

West, Port, Torrens and North Win League Football Matches Today

POOR GAME BY NORWOOD

MANY PLAYERS APPEARED CHICKEN-HEARTED

Gold-and-Blues Score Through Greater Vigor

(By O. J. O'Grady)

After three quarters of poor standard football during which the kicking of both sides was most inaccurate, Torrens broke through with a fine last quarter against the wind. They scored four goals and gained victory.

Norwood gave a poor exhibition throughout, and many of their players appeared chicken-hearted. Although Torrens played the more vigorous game, the rumors current during the week to the effect that Torrens were going to "rough it up," were not substantiated by the match.

TORRENS	1-7	1-7	2-14	6-14
NORWOOD	0-1	2-7	2-8	4-16

Goalkeepers.—Torrens—Mills (3), Bastion, Bertram, McCarthy, Norwood—E. A. Johnson (2), Potts, and Siggins.
Best Players.—Torrens—Karney, Fleet, Osborn, Mills, Broderick, Hine, Ashby, and Bertram. Norwood—Scott, Lill, Hall, Aekland, E. G. Johnson, and Applebee.

POSITIONS OF CLUBS

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points	Prem.
West	11	9	2	—	1088	804
Port	11	9	2	—	915	849
Norwood	11	7	4	—	801	731
North	11	6	4	1	867	853
Torrens	11	4	6	1	745	760
Sturt	11	4	6	1	839	916
South	11	2	8	1	809	954
Glenelg	11	1	10	—	833	1090

Leading Goalkickers

Owens (Glenelg)	54
Bennetts (West)	52
Traughton (Torrens)	37
Margitich (South)	31
McGregor (West)	29
G. Scrutton (Sturt)	25
Galliford (Port)	24
Tucker (North)	22
H. Hawke (North)	20

The chief goalkickers in today's games were:—Bennetts (West), 8; G. Scrutton (Sturt), 5; Owens (Glenelg), 4; K. Johnson (Port), Margitich (South), C. Whitehead (Sturt), and Mills (Torrens), each 3.

PORT EXTENDED

VICTORY BY 20 POINTS

Determined Fight by South

Fighting every inch of the way, South went down with colors flying against Port at Adelaide Oval today.

Holding a point advantage at the last change over, they were unable to withstand the tigerish offensive launched by the magpies in the final term. Port finished with a lead of 20 points.

PORT	2-4	6-6	7-10	10-13
SOUTH	4-2	5-2	8-5	8-5

Goalkeepers.—Port—K. Johnson (3), Coldwell, Galliford (each 2), Quinn, Ween, Mucklow. South—Margitich (3), Tabe, Robertson, Tully, C. H. Ryan, and Jackson.

Best Players.—Port—Ween, V. Johnson, Hodge, K. Johnson, Coldwell, Conole. South—Guthrie, A. J. Ryan, Mackay, Herde, Tabe, Tully, C. H. Ryan.

WEST TOO STRONG

Last Term Win Against Sturt

EIGHT GOALS TO BENNETTS

After an exciting third quarter in which both teams assumed the lead at different stages, West won comfortably against Sturt at Unley.

The double-blues showed glimpses of form, but the vigor and fine concerted rushes of the red-and-blacks were too much for them. Sturt lost heart toward the finish.

WEST	2-3	5-10	9-15	14-20
STURT	4-2	6-4	11-4	12-6

Goalkeepers.—West—Bennetts (8), Whitford, and Munro (each 2), McGregor, and Buckton. Sturt—G. Scrutton (5), Whitehead (3), Bauer (2), Barron, and Martin.

Best Players.—West—Schoff, Oliver, Bennetts, Whitford, McGregor, Bennett, and Munro. Sturt—R. Stuart, Smith, Dunn, Martin, Barron, James, and Bate-man.

ATTENDANCES AND TAKINGS

Club	Attendance	Takings
Thebarton Oval—(Norwood v. Torrens)	10,100	£512
Adelaide Oval—(Port v. South)	8,000	375
Unley Oval—(Sturt v. West)	6,500	331
Glenelg Oval—(Glenelg v. North)	3,600	170
Grand totals	28,200	£1,388

NOTES ON THE GAMES

TORRENS V. NORWOOD

Scott Best on Ground

(By O. J. O'Grady)

As the best player of the 36, Scott, the Norwood skipper, stood out on his own. Repeatedly he crumpled up Torrens attacks, and his uncanny interception of the passing of the forwards of Torrens was a feature. Although Scott could not cope with the giant Mills in the air, his effort was, nevertheless, the outstanding one of the day. Scott is at present at his top.

