

SOUTH PLAYED HARD TO BEAT BAYS

By BOB DAVIS

South, playing inspired football, beat Glenelg by 28 points at Adelaide Oval today for their first win in the metropolitan area since 1949. It will not be their last.

South	3—4	4—6	8—10	12—14	86
Glenelg	3—1	7—3	7—8	8—10	58

Last season South had only one win—against Sturt at Port Augusta. In 1950 South went through the season without a win.

South's supremacy today was due to the dominance of Fraser, Tabe, and Deane, backed by 15 other men prepared to run themselves into the ground.

Early, the Glenelg defenders, with Wickham and Don Taylor starring, repelled many of South's attacks. But over-worked, they gradually relaxed and were forced into errors.

They fumbled the ball and resorted to wild attempts at clearance.

South were quick to take advantage of Glenelg's fatigue and scored with forceful, if not scientific, football.

South broke away to a 21-point lead in the first 15 minutes of the game with two beautiful goals from Parham.

The Bays made only three real attacks in the quarter, but they were sufficient to leave South—who had most of the play—only three points in front at the end of the term.

Different team

In the second quarter the Bays outplayed South and it seemed likely South had had their usual good opening and were destined for another defeat.

Glenelg played really well during this quarter and can be pleased with the performance of Rundle, who looks the logical goal-sneak in the team at present.

After half-time, a rejuvenated South began gradually to overhaul their 15-point deficit.

By keeping Glenelg goalless in the third term, South virtually won the game.

Each South player was at least breaking even

with his opponent and the team started the last quarter with a lead of eight points.

The teams battled evenly for the next 10 minutes and then the break came.

Read took a glorious mark and goaled for South.

From then on it was all South, whose confidence gave them new stamina to race on to a richly deserved 28-point victory.

Best on ground

Outstanding player on the ground was South ruckman-rover Murray Fraser, who controlled the greasy ball with ease.

While resting in the back pocket, he repelled many attacks, and in the ruck he continually started forward moves.

Peter Tabe set an example for South by his vigorous play in ruck, although dwarfed by the opposing rucks. Jim Deane—in four positions—provided the inspiration.

Each South player deserves a mention.

Premiership list

	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.
Port	4	—	347	209	8
Norwood	3	1	444	261	6
Torrens	3	1	369	353	6
West	2	2	334	269	4
North	2	2	293	312	4
Sturt	1	3	306	459	2
South	1	3	278	434	2
Glenelg	—	4	282	356	—

Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Willis (Torrens)	2	18
Bradford (Torrens)	7	16
Mayo (Norwood)	—	13
Brown (West)	2	12
Phillips (Sturt)	2	12
Churchett (Glenelg)	2	11
Read (South)	2	10
Williams (West)	1	9

Wickham (until injured) broke many South thrusts and was best for Glenelg. Don Taylor, Rundle, and Potter were others who tried hard to stop defeat.

Glenelg good players were hard to find, not that they all played badly but all seemed a little dispirited and their game suffered as a result.

Best Players—South: Fraser, Tabe, Deane, Parham, M. Read, Haussen, Mutze, Grear, Glenelg: Wickham, D. Taylor, Rundle, Potter, A. Bailey, Davies, Laffin.

Scorers—South: Parham 2.2, Read 2.0, Ballantyne 2.0, Haussen 1.3, Fraser 1.2, Panizza 1.2, Hewitt 1.1, Dunn 1.0, Egan 1.0, Toyne 0.2, Deane 0.1, rushed 0.1. Glenelg: Rundle 4.2, Churchett 3.2, A. Bailey 1.1, Potter 0.2, Davies 0.1, McPherson 0.1, rushed 0.1.

Torrens by 45 points

By LEN SWAN

Sturt gave Torrens a scare in the first half of Thebarton Oval today, but then Torrens took command and ran out the easy winners by 45 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	2—2	9—2	13—12	15—17	107
Sturt	3—4	6—7	8—7	9—8	62

The two Torrens rovers, Bradford and Carr, were best on the ground.

Bradford is mentioned first because of his seven goals—he also hit the post twice.

Both showed plenty of courage and intelligence and Carr can be considered a find. He could go a long way in league company.

Carr has pace and always looks to dispose of the ball effectively.

Fischer and Coverlid rucked strongly against sound opposition and they fully accepted their additional responsibility in the absence of Prior.

Sturt had none better than Thompson, who handled the wet ball exceptionally well for a big

man. He was asked to ruck and accept the centre half-forward position when resting—a tall order which he fulfilled admirably.

