

Port Adelaide Regain Lead in League Football Premiership

TORRENS WIN ON MERITS

West Adelaide Narrowly Defeated

THREE GOALS SCORED IN LESS THAN THREE MINUTES

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After holding a firm grip on the game, Torrens just managed to hold West off in a magnificent game at Thebarton today.

West were 22 points in arrears half-way through the last term, but added three goals in two and a half minutes, and changed the aspect of the game. From then on neither side scored. The defence of Torrens, with Hine playing brilliantly, held the fort.

Torrens on the day were superior, and won on their merit.

The contest today meant much to both teams. West Adelaide are straining every nerve to gain the minor premiership, and Torrens are fighting to prevent certain elimination from the finals.

TORRENS 4-5 5-8 8-9 9-9
WEST 1-1 3-5 5-10 8-11

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Foote and Geue (each 3), Fleet, Mills, and Edwards. West—McGregor (2), Stokes, Bishop, Bennetts, Batt, Payne, and Williams.

Best Players.—Torrens—Osborn, Hoeking, Hine, Read, Conroy, Broderick, Foote, and Phillips. West Adelaide—Stokes, Snell, Payne, Connell, Bennett, Buckton, and Solomon.

PORT WIN EASILY

Brilliant Third Quarter

GLENELG DEFEATED

Playing superior football, Port swept Glenelg off their feet in the third quarter of the match at Alberton today. Keeping the play open, using their pace to the utmost advantage, and with perfect short passing in the forward lines, Port gave Glenelg few opportunities.

The third quarter assured victory for Port, but a lead of 44 points was reduced to 23 before the final bell.

Umpire R. T. R. Currie had charge.

Teams were as selected. Port had first use of a light breeze, and from the manner in which they opened it appeared likely that the cramped forward work which had marked their play for the last two or three matches, would again be in evidence.

Keal was prominent in the early attack, but hurried work robbed his moves of reward. Port were a little over-anxious to open their scoring, and as a result their team work lacked finish.

Breaking through at last Ween scored a goal. The black-and-whites quickly got into their stride, and in no time V. Johnson added another goal. Fine work in the air by Dayman was a feature of the game.

Port were too good throughout the quarter, and apart from two attacks which brought goals to Glenelg from Owens and Johnstone, the magpies had the ball in their forward lines all the time.

GLENELG SECURE LEAD

Changing over appeared to put new life into Glenelg. Port, however, failed to continue the systematic work which had marked their forward activities in the first term.

Covering a great amount of ground and fighting hard to overcome the stubborn defence of Port, Glenelg at last gained the lead for the only time during the match.

First Owens, who had an off day, scored a behind, and then Drew kicked a goal. This was the start of a succession of scoring shots, which gradually put Glenelg

ahead. Percy, Owens, and C. Hill scored goals.

While Glenelg forwards were making things willing for the Port backmen, the Glenelg half-back line also rose to the occasion. Repeatedly they hurried Port back. The advantage was shortlived, however, for Dayman scored two goals for Port.

GLENELG OUTCLASSED

Playing well from the bounce of the ball after half-time, Port showed magnificent football. Wave after wave of attacks broke over the Glenelg defenders, and it was little wonder that they went to pieces under the severe strain.

Bad kicking by Coldwell, Ween, and Quinn ended three attacks by Port, but Quinn got his boot to the ball as it was rolling toward the sticks, and six points were scored.

Port continued their fine play, and they piled on goal after goal, until at the end of the quarter they had augmented their tally by 44 points to four points added by Glenelg.

Glenelg rallied well under the continued offensives of the magpies, and must have been disheartened to see Owens miss two opportunities to score.

In the last term Glenelg improved their position, and this with 17 men, for Gotts had to be assisted off the field through an injury which was later diagnosed as a fractured leg.

A feature of the play was the return to accuracy by Owens, who was responsible for two of the goals, which brought Glenelg nearer their opponents.

First Quarter

PORT .. 6-4
GLENELG .. 2-2

Second Quarter

PORT .. 8-5
GLENELG .. 6-7

Third Quarter

PORT .. 14-7
GLENELG .. 6-11

Final

PORT .. 15-9
GLENELG .. 10-16

Goalkickers.—Port—Dayman, Keal, Ween (each 3), Quinn, V. Johnson (each 2), Coldwell, Hender. Glenelg—Owens (4), Drew and Johnstone (each 2), Percy, and C. Hill.

Best Players.—Port—Dayman, Keal, Conole, Ween, Maywald, V. Johnson. Glenelg—Handby, Sallis, C. Hill, Lloyd, O'Malley, and Johnstone.

NORTH DEFEAT SOUTH

Thirty-five Point Victory

UNEVENTFUL GAME

Playing slightly superior football, North defeated South at Prospect Oval today by 35 points, final scores being:—North, 13-20; South, 9-9. It was an uneventful game.

