

THE GIANTS TOPPLE

Norwood put Port away in match of day

By DOUG STEELE

Port toppled today. Norwood caused a major shock in the league football series by defeating the premiership leaders by 10 points at Norwood Oval.

It was Port's first defeat since midway through last season, when they went under to the rank outsider, South, at Adelaide Oval.

Norwood's dressing room after the match looked like a grand final victory scene.

Supporters jammed the dressing room door, rushing to congratulate players.

Officials called for donations in appreciation of the win and in 20 minutes £100 was collected.

Barackers at other ovals cheered when the posting of the final scores showed a Norwood win.

West now 4th

Other league winners were West, against North, at Prospect, South, against Glenelg, at Adelaide, and Sturt against Torrens, at Unley.

Following today's games, West have moved into fourth position for the first time this season, displacing North on percentage.

Norwood have moved into second place, displacing Torrens, who have dropped to third.

Sturt's win over Torrens now gives them a fighting chance for the final four.

Phipps 11 ahead

West goalsneak Peter Phipps, with six goals today, continued his freak run.

He is now a clear leader on the goalkicking list with 55. His nearest opponent is Rex Johns, Port, with 44. Johns managed only two today.

West ruckman Fred A'Court was reported today by field umpire Sweeney for allegedly striking an opponent in a scrimmage.

At Norwood Oval, traditional rivals Port and Norwood provided the thriller of the season.

The lead changed hands about nine times. Three times the scores were equal in a tense, fever-pitch game.

More at home

Norwood finished too strongly for Port this time.

Ports offered a severe blow in the second quarter when ruckman Zucker left the field with a leg injury.

Port went to a six-point lead half-way through the last quarter, but Norwood came back strongly with determination and pace.

At Prospect Oval, West outplayed North in the first quarter while playing into a heavy wind. Then North did just as well in the second quarter.

Vic Johnson, The Sunday Mail chief football writer, says there was not much between the teams until three-quarter time, when West's strategy won the game for them.

Richardson replaced Thomas in ruck and Thomas reverted to his old role as goalkeeper, where he looked more at home.

Richardson lifted the ruck and Phipps converted the drive with four goals in a brilliant last-quarter burst.

At Unley Oval, Sturt played full of confidence and determination for the whole of the game.

They made more use of their forward opportunities, relying on a long driving game straight through centre to bring the ball to their scoring zone.

A Torrens burst brought them within 10 points in the last term, but Sturt went in again for a convincing win.

At Adelaide Oval South never looked in danger of defeat. They took the initiative from the first quarter and even outscored Glenelg in the second quarter against the wind.

In the third, South scored seven goals without a miss, Kitchen kicking five, to finish with nine.

Glenelg out-scored South in the last term, but South were sitting on an unbeatable lead.

South sure in their first win

By SAM GALLAGHER

South won their first game for the season with a confident display of wet-weather football against a lethargic Glenelg at Adelaide Oval today.

Apart from the first quarter, which was highlighted by a fierce exchange of hip and shoulder and forearm jolts in Glenelg's forward area, the game was very tame.

Deane won centre almost throughout.

The South wings, too, gradually gained the upper hand, and with Kitchen in great form at the goalfront the result was decided soon after half-time.

Although the half-forward line was not one of South's consistent strong points, it was on top when most needed.

Valuable goals

In the second quarter when South were kicking into a strong breeze, Richards broke away from Robinson's close checking to get two valuable goals for South.

Up to this time, Kitchen had not been a dominant influence.

South's drive had come from the clear-cut superiority of Deane at centre and the solid bullocking of Christie, Yates, and Adams in ruck.

Peucker, too, a power in attack, made every kick count as he went for distance whenever in possession.

Glenelg's powerhouse, Davies, was short circuited by the close checking of newcomer Jackson, and the Bays had to rely on Wil-

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son for most of their drive.

The conditions suited the Glenelg veteran, but he was not able at any stage to exert a dominant influence.

Lack of understanding in attack was Glenelg's downfall in the second quarter. They had more opportunities than South, but were outscored 5-2 to 2-6.

Valiant defence in a back pocket by Baillie was Glenelg's only bright spot. South finally broke through to lead by 27 points at half-time.

In an effort to combat Deane's matchwinning influence at centre, Glenelg switched Barnes with Edwards after half-time.

Kitchen's role

After an early thrust started by Deane had resulted in Kitchen goaling, the move seemed momentarily successful.

But Kitchen immediately took complete control at full forward, and the game was all over.

Deane, too, regained control and held it to the end.

Evans, Glenelg full back, left the field with an ankle injury, and Glenelg were more than ever off balance.

The Bays were able to get past South's half-back line only rarely, while South added seven goals without a miss, five coming from Kitchen.

Thereafter, Glenelg out-

scored the winners but without any hope of getting within reach.

In the poor conditions, Deane gave an accomplished display at centre. He marked the greasy ball with unexpected assurance and rarely failed to place it to advantage.

Like Deane, Kitchen seemed to have no difficulty in marking the wet ball. His kicking, too, displayed an unusual confidence.

Good roving

Peucker's roving was an important factor in South establishing their superiority in the first half.

He played the direct game, and with Atkins also active, South were well served on the fringes.

Badly handicapped by the absence of Hewett and Wright, two key players, Glenelg were never a possibility.