For Torrens, no player stood out as being distinctly superior. In fact, the strong point of the side was that every man, except for the injured McCarthy, pulled his weight.

Karney, the skipper, was here, there, and everywhere. Playing at back, roving, and forward, he was always in the thickest of the fray. For a veteran, his vigor and ability to give and take knocks is on a par with his fearless determination. He should not, however, indulge in the practice of stacking his defence. The game today clearly showed that whenever this practice was adopted scoring for the side concerned ceased.

Fleet, especially in the first half, was dashing and brilliant at centre wing, proving much too good for Symonds.

Osborn, at centre half-back, was in his best form, and continually cleared with a brilliant mark and telling kick.

Broderick, although not as good as Lill in the air, was better on the ground, and on the day divided the honors with his opponent. Broderick should gain a place in the State side on Saturday, July 28.

Mills, with his electrical effort in the third and fourth terms, was responsible for the turning point in Torrens' game. Had he had a less doubtful opponent than Scott, he no doubt would have done better on the ground. Mills, on his day, is undoubtedly a match winner.

The above five players were the best of Torrens, and there was little between them in worth to the side.

Hine played a solid game, in goals, and his kicking in was invariably good.

Ashby played with great determination. His early marking was excellent.

Bertram, at half-forward, played cleverly, his leading out and general position play being the correct style for that position.

Of the others, Read (half-back), Phillips (centre wing), and Foote (roving in the last term), were the best.

Edwards, the new man from Wallaroo, marked fairly well, and if persevered with may develop into a useful member of the side.

After Scott, Lill was the best man for Norwood. His marking and long kicking were often under notice.

Hall, the new ruckman, handled the ball a lot, but spoiled an otherwise good exhibition by faulty kicking. He received a painful head injury, but continued in the thick of the fray.

Aekland gave his customary good exhibition in goal.

Applebee, opposed to Phillips on the wing, divided honors with his opponent, and shows promise of proving a good man.

Of the others, E. S. Johnson, Plumstead, and E. A. Johnson were under notice at times.

Bent was seldom in the picture and Potts was rarely sighted.

WEST SYSTEM WINS

Schoff Outstanding Player

Better system, clever ground play, and accurate passing won the game for West against Sturt at Unley today. The double-blues fought gamely until the last term, but then several of their players appeared to lose heart.

E. G. Schoff, of West, who was on the half-back line, was the outstanding player for the winners. He was called upon many times to check the rushes of Sturt, and often performed this duty single-handed against two or three opponents. Sure in the air, he kicked well throughout.

He was helped greatly by A. Oliver (goalkeeper), who showed excellent judgment in leaving the sticks. He kicked off well.

Bennetts had a day out in goalgetting. Playing elusively he tricked the Sturt backmen time and again. Eight goals comprised his "bag," and most of them were obtained from clever snapshots after dodging opponents.

Whitford played his best game for West this season. Marking surely in the air, he kicked well. His passing and groundplay were good.

Simons was called upon to take a great many knocks, but he performed his task well. He was a battler throughout.

McGregor played well. He shepherded nicely and marked in good fashion against opposition at times. Bennett played a fair game, and Munro, from the association team, was a handy man to his side. He marked well.

Snell was not so prominent as at other times, and Chaplin was quieter than usual. Bishop and Buckton were in the limelight on occasion, and Hale and Solomon were useful.

Of the Sturt team it was difficult to select the best man. R. Stuart was of excellent service to his side. He cleared in goals like a veteran defender, and his sure marking was a treat to watch.

Next to him, Dunn was probably the most prominent. He battled well and marked with distinction.

Smith assisted his side capably in defence, where James and Simpson were also noticeable. Martin did not shine so much as in previous matches, but he played a dogged game. Bateman was effective at centre.

R. H. and C. Whitehead were useful. The latter marked and kicked strongly. Gordon Scrutton played much better than in previous games. He secured five goals, and performed in the packs with energy and dash.