Rattigan had a brilliant first half in ruck and defended solidly when placed in goal in the second half. Hill roved with determination, and Green impressed at centre wing, where he had the edge on his opponents.

Best Players—Torrens: Bradford, Carr, Fischer, Coverlid, Roberts, Bob Hank, R. Sully, Sturt: Thompson, Rattigan, Hill, Green, Marshall, Boland.

Scorers—Torrens: Bradford 7.4, Carr 4.3, Willis 2.0, Chown 1.0, Fischer 1.0, Pyatt 0.2, Ashley 0.2, Bob Hank 0.1, Bill Hank 0.1, M. Sully 0.1, McKenzie 0.1, rushed 0.2. Sturt: Phillips 3.2, Hill 2.1, Boland 2.0, Rattigan 1.1, Hunter 1.1, Thompson 0.2, Fitzgerald 0.1.

PORTS TAKE TOP PLACE

Down Redlegs by nine points

By VIC JOHNSON

Port remained the only unbeaten team in league football when they had a noteworthy nine-point win over Norwood at Kensington Oval this afternoon.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	2—5	5—7	9—11	9—14	68
Norwood	3—0	7—3	8—3	9—5	59

The game was played under adverse conditions, and players of both teams must be congratulated on the fine entertainment they provided.

Highlights of Port's win was their power across centre and a ruck recovery after half-time.

Choosing Port's best is not easy as there were three, in my opinion, who were nearly on a par.

But I give it to Boyd, who was unbeaten all day.

He had the muddy centre patch to contend with.

Boyd was closely followed by McDonald—tigerish at centre wing—and Whitaker, who did

many fine, intelligent things.

Whitaker was the main goalgetter for his team with three goals.

It is much the same with Norwood.

Roberts and Edwards defended finely all day, and Walker, who is making his presence felt in each game, again played well in ruck.

Scorers—Port: Whitaker, 3.3; Whelan, 2.3; Trowse, 1.2; Fletcher, 1.1; Boyd, Dittmar, each 1.0; Garland, 0.2; Luke, Williams, Growden, 0.1. Norwood: Fosdike, 3.1; Drage, 3.0; Hall, 2.0; Hoy, 1.0; Reimann, Walker, Mayo, 0.1; rushed, 0.1.

Best Players—Port: Boyd, McDonald, Whitaker, Williams, Growden, Luke, Whelan. Norwood: Roberts, Edwards, Walker, Drage, Fosdike, Hall, Oatey.

West failed to score in last quarter

By AMOS BOTTROFF

Playing strong, systematic football, North held West scoreless in the last quarter at Prospect today to win by 5-5. The scores were 6-7 each at the third quarter break.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4—5	5—5	6—7	11—12	78
West	1—2	6—4	6—7	6—7	43

The stage seemed set for a great tussle in the last quarter, but North came out with their great systematic burst to score an easy win.

Best on ground

Blunden's dominating game, first at half-back right and later at centre half-back, was a tireless

and consistent effort. I would rank him best on the ground.

Time and again when West's attacks were threatening, it was Blunden who raced away with the ball and sent it well out of the danger zone.

Ian McKay, by a mammoth effort in the first half, saved many goals,

and would have rivalled Blunden for top honors had he not been shut out of much of the play.

Dashing rover

McKenzie (a dashing roving display), Stringer (possibly his best effort this season in ruck), Phillips (a cool, heady, productive game), Kennett (strong in attack), Galloway (a fine comeback after injury), and Aldenhoven (ruck) were outstanding for the winning side.

For West it was difficult to find a player who really shone in anything but patches.

Lynch (centre) would be their best. He outpointed Carlsson early and was at least a match for Griffin later.

Semmler played a fine game in goals and Lewis, although quiet early, was brilliant in the last quarter.

Scorers—North: Phillips 3.2, McKenzie 3.2, Kennett 3.1, Gilbourne 2.2, Stringer 0.1, Hancock 0.1, Aldenhoven 0.1, rushed 0.2. West: Brown 2.1, Thomas 2.0, Williams 1.2, Packham 1.1, Cannon 0.1, Mabarrack 0.1, Agius 0.1.

Best Players—North: Blunden, McKay, McKenzie, Stringer, Phillips, Aldenhoven, Kennett, Galloway. West: Lynch, Semmler, Lewis, Brown, Williams, Fehse, Thomas.