

Glenelg victory due to teamwork

By AMOS BOTTROFF

Better team work, pronounced determination, and more effective use of handball on a soggy ground for three quarters, gave Glenelg their 2 - 5 victory over Norwood on the Bay Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3-5	8-9	11-12	12-15	87
Norwood	1-2	5-4	7-6	10-10	70

Norwood finished the stronger of the two teams, but it was their individual play and late determination that enabled them to kick 3-4 to Glenelg's 1-3 in the final term.

Johnny Taylor won the toss for Glenelg and chose the advantage of a slight cross wind which favored the northern goal.

It was soon evident that the Bays were out to play a more systematic game than their opponents. While Glenelg generally protected the man going for the ball and always had a man racing out into the open to receive a chance pass, Norwood players had to fight for most opportunities themselves, and were rarely assisted in their effort to free the ball.

Rundle had a goal on the board for Glenelg within half a minute of play, and Laurie Taylor followed with another a few minutes later. Glenelg then lapsed into inaccuracies and posted five points in a row.

It was just before the close of the quarter that Drage kicked Norwood's only goal.

System tells

The game continued in the Bays' favor, and the difference between the system displayed by the two sides became even more apparent.

Norwood endeavored to attack on a number of occasions, but risky and ill-directed handball readily found players missing out or over-running the ball.

Glenelg, on the other hand, found Laurie Taylor and Rundle mobile elements in their attack, and with greater precision went to a handy lead late in this term.

Potts, with an injured ankle, had left the field, and Fosdike, who took his place on the wing, was asked to make another change to replace Marriott at centre soon after.

With Marriott in the ruck Norwood looked a better side, although they still had to depend more on individual effort than from the support of their team-mates.

During the third quarter Norwood made further changes, Walker going to the goalford and Mayo to centre half-forward.

Last-term bid

Again in the final term Marriott was back in ruck. Walker was also given a term there, and Dalwood took the goalsneak position.

Although Glenelg had a good run late in the third quarter, Norwood came back strongly almost throughout the final term.

but found Don and Johnny Taylor and Hunt a counter to their efforts.

The three Taylor brothers were Glenelg's best and it would be difficult to pick between them. Johnny was tireless in ruck and indomitable in defence. Don at centre half-back was almost impassable for most of the game and Laurie was a strong link in attack, his fine marking and smart ground play making this his best game for the season.

Few of the others were really outstanding but Davies, Rundle, Jones, and Crabb teamed well. Guy also played soundly at half-forward.

Marriott was best for Norwood with a sound but not brilliant game. Olds started off slowly but improved as the game progressed. Dalwood's ruck work was good and Roberts defended with great vigor.

Best Players—Glenelg: J. Taylor, L. Taylor, D. Taylor, Davies, Rundle, Jones, Guy, Crabb. Norwood: Marriott, Olds, Dalwood, Roberts, Blackmore, Williams, Reimann.

Scorers — Glenelg: Rundle, 3-3; Jones, 3-1; Churchett, 2-2; L. Taylor, 1-2; J. Taylor, Crabb, Potter, 1-0; McPherson, 0-3; Laffin, Guy, Davies, 0-1; rushed, 0-1. Norwood: Mayo, 2-3; Williams, 2-1; Burke, 1-2; Marriott, Walker, 1-1; Drage, Hoy, Dalwood, 1-0; Fosdike, Carr, 0-1.

Today's league football round-up

By LAWRIE JERVIS

Torrens' last-moment loss against West at Adelaide Oval today cost them a drop from second to fourth place on the league football premiership table.

If the exhausted Don Prior had been able to kick straight—it was no wonder he was weary after his mammoth ruck effort all day — Torrens would have been with Port a clear one match win ahead of their nearest opponent.

West now take second place to Port with North just ahead of Torrens on a percentage fraction.

The first four teams now look at this range the probable final four.

Norwood, beaten by Glenelg today, are fast fading from the premiership threat they looked to be at the start of the season, while Glenelg will have to have every ounce of luck with them to displace any of the top four teams.

Total attendances at today's matches was 28,850. Oval totals were: Adelaide (West v. Torrens), 12,700; Kensington (Port v. Sturt), 4,000; Glenelg (Norwood v. Glenelg), 7,750; Prospect (North v. South), 4,400.

