

Keen Struggle for Minor Premiership

PORT TOO STRONG FOR TORRENS

Match of Thrills at Thebarton

SEASIDERS PROVE THEMSELVES FORMIDABLE SIDE

Port Adelaide have recently acquired several new men, and in a desperately even contest on the Thebarton Oval today the seashiders, by defeating West Torrens, proved that they have built up a well-balanced and formidable eighteen. Eighteen points separated the teams at the final bell, and on the play it was a true criterion of the merits of the opposing eighteens. Both sides played dashing football, and the contest was probably productive of the best football of the season.

PORT 3-2 6-8 8-7 11-9
TORRENS 1-3 4-6 7-10 7-15

Goalkickers.—Port—Logan and Keal (each 3), L. C. Dayman (2), Galliford, Maddern, and C. Dayman. Torrens—Marvell, Mills, and Head (each 2), and Broderick.

THE PLAYERS

Fort Port L. C. Dayman stood out. He marked better than any man on the ground, and his long, driving kicks were a feature. Bilsborow and Fitzgerald were dashing and effective, while Allingham more than held his own against Brown. C. Dayman marked well at times, and Dewar was responsible for a good exhibition between the posts. In a uniformly good eighteen, Keal, Penn, and Hodge were the pick of the remainder.

It is easy to choose the best man for Torrens. Osborn at half-back played grandly, and he has shown wonderfully consistent form this year. Ashby marked well, Karney was dashing and fearless, Hine in goal saved repeatedly, and Mills, Oehme, McCarthy, Daviess, and Lock played solid games. As was the case with Port there was hardly a man who was not responsible for a useful display.

West v. Glenelg

Although the team was greatly weakened by injuries to players, Glenelg were determined to improve their position on the premiership list, when they met West on the Adelaide Oval this afternoon. Spry and Exley were not required by the seashiders.

West placed a strong team on the field. O'Dea and M. K. Burton standing down. From the start the opening rucks battled strenuously, and play was quickly on the wing. Glenelg, however, aided by the wind, pressed forward, and a single resulted. The seashiders kept up the attack and Conlon sent the ball well down to Toms. Another behind was scored, and then Lee broke away.

A Western advance was stopped by Handby, and Lloyd passed to Torpy, who made no mistake, kicking a fine goal. The seashiders were playing an aggressive game, and before West had scored Toms rushed in and added another goal.

Pulling themselves together, West began a sortie. Lee led off and the ball passed from Chaplin to Groves, who, however, failed to score. A fine run along the wing by Anstey gave W. Bishop a chance to score, but only a single resulted.

West efforts were rewarded, a few seconds later, when J. Bishop goaled. Toms brought up one flag, and for a time play was even. C. Sallis, who was having his first game with Glenelg this season, managed a single with a long kick, and the seashiders, who were playing better football, kept their opponents on the defensive.

Sallis forwarded, and Sexton, taking a mark from an almost impossible position, scored full points.

West came with a belated rush, and W. Bishop, leading out well, marked, and snapped a goal.

Quarter Time

GLENELG 3-8
WEST 2-1

Handby, who had been injured just before the close of the first quarter, was carried off during the interval.

Glenelg were quickly off when play was resumed, and Torpy, who was doing good work, sent the ball on to Owens, who, however, could not manage the distance.

West were now playing with more determination, and a rush forward called up one flag. Handby reappeared at this stage, and was placed forward.

Martin, with a long kick, wiped off one point of West's deficit. A few minutes later Burton secured in front of goal, and dribbled the ball through.

The Bay men who had been temporarily eclipsed, came again, and a behind resulted. West were playing together better, and Bishop passed to Chaplin, who made no mistake.

With the scores level both sides were fighting hard, but after exciting play on the grandstand wing, J. Bishop led off for West, but L. Sallis turned the attack.

Chaplin and W. Bishop were prominent in another attack, and the latter goaled in good style. West were having the best of the battle, and Peters sent across to Groves, who made no mistake.

