

# Port backs held last term challenge

Got his kick just the same

By Haydn Bunton, told to Lawrie Jervis, jun.

Port's backmen, by efforts which seemed almost superhuman at times, won the Magpies the game against Glenelg by five points today. In the last term, Port couldn't get the ball past centre more than once or twice.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	5-2	8-6	12-7	12-8	80
Glenelg	3-2	7-2	10-4	11-9	75

Port were not lucky to win—in fact, they would have been unlucky to lose considering the number of set shots their forwards sent out of bounds—but they were simply overwhelmed in the last term.

Russell must have become tired of kicking a football. In the third and last quarters he did so much in breaking up Glenelg attacks that the Bays might just as well have been kicking the ball against a brick wall.

Glenelg made a good move when they sent Ted Robjent to cover Williams just before the end of the second quarter. He appreciably dimmed Williams' brilliance in the second half by close checking and hard hitting. Robjent was a far different proposition to Williams' earlier opponent, Boehm.

One of the day's highlights was the no-quarter duel between Port's centre half-back, 19-year-old Roger Clift and Laurie Taylor.

From the first bounce, Clift didn't give Taylor an inch, matched him in the air by knowing when to spoil or when to mark, and generally gave the tall Bay centre half-forward an uncomfortable time.

Clift is one of the best State half-back prospects I've seen for years.

## Bay rucks shine

In the last term, when they were being very hotly engaged, Port kept play to the pockets, and some very dubious "accidental" kicks out-of-bounds were allowed to go unchallenged.

Early in the first term, the Bay rucks—with Crabb in particular going like a Trojan—took practically all the hit-outs.

Glenelg had three goals on the board—Laffin, Churchett, Crabb—almost before Port knew the game was on.

Port missed easy chances from Growden, Whitaker, and Zucker, all kicking out-of-bounds from sitting shots, but then they came with a rush and got four quick goals from Williams (2), Growden, and Whitaker.

At centre, Mills had slightly the better of Trenorden, and did so throughout the game.

## Port mistakes

Glenelg took the initiative in the second term, and with Port forwards playing behind their men, the Bays looked the better side.

Port forwards made some mistakes even schoolboys are told to avoid, particularly in being caught flatfooted with the ball coming their way.

Again it was Fos Williams resting in a pocket who had to get them out of trouble, and he did so with two quick goals.

Churchett really shone in the second term. His three goals came from good leading, strong marking, and his uncanny ability to hook the ball through from seemingly impossible positions.

## Another Port run

At the start of the third term, Port got a run on again when Zucker, who had alternated between full forward and taking a spell on the ball, got three goals quickly.

At the time it seemed as if the Port goalsneak had at last

## Premiership list

	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.
Norwood	8	1	1901	679	16
Glenelg	6	3	859	720	12
Port	6	3	769	685	12
West	5	4	813	725	10
Torrens	5	4	737	721	10
North	4	5	808	741	8
Sturt	2	7	743	960	4
South	—	9	561	1069	—

## Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	7	50
Thompson (Sturt)	4	27
Zucker (Port)	4	26
Williams (Norwood)	5	23
Dalwood (Norwood)	—	23
Shanks (Sturt)	1	23

found his form, and was ready to go on with the job. However, he faded away again.

His three goals were followed by one from Lees, playing his first league game, half-forward left—and not doing badly—and his was the last Port goal for the match.

The Bays swamped Port in the last term. No matter how hard Port tried, they could not take the ball more than a few yards past the centre.

So consistently did Glenelg storm the Port defences, and with such force, that it would not have been surprising if the Magpie backmen had suddenly called it a day.

Port had only one scoring shot for the quarter—a point from Growden—and I think that was the only time they got past centre.

On the other hand, their backmen performed so capably that in spite of the incessant Bay attacks, Glenelg got only 1-5.

At one stage, Dick Russell turned back eight Glenelg attacks in five minutes.

Fos Williams and Russell were outstanding for Port, and it is hard to separate them. Williams was at his most dangerous when he put the five valuable goals on the board in the first half. Russell gave a most sustained performance of defensive work.

Clift, expressly concerned with keeping Laurie Taylor quiet, did an honors job. At no stage did Taylor become an effective force for Glenelg.

Crabb, who rucked in champion style in the first half, although a little quieter later, was the Bay's best. He held the rucks, even if he could not always dictate which rover took the ball away.

Hannaford played solidly on the half-back line, but his kicking was not always reliable.

Churchett kicked some amazing goals. He had an almost uncanny knack of getting his boot to the ball, from awkward positions, at the right moment.