The total for the season of 211,207 is nearly 24,000 greater than last year's aggregate at this stage.

Premiership list

	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.
Port	5	1	483	304	10
West	4	2	427	358	8
North	4	2	457	425	8
Torrens	4	2	524	492	8
Norwood	3	3	506	434	6
Glenelg	2	4	469	478	4
South	1	5	408	518	2
Sturt	1	5	410	645	2

Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Willis (Torrens)	5	25
Bradford (Torrens)	1	18
Mayo (Norwood)	2	18
Read (South)	1	17
Brown (West)	2	15
Churchett (Glen.)	2	15
Phillips (North)	2	15
Phillips (Sturt)	1	13
Carr (Torrens)	1	12
H. McKenzie (Nth.)	2	11
Williams (West)	1	10
Rundle (Glenelg)	3	9
Walker (Norwood)	1	9
Whittaker (Port)	1	9
Boland (Sturt)	2	8
Fosdike (Norwood)	1	8
Thomas (West)	1	8
Trowse (Port)	1	8
Whelan (Port)	1	8
Boyd (Port)	1	7
McKay (West)	1	7
Oatey (Norwood)	1	7
Potts (Norwood)	1	7
Prior (Glenelg)	1	7
Drage (Norwood)	1	6
Dittmar (Port)	1	6
Fletcher (Port)	1	6
Hausen (South)	1	6
Hill (Sturt)	1	6
Kennett (North)	1	6
Reimon (Norwood)	1	6
Rattigan (Sturt)	1	6
L. Taylor (Glenelg)	1	6
Fos Williams (Pt.)	1	6

LAST-KICK GAME TO WEST

Torrens lose in slogging match

By VIC JOHNSON

With the result depending on a kick after the final bell, West defeated Torrens by one point in a hard, slogging game at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	2-4	4-8	6-11	6-14	50
Torrens	2-0	6-2	7-4	7-7	49

Prior, Torrens tall follower, who had performed grandly in the ruck throughout, and had received a bad knock just before his shot, was only able to manage a point from easy range, giving West a well-earned victory.

The match was so closely fought it is difficult to credit West's win to any positions in particular.

Perhaps it was that they played with a little more cohesion in attack than Torrens, although their lack of a reliable full forward cost them dearly.

Their inaccuracy today could quite easily have cost them the game, although latitude must be allowed

for the state of the ground and the greasy ball.

Locked together

All through the last quarter the teams were locked together, only scoring three points apiece.

It was hard, rough football, and neither team was willing to yield an inch. Every player was covered in mud, and football science was abandoned in the mad rush for the much-needed goal, which would mean so much, but which never came.

For West, I think Lewis was best. His defence was safe and sound throughout, and even the hottest periods did not appear to upset him.

Eglinton played his position at centre wing well, and McKay must be given credit for a fine game, particularly in attack.

Good following

Prior, with another grand following exhibition, must have surely clinched his place in the State side.

Bob Hank handled the ball well and kicked accurately from the centre mud patch, and Bradford, too, was undeterred by the adverse conditions.

Best Players—West: Lewis, Eglinton, McKay, Lynch, Brown, Williams, Faehse, Torrens; Prior, Bob Hank, Willis (until injured), Bradford, Reg Sully, Ray Hank, Roberts.

Scorers—West: McKay 3.2, Brown 2.1, Williams 1.1, Agare 0.2, Packham 0.2, Leith 0.2, Thomas 0.1, P. Mabarrack 0.1, rushed 0.1. Torrens: Willis 5.2, Carr 1.1, Bradford 1.0, Pyatt 0.1, Prior 0.1, rushed 0.2.

North bolt from South

By BRIAN SHEA

After an even opening half, when there was never more than a goal difference in the scores, North ran right away from South to win easily in a one-sided finish.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3-7	5-7	9-13	10-18	78
South	3-1	4-7	4-10	5-11	41

In spite of the heavy turf, South opened the game at terrific speed, and their play-on tactics had North in trouble early.

They matched North in rucks, and Deane quickly seized control at centre to give South plenty of drive toward goal.

Hewitt, South centre half-forward, led straight down the ground, and Des Panizza, coming across from the forward pocket, was always in position to scoop up Deane's driving kicks from the centre bounce.

