

PORT DEFEATED

NORWOOD'S TWO-POINT VICTORY

TORRENS AND NORTH WIN EASILY

RESULTS OF TO-DAY'S GAMES.

Norwood	9—14
Port	9—12
Torrens	13—24
Glenelg	6—10
North	12—10
Sturt	4—10

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts. for agst.	Pts.
Norwood	13	11	—	2	1135	698
Torrens	13	9	1	3	890	784
South	13	8	—	5	948	768
Port	13	7	—	6	853	839
West	13	6	—	7	805	822
North	14	6	—	8	888	988
Sturt	14	5	1	8	935	921
Glenelg	13	—	—	13	584	1238

STURT OUT OF THE PICTURE

North's Meritorious Win.

Sixth and seventh respectively on the premiership list, and both definitely out of the running for final honours, Sturt and North were the contestants on the Uley Oval, where there was a fair attendance. C. Scrutton (who broke a finger in the match against West) and Seifick were omitted from the local 20, while Fuss (suffering from a sprained ankle) and Reedman were omitted from the red-and-white selection. The match being their last for the season settled the relative positions of the two clubs among the "also rans." At their previous meeting on the Prospect Oval Sturt were the winners by 12-7 to 7-15.

Central Umpire Raven had charge of the game. The first rucks were:—Sturt—Riley, Nicolle, Odgers (roving). Curnow, Sprigg, Thomas (roving).

NORTH	3-2	7-3	10-9	12-10
STURT	1-3	2-7	3-9	4-10

Best Players.—North—Lewis, Kinnear, Conrad, Curnow, Ween, Wallis, Furler, Dawe. Sturt—Richardson, Barron, Odgers, James, G. Scrutton, Golding, K. Jackson, Caldwell.

Goalkeepers.—North—Kinnear, Lewis (each 3), Conrad, Curnow (each 2), Dawe, Wallis. Sturt—K. Jackson (2), Odgers, R. Beatty.

NOTES ON THE PLAY

TORRENS OVERPOWER GLENELG.

Glenelg suffered their thirteenth defeat to-day at the hands of Torrens.

Although they tried hard for victory in to-day's match the Bay men were unable to combat Torrens, who were in the ascendancy from the start to the finish of the game.

They have, however, certainly showed improved form since the opening contests.

B. Johnson stripped in place of Richmond, who was not well enough to play. The last time Johnson played for Torrens was in 1920. His appearance in to-day's game places 10 years' service to his credit, which entitles him to life membership of the club.

Marsh, despite a serious injury to his hand, took his place on the field for Torrens.

To Marvell goes the distinction of being the best man on the ground. His diminutive figure was constantly in the limelight, either roving or in the forward lines, and the spectators were not slow to show their appreciation.

Strugnell, at centre half-back, was prominent. His casual manner is one of his characteristics. On one occasion he calmly took a mark with one arm without moving his position. His air of indifference caused a roar of laughter.

Marshall played a highly creditable game at centre, and Perry in the back lines was equally successful.

Kappler was responsible for much skilful play at half-back.

Brenton gave a capital exhibition of the game, and more than once out-manoeuvred his opponent.

HARD FIGHT AT ALBERTON.

An Exciting Finish.

The league game of chief consequence this afternoon was that between Norwood and Port on the Alberton Oval, where a tremendous concourse of patrons gathered in anticipation of a great struggle. Tans from the city conveyed an enormous number to the ground, and thousands of Port supporters docked to the home oval to encourage the magpies' efforts. Dobson and Heinrich were absent from the easterners' side, and Bowet from the seashiders.

White won the toss and selected the Port end. Port were smartly off the mark, and a beautiful chain of passes was effected by Hodge to Drew to Beck to Allingham, who scored a point. A moment later the Port goalsneak secured another single, but his next effort a few seconds after yielded a goal.

