

Bays outpace Redlegs in last term

By AMOS BOTTROFF

The crowd was treated to a great display of football when Glenelg outpaced Norwood in the final stages of the last quarter to win by eleven points in the mud at Norwood Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	0—2	5—5	10—9	14—13	97
Norwood	2—1	5—5	9—7	13—8	86

Falling light late in the day added to the difficulties of handling the ball, but Norwood were fighting desperately not to be erased from a possible chance of making the final four.

Glenelg were equally set on another two points, and exchanges were vigorous, with nothing spared.

Three features of Glenelg's play earned them their success:

● Johnny Taylor's vigorous and effective effort, particularly when in defence.

● The ability of players to clear the ball with relatively long punt passes, especially into the attacking area.

● Churchett's value as a sound spearhead in front of goal.

Churchett got six goals, three of them admittedly from frees, but his unselfishness on several other occasions and his reliable accuracy make him a matchwinner.

Norwood on the other hand lost Roberts late in the second quarter and his absence was sorely felt

during the rest of the game.

He was the stone wall that kept Glenelg out time after time and it was not until he left the field that Glenelg caught the redlegs' score.

So effective was the close-checking of both sides that fifteen minutes elapsed before Glenelg posted a single for the first score of the day.

Oatey commenced in brilliant form and through his drive Norwood hit the front with eleven points in the first quarter.

The Glenelg rucks were responsible for reducing Norwood's 19 point lead in the second quarter to even the scores at half time.

Norwood then missed Roberts as the Bays, by racing out into position gave their forwards many opportunities.

Brooker did a great job as he revelled in the sloppy conditions and Don Taylor became a strong post at centre half forward.

There was a barrage of scoring when 6-2 was posted in 10 minutes of play.

Excitement round the pickets became intense when Mayo and then Blackmore goaled seven minutes before the final bell to put Norwood one point ahead.

Johnny Taylor was again in the thick of play when his side added two quick goals to win by 11 points.

Johnny Taylor was undoubtedly his side's best. From the first bell to the last he was in the thickest fighting.

Colin Churchett played another brilliant game, several times passing to someone more favorably placed.

Brian Wright was solid at centre half-back, Brooker roved with dash, and Don Taylor played a great second half, at centre half-forward.

For Norwood Oatey must get most credit. His own ability and quick disposal are an example to his team mates.

Gallagher played another great game at centre, and Lambert marked and kicked very strongly at half-forward.

Blackmore, Tricket, Roberts (until injured), Hall, and Marriott each did what was expected of them.

Best Players.—Glenelg: J. Taylor, Churchett, B. Wright, Brooker, D. Taylor, Potter, Crabb. Norwood: Oatey, Gallagher, Blackmore, Lambert, Hall, Roberts, Hall.

Scorers.—Glenelg: Churchett 6.2, Rundle 2.3, D. Taylor 2.0, A. Wright 1.3, Brooker 1.2, Potter 1.0, Bailey 1.0, Wickham 0.1, rushed 0.2. Norwood: Peters 3.1, Blackmore 3.0, Lambert 2.2, Williams 2.1, LePage 1.1, Mayo 1.0, Oatey 1.0, Curtis 0.1, Tricket 0.1, rushed 0.1.

Premiership list					Top goalkickers				
	W.	L.	For	Agst	Pts.		Today	Total	
North	8	1	887	858	16	Churchett (Glenelg)	6	48	
Port	8	1	764	834	16	Phillips (North)	3	32	
Glenelg	5	4	837	750	10	Bradford (Torrens)	3	29	
Torrens	5	4	811	728	10	Laphorne (South)	2	25	
West	5	4	662	694	10	Brooker (Glenelg)	1	22	
Norwood	3	6	686	670	6	Willis (Torrens)	3	22	
Sturt	1	8	643	940	2				
South	1	8	595	983	2				

TORRENS ADAPTED THEIR PLAY TO THE WET

By HAYDN BUNTON, as told to Lawrie Jervis, Jun.

Torrens adapted themselves so well to the wet conditions that they won by 12 points against Port at Thebarton. Port, suffering their first defeat for the season, might have been closer had they not kicked so poorly in the first quarter.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	2—1	4—4	5—5	7—8	50
Port . . .	1—8	1—9	2—13	4—14	38

Torrens played with plenty of string today, and set about earning two important premiership points as if they really wanted them.

Captain-coach Bob Hank told Torrens before the game to play wet-weather football all the time—kick the ball off the ground if they looked like being caught, punt it otherwise, and mark on the chest.

They carried out the instructions to the letter, and though Port hit hard, Torrens at no stage wilted.

It was Torrens captain-coach, Bob Hank, who gave the team attacking power. He handled the wet conditions in great style, and was best on the ground.

Alf Roberts, one of the most consistent and steadiest goalkeepers in the game, defended well.

Mick Clingly, built like a wrestler, won centre half-forward on the day, doing well particularly in the second half. It looks as if Torrens have the answer to a problem in Clingly, who is still a youngster.

Bradford, particularly dangerous when scouting the packs in front of goal, Mehaffey, Prior, and Edwards all did well.

It would be hard to separate Fos Williams and Dick Russell as Port's best.

Williams revels in wet conditions when the ball has to be won from the scramble by courage and skill.

Russell, one of the best back pocket men the State has seen for a long time, was the despair of Torrens' supporters in the last half.

Hewitson, completely in charge of his wing for three quarters, and a worry to Bob Hank in the last term, is a rugged type of wingman who could worry any player.

