

NO FLUKE ABOUT GLENELG'S 19-PT. WIN

From LAWRIE JERVIS

PORT LINCOLN, Saturday: There was no fluke about Glenelg's 19-point win over Torrens today. The Bays thrashed the Torrens rucks, centre line, and rovers from start to end.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	4—5	9—6	11—9	14—12	96
Torrens	1—6	4—10	5—15	10—17	77

That is the story of the game. The Bays' win highlighted just what a lot Torrens have sustained in the absence of centreman Bob Hank and ruckman Don Prior.

There is no driving force from the middle. Torrens apparently wanted to work the stand wing.

Hardly smelt ball

Torrens' ruckmen hardly smelt the ball, let alone get near enough to knock it. Crabb, Hall, and Laffin dominated the bounces and throw-ins.

For Hall, in particular, it was a happy game. He has been out of touch and losing confidence.

Torrens were most unimpressive. Unless they can remedy quickly the loss of Hank and Prior they will not go far this season.

Stayed at centre

Livesey, who came in for his first game last week, stayed at centre all day, while Head roved or rested at half-forward.

Alf Bailey hardly gave Livesey a kick. It was one of Bailey's best games.

I thought Torrens would have switched Livesey and Cockshell early, after Brian Wright had shut out Cockshell.

Cockshell got no help from the centre line. It must be said for him.

Carr shaded Marshall in the first quarter, and was a solitary driving force for Torrens.

But Carr did not change over at the end of the term.

Torrens apparently wanted to work the stand wing.

Beat Carr

Bay wingman Edwards came across and then beat Carr for the next three quarters, while Marshall also got into the game and beat Lodge.

With the rucks well beaten getting little from the rovers, and less from across centre, Torrens only twice looked like making a game of it — at the start of the third and last quarters.

Early in the last term they cut the Bays' lead to three goals.

It was a disappointing display for Port Lincoln enthusiasts, even though the underdog won.

Glenelg and Torrens best players are hard to pick because the Bays had so many. Torrens so few.

Alan Crabb played a mighty first half in ruck, and was as effective in the field play. He started the Bays off on the right leg.

Hall was little behind him, either following or resting. Stan Wickham played a great game in the back pocket, particularly in the second half.

The winning centre line, Edwards, Alf Bailey, and Marshall, were an important factor, while Davies and Laffin put in strong bursts.

Torrens' bests were mostly in defence.

Alf Roberts, who has not turned in a poor game this season, was best, shadowing Rundle like an FBI man all day.

Best Players—Glenelg: Crabb, Wickham, Hall, Edwards, Alf Bailey, Laffin, Davies, Wright, Marshall, Torrens: Roberts, Clingly, Thiele, Pyatt, W. Hank, Head.

Scorers — Glenelg: Davies 3.0, McPherson 2.2, Crabb 2.1, King, Rundle 1.3, Guy 1.1, Hall, Abley, Marshall, Edwards 1.0, Potter 0.1, rushed 0.1. Torrens: Head 3.1, Coverlid 2.2, Willis 1.4, W. Hank, Bradford 1.3, Pyatt 1.2, Ray Hank 1.0, Cockshell 0.1, rushed 0.1.

Torrens v. Glenelg (At Port Lincoln)

Bailey Willis		Laffin Chown	
Wickham	Ray Hank	R. Baillie	Wright
Livesey	Wicksell	Hickman	Bill Hank
Marshall	A. Bailey	Edwards	Lodge
Carr	Head	Davies	R. Edwards
Guy	Churchett	Hall	Clingly
Kuitcher	Ashby	Rundle	Roberts
McPherson	Thiele	Rucks — Torrens:	Coverlid, Pyatt, Bradford, Chown, Bill Hank, Ray Hank, Glenelg: Crabb, Potter, King, Hall, Laffin, McPherson, Reserves—Torrens: Downey, Adams, Parham, Glenelg: Potts, Abley, Kempson.
Umpire: K. L. Applin.			

Port leading West

By Vic Johnson
With the fourth round of league games completed, Port still lead West on percentage for top position.

South remain in third place, leading Sturt, who have jumped from seventh to fourth as a result of their victory over North. South's percentage is the better.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE					
	W. L.	For	Ag.	Pts.	
Port	4	—	456	250	8
West	4	—	319	292	8
South	2	2	267	307	4
Sturt	2	2	270	365	4
Norwood	1	3	309	308	2
Torrens	1	3	280	285	2
Glenelg	1	3	301	330	2
North	1	3	371	474	2

TOP GOALKICKERS		
	Today	Ttl.
McKenzie (North)	7	17
Garland (Port)	6	15
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	6	12
Brown (West)	2	11
Fosdike (Norwood)	2	11

PLACINGS CHANGE GAVE WEST WIN

By VIC JOHNSON

A timely move in West's field placings changed what could have been a defeat by Norwood into a victory by three clear goals at Kensington today.

Although the Redlegs trailed by one goal at the first interval, Young's excellence at half-forward right, had it been maintained, could easily have won the game for them.

When opposed to a new junior in Ellis, Young figured in most of Norwood's drives.

But awake to that fact, West switched the more experienced Stoll over to check Young and that was, I think, the difference between defeat and success.

Early feature

Marriott's strong ruck work was the early feature of the game but the defence of West, particularly Thomas who did not put a foot wrong all day, was too much for the Norwood attack.

The Redleg bright spots were on the half-forward line where Walker set them going and Young continued with the good work.

Young's continued fine form gave Norwood tremendous drive in the second term.

And a much improved display by Fosdike and Fox, particularly when in the forward pocket, where they got three goals between them added to the Redleg power.