Fraser played on with great determination, but there was so little co-ordination in Glenelg's game that his efforts were unavailing.

Apart from a brief second-quarter burst from Richards, Robinson held his half-back flank, and Baillie performed usefully in a back pocket.

Davies made more mistakes than one usually sees from him, but his last quarter at centre half-forward was largely instrumental in Glenelg's good finish.

Today's details

GROUNDS: Wet and greasy.

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(At Norwood Oval)

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Sawley, Olds, Aish, Koerner, Vivian, Reimann, Dickson. PORT: Obst, F. Williams, Whelan, Trowse, Tierney, Abley, Garland.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Young 3.0, Kite 2.2, Butler 2.0, Vivian 1.5, Dickson 1.3, Sawley 1.3, Fosdike 1.1, Nicholls 1.0, Couch 0.4, Walker 0.2, Koerner 0.1, rushed 0.3. PORT: Obst 5.0, F. Williams 4.1, Johns 2.3, Jaggard, Motley 1.0, Garland 0.2, Trowse 0.1, Sawford 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: Fosdike (knee) replaced by Couch in second quarter. Sawley (shin) replaced by Carlaw in last quarter. PORT: Zucker (leg) replaced by Powell in second quarter. Motley (thigh) replaced by T. Williams in last quarter.

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(At Prospect Oval)

BEST PLAYERS.—WEST: Benton, Eglinton, Day, A'Court, Phipps, Brown, Bray. NORTH: Lindner, Gilbourne, Barbary, McCann, Tanner, Sheppard, Bubner.

SCORERS.—WEST: Phipps 6.3, Brown 3.1, Day 2.3, Williams 2.1, Tregenza 1.2, McKay, Wright 1.0, A'Court 0.2, Benton 0.1, rushed 0.2. NORTH: Bubner, Trenorden 3.0, Sheppard, Whitford 2.2, Johnston 2.1, Yates 1.1, Lindner 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS.—WEST: Tregenza (leg) replaced by Rossetto in third quarter. NORTH: W. Blunden (shoulder) replaced by Westley in last term. Yates (leg) replaced by Constable in last term.

REPORTS.—WEST: A'Court was reported by field umpire Sweeney for allegedly striking an opponent in the third quarter.

Table with 6 columns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows: Sturt, Torrens

(At Unley Oval)

BEST PLAYERS.—STURT: Olds, Dunn, Hunter, Shanks, Tuckwell, May, Goodchild. TORRENS: Head, Slaven, Teasdale, Roberts, Ashby, Thorsen, Fischer.

SCORERS.—STURT: Olds 4.2, Harris, Hocking 3.1, Hunter, Goodchild 2.1, Freundt, Dunn 2.0, Blows 0.1, rushed 0.2. TORRENS: Head 5.1, Teasdale 4.0, Fischer 3.0, Livesey 1.3, Clingly 1.1, Bob Hank 1.0, Jones 0.2, Taylor, Slaven 0.1, rushed 0.1.

Table with 6 columns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows: South, Glenelg

(At Adelaide Oval)

BEST PLAYERS.—SOUTH: Deane, Kitchen, Peucker, Parkinson, Yates, Judd, Jones. GLENELG: Fraser, Robinson, Baillie, Davies, Richens, Wilson, Barnes.

SCORERS.—SOUTH: Kitchen 9.2, Peucker 2.4, Richards 2.0, Christie, Polden 1.2, Adams, Atkins, Yates 1.0, rushed 0.1. GLENELG: Richens 3.3, Butler 2.3, Baldock 2.1, Davies 1.4, Fraser, Abley 1.3, Wilson 1.2, May 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Arthur (hip) replaced by Baker at three-quarter time. Yates replaced by Slattery in last quarter. GLENELG: Evans (ankle) replaced by McLeod in third quarter.

LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE

Table with 8 columns: W, L, D, For, Agst, Pts, % Rows: Port, Norwood, Torrens, West, North, Sturt, Glenelg, South

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Table with 4 columns: Today, Games, Total Rows: Phipps (West), Johns (Port), Clingly (Torrens), Abley (Glenelg), Johnson (Norwood), Wright (Glenelg)

ATTENDANCES

Table with 2 columns: Ground, Attendance Rows: Norwood, Unley, Prospect, Adelaide, Total

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

Port v. Torrens at Adelaide Oval. Glenelg v. West at Norwood Oval. Norwood v. South at Norwood Oval. Sturt v. North at Unley Oval.

Bays again in Seconds

By BRIAN WATSON

Glenelg proved far too good for Sturt in the main Seconds game played at Glenelg this afternoon, and won impressively by 38 points.

It was their fourth win straight.

Glenelg won in the third term when they rattled on 5-2 to 1-1 and entered the last quarter with a four-goal break.

Sturt, who broke down badly across half-forward all day and were hard put

to counter Glenelg's superior speed, could not make any headway from the opportunities they received in the vital last term.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

Table with 6 columns: W, L, F, A, Pts. Rows: Port, West, Glenelg, Torrens, Sturt, Norwood, South, North

GOALKICKERS

Table with 2 columns: Today, Total Rows: Hawke (Port), Rundle (Glenelg), Davenport (Norwood), Longman (Glen.), Farrelly (South), Caldwell (Port), Wood (Torrens)