Don Taylor played well, and well beat his opponent, John Abley, who seems still in need of another run or two.

Best Players—Port: F. Williams, Russell, Clift, Greer, Fletcher, Mills, Whitaker, Growden, Glenelg: Crabb, Hannaford, Churchett, Don Taylor, Robjent, Laffin, Brooker.

Scorers—Port: F. Williams 52, Zucker 41, Growden 13, Whitaker 11, Lees 10, Marrett 61, Batt 61, Glenelg: Churchett 72, Brooker 20, Laffin 11, Crabb 13, Rundle 61, L. Taylor 61, rushed 62.



ALTHOUGH J. MILLER (Glenelg) leaped in front of him K. Growden (Port)—left—got his foot to the ball in time to get it away in the league football game at Glenelg Oval this afternoon. Others in the background are (from left) B. Lees, and R. Whitaker, and Clarrie Window (Glenelg).

## NORWOOD'S FIRST DEFEAT; WEST VICTORY CONVINCING

By LEN SWAN

Only for poor goalshooting West would have had an even more convincing win over Norwood at Norwood Oval today. It was the Redlegs' first defeat for the season.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4-5	7-11	8-16	12-21	93
Norwood	5-3	6-5	10-6	12-7	79

Up to half-time, the West forwards, besides being inaccurate, lacked determination, but after the long interval they sensed victory, particularly in the last quarter, and fought on vigorously.

Lewis, however, at centre half-forward, did give life to the West forward line in the first half and after half-time, Marriott was sent to check this versatile player.

The Norwood backmen must be given some credit for West's large tally of behinds—they often forced the West forwards into errors.

West scored mainly with their fine ground play and intelligent spoiling when the Norwood big men gained possession.

For West, Broadstock stands out with an inspiring performance at centre. His clever moves and intelligent delivery of the ball kept West attacking.

This brainy player was alive to every situation and gave his side most of the drive that enabled them to win.

After Broadstock, most of the West side could be named for giving a serviceable showing.

but perhaps the most effective was the work of Lynch at centre wing. Not only did he give West an avenue to goal, but he defeated Olds, who can be a match-winner and danger to any side.

Bernie Slattery was in the picture all day, and his four goals were well earned.

Norwood had few players at their top, but Reimann defended in fine style. His clever interceptions and close checking forced West into many errors.

Williams battled well at centre half-forward, but did not have things all his own way. He earned and deserved his five goals.

Watson and Edwards flashed into prominence as defenders periodically.

Best Players—West: Broadstock, Lynch, Bernie Slattery, Hewitt, Williams, Peckham, Todd, Edwards, Norwood: Reimann, Williams, Watson, Edwards, Oatey, LePage, Carter.

Scorers—West: Peckham 4.5, Bernie Slattery 4.2, Williams 2.2, Farnell 1.2, Edwards 1.0, Brian Slattery, A'Court 0.2, Lewis, Nelson 0.1, rushed 6.4, Norwood: Williams 5.2, Carter 4.2, Marriott 2.0, Burke 1.0, Hall, Tilbrook 0.1, rushed 0.1.

## NORTH TOO FAST FOR TORRENS

By BRIAN SHEA

Yards faster than Torrens, North had an easy win in a one-sided game at Thebarton Oval. They were never challenged after half-time.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3-3	7-5	10-8	14-9	93
Torrens	1-2	4-6	5-9	8-13	61

Torrens had too many players out of touch, especially in the first half of the game.

Their poor field kicking marked by faulty foot passes and ill-directed punt kicking made the game easy for the North defence.

Best Players—North: Aamodt, Cox, Vaughan, McKay, Kennett, Galloway, Arbon. Torrens: A. Roberts, Bully, Pyatt, W. Hank, Nicholls, Bob Hank, Coverlid.

Scorers—North: Cox 3.2, Stringer 2.1, Aamodt 2.0, Kennett 2.1, Edwards 1.3, Phillips 1.0, Galloway 1.0, Odgers 0.3, rushed 6.1. Torrens: Willis 2.2, Coverlid 2.1, Bradford 1.3, Prior 1.2, Ray Hank 1.0, W. Hank 0.1, Moberly 0.1, rushed 0.2.

## STURT WIN IN POOR GAME

By AMOS BOTTROFF

In a game that rarely, except perhaps in the last quarter rose to anything like league standard, Sturt had a 15-point win over South at Adelaide Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3-3	8-7	10-11	11-14	80
South	1-2	2-7	5-9	9-11	65