West kept up the pressure, and good work by J. Bishop ended in Moore scoring full points. A spasmodic attack by Glenelg yielded a behind from the boot of Harrold.

Half Time

WEST 7-6
GLENELG 3-10

POSITION OF CLUBS

	P.	W.	L.	for.	agt.	Pts.
Norwood	10	7	3	788	605	14
Port	10	7	3	787	656	14
Sturt	10	6	4	759	651	12
Torrens	10	6	4	799	726	12
West	10	6	4	619	623	12
North	10	3	7	644	691	6
South	10	3	7	656	796	6
Glenelg	10	2	8	584	888	4

Leading Goalkickers

Logan (Port Adelaide)	42
Ryan, A. J. (South Adelaide)	42
Marvell (Torrens)	34
Bent (Norwood)	32
Jackson (Sturt)	32
Scrutton, G. (Sturt)	31
Hepburn (Norwood)	18
Dayman, C. (Port Adelaide)	17
Owens (Glenelg)	17
Mills (Torrens)	15
Munn (North Adelaide)	15
Martin (West Adelaide)	13
Lee (Norwood)	12
Minnear (Torrens)	12
O'Grady (Torrens)	12
Toms (Glenelg)	12

North v. Norwood

With the knowledge that defeat would displace them from the head of the premiership list, Norwood met North on the Prospect Oval this afternoon, brimful of determination.

NORWOOD 2-6 4-7 6-11 9-13
NORTH 2-3 4-11 8-12 9-12

East Players.—Norwood—Lill, Scott, Lee (until injured), Heinrich, Gearen, Stephens, Bent, and Whitfield. North—Lewis, Kinnear, Conrad, Munn, Morris, Thomas, and Furler.

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Bent (3), Hepburn, and Whitfield (each 2). Heinrich, and Palmer. North—Hyde and Ween (each 2), Townley, Hargreaves, Thomas, Low, and Munn.

Sturt v. South

When on May 16 Sturt and South Adelaide met on the Adelaide Oval for the first time this season the latter won by 10-9 to 7-9. Since then the Unley team have met with more success, and when the sides faced each other on the Unley Oval this afternoon Sturt were fourth on the premiership table and South seventh.

STURT 2-2 7-4 8-4 10-10
SOUTH 3-2 3-4 5-8 6-10

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Jackson (4), G. Scrutton (3), C. Whitehead (2), Leak. South—A. J. Ryan (2), Daly, Kay, C. Ryan, Watts.

Best Players.—Sturt—Golding, Whitehead, Beatty, G. and S. Scrutton, Barron, Jackson, Bullock. South—Moriarty, Oliver, A. J. and C. Ryan, Daly, Vickers, Gibson.

COMMENTS ON THE GAMES

GLENELG FORWARDS WEAK

Although Glenelg started off with a brilliant dash in the first quarter in their game against West this afternoon, the seashiders faded away as the game progressed. They had a lead of 13 points at the first change, and, but for poor goalshooting, their advantage would have been more substantial.

The second quarter was entirely in favor of the Westerners, who rattled on five goals. During this quarter Glenelg were without the services of J. Handby, and in consequence their defence was considerably weakened. After half-time West continued to play better football. Their forwards were more accurate than their opponents, and in defence they kept the seashiders in check.

There was little systematic play on either side, but Glenelg were lacking most in that direction. For their part there was practically no accurate foot passing.

Both sides played a willing game, and the pace set was a redeeming feature. At times there were spasms of interesting play, and there were many keen individual duels.

In several matches this season Glenelg has shown a weakness in the forward lines, and in the match today they did not display any improvement. If the forwards had shown any initiative a much better game would have resulted, because individually there was not much between the teams.

Lee was probably the best man for the victors. Playing half-back, he did all that was required of him, holding up attack after attack. He is proving a valuable man for the Westerners. His steadiness was the main feature of his play.

