

TORRENS, NORWOOD, PORT AND GLENELG WIN LEAGUE FOOTBALL MATCHES TODAY

TORRENS VANQUISH NORTH

EXCITING LAST QUARTER STRUGGLE

Will Blue-and-Golds Reach Finals?

(BY O. J. O'GRADY)

Torrens won a hard-fought game at Prospect today, and in defeating North, even though by a small margin, demonstrated that if they gain a place in the final four they will be capable of making a bold bid for the premiership.

North have several things to remedy. Their forwards today were greatly at fault in straying from position. In addition, the playing of Morris at centre is unsound.

TORRENS 1-2 4-7 7-7 11-12
NORTH 3-7 4-8 9-11 11-11

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Hocking, McCarthy, Geue, and Mills (each 2), Read, Foote, and Broderick. North—Tucker (4), H. Hawke (3), Townley, Furler, Moyle, and Thomas.

Best Players.—Torrens—Broderick, Osborn, Read, Hocking, Fleet, and Geue. North—Taylor, Furler, H. Hawke, Tucker, Thomas, and B. Hawke.

COMPLICATIONS!

Final Four Position

TORRENS BATTLING

Results of league football matches contested today, instead of clarifying the position regarding the final four, as was expected, complicated matters somewhat, the surprise victory of Norwood over West and that of Torrens over North being responsible.

Consequent upon the reverse of West, Port have greatly improved chances of securing the minor premiership. They are now four points ahead of the red-and-blacks.

These teams will meet next Saturday at Wayville. In the two other sets of games remaining to conclude the minor round Port will meet Sturt at Unley on September 1 and North at Alberton on the following Saturday.

West will encounter North at Wayville and Glenelg at Glenelg. To be certain of remaining at the head of affairs Port must win at least two of their games, which would give them 28 premiership points, a total which West, with 20 points to their credit now, could not reach.

Should West succeed in evening up the premiership points their much superior percentage would give them the coveted position. However, their defeat today lessened their prospects in this connection.

The relative positions of Norwood and Torrens have not altered, as the easterners still lead the blue-and-golds by three points. On the other hand, Norwood have gained a five-point advantage on Sturt, whose defeat today practically means elimination.

Everything points to the final four comprising Port, West, North, and Norwood, although North are by no means in an unassailable position in third place. They lead Norwood by only one point and Torrens by four, but it looks as if the blue-and-golds have left their run until too late.

PORT VICTORIOUS

More Dashing Than Sturt

MARGIN OF 21 POINTS

Showing more dash than Sturt, Port defeated the double-blues at Adelaide Oval today in a game which at no stage rose to a high standard.

Withstanding a vigorous effort by the double-blues in the third term, the mapples finished the better, although they had only 17 men in the last quarter, Chapman having been carried from the field. They ran out victors by 21 points.

PORT 3-3 7-9 11-11 14-15
STURT 1-2 4-3 10-5 12-6

Goalkickers.—Port—Dayman (6), Quinn (4), Keal and Galliford (each 2). Sturt—Bauer (3), Barron, Martin, and Riley (each 2), Scrutton, King, and Chapman.

Best Players.—Port—Chapman, V. Johnson, Dayman, Keal, Mott, and Galliford. Sturt—C. L. Whitehead, Weller, Bateman, Wadham, King, and Bauer.

Attendances and Takings

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Adelaide Oval—		
Port v. Sturt	11,300	£405
Prospect Oval—		
North v. Torrens ..	8,275	405
Norwood Oval—		
Norwood v. West ..	7,500	368
Glenelg Oval—		
Glenelg v. South ..	2,500	115
Grand totals	29,575	£1,383

Positions of Clubs

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points Prem.	
					For	Ag. Pts.
Port	14	12	2	—	1204	1066 24
West	14	10	4	—	1318	1000 20
North	14	8	5	1	1138	1062 17
Norwood	14	8	6	—	1013	991 16
Torrens	14	6	7	1	949	987 13
Sturt	14	5	8	1	1085	1192 11
Glenelg	14	3	11	—	1134	1285 6
South	14	2	11	1	1008	1266 5

NOTES ON THE GAMES

TOO MUCH HANDBALL

Feature of South Play

Glenelg showed, by comfortably accounting for South at Glenelg Oval, that their victory over Sturt was no flash in the pan. The seashiders had a firm grip of the game from the start, and with straighter shooting for goal, would have done even better.

J. Handby played a sound game in defence. He had recovered from his leg injury, and entered into play with great dash. Many South attacks were broken through his efforts.

J. Lloyd was again brilliant on a wing. He received a fair amount of rough handling during the day, but that did not detract from the excellence of his play.

A. Hack was in great form at full forward, and secured six goals. His marking ability stood him in good stead. J. Owens was not as reliable as usual. He booted three majors, but with the number of opportunities which he received he should have recorded more.

G. B. Johnston delighted with his aerial flights, and was solid when rucking. C. J. Leverington and C. Drew roved in fine style.

W. Hill was a source of strength in the ruck, and defended strongly when off the ball. C. O'Malley cleared many attacks, using his weight to advantage.

A. J. Ryan was the outstanding player for South. He dominated centre, and launched many attacks. Had the forwards been able to support him the result of the game might have been different.

W. G. Oliver was responsible for three goals, and he assisted in the securing of others. G. Margitich played well throughout. Three goals came from his boot.

W. H. Guthrie gave a fine exhibition in goal. His sound marking relieved many dangerous situations for the city team.

Whether rucking or forward A. J. Robertson was a force to be reckoned with. He was prominent in the air, and finished his work with a long kick.

