

Early pressure does it for Torrens

By GEOFF KINGSTON
West Torrens beat Glenelg by 10 points at Adelaide Oval yesterday in a match it almost threw away.

Torrens coach Neil Kerley confessed after the game: "Yeah, we could easily have lost it, but if we win a grand final by that much then I'll be happy."

And while it is often said that one quarter of football does not win a game, it did yesterday for Torrens.

Before a crowd of 22,350 it stunned Glenelg early with its aggression and pressure on the player with the ball.

So much so that Glenelg coach John Halbert admitted that "it left our attack looking very ragged."

Torrens was superb as it bulldozed its way to a 4.3 to 1.1 lead at quarter-time.

But from then on it was out-scored by 10 points (7.13 to 5.15) — the Torrens victory margin.

Torrens had some big winners in the first half, particularly in the opening 30 minutes.

Former Victorian Rod Galt jumped over the top of the Glenelg rucks to give the Torrens rovers a start on Kym Hodgeman and Peter McInerney, and his marking frustrated Glenelg's early attacks.

Bruce Lindsay picked up the tempo of the game immediately as a rover and, with Hodgeman,

YESTERDAY'S STARS

ADELAIDE OVAL	
B. Lindsay (WT)	3
K. Hodgeman (G)	2
R. Galt (WT)	1
FOOTBALL PARK	
R. White (SA)	3
T. Sorrell (PA)	2
P. Brooksby (SA)	1

West Torrens	4.3	6.10	8.14	9.18	(72)
Glenelg	1.1	2.4	5.9	8.14	(62)

shared the ball-getting honors all day.

Lindsay did most to curb the dominance of the Glenelg rovers but was given a lot of support at times by Essendon newcomer Wayne Primmer and Ian Jackman.

Primmer impressed in his SA debut despite having only a 20-minute training run with the team this week.

Although Primmer fumbled away a lot of opportunities, Kerley was happy to have him in the side.

"He was good but he will get better, especially when it is dry," Kerley said.

Despite the squeeze applied by the Torrens trio, Hodgeman could not be subdued completely and was Glenelg's top kick-getter.

Glenelg, realising the game was slipping away, made wholesale changes at half-time.

"Our first half was not good," Halbert said.

"When we dropped five goals behind at one stage in the second quarter I started to get worried.

"At half-time we had kicked only two goals in 60 minutes of football, so we had to do something."

Unable to crack the tough, smothering Torrens defence, Halbert swung Colin Anderson to full forward, Steve Copping to half-forward and finally was forced to take Peter Woite right out of the game.

"It was better," said Halbert. "I was disappointed," said Kerley. "We were too loose in the third, there were far too many gaps. Things worked for us early but as they got tired, the mental attitude also got tired."

Glenelg got to within 10 points after 22 minutes of the last term but to Torrens's credit it did not buckle under the onslaught led by Hodgeman, Colin MacVicar, Graham Cornes, Peter Carey and David Holst, who had done a good "stopping" job on Neville Roberts

Galt lifted to steady Torrens just when it needed him, Lindsay kept running, pushing, kicking and handpassing the ball into attack and Shane Grambeau got on top to complete a fine defence that included two very tough characters on the last line — Doug Cox and Bob Enright.

And with Kerley coaching from the boundary line — "Glenelg jammed my walkie-talkie" — Torrens joined Port as the only unbeaten teams in the league competition.

GOALKICKERS — West Torrens: Roberts 2.2, Hanna 2.1, Primmer 1.5, Lindsay 1.3, Inglis 1.2, McSparran, White 1.0, rushed 0.5. Glenelg: McInerney 2.1, Weston, Copping 1.2, Carey, MacVicar 1.1, Marshal, Walter 1.0, Woite, Anderson 0.2, Hodgeman 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST — West Torrens: Lindsay, Galt, McSparran, Hanna, Enright, Primmer, Jackman. Glenelg: Hodgeman, Weston, Cornes, Holst, Carey, MacVicar.

Umpires — R. Kinnear, B. O'Connor.



West Torrens centre half-back Shane Grambeau uses the shoulders of Glenelg wingman Steve Copping to fly high for this mark at Adelaide Oval yesterday. Other football pictures, Page 17.



Bob Enright of Torrens, marks in front of Glenelg's Kym Hodgeman in the Eagles' fine win at the Adelaide Oval yesterday.

PORT	3.4	7.8	9.12	11.17
SOUTH	2.4	3.5	5.7	8.11

Reserves

WT 2.3 7.7 9.8 17.12 (114)
 Gl. 4.3 8.5 10.7 11.8 (74)

Goalkickers — Torrens — Rendell 6, B. Hank 4, Grinter 3, Hewett, Noske, Frost 3, Calvin. Glenelg — Roberts 3, Caldwell 2, Whiting, Paynter, Rady, Taite, Harrison, Twelfthree.

Best — Torrens — I. Hewett, M. Hewett, T. Rendell, Searle, B. Hank, M. Pavlich, Green. Glenelg — Bellman, G. Williams, Frost, Paynter, Caldwell, Hurley.

PA 4.3 8.8 9.12 13.17 (95)
 SA 4.2 6.3 9.5 11.6 (72)

Goalkickers — Port Adelaide — Robertson 4, S. Williams 2, Young, Mahar, A. Williams, Boyd, Leslie, Kemp, Smart. South Adelaide — Parker 5, Lyons 2, Allen, Thiele, Moyle, Coleman.

Best — Port Adelaide — S. Williams, Warren, A. Williams, Boyd, Robertson, Baker, Cole. South Adelaide — Shaw, Cox, Parker, Coleman.

GOALKICKERS — Port: Cahill 3.1, Evans 2.3, Belton 2.1, Agius 2.0, Ebert 1.2, Faletic 1.0, Kinnear 0.2, Abernethy, Hofner, Granger, Clifford 0.1, rushed 0.4. South: Linke, Schneebichler 2.1, Fairclough, Slattery, Collins 1.1, Baynes 1.0, G. Brooksby 0.2, Naley 0.1, rushed 0.3.

BEST — Port: Sorrell, Abernethy, Eckermann, Kinnear, Ebert, Giles, Cahill. South: White, P. Brooksby, Baynes, Linke, Schneebichler.

Umpires — R. Magor, R. Scholefield.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts	%
Torrens	4	4	0	0	401	296	8	57.53
Port	4	3	0	1	580	287	7	66.90
Glenelg	4	3	1	0	509	354	6	58.98
Sturt	3	2	1	0	393	273	4	59.01
South	4	2	2	0	360	300	4	54.55
Centrals	3	1	1	1	274	335	3	44.99
Norwood	3	1	2	0	281	339	2	45.32
North	3	0	3	0	284	374	0	43.16
Woodville	3	0	3	0	265	551	0	32.48
West	3	0	3	0	166	404	0	29.12