Norwood now bolted goalward, and Bent and Sibley secured minors, the former two. Battling strongly, Bent was to the fore again, and this time he booted true with a nice long drop-kick. A lightning chain of passes, in which Schumacher, Wadham, and Hepburn figured, was crowned by a goal by the last-named. Bent was in the picture once more, and receiving a free he called up Norwood's third goal.

The easterners were playing with a splendid system, and B. A. Scott, cleverly dodging through the crushes, kicked another goal for the visitors. Sibley, who had been passing very accurately, found Wadham, and the easterners' fifth major was hoisted. The redlegs had shown up with a wonderful burst of machine-like, scientific play, of which they made the most in the forward division. For nearly a quarter of an hour Port had got the ball hardly over the centre line. Bent next came to light with his third goal.

At length the magpies broke through the easterners' onslaughts, and Allingham ran in with his and Port's second major. A few moments before the ringing of the bell the seashiders gave a display of accurate foot passing, ending with a point by Hosie. First-quarter scores were:—

NORWOOD	6-5
PORT	2-3

Soon after the rebound a shot by Close, who was awarded a free, struck a post. Port put in gamely to retrieve their deficit, and Allingham reduced it by six points. Beck now tried with a free, and an easy shot yielded merely a point. Undaunted the magpies returned to the attack, and Dewar snapped a minor. The play was very strenuous, both sides exerting every ounce of energy. Hart was brought on the ball, and Bent was now supplementing the work of Schumacher in scouting. Bent's cool roving was soon reflected in the general team play, and heading a forward movement Close got in possession right in front of an unguarded goal and calmly kicked full points. The defence work of both sides was good, White and Townley being prominent for the visitors and Adams and Olds for the home men. On a sharp angle Beck tried his luck with a free, and on the bell the ball went flying between the right opening. At half-time the board read:—

NORWOOD	7-6
PORT	4-6

In the second term the black-and-whites showed improvement on their play in the opening quarter, and were able to check Norwood's uninterrupted run of success in the initial stages. Port, however, were 18 points in arrear upon the resumption of the game, and realised the task before them of overtaking their opponents' advantage.

The easterners attacked straight away, and Close, given a free, had a long shot, but had the misfortune to strike a post for the second time during the game. Another single was registered by the visitors, and Port went forward. Stephens saved, and Norwood rushed the sphere on, Sibley securing a point. Hodge with a dazzling sprint forwarded well, but Ackland, who had been defending strongly this quarter, outmarked Allingham. Robertson hit a post, and Allingham misfired. Robertson a moment afterwards, however, made sure.

The play was still hard and vigorous, and Wadham was out of action for a while. Hart now raised his first goal. Port, coming in strong, found Dewar in the right place, and the magpies' sixth goal was soon waved. Bayley added a point from a penalty try. Close came with a dashing run round the pavilion wing, and Bent intercepted the pass. He placed the ball, and a long shot produced a point just at the close of the third bout, when the scores were:—

NORWOOD	8-10
PORT	6-8

With the breeze at the back of them Port faced the run home with 14 points to the bad. Ford was transferred forward from his position between the uprights and Robertson took his place. Ford snapped a point, and now Port came with an overpowering burst, C. Dayman and

TORRENS CRUSH GLENELG.

By Fifty-six Points.

There was a moderate attendance on the Thebarton Oval to witness the Torrens-Glenelg match. The visiting team were as published. Richmond stood down from Torrens, his place being taken by B. Johnson.

Torrens' opening ruck comprised Mills, Ashby, and Marvell, and they were opposed by Toms, Hanley, and Brenton. Hanley won the toss and decided to kick towards the southern end with a strong breeze. Glenelg were first away from the bounce, and transferred well forward. Murphy went up with success and found the opening. Torrens retaliated, and after a series of clever passes Marsh was placed in possession, but missed an opportunity. Glenelg again took a hand, and C. Barnett was instrumental in placing Hanley in possession at close range. The latter was unsuccessful. Torrens again attacked, and Marvell opened Torrens' tally with a six-pointer. Up-and-down play ensued. Gotts made a spectacular mark in front, and was able to raise one flag. Hanley to Gotts within easy distance resulted in a behind. Scores:—

