

SUNDAY MAIL Football Pages

BAYS PROVE THEIR WORTH

By DOUG STEELE

Glenelg caused today's upset in the opening round league matches with their 10-point win over West at Adelaide Oval.

West, last year's grand finalists, were firm favorites.

Port's 33-point win over Torrens was the greatest winning margin.

Winners in today's games, played on fast, firm ovals were Glenelg, Port at Alberton, North at Prospect, and Norwood at Norwood Oval.

Glenelg jumped away to a good early lead against West, mainly through their strength in the roving department. Pleasing performances came also from new players Fraser and Richens.

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Davies, after doing sterling work in ruck, went to centre in the last quarter to stabilise his team against his team against a last-minute West onslaught.

Peter Phipps, West's goalsneak, had a field day, kicking seven goals from eight shots.

But West's alteration in their field placing — Costello to half-forward and Kerley to half-back — was a costly experiment to West, says The Sunday Mail football writer, Vic Johnson.

At Prospect Oval the game between North and South was in doubt until the final bell.

But a flashing start by North, backed by accurate goalkicking, was sufficient to give them a five-point

win over a determined South combination.

With five minutes of the last quarter gone, North kicked two quick goals and it seemed the end.

But South, with vigor and determination fought back, and North were fully extended to hang on for their narrow win.

At Alberton, Port streaked into a flashing scoring combination, kicking with the wind in the second quarter. It was here they clinched their win.

Torrens fought back in the last quarter to within two goals of Port, but a revived effort put Port 33 points in front.

Port's drive came from their small men roving intelligently around the packs and at times receiving the knock from a tall, unbeaten Morrell.

But Port looked the fitter team and were finishing stronger, breaking away effectively from the centre bounce, where Boyd had given them good service.

Tight backline

At Norwood Oval, a strong, tight backline was able to hold a fast-finishing Sturt team for Norwood's seven-point win.

Sturt lost the game in

the second quarter when they allowed Norwood to put on 4-2.

At the last change Norwood looked the winners, but Sturt swung Rattigan into the ruck and he lifted the attack, allowing Sturt to fight out a fast, willing last term.

At Alberton Oval, Torrens centre half-forward Mick Clingly, left the field at the end of the first quarter, and Whelan did not resume after half-time because of a ripped knee.



G. WILLIAMS, WEST RUCKMAN gets it knock from Glenelg's Ian May in the league match at Adelaide Oval today. A'Court (left), West Adelaide, looks on.

TODAY'S DETAILS AT A GLANCE

GROUNDS.—Solid and fast.

North	7-1	8-3	9-8	11-11	77
South	5-1	7-4	8-11	10-12	72

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Whitford, Rogerson, Sheppard, Stringer, R. Trenorden, Tanner, Yates. **SOUTH:** Peucker, Baker, Guy, C. Yates, Bland, Deane, Arthur.

SCORERS.—NORTH: Whitford (3.3), Sheppard (2.2), Brown (2.1), Trenorden (2.0), Bubner (2.0), Barbary (0.1), Henningsen (0.1), rushed (0.3). **SOUTH:** Peucker (4.3), Judd (2.4), Bland (2.0), C. Yates (1.1), Kitchen (1.1), Baker (0.1), Richards (0.1), rushed (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Baker (minor knee injury) replaced by Farrelly in last quarter. Browne (cramp) replaced by Parham in last quarter.

Glenelg	4-8	9-10	12-16	14-19	103
West	2-3	10-4	12-4	14-9	93

BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: Davies, Fraser, Richens, Baillie, Slattery, Wilson, Branson. **WEST:** Phipps, Benton, Williams, Eglinton, Richardson, Brown (until injured), A'Court.

SCORERS.—GLENELG: Abley (4.2), B. Wright (3.2), Branson (2.1), Fraser (2.0), Richens (1.5), Wilson (1.4), Hewett (1.1), Davies (0.2), May (0.1), Robinson (0.1). **WEST:** Phipps (7.1), Benton (2.1), A'Court (1.1), Bray (1.1), Costello (1.1), Brown (1.0), Wright (1.0), McKay (0.1), rushed (0.3).

REPLACEMENTS.—WEST: Brown (leg injury) replaced by Lovegrove in last quarter.

Port	0-2	8-8	11-11	15-15	105
Torrens	2-7	3-9	8-11	10-12	72

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Johns, Fos Williams, Motley, Zucker, Boyd, Blagrove, Sawford, Trowse. **TORRENS:** Morrell, Livesey, Bob Hank, Slaven, Taylor, Caire.

SCORERS.—PORT: Johns (5.6), Sawford (5.0), Tom Williams (2.2), Zucker (2.0), Fos Williams (1.3), Jaggard (0.2), Motley (0.1), Trowse (0.1). **TORRENS:** Taylor (2.2), Ray Hank (2.1), Oehme (2.1), Jones (2.1), Slaven (1.0), Thorsen (1.0), Tucker (0.2), Coleman (0.2), Livesey (0.1), Rebuli (0.1), rushed (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Whelan (cut knee) replaced by Jaggard at start of third quarter. **TORRENS:** Clingly (leg) replaced by Thorsen in first quarter.