McGregor had a good quarter, his safe handling and coolness being very evident.

It was his steadiness, coupled with Thomas' fine

FITZGERALD'S GAME

By RAY BARBER

Sturt's nine-point win over North at Unley Oval today can go down in the club's records as "Fitzgerald's game."

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3—4	7—10	10—14	14—14	98
North	4—6	6—9	10—15	12—17	89

There was only one word for Fitzgerald's performance — magnificent.

Rarely has a man dominated a game so much.

When Sturt went in with a 13-point lead at half-time, Fitzgerald had kicked 6.3 of Sturt's 7.10 as a ruckman-rover.

At the end of the game he had kicked 8.5 of Sturt's 14.14.

Fitzgerald took little time to get going, and when he did gave everything in the book.

Winning factors

Sturt, after allowing for Fitzgerald's influence, owed their win to a ruck advantage and pace and steadiness in the last quarter.

At three-quarter time, North led by one point, but Sturt, kicking in the scoring end — the northern — got four goals without a miss to earn a win that will do much towards shaping the final four.

Hit head-on

North opened far better than Sturt despite Fitzgerald.

North were going along nicely when Way and Faggotter met head-on. Both were prostrate in the hands of trainers.

Sturt grasped the initiative and kept it for most of the day.

North had won handsomely across centre, but when they lost Ducker and Way by half-time they had both centre wingmen off.

Impromptu placings left them without their initial balance.

Fine finish

It is debatable whether the result would have been the same, but full marks have to be given Sturt for the way they came home after appearing done midway through the last term.

Goodchild, who had played serviceably at centre half-forward all day, came into his own, and with May supplying a steady influence, and Fitzgerald still a potential

menace. Sturt were able to hold off a plucky North side.

Star players

After Fitzgerald, Goodchild was Sturt's best player. He made nice position, and was a driving force at the right time. His sparkling ground play was allied with safe overhead work.

Phillips, after giving Blunden too much latitude early, settled down to be a brilliant stopper at centre half-back. Shanks was speedy and clever at centre wing while the rovers Kotaris and Sims gave the rucks good support.

Harris was solid in the ruck and in a forward pocket, May although not brilliant, was responsible for many breakaways.

State prospect

For North, Bill McKenzie was highest on the merit card for the way he got his seven goals. He looks the State goalsneak on present form with his mobile leaping and ground play.

Griffin won centre with fine ground play over a wide area.

Gilbourne showed he should not have been left out of the side with a good game at half-forward right. McKay had a very good first half but faded.

Weston was solid in support in the back pocket.

Aldenhoven played well against strong ruck opposition, while Bunton, after a quiet opening, was in several helpful passages and kicked two nice goals.

McCann was solid at both centre half-back and at full back.

Best Players—Sturt: Fitzgerald, Goodchild, Phillips, May, Shanks, Kotaris, Harris, Sims, North: McKenzie, Griffin, Gilbourne, Weston, Aldenhoven, McCann, Blunden, Bunton.
Scorers—Sturt: Fitzgerald 8.5, Goodchild 2.0, Caust 2.0, Harris 1.3, Sims 1.0, Kotaris 0.3, Goldfinch 0.1, Robins 0.1, rushed 0.1. North: McKenzie 7.5, Bunton 2.2, Carlson 1.5, Sheppard 1.2, Aldenhoven 1.1, Gilbourne 0.1, Yates 0.1, McKay 0.1, rushed 0.1.

South fought, but failed

By Len Swan

After a fighting first half, by South, Port took control and, playing precision football, won easily by 55 points at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3—3	9—9	15—14	19—16	130
South	2—0	5—0	7—2	12—3	75

What a side Port looked today!

When in their stride their attacks were confident, precise, and full of purpose.

It appeared at times that each move was calculated and according to plan.

This impression is created by the fact that Port have the players to play the loose-man game to perfection.

Likely premiers

On their form to date they stand out among the premiers contenders. South were not good enough to stop their run.

South must be given credit, however, for their fighting spirit and the excellent way they contested the first half.

It was only in the closing stages of the second quarter that Port made their breakthrough.

South's accuracy in front of goal was in direct contrast to their performance last week.

Panizza out

Port were unchanged, but South found it necessary to replace Ray Panizza with Kimber.

Panizza's shoulder did not pass a medical test at the last minute.

Conditions were ideal and Hickinbotham, by winning the toss, gave South first advantage of a useful, but not strong, breeze.

South matched Port early. In fact they held the lead once in the first quarter and recaptured it twice during the second term.

Then Garland struck a purple patch and, with the Port centre line the driving force, the tall forward posted four goals in nearly as many minutes.

Never let up

This burst changed the whole tenor of the game, as it established Port's superiority.

Once on top, the Magpies never let up.

South had six goals on the board before posting their first point.

After half-time Port gave South little chance.

The mobile Port rucks were a tower of strength today and form a composite part of this well-balanced side.

Boyd devastating

For Port, Boyd and McDonald are difficult to separate.

I name Boyd for his big part in getting Port on top.

Best Players—Port: Boyd, McDonald, Cliff, Garland, Jaggard, Motley, Kretschmer, South: Great, Hewitt, Bourke, Thomson, D. Panizza, M. Read, Linke.
Scorers—Port: Garland 6.3, Jaggard 5.0, Hall 3.3, Boyd 2.0, Williams 1.0, Motley 1.1, Kretschmer 1.0, Hayes 0.2, Stevens 0.2, South: Read 4.0, Linke 2.0, Austin 1.1, Hausen, Frazer, Kimber, East, Guy 1.0, D. Panizza, Zubrinich 0.1.