CLOSE CALL FOR NORTH

Glenelg Finish Strongly

Fighting to maintain their place in the four, North had a close call at Glenelg, where they emerged from a hard game with a balance of three points in their favor. They had difficulty in staying off a determined Glenelg onslaught in the closing stages of the game.

Umpire S. A. D. Hill made it clear from the bounce that he was going to keep a firm check on the game. His decisions were firm and quick, and met with general approval.

F. Tucker gave a promising display at full forward, and bagged three goals during the afternoon. At times, however, he was out among the half-forwards, and on obtaining the ball, could not kick the required distance.

H. Pfitzer, D. Conrad, and J. Ramsay were a particularly solid half-back line, and performed their allotted tasks in excellent style. To their efforts mainly can the success of the team be traced.

E. Morris and L. Sallis provided an interesting contest at centre, with honors even. Both initiated many attacks for their teams, handling the ball cleverly and surely.

H. Hawke impressed with his display at half-forward, and with more experience should be a decided acquisition to the team. R. Munn was also prominent in that position.

J. Handby and J. Lloyd were the outstanding players for Glenelg. Handby marked brilliantly throughout the afternoon, and cleared the ball time after time with his overpowering rushes. Lloyd dominated the play on the wing, and probably handled the ball more than any other player on the ground.

C. O'Malley was solid in defence. It seems a pity that he should be stationed in goals, as his work would be more effective in his former position at half-back. M. Dunbar and F. Oliver provided excellent support for Handby in the half-back line.

Although he kicked four goals, J. Owens should have done better with the opportunities provided. He is having a run of ill-luck with his shooting for goal, a number of his attempts missing by inches.

W. Gotts roved effectively and registered two goals. He appears to be improving as the season progresses. G. B. Johnston was prominent in the air, and did well when rucking.

LAST-QUARTER DASH

Port Defeat South

Pacing it with the magpies, South extended Port to their utmost today on Adelaide Oval.

Weakened through the absence of Jackson in defence, they were, however, unable to hold off Port in the last term, and so went down to defeat by 20 points. On the play Port would have won in any case, but if Jackson had been fit it is more than likely that the margin would have been much smaller.

The success of South in making Port play at their top to gain victory, can be attributed only to the marked superiority of their centre line. From the first bell to the last A. J. Ryan (on the pivot) and Herde outclassed Allingham and Mucklow, while on the other wing, Mackay had slightly the better of matters with Hodge.

Taken all through, the game was of a good standard. Play was fast and open for the greater part, although Port forwards showed a tendency to crowd in too much at times.

Vigorous play was witnessed in the last term, and players need not have been as reckless as was the case in some instances.

First and foremost in the individual displays was that of Guthrie, stationed in goal for South. He was like a rock in defence, marking well and clearing with good, long kicks. His judgement was hardly ever at fault in coming out to meet the ball.

Ween was the best man on the Port side. He worked in a tireless manner in the packs, and marked excellently in the open game.

Conole was prominent in defence. He worked hard all day, dish dashing play relieving time after time.

Coldwell roved well on the fringes of the packs, while his scouting in the forward lines left little to be desired.

In the first half K. Johnson was prominent, but he had extreme difficulty in keeping his feet. He came into his own in the last quarter, and put in some telling work.

V. Johnson was useful both on the ball and when placed, while Hodge played a serviceable game on a wing.

Tabe bore the brunt of the heavy work in good style. His marking when placed was a feature of his play.

Fast and clever, Tully seemed to be here, there, and everywhere. His roving was of a high standard. He finished his work in nearly every instance with a good pass. C. H. Ryan was another to come under notice with dashing work.

E. MORRIS HOOTED

Demonstration at Glenelg

At the conclusion of the Glenelg-North match a crowd of about 2,000 people gathered along the path taken by the North players to their dressing room, and made a demonstration against E. Morris. For a few moments it seemed likely that an ugly scene would develop, but the police quickly assumed control.

L. Sallis (captain of Glenelg) visited the dressing room of North after the match. He congratulated the team on its win, and the spirit in which the game had been played. Sallis said he understood that there had been a demonstration made against Morris. He wanted them to understand that the officials and players of the club were in no way connected with what had occurred.

Morris was concerned in the injury to J. Sexton when the teams met a fortnight ago.