Parham made many fine clearances from half-back, as did Greer, while Clift did his best work in the first half.

Best Players.—Torrens: Bob Hank, Roberts, Clingly, Prior, Bradford, Mehaffey, Edwards. Port: Williams, Russell, Hewitson, Parham, Clift, Fletcher, Greer.

Scorers.—Torrens: Bradford 3.2, Willis 3.1, Prior 1.1, Cockshell 0.1, Pyatt and Mehaffey each 0.1, rushed 0.1. Port: Williams 2.5, Boyd 1.3, Trowse 1.0, Whitaker 0.2, Salvemini 0.1, rushed 0.3.

North handled ball better

From IAN McFARLING

Berri, Sat.: Handling the greasy ball more confidently in the second half after a mediocre start, North swept away from a dispirited West side in the last quarter to win by 31 points on the water-logged Berri Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North . .	0—2	2—8	4—10	9—15	69
West . . .	3—3	3—4	4—8	5—8	38

North finished in good condition and full of running but West lost their drive after half-time.

The oval had been soaked by steady rain which fell all day, and pools of water on the arena put spectacular open play out of the question all day.

Outstanding man on the ground was Ian McKay, unbeatable at centre half-back. His clearances and ground play were brilliant.

He was the only player who could be relied on to hold the slippery ball in the air.

Next to him was Aldenhoven with a strong rucking effort. He backed up useful knocking in ruck with effective ground play.

Lynch stood out like a beacon for West.

He constantly set West on the move.

Captain-coach Brian Faehse turned in another fine game in defence. He effectively shut Bill McKenzie out in the first half.

Best Players.—North: McKay, Aldenhoven, Gilbourne, Hancock, Kennett, McCann, W. McKenzie. West: Lynch, Faehse, Brown, A'Court, Brian Slattery, Hewitt, Agars.

Scorers.—North: Phillips 2.3, Kennett 2.2, W. McKenzie, Aldenhoven each 1.1, Vaughan, Gilbourne, Cox each 1.0, H. McKenzie 0.3, Puller, McKay each 0.1, rushed 0.3. West: Agars, Brian Slattery each 1.1, A'Court, Brown, Todd each 1.0, Mabarrack 0.2, Lee, Cannon, Hewitt, McKay 0.1.

FIRST WIN THIS YEAR

By LEN SWAN

Sturt had their first victory for the season when they convincingly downed South by 31 points at Unley Oval today. It was a mud battle.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt . .	4—8	7—9	11—10	12—12	84
South . .	0—3	3—5	5—11	7—11	53

Conditions were shocking, with the oval a quagmire.

Sturt played good wet weather football by kicking the ball off the ground from the scrimmages and making full and intelligent use of a man behind the packs.

It was this adaptability, and greater determination, that gave Sturt victory.

Fitzgerald inspiring

For Sturt Fitzgerald was outstanding. He came right into the picture today and gave an indication to South Australian football followers of his undeniable ability.

He was brilliant in the first and last quarters, and inspired his team throughout with fine football.

He was one of the few players to handle the ball safely on the ground or in the air.

Boland revelled in the conditions and battled tenaciously to the final bell. Sturt defenders were sound with Curnow in particular playing the back

pocket position in fine style.

Thompson must be mentioned for his rucking effort.

Deane was best

After Deane South had few outstanding players. Deane was everywhere, and in my opinion the best man afield.

Had his team fought the game with the same tenacity of purpose, Sturt would have found their task much more difficult.

Panizza battled hard and made a few amazing one-handed pick-ups from the mud patch.

Walker roved intelligently, and Bolton, although shaded by Cave on the day, gave a solid display at centre half back.

Best Players.—Sturt: Fitzgerald, Boland, Curnow, Thompson, Cave, Southern, Downing. South: Deane, Panizza, Walker, Bolton, Jones, Dunn, Abbott.

Scorers.—Sturt: Cave 4.1, Caust 2.3, Thompson and Fitzgerald each 2.0, Boland 1.4, Ladd 1.0, Baker and Thomas each 0.1, rushed 0.2. South: Deane and Laphorne each 2.0, Mills 1.4, Read 1-1, Panizza 1-0, Abbott 0.1, rushed 0.5.

Conditions were so bad at Unley that Len Laphorne, South veteran, decided to play in a beret. During one scrimmage he lost his beret in the water, but it was quickly retrieved and calmly replaced.

Many spectators thought Laphorne had lost a wig.

Rain fell for most of the Berri game today. Trainers for both North and West had cold comfort as they sat huddled on chairs beneath ground sheets on the main boundary of the oval. Most spectators, however, remained in their cars which they pulled up round the oval boundary fence.

Snapshots

With the Norwood Oval ploughed up by the Colts before the main game of Norwood and Glenelg, it was expected that league men would quickly become mud-covered. Brooker (Glenelg) was first victim, as he slithered in the slush in the first few seconds of play.

Conditions at Norwood were too soft for umpire Josephs to bounce the ball either at centre or in the outfield. It was thrown in the air instead.

In one unfortunate respect, Haydn Bunton, jun., is like his father. Bunton, jun., just 14, plays for Adelaide High School firsts and North junior colts. This week at training, he slipped a cartilage in his right knee. The cartilage will be removed in about 10 days' time.

His father had the cartilages removed from both knees, from the left knee in 1930 (before he joined Fitzroy), and from the right knee in 1937 (when he was with Subiaco, WA).