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BAYS FLY HIGH FOR 18 PT. WIN

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HOW FOUR STAND

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	%
Port	13	4	-	1545	1172	26	56.9
Norw'd	11	5	1	1457	1184	23	55.2
Torrens	9	7	1	1413	1225	19	53.6
Sturt	9	8	-	1315	1254	18	51.2
North	9	8	-	1309	1312	18	49.9
Glenelg	7	10	-	1354	1502	14	47.4
West	7	10	-	1413	1612	14	46.7
South	2	15	-	965	1510	4	39.0

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Rundle (Glenelg)	9	56
Caust (Sturt)	3	52
Chown (Torrens)	—	38
Lindner (North)	2	36
Walker (Norwood)	3	36
McKenzie (North)	2	34
Wright (West)	—	34

ATTENDANCES

Prospect Oval	12,500
Norwood Oval	12,500
Adelaide Oval	6,000
Kensington Oval	3,000
Total	34,000

Starting slowly, Glenelg built up enough high-flying force to outstay West by 18 points in a do-or-die finish at Kensington Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Glenelg	2-2	8-5	14-8	19-10	124
West	6-5	8-8	11-14	15-16	106

Glenelg goalsneak Rundle capped his season's effort with nine goals, to top the goalkicking list.

Although the result had no effect on the final four, the match was played with all the vim and vigor of a premiership chance.

After the first quarter it was a neck-and-neck struggle, with two Glenelg goals from Prater and Branson in the dying minutes clinching the game.

Glenelg started off using close-checking man-to-man methods to counter West's pace.

But West were keeping their flanks wide out on their half-forward line, keeping the play open.

Willing tussles

Crabb and A'Court featured in some willing tussles to gain power from the rucks, but West's rovers nullified many of Crabb's hitouts.

At this stage Billy Wilson was being closely watched.

Glenelg moved with more dash and vigor in the second term with Wilson, using well-regulated pace, becoming effective and creating opportunities.

Fast leading and spiraling marks over packs shattered West's last line of defence.

Glenelg kept the ball coming to him high and often, spurred by Crabb and Wilson moving into the open to set Glenelg off.

Lynch and Alf Bailey were fighting hard to drive their team in from the pivot, with Bailey out-marking his smaller opponent.

In this quarter West sent many of their attacks through a nippy Benton on a half-forward flank, in contrast to the direct straight route the Bays were exploiting.

Systematic play

Three points up at the half-time siren, West had an opportunity to go further ahead. Benton was freed and taking his kick after the siren, he kicked into the man.

Glenelg went about overhauling West's lead in a systematic way in the third quarter. Playing in front and looking for a man, they swept into attack.

Glenelg kept up the pace and turned their three points disadvantage into a 22-point lead at the final change.

Anyone's game

The last quarter started with a burst of spirited exchanges, with the ball catapulting between the scoring zones.

It was anyone's game. Then Glenelg's backline sent them into attack.

The ball whizzed high down the field and three

West men stood while Glenelg rover Longman, raced 20 yards to jump between them and mark.

His kick found Branson within range and up came another goal.

Glenelg hold

West fought back stubbornly but Glenelg, closing up the play, held their advantage.

Rundle, with his nine goals, was brilliant for Glenelg. He did everything asked of him. His marking and leading was almost faultless.

Rover Wilson was slow to start and although not spectacular was the man behind the scenes. He never wasted a kick and with cool courageous play kept Glenelg attacking repeatedly.

Crabb turned in a useful game and Longman roved with fire and determination. He gave it everything he had.

Benson, a new big man to the Glenelg side, looks like being a regular member next year.

Wright, until injured, roved with dash and determination for West and was well supported by A'Court.

Williams did everything he could to get West attacking and Benton, on a half-forward flank, did his share.

Scorers—Glenelg: Rundle 9.3, Branson 4.1, Longman 2.1, Abley 2.0, Wilson 1.1, Prater 1.0, Crabb, Potter, Edwards each 0.1, rushed 0.1. West: Phipps 6.2, Benton 3.3, A'Court 2.0, Brown 1.2, Paehse 1.2, Williams 1.2, Cannon 1.0, McKay 0.2, Perry, Brian Slattery each 0.1, rushed 0.1.

Best Players—Glenelg: Rundle, Wilson, Longman, Branson, Crabb, Alf Bailey. West: Williams, A'Court, Wright, Phipps, Benton, Lynch.

Replacements.—Eglinton replaced by Veitch in last quarter; Wright replaced by Brian Slattery in last quarter.



WELL done, lads. Things looked black for a while, but you can't keep a good tiger down.

That's it, Rundle, nine goals and every one a winner. We showed those Westies they're not the only ones who could score.

We know the umpire can't be in more than one place at once, but give us a fair go. There were several incidents today—and we were on the wrong end of them.

Nice work, May. Pity our forwards let you down in the last term. As it happened we won, but the result could have been quite different.

And good play, Baillie. We appreciated your effort in the last term.



ABOVE: North Adelaide rover Haydn Bunton is concentrating on his job as Torrens' G. Parham tries to fight his way from between Bunton and North's Tidswell. In the background is Torrens' rover D. Loades.

TODAY'S FOOTBALL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	pts.
NORTH	1-1	5-3	7-3	10-8	68
TORRENS	5-4	6-6	7-10	9-11	65

Best Players—NORTH: McKay, Stringer, Fuller, Weston, McCann, Bunton, Dunn. TORRENS: Head, Graham, Wood, Loades, Cockshell, Slaven, Ashby.

Goalkickers — NORTH: McKenzie, Lindner, Brown, Bunton (each 2), Faggotter, Dunn. TORRENS: Clingly (3), Loades, Wood (each 2), W Hank, Pyatt.

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NORWOOD	3-4	5-5	10-8	13-10	88
STURT	2-4	6-8	8-8	10-12	72

Best Players—NORWOOD: Reimann, Wells, Nicholls, Koerner, Dickson, Fosdike, Aish. STURT: Goodchild, Halbert, Fitzgerald, Harris, Kotaras, Freundt, Hunter.

Goalkickers—NORWOOD: Dickson (4), Walker, Wells (each 3), Nicholls, Temple, Butler. STURT: Caust (3), May, Pike, Martin, Goodchild, Fitzgerald, Kotaras, Harris.

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PORT	2-1	5-2	6-5	9-7	61
SOUTH	1-2	3-8	5-12	6-16	52

Best Players—PORT: P. Williams, Coldwell, Greer, Abley, Garland, T. Williams, Boyd. SOUTH: Richards, Poiden, Parham, Panizza, Hewitt, Arthur, Jones.

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Ray Hunt...



Glenelg, picking up after Crabb took control of the rucks in the second quarter to give Wilson a feast, ran out convincing winners

From then on Glenelg did most of the attacking, and Rundle was in brilliant form at the goalfont.

West had a good burst late in the last quarter, but it was short lived. Glenelg kicked on again to run out a good winner.

Wilson's faultless disposal and intelligent play frequently had the crowd applauding him. Glenelg's other rover, Longman, also played exceptionally well.

Others to show out in a fairly evenly balanced combination were Crabb, Potter, and Rundle for his nine goals and intelligent leading.

West had few players who won their position all day. Costello was steady at centre half-back. Lee on a flank, and Williams and A'Court in ruck, and Eglinton on a wing were their best.

Glenelg's new ruckman, Branson, showed good promise in his first game.