J. Bishop roved in his best style. No player was more prominent or handled the ball more often. Bishop started innumerable attacks, and finished off three with creditable goals.

W. Bishop was also prominent forward, as was Chaplin, who, stationed at centre half-forward, played in his usual finished style. Although not brilliant, he was always reliable, and he managed three good goals.

McGregor was not up to his usual form, and only at times flashed into prominence.

Anstey on the wing was more than useful, and others who did well were Martin, Huxtable, Groves, and Bennett.

Lloyd stood out for Glenelg. He completely outclassed Lennie and put in much clever and effective play. He is a great trier, and one of the fairest players in the league. This year he has been most consistent.

Cyril Sallis, having his first game for the season, showed that he is a rare battler. Last season he played regularly on the wing for Glenelg, and he occupied that position with credit today. His brother also defended particularly well.

Sexton, having his first game, took some fine high marks, and should improve with experience. Conlon put in much good work and was well supported by Toms, Sampson, Torpy, and Jackson.

Hoft (captain) did not come much under notice. He played ineffectively and gave probably his weakest display. Owens also failed to reproduce his form in the forward lines.

West had a substantial lead of 20 points. The seashiders had made an auspicious beginning, but had failed to reproduce their form in the second term. McGregor lead off for West, but nothing resulted. Sexton took a fine high mark and placed Glenelg on the offensive. The western defenders held off the attack until Torpy broke through and sent on to Sexton, who managed a behind.

Although the seashiders were putting in strongly West were holding their own. Lee was proving a tower of strength in defence for West, while Lloyd was doing solid work on the wing for Glenelg.

After even play, the westerners broke through Glenelg's half-back line, and Chaplin, shooting for goal, made no mistake. The city men were now playing strongly, and the seashiders could not hold them in check. Groves goaled and then the Tigers broke away, but the attack fizzled out.

For the first time Glenelg showed a patch of cohesive play, and the ball travelled swiftly to the other end, where Torpy marked and brought up one flag. Keeping up the pressure, the seashiders again advanced. Sexton passed and shot the ball to Bail, whose shot travelled truly.

Three-quarter time

WEST 9-9
GLENELG 4-13

Glenelg's position was almost hopeless when the ball was bounced after "lemons," but the seashiders dashed on and caught West napping. L. Torpy goaled, and West stirred themselves into action. Doggedly the home side worked the ball forward and Chaplin evened up with his third goal. Glenelg, however, were not long in getting into their stride again, and in a flash Toms marked at half forward and taking his kick sent the ball through.

Huxtable and Lee were defending solidly, but Glenelg continued attacking. The pace was still all on, and play remained round the centre until West successfully relieved the pressure. J. Bishop secured and made no mistake. Martin put West further ahead with a goal, and the Tigers' chance of victory was gone. J. Bishop also goaled before the bell rang.

Final Scores

WEST 13-10
GLENELG 6-14

Goalkickers.—West—Chaplin, J. Bishop (each 3), W. Bishop, Groves (each 2), Martin, Moore, and Burton (each 1).

Glenelg—Torpy and Toms (each 2), Bail, and Sexton (each 1).

Best Players.—West—Lee, J. Bishop, Chaplin, W. Bishop, Bennett, Martin, and Huxtable. Glenelg—Lloyd, C. and L. Sallis, Toms, Conlon, Jackson, and Sampson.

Attendances and Takings

	Attendance.	Takings.
Thebarton Oval—		
Port v. Torrens	15,488	£611
Prospect—		
Norwood v. North	6,833	276
Unley—		
Sturt v. South	6,400	255
Adelaide Oval—		
Glenelg v. West	4,500	157
Grand totals	33,202	£1,499

RECORD TAKINGS

At the Thebarton Oval this afternoon the attendance recorded at the match West Torrens v. Port Adelaide was 15,488 and the takings amounted to £611 10s, which the authorities claim is a record for any suburban oval this season.