glenelg were kicking blindly and there was no co-operation forward of centre.

Guy, at half-forward was wandering all over the field, and with Churchett closely checked, they could not realise on their opportunities.

It was during this term too, that Bradford won the game with some clever scouting that produced five goals in a row from him.

### Defenders good

The defenders of both sides did a sterling job. Their bustling and close checking tactics were largely responsible for the game closing up and at times becoming a scramble.

After half-time Torrens went into attack again and goals from Willis (his first for the game) and Lodge sent them to a 38-point lead.

Although the visitors continued to hold their lead and Glenelg could do little to reduce it, the Bay side looked a different team.

They played with confidence, spirit and purpose for the first time since early in the first quarter.

Then Churchett, who had been switched from goalsneak into a forward pocket, was transferred to centre half-forward and

the Glenelg side began to work with precision when it attacked.

The Glenelg rucks, although legweary and at this stage particularly missing Crabb, fought back in fine style—Davies was showing his pace and ability.

### Exciting finish

From the 27-point deficit at the start of the last term the Bays drew within three points of Torrens with five minutes left to play.

Excitement was intense when, with Glenelg still in attack, Hall kicked through the goalposts but his kick was disallowed.

Then Churchett was only credited with a point from a kick that players obviously believed had crossed the goaline before being touched.

It was a fine recovery on Glenelg's part, but Torrens had just enough in reserve to check the onslaught, and, going forward, they posted goals from Bradford and Willis to give them victory.

Hall received a bad knock during the first half, and at the long interval requested his players to elect a temporary vice-captain in case he had to leave the field. Churchett was the players' choice.

For Torrens Prior is given first mention for his sustained efforts. He rucked strongly against powerful opposition and his aerial work when in a set position was first-class.

Ray Hank and Bradford gave their side sterling service round the ruck fringes, and Bradford was always a danger when resting in a forward pocket.

The Glenelg best players were hard to select up to half-time, Brian Wright being one of the few to shine.

He continued to worry Torrens throughout the game, and brought down some spectacular marks.

Davies showed his undoubted ability in the second half and did much to bring about his side's recovery. Ray Bailey did a grand job against Willis and Alf Bailey must be given full credit for his showing at centre against the brilliant Bob Hank.

Best Players—Torrens: Prior, Ray Hank, Bradford, Head, Coverlid, Clingly. Glenelg: Brian Wright, Davies, Ray Bailey, Alf Bailey, Wickham, Kerrison, Edwards.

Goalkickers—West Torrens—Bradford, 6.0; Head, 3.1; Willis, 2.4; Bill Hank, 1.1; Lodge and Pyatt, each 1.0; Prior, 0.3; Ray Hank, 0.2; Cockshell, 0.1; rushed, 0.1. Glenelg—Hall, 3.1; Kerrison, 2.2; Wickham and Churchett, each 2.1; Potter, 1.2; Prior, 1.1; King, 1.0; Davies, 0.3.

## League table

	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.c.	Pts.
Port	6	1	690	431	61	12
Norwood	6	1	691	512	57	12
West Torr.	6	1	714	555	56	12
Glenelg	4	3	762	574	57	8
North	2	5	587	645	47	4
West	2	5	473	622	43	4
Sturt	1	6	625	802	43	2
South	1	6	685	886	35	2

## Leading Goalkickers

	Sat	Mches	Ttl
Churchett (G)	2.1	7	30.23
Mayo (N)	6.6	6	29.21
Read (SA)	2.0	7	29.12
Bradford (WT)	6.0	7	27.12
Hall (G)	3.1	6	21.10
Willis (WT)	2.4	6	20.21
W. McKenzie (NA)	6.2	7	30.9
King (G)	1.0	7	16.9
Whittaker (PA)	2.1	7	15.17
Phillips (S)	0.1	7	15.14

## PORT FORCED TO BEAT WEST THE HARD WAY

By VIC JOHNSON

Port retained top position on the league football premierships table when they defeated West by 36 points at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port . . . . .	3—4	7—8	9—11	12—16	88
West . . . . .	1—4	2—6	6—8	7—10	52

## North's impressive win

By LEIGH STEVENS

North supporters welcomed the return to form their team showed today in defeating Sturt in impressive style at Prospect Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North . . . . .	6—5	10—9	16—11	19—14	128
Sturt . . . . .	3—6	5—11	7—15	13—20	98

## NORWOOD'S SCORE BEST FOR SEASON

By HUBERT BIGGS

Dominating the play, a fast Norwood team overwhelmed a dispirited South side to pile up a 116-point victory at the Norwood Oval with the season's highest score.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	7—6	16—11	19—25	22—29	161
South	1—1	3—1	3—1	7—3	45