Norw'd	1-2	5-4	10-6	11-9	75
Sturt	2-1	3-3	7-7	10-8	68

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Sawley, Reimann, Nicholls, Fosdike, Kite, Dickson, Oids. **STURT:** Dunn, Freundt, H. Halbert, Goodchild, Harris, Hunter.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Johnson (3.1), Nicholls (2.0), Dickson (2.0), Kite (2.1), Fosdike (1.1), Koerner (1.0), Hall (0.2), Hoffman (0.1), Green (0.1), rushed (0.2). **STURT:** Caust (2.0), Machell (2.2), Heath (2.0), Freundt (1.1), Blowes (1.1), Goodchild (1.1), Dunn (1.1), Hocking (0.1), rushed (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—STURT: Machell (thigh) replaced by G. Freundt in last quarter. Ludlow (bruised shin) replaced by Hale in last quarter.

HIGHEST	LOWEST
Port 15-15 (105)	Sturt 10-8 (68)

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

ANZAC DAY.—Port v. North, at Adelaide Oval. **SATURDAY.—**South v. Torrens, at Adelaide; Norwood v. West, at Norwood; Sturt v. Glenelg, at Unley.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Phipps (West)	7	7
Johns (Port)	5	5
Sawford (Port)	5	5
Peucker (South)	4	4
Abley (Glenelg)	4	4
Whitford (North)	3	3
Johnson (Norwood)	3	3
Wright (Glenelg)	3	3

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
Port	1	—	105	72	2	59.3	
Glenelg	1	—	103	93	2	56.6	
Norwood	1	—	75	68	2	52.4	
North	1	—	77	72	2	51.6	
South	—	1	72	77	—	49.4	
Sturt	—	1	68	75	—	47.6	
West	—	1	93	103	—	47.4	
Torrens	—	1	72	103	—	41.7	

ATTENDANCES

Alberton	12,400
Adelaide	10,650
Norwood	10,025
Prospect	6,300
Total	39,375

Bays looked fine in beating West

By VIC JOHNSON

Glenelg looked good and full of possibilities in beating West by 10 points at Adelaide Oval today.

The Bays' roving was really fine, with Wilson, Fraser, and Richens all starring.

Added to that, the Bays were very ably led by their new captain, Neil Davies.

West were a disappointment, as many of their stars of last season were in eclipse.

And their experiments, Costello to centre half-forward and Kerley to centre half-back, were not a success.

Costello was rarely in the picture in opposition to Baillie, and Kerley, although he defended strongly, did not hold Wright and was missing from the rucks.

Bright spot

The one bright light in West's line-up was the performance of Peter Phipps at full-forward. With limited opportunities he kicked seven goals from eight shots—a fine performance.

Glenelg surprised West with their dash and determination in the first quarter, although they were hotly pressed after that.

Umpire C. J. Egar had charge of the game.

With the rucks breaking even at the bounces, but with Davies and the rovers calling the tune in the breakaways Glenelg had 16 points on the board before West began to move.

But when Williams came into ruck West began to make some headway. Why he did not begin in ruck is hard to understand.

Still, Glenelg played much the better and richly deserved their first-term lead of 17 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	4-8	9-10	12-16	14-19	103
West	2-3	10-4	12-4	14-9	93

The second term was a harvest for the attackers, 13 goals being scored — eight by West and five by Glenelg.

West's rovers, of whom Brown was the best, were not able to counter the Bay opposites.

But with Eglinton holding one wing, and an improvement in ruck work, West were able to give Phipps chances, and he made the most of them.

Benton, the only player on West's half-forward

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line really to show to advantage, created many of West's breaks. In a fighting effort, West drew level at half-time.

They had taken the lead with a long goal from Costello late in the term, but not for long.

Early in the third term West made a series of attacks, but they had little value.

West's attack, apart from Benton and Phipps, was not functioning well, and Costello looked completely lost at centre half-forward.

Brian Wright had now made centre half-forward a strong point for Glenelg and Branson in close had become a real nuisance.

Phipps got his sixth goal late in the term for West, but Fraser gave Glenelg a 12-point start for the last term with an answering goal.

Bray was at centre half-forward and Costello on

his flank for West when the last term began.

It was an even quarter throughout.

With West making a determined bid Bay captain Davies was game enough to take a chance by removing himself from ruck and going to centre.

He placed Hewett at centre half-forward and used Baillie as a follower.

It was, I think, a winning move. Hewett was valuable in attack, Davies stabilised centre, and Baillie gave fresh power to the packs.

For the match, Glenelg took 48 marks and West 57. Glenelg were awarded 29 frees, West 30.

Davies best

Davies' fine game following, and later at centre, makes him my choice as Glenelg's best.

Wilson, Fraser, and Richens all roved finely and played well in attack. The last two appear to be splendid finds.

Baillie was strong in defence and later in ruck. Slattery did a good job on his wing, and Branson was always in it in ruck or attack.

Phipps was West's best. He led and marked finely and kicked with great accuracy.

Benton was always doing well at half-forward right. Williams tried grimly throughout in ruck or defence, Eglinton definitely won his wing, Richardson and A'Court strove hard in ruck, and Brown was the best of the West rovers.