North won chiefly by reason of their call over the southerners in the air. Kicking in midfield and for goal was weak, but South more than held their own in this department, also in passing.

NORTH 3-3 5-10 9-15 13-20
SOUTH 4-1 4-2 8-6 9-9

Goalkickers. — North — Cameron, H. Hawke, and Tucker (each 3), McDowall (2), Munn, and Townley. South—Margitich and Griffin (each 3), Gooden, Tabe, and Oliver.

Best Players.—North—Conrad, Ramsay, Taylor, Tucker, H. Hawke, Cameron, B. Hawke and Ween. South—Herde, Mackay, Tabe, Tully, Griffin, Roberts, A. J. Ryan, and Gooden.

STURT VICTORIOUS

Excellent Game at Unley

NORWOOD PLAYER HURT

Spectators at Unley Oval witnessed a thrilling contest. Play was of a high standard. Although Norwood were unfortunate in having J. D. Lawson practically useless early in the first quarter, the form displayed by Sturt indicated that they would have won in any circumstances.

Lawson dislocated his left knee, and was absent from the arena in the second quarter. He pluckily returned to the field with the limb heavily bandaged after half-time. He was, however, of little use to the side.

POSITIONS OF CLUBS

	P.	W.	L.	D.	for agst.	Pts.
Port ..	12	10	2	—	1014	925 20
West ..	12	9	3	—	1147	867 18
North ..	12	7	4	1	955	916 15
Norwood	12	7	5	—	868	823 14
Torrens	12	5	6	1	808	809 11
Sturt ..	12	5	6	1	931	983 11
South ..	12	2	9	1	672	1052 5
Glenelg	12	1	11	—	909	1129 2

Leading Goalkickers

Owens (Glenelg)	58
Bennetts (West)	53
Troughton (Torrens)	37
Margitich (South)	34
McGregor (West)	31
G. Scrutton (Sturt)	26
Tucker (North)	25
Galliford (Port)	24
H. Hawke (North)	23
Krome (Norwood)	21

The principal goalkickers today were:—Owens (Glenelg), 4; Hawke and Tucker (North), Krome (Norwood), Ween, Keal, and Thompson (Port), Margitich and Griffin (South), Weller (Sturt), and Geue and Foote (Torrens), each 3.

Attendances and Takings

	Attendance.	Takings.
Thebarton Oval— (Torrens v. West) ..	8,834	£439
Unley Oval— (Norwood v. Sturt) ..	8,750	427
Alberton Oval— (Glenelg v. Port) ..	5,800	277
Prospect Oval— (North v. South) ..	4,105	197
Grand totals	27,489	£1,340

NOTES ON THE GAMES

PORT DEFEAT GLENELG

Victory in Third Quarter

When Port met Glenelg at Alberton earlier in the season a close match resulted, but Glenelg failed to reproduce that form today, and Port won as they liked over the last half.

The game was really won in the third quarter, when, playing fine, systematic football, the magpies swept Glenelg off their feet and added 44 points to four.

L. Sallis (captain of Glenelg) told Port men after the match that they had shown the finest short passing and handball he had seen for the season. Port excelled in the third term, and if they reproduce similar form in forthcoming matches they will be formidable opponents.

Port forwards combined better than in past matches, and to them much credit must be given. Conole (half-back), Keal (half-forward), and Maywald (in goals) were at top form.

V. Johnson played a fine game throughout, despite head injuries in the second quarter. His marking and passing were particularly good. Ween with cool play, and Dayman, with fine aerial work, were prominent.

For Glenelg there was no better man than Handby, who was like a stonewall in defence. His tactics were the means of saving Glenelg time after time. His marking was first class.

O'Malley played well in goals, and Johnstone, whether on the ball or placed, was prominent in marking.

The centre line was the best department for Glenelg. Sallis had the better of the argument with Allingham, and Lloyd and C. Hill were strong on the wings. Hill was slightly superior to Mucklow, who showed far better form than earlier in the season.

Victory meant much to Sturt. Had they been defeated their chances of inclusion in the final four would have been extremely remote.

STURT 7-6 8-9 11-16 12-20
NORWOOD 1-2 5-6 6-9 9-13

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Weller (3), C. Whitehead, James (each 2), Bauer, Riley, R. H. Whitehead, G. Scrutton, Barrow. Norwood—Potts, Krome (each 3), Plumstead, Lill, E. G. Johnson.

Best Players.—Sturt—Smith, Bateman, C. and G. Scrutton, Barron, R. H. Whitehead, and Stuart. Norwood—Scott, Johns, Potts, Geary, Krome, Lill, and Symonds.