Too much handball was the worst feature of the play of South. W. Tabo battled hard throughout the match, and was particularly prominent in the last quarter. S. R. Jaffer and W. H. Jackson were often under notice for good defence work.

F. Tully roved with skill, and proved a thorn in the side of his opponents when placed. He was a tireless battler.

TENSE BATTLE

Norwood Defeat West

FINE LAST QUARTER

With inclusion in the final four as their incentive Norwood made the game against West at Norwood Oval a great battle. In spite of an injury to Auckland the redlegs put forth a gallant effort in the last quarter, and won by five points. Grim determination and admirable gameness won the match for Norwood.

NORWOOD 3-5 3-10 7-12 10-17
WEST 1-7 4-9 7-14 9-18

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Wadham (4), E. A. Johnson and Krome (each 2), Plumstead and Potts. West—Whitford (3), Batt and Payne (each 2), Bennetts and McGregor.

Best Players.—Norwood—Wadham, Hefernan, Krome, Biddell, Scott, Applebee, Geary, and E. A. Johnson. West—Snell, Payne, Solomon, Stokes, Ryder, McGregor, Olyer, Shea, and Williams.

GLENELG TRIUMPH

Comfortably Defeat South

SIX GOALS TO HACK

Glenelg comfortably accounted for South at Glenelg Oval, having a margin of 35 points in their favor when the final bell rang. The seashiders drove their attacks down the centre with long, telling kicks, whereas the city team muffed many advances by using ineffective handball. Had it not been for the brilliant work of A. J. Ryan at centre South would have been in a much worse position.

The highfliers of both teams were in fine fettle, and in this department G. B. Johnston, of Glenelg, was outstanding.

C. H. Ryan, suffering from the effects of an injured shoulder, was replaced in the South team by L. Ryan, necessitating a reshuffling of positions. Glenelg were as published.

Umpire R. T. R. Currie had charge of the game, which was witnessed by only a small crowd. Sallis won the toss and took advantage of the slight breeze which favored the southern goal.

The kicking of both teams in the first quarter left much to be desired. Glenelg secured one goal in seven scoring shots and South one in five. Glenelg attacked from the bounce, but Jaffer and Guthrie proved reliable. C. O'Malley coped with a South advance, and then Sallis, securing near the centre, goaled with a long kick.

Tully and A. J. Ryan were prominent in a move that culminated in full points for South from Margitich. The city men found their stride early, whereas the game had progressed for some time before the seashiders settled down to their task.

Glenelg kept the ball in their forward area, but could not find the central opening. South took a hand toward the close of the quarter and recorded several singles.

Owens at Half-forward

As in the match against Sturt, Owens was transferred to centre half-forward in the second quarter, and Hack took up the position of goaisneak. Within a few minutes Owens had goaled twice and Hack once. A. J. Ryan was dominating play at centre, J. Lloyd was continually prominent on a wing, and Handby was safe in defence.

South took up the offensive, and two goals came from W. G. Oliver. Hack retaliated with full points for Glenelg. Brilliant play by A. J. Ryan culminated in a goal from the boot of Margitich. Drew cleverly evaded several opponents and called up both flags. Leverington was responsible for some good work, and he gave Hack an opportunity of which the best use was made.

After the long interval South opened with a goal from Herde. Guthrie repulsed a Glenelg attack, and F. Olliver rendered similar service at the other end. Scouting cleverly Leverington snapped a goal. Receiving from Robertson, P. K. O'Malley sent the ball through for South with a well-directed shot.

Opportunities Wasted

The seashiders rushed the ball down the centre, and Hack, marking in great style, called up both flags. A scramble occurred in front of the South objective, and Griffin kicked the ball through off the ground. A swift Glenelg drive produced a goal from Owens. The blue-and-white forwards were not making use of the opportunities provided. Johnston, whose spectacular marking was delighting the crowd, initiated an attack which resulted in full points from Drew.

Glenelg, through the agency of Rosewarne, were the first to goal in the last quarter. A difficult shot by Tully called up one flag for South, and a few moments later he hit a post with a snapshot. W. G. Oliver registered the maximum, and then goals were secured for Glenelg by Johnston and Hack. The seashiders were playing the superior football.

Hack, who was doing exceptionally well in the full-forward position, again called up both flags. L. Ryan and Griffin improved the outlook for South with full-pointers. Winkler marked well and followed up with a goal. Although their defeat was assured South men stuck to their task and Margitich goaled before the close.

GLENELG 1-6 7-11 11-16 16-19
SOUTH 1-4 4-4 7-9 11-14

Goalkickers.—Glenelg—Hack (6), Owens (3), Drew (2), Sallis, Johnston, Winkler, Rosewarne, and Leverington. South—W. G. Oliver and Margitich (each 3), Griffin (2), Herde, P. K. O'Malley, and L. Ryan.

Best Players.—Glenelg—Handby, Lloyd, Hack, Johnston, C. and W. Hill, and K. Oliver. South—A. J. Ryan, W. G. Oliver, Tabo, Guthrie, Robertson, Tully, and Jackson.

Leading Goalkickers

Owens (Glenelg)	67
Bennetts (West)	58
Margitich (South)	38
Troughton (Torrens)	37
McGregor (West)	33
Tucker (North)	32
Dayman (Port)	28
H. Hawke (North)	27
G. Scrutton (Sturt)	26
Krome (Norwood)	25
Quinn (Port)	24

In today's games the leading goalkickers were Dayman (Port) and Hack (Glenelg), each 6; Quinn (Port), Tucker (North), and Wadham (Norwood), each 4; Oliver (South), Owens (Glenelg), Margitich (South), and Whitford (West), each 3.