Keep ball low

South did much to nullify North's wind advantage early by keeping the ball low with accurate foot-passes, and North had to fight hard to start any goalward move.

McKay showed fine judgment by going into the rucks for North in the first quarter and he gave the rucks a badly needed lift.

This was the first of the successful North moves, for, with McKay's advent in ruck, the North rucks gradually climbed on top.

The second move by North was to send Griffin to centre to oppose Deane in the second quarter.

Although Deane continued to get his share of the play, Griffin curbed his earlier brilliance.

South fade out

South faded out after half-time, and only a few regular stars continued to battle on against the North attacks.

Their defence became very ragged under pressure, and with the North

half-forward line right on top of the opposition, South were in a hopeless position before three-quarter time.

The closing term saw little scoring by either team and the heavy turf had slowed them down a lot.

North were so far ahead that they could afford to coast along.

Griffin did a mighty job for North.

Sent to oppose Deane at centre, he did much to hally North by more than breaking even with the South captain.

Ian McKay turned in his usual sterling game for North.

He went on the ball early and was a decisive force in North's ruck advantage.

When at full back he stopped South on many occasions with fine marking and long, raking kicks.

Jim Deane played himself into the ground for South.

He was the prime mover in nearly all of South's attacks.

Peter Tabe battled hard for South throughout the game.

He gave South a solid effort in ruck and was always battling when spelling in defence.

Ankle injury

Grear (South) suffered an ankle injury and was replaced by Abbott in the third quarter.

Jones (South), suffering from boils, was replaced by Ray Panizza after three-quarter time.

Taylor (North), suffering from a cold, was replaced by Odgers after half-time.

Best Players—North: Griffen, McKay, Aldenhoven, H. McKenzie, Phillips, Blunden, Fuller. South: Deane, Tabe, Des Panizza, Fraser, Brand, Hausen, Thomson.

Scorers—North: H. McKenzie, 3-5; Phillips, 3-4; Galloway, 1-2; Carlson, 1-2; McKay, 1-0; Aldenhoven, 1-0; Odgers, 0-1; Griffen, 0-1; rushed, 0-3. South: Read, 1-2; Hausen, 1-2; Parham, 1-1; Valentine, Tabe, 1-0; Hewett, 0-2; Williams, Brand, Fraser, Allen, 0-1.



OPPOSING RUCKMEN Don Laffin (left)—Glenelg—and John Marriott, with crossed arms and arched bodies could be taking part in a gymnastic display, as they fly for the knock in the game between Norwood and Glenelg at Glenelg Oval this afternoon.

PORT WON IN SECOND TERM

By LEN SWAN

Port were too well balanced for Sturt in league football at Kensington Oval today. They gradually assumed control to win by 44 pts.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	2-2	11-5	12-10	14-12	96
Sturt	4-1	5-3	6-9	7-10	52

It was in the second term that Port won the game by kicking 9-3 to Sturt's 1-2. For the rest of the game Sturt held their own.

Port's football in the second quarter would beat most sides. From centre to goal they made few mistakes.

Port stars Boyd, Whittaker, and Williams struck a purple patch then, and Sturt could not check the onslaught. Nothing went wrong during this brilliant burst.

From this stage on, however, Sturt matched Port practically everywhere.

Port won because they had more players capable of lifting the side when it was needed. Boyd, although beaten on the day by Leske, rose to great heights for a short period

and helped considerably in Port's winning run.

It is to Sturt's credit that Leske, Kutcher, and Green fought back and gradually took control of Port's recognised strength across centre.

The back lines of both sides were solid. Cliff for Port was a thorn in Sturt's side all day.

At the other end Fitzgerald, when at centre half-back drove Port out time and again.

Best Players—Port: Cliff, Williams, Garland, Whelan, Dittmar, McDonald, Greer, Sturt; Leske, Thompson, Fitzgerald, Green, Boland, Kutcher, Chapman.

Scorers—Port: Kretschmer, 3-1; Dittmar, 3-0; Luke, 2-1; Williams, 1-3; Keough, Boyd, Garland, 1-1; Growden, Whelan, 1-0; Trowse, Fletcher, 0-1; rushed, 0-2. Sturt: Boland, 2-2; Cave, 2-0; Rattigan, Ladd, 1-2; Leske, 1-0; Jenkins, Thompson, 0-1; rushed, 0-2.