GLENELG	1-5
TORRENS	1-3

Torrens led off on the change-over. A free was given to Mills, who secured the maximum. Brown tried from a long shot and hit a post. An exciting tussle ensued in Torrens' territory. Marvell added his second major from a long shot. The Bay men then took charge, and T. Barnett secured a goal. Another effort by Torrens and Hollis sent the ball through the tall uprights. Torrens were now having much their own way. Wyld was next in the limelight and added a six-pointer. Hollis secured from a scrimmage and gained the full points, and a moment later Marsh registered Torrens' sixth goal during the quarter. A drive by Glenelg was frustrated, Torrens again assuming control. Marsh notched a six-pointer just before time. Scores:—

TORRENS	8-13
GLENELG	2-5

Torrens were again first to move off, headed by Hanley the Bay men made a combined rush. Ross booted a major and Torrens returned to the attack, but received a temporary setback. Without opposition Glenelg returned, and Perieval booted a goal, and Gotts similarly contributed. Murphy missed an opportunity at close range. The home side made a vigorous onslaught which culminated in full points from Brown. Up-and-down play ensued. Hanley collared and sent well forward, and Karney saved the situation. A series of clever passes, in which Daviess and Jones participated, saw the leather transferred to the other end. Marvell cleverly out-manoeuvred his opponent, and from a snapshot raised one flag. The visitors again took a hand, and Toms delivered the goods just before "lemons." Scores:—

TORRENS	9-14
GLENELG	6-7

Torrens continued to attack from the bounce, and Hollis sent up two flags. Johnson cleverly marked and sent to Pain, who raised a goal. Marsh gained possession, and missed by a narrow margin. A combined rush by the Bay men was unavailing. They were now playing a losing game, and were unable to make up the leeway. At this stage the game was delayed for a few moments by two players from the opposing teams resorting to fistieuffs. The umpire settled the dispute, and the match proceeded. Hollis booted his fourth major. Exciting play followed in front of the Torrens citadel, and amidst loud applause Marvell cleverly notched a sixer. Marsh to Hollis and the latter registered a behind, which concluded the scoring. Final scores:—

TORRENS	13-24
GLENELG	6-10

Best Players.—Torrens—Daviess, Karney, Marvell, Pain, Strugnell, Broderick, Hollis. Glenelg—Hanley, Marshall, Perry, Brenton, Kappler, Moore, Gotts. Goalkeepers.—Torrens—Hollis (4), Marvell (3), Marsh (2), Mills, Wyld, Brown, and Pain. Glenelg—Murphy, T. Barnett, Ross, Perieval, Gotts, and Toms.

Dewar each scoring a goal. In a minute or two Port had put on 13 points and were now only a point behind their adversaries' score. Close got a single, and Sibley, obtaining from Hepburn, added a further one. Wadham kicked strongly, and Plunkett and Sibley each managed another minor for the redlegs. Hart dashed in, and Close, marking in the mouth of the goal, shot true, advancing the visitors' lead to 11 points.

Port raised the siege, and Bayley secured a behind. A shot by Beck was stopped by Johns on the line. Bayley got the minimum again, and Keal yet one more. Another try by Port was blocked on the line. C. Dayman essayed for goal, and a long punt reached the objective. Port supporters cheered wildly, as only two points separated the tallies in favour of the easterners. But the game was in its dying moments, and with the redlegs pressing on the final bell rang with the scores:—

NORWOOD	9-14
PORT	9-12

Best Players.—Norwood—White, Toovey, Potts, Townley, Ackland, Wadham, Schumacher, B. A. Scott, Sibley, Bent. Port—Adams, Drew, Bampton, C. Dayman, Taylor, Bayley, Allingham.

Goalkeepers.—Norwood—Bent (3), Close (2), Hepburn, B. A. Scott, Wadham, Hart. Port—Allingham (3), C. Dayman and Dewar (each 2), Beck, Robertson.