

TORRENS STRENGTHEN CLAIM FOR PLACE IN FINAL FOUR

PORT REGAIN THEIR FORM

North Outclassed in Second Half

UNSATISFACTORY UMPIRING MARS GAME

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Apart from the second term, when they failed to score, Port were distinctly the better side in the game at Prospect.

By winning today Port have consolidated their position at the head of the premiership list. North may have done better, but for their poor kicking in midfield.

Umpire Whitford seemed obsessed with the new interpretation of the holding the ball rule, and paid little heed to many breaches of the laws in other directions.

I think that his interpretation of the holding the ball rule was at least consistent, but too harsh on the man with the ball.

After seeing them today, I do not fancy the chances of North figuring in the finals. Their future programme is rather difficult, and their form is not sufficiently impressive.

PORT 4-4 4-4 10-7 13-10
NORTH 2-3 6-6 8-9 9-13

Goalkeepers.—Port—Dayman (5), F. Quinn, and Way (each 2), Hender, Logan, Wren, and Wade. North—Farmer (5), Barrett (2), McDowall, and Thomas.

Best Players.—Port.—Dayman, Way, Mott, Keal, Allingham, Logan, and Wade. North—Ramsay, Farmer, Munn, Williams Taylor, and McDowall.

Attendances and Takings

Showgrounds	Attendance	Receipts
Prospect Oval	3,550	£160
Norwood Oval	8,550	433
Thebarton Oval	5,200	246
	7,354	376
	25,254	£1,281

EASY WEST WIN

Gleneilg Defeated

HIGH-SCORING MATCH

With the exception of the third quarter the game between West and Gleneilg at Wayville was well contested. In that term the home team established a commanding lead.

The small backmen of Gleneilg were at a disadvantage throughout the match and could not cope with the work of the tall red-and-black forwards.

Both teams were as published. Umpire G. F. Kourig had charge of the game.

McGregor won the toss, and took advantage of the breeze, which favored the northern goal. West were first away, but W. Hill relieved. Barbary and Sallis began a Gleneilg offensive, which petered out when Church cleared.

CConnell marked well and sent on to McGregor, who kicked into the man standing the mark. West attacked again and full points came from Solomon. The ball was rushed back from the bounce, and after Munro had raised one flag a goal came from McGregor.

Gleneilg then took a hand, and good work by Guiney placed Owens in possession. His shot called up one flag, but a few moments later he made amends with a goal. The game was fast. Both teams were attacking down the centre.

Whitford put on the third goal for West after taking a good mark. Guiney sharked cleverly and rushed goalward. He had an excellent chance to score, but kicked poorly. The seiders hammered away, and at last a goal was scored by Link.

Then followed a goal from Owens, and Rosewarne hit a tall upright with a long shot. The breeze had died down. Connell marked well, and forwarded. Payne received from McGregor and goaled. West were attacking again when the bell rang.

First Quarter

WEST 4-2
GLENELG 3-4

Link and Sallis sent Gleneilg forward. Simons turned the next attack. Snell and Whitford began a move that brought full points from Williams. At the other end Owens marked close in, but only a single came. The ball had travelled up and down the field several times before Gleneilg goalneak secured it. This time his aim was true.

West took up the offensive, and McGregor ran in and goaled. Whitford gave the West skipper another chance, but this time he kicked badly. A beautiful kick by Snell was marked close in by Bennetts, and the seventh goal for West was recorded. The red-and-blacks were making more use of their opportunities than were the seiders.

Guiney made another spectacular run down the field, and a lucky goal came when the ball bounced through the tall uprights.

F. Olliver kicked off badly for Gleneilg, and Bennetts marked and goaled. Handby was prominent in defence. The red-and-blacks continued to hammer away. Bennetts marked from McGregor as the bell rang. He could manage only a single. West had been more effective than their opponents in this quarter, and their forwards had shown greater initiative.

Second Quarter

WEST 8-8
GLENELG 5-5

Marks by Handby and Coleman sent Gleneilg forward, and a single came from Owens. West rushed the ball down the centre, and a long shot by Whitford produced the maximum. This was followed by goals from Payne and McGregor.

In endeavoring to shepherd F. Olliver (Gleneilg goalkeeper) off Bennetts touched a shot by Whitford as it went through the goal. West were dominating the play, and additional goals came from McGregor and Bennetts. Whitford missed an easy chance from a free.

Gleneilg broke away, and a single was scored by Owens. Plenty of vigor was being infused into the play. West again took charge, and Solomon goaled after working the ball out of a scrumage. Handby, Sallis, and Rosewarne were prominent in a Gleneilg onslaught that culminated in full points from Winkler.

West took charge again, but brilliant marking by F. Olliver kept them at bay. The deficit of the seiders was reduced when Owens secured his fourth goal for the day. The red-and-blacks, however, immediately retaliated with full points from McGregor.

Third Quarter

WEST 15-13
GLENELG 7-9

Johnston knocked to Link at the bounce, and in less than a minute Owens had goaled. The ball was transferred to the other end, where Bennetts, receiving from Bennett, produced a similar result. After Winkler had called up one flag Owens marked from Link and got full points. The seiders were showing out better now, but it was too late to have any effect on the game.

C. Hill snapped a goal, and a little later Sallis recorded the maximum. At the other end Bennetts raced for the ball and had a hasty snap that hit the base of a goalpost.

The ball was returned to mid-field, where Solomon secured and followed a run down the field with full points. McGregor was given a free within easy distance, and made no mistake. King defended well, and Gleneilg took a hand. Sallis produced a single, and Winkler called up both flags. West seemed to have eased up.

Link was the next to goal for the seiders, but they were still five goals behind. Play centred round mid-field, but eventually Payne made a break. Whitford secured, and called up both flags with a snap. Guiney and Sallis staged a Gleneilg attack, and Winkler goaled after marking from the latter. Barbary was receiving attention from the trainers for the second time during the match.

Final Scores

WEST 19-15
GLENELG 14-11

Goalkeepers.—West—McGregor (6), Bennetts (4), Whitford, and Solomon (each 3), Payne (2), and Williams. Gleneilg—Owens (6), Winkler (3), Link (2), Guiney, C. Hill, and Sallis.

Best Players.—West—McGregor, Sallis, Bennetts, Connell, Solomon, Whitford, Payne. Gleneilg—Barbary, Link, Rosewarne, Handby, Guiney, C. Hill, and Sallis.

Premiership Table

LEAGUE	P. W. L.		Points		Prem.	
	for	ag.	for	ag.		
Port	12	10	2	1119	745	20
Norwood	12	9	3	1111	835	18
West	12	8	4	976	873	16
North	12	5	7	962	976	10
Torrens	12	5	7	887	935	10
Sturt	12	5	7	880	968	10
Gleneilg	12	4	8	936	1152	8
South	12	2	10	930	1317	4

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Margitich, South	62
Owens, Gleneilg	54
Dayman, Port	50
Bennetts, West	45
Troughton, Torrens	44
Farmer, North	41
Mutton, Norwood	34
Logan, Port	27
Sims, Sturt	25
Wadham, Norwood	22
Whitford, West	22

LAST-QUARTER WIN

Norwood Defeat South

ERRATIC KICKING

Norwood showed more staying power than South in the second half of the last quarter of the match on Norwood Oval today. This, and superior aerial work, was responsible for their win.

For the greater part of the game South had the better of the play, but erratic kicking on the part of their half-forwards and the men further out spoilt good chances of scoring.

There was too much playing to A. J. Ryan and Margitich on the part of the blue-and-whites.

Wretched kicking marked the game for three quarters. Out of 53 scoring shots for the match, only 17 called up the two flags.

NORWOOD 3-6 5-13 7-17 11-18
SOUTH 2-4 4-8 5-15 6-18

Goalkeepers.—Norwood—Biddell, Norrell, Mutton, and Wait (each 2), Hefferon, and Krome. South—Margitich (4), Tully (2).

Best Players.—Norwood—Wadham, Daly, Geary, Ackland, Wait, Krome. South—A. J. Ryan, Tully, Jaffer, Mackay, Margitich, Martin.

TORRENS MAINTAIN FORM

STURT OUTCLASSED IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

Thebarton Team Now Fifth on List

By defeating Sturt in convincing fashion at Thebarton today Torrens have drawn attention to their premiership prospects. There is little doubt that Torrens at present are playing the best football of any team in the competition.

Sturt found them a vastly different proposition from the team they met and defeated at Uncl earlier in the season.

Torrens outclassed the double-blues in every department of the game. Obtaining a lead in the first term against the breeze, the gold-and-blues maintained it to the end.

TORRENS 4-3 6-7 11-9 13-12
STURT 1-1 2-2 4-3 7-8

Goalkeepers.—Torrens