

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.

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.

Positions of Clubs

	P.	W.	L.	D.	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

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.

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 magpies 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.

NOTES ON THE GAMES

WESTERNERS IN FORM

Prospective Interstate Men

(By O. J. O'Grady)

For Torrens Broderick gave a faultless display at centre against North. He marked well, his ground play was excellent, and his delivery of the ball was first class. The interstate selectors would be well advised to select Broderick for the half-forward line, a position giving him a chance to exploit his methods.

Osborn was again in capital form at centre half-back. His play during the last month has been a telling factor in the revival of Torrens. It may be difficult for him to secure a place in the State team, but his retention as a reserve seems certain.

Read, playing at half-back and in the ruck, is a good stamp of footballer. He invariably capped his efforts today with a good kick. Hocking rucked and marked in his usual consistent style. His kicking is improving.

Fleet at centre wing had too much pace for both Ween and Pitzner. Geue is gradually working back into form at centre half-forward. His recent illness has probably robbed him of a good chance of figuring in the State side.

Mills, with two goals, was always dangerous at forward. Holton at half-forward—second in height to Mills—should retain his place in the side. Geue, Mills, and Holton should adopt an understanding and try to avoid going for marks in opposition.

Hine, although he did not kick too well with the faulty ball in the first half, defended well. Phillips, although eclipsed by Hawke in the first half, improved after half-time, and shared the honors.

McCarthy, playing his ninety-ninth game for Torrens, retrieved a poor display by scoring the winning goal.

Of the others it may be said that all were triers.

For North Taylor was best. His display at left half-back was exceptionally strong and his marking, in particular, was highly creditable.

Furler gave another solid display in ruck. I hope to see his name in the State eighteen. It is my opinion that if selected he would prove adaptable to the style of play required of an interstate ruckman.

H. Hawke, scoring three goals, was a live wire at half-forward, particularly when at centre half-forward.

Tucker with four goals was always dangerous and kept Hine busy throughout. Thomas roved with great dash, although he did not deliver the ball well.

B. Hawke, especially in the first half, was responsible for good play at centre wing. However, he again ran too much with the ball.

Moyle gave a moderate display. He should be in form by the time the finals begin. Lewis kicked in beautifully from the goal line. Munn, rucking and forward, marked well.

The only weak men in the side were Conrad at centre half-back, Townley forward and ruck, and Morris at centre.

DETERMINED REDLEGS

Surprise for Red-and-Blacks

Playing determined and forceful football, Norwood defeated West by five points after an exciting contest. The game lacked nothing in vigor, both sides playing rugged football. There were many flashes of fine play, but West did not display their usual brilliant combination.

Wadham was in great form for the redlegs, and his dashing play was refreshing. In addition to performing capably when following, he secured four goals.

Roving with dash and agility, Heffernan was one of the most valuable players for the redlegs. He handled the ball a lot, and showed skill and spirit in the crushes. Krome played a fine game, bringing down some excellent marks. Biddell was also in form, his play on a half-forward wing resulting in the forwards being well fed.

Scott gave another good display at half-back. Most of his work was done on the ground, as he brought down few marks. Geary filled the position of goalkeeper, following the injury to Ackland, with credit.

Appelbee had a great tussle with his opponent on a wing, and probably had slightly the better of matters. E. A. Johnson was a capable forward, and Lill, although defeated on the day, was useful. Snell, at centre, was easily the best man for West, and probably the best man on the ground. He covered a large area and showed his usual fine initiative and judgment.

Payne roved effectively. He was one of the hardest triers for West in the last quarter. Soloman and Shea completed a good centre line.

Stokes, Ryder, and McGregor were useful without being brilliant, and Oliver and Williams were a pair who battled hard for their side.

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 Ackland 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, Heffernan, Krome, Biddell, Scott, Appelbee, Geary, and E. A. Johnson. West—Snell, Payne, Soloman, Stokes, Ryder, McGregor, Oliver, Shea, and Williams.

FORWARDS BETTER

Factor in Magpie Win

At no stage of the game between Port and Sturt, at Adelaide Oval today, were spectators treated to a really good exhibition of football, but the strenuous nature of the play kept interest alive throughout.

Better work among the forwards and greater dash enabled Port to maintain an advantage. The magpies handled the ball much more cleanly than did the Sturt men, and this also was a factor in their win.

Sturt were unable to drive home their attacks, mainly through a weakness forward. Time after time the ruck and centre line forced the ball in, only to see the Port defenders turn the attacks.

Across the centre Sturt had the better of matters, mainly through the play of Wadham and King on the wings. At pivot Bateman had the call over K. Johnson, but the youthful magpie centreman made him play hard to maintain the advantage.

The rucks fought out the issue strenuously, and in this department Sturt held a slight advantage.

Keeping their places and taking position well, the Port forward line gave good service. It was this ability successfully to finish off attacks that ultimately brought victory.

Individual form on both sides was fairly even, but no man did better for the winners than Chapman. He played a safe game in a back pocket, but it was when he was called on the ball that he did his best work. His marking was first class.

V. Johnson was busy all day. He rucked with vigor, and was responsible for a cool display when placed.

Keal played a good game on the half-forward line, and kept the play open, besides getting two goals. Dayman was the star forward. He kicked six goals, and generally played a good game.

Mott was cool at half-back, and Galliford came under notice repeatedly with good play.

C. L. Whitehead was the best man for Sturt. He was a power in the packs, and was instrumental in starting many double-blue attacks.

Weller (back) and Bauer, who kicked three goals, were the best of the others.

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 seaside 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. Tabbe 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.

Player and Spectator

While players of West and Norwood were returning to their dressing rooms at the conclusion of the game at Norwood Oval today it is alleged that a spectator addressed an insulting remark to A. Payne (West rover), who endeavored without success to catch the offender.

A large crowd gathered, but the police prevented any disturbance.

Stokes and E. J. Bennetts, of West, collided while having a run round the oval before the game, and Stokes felt the effects throughout the match.

Attendances and Takings

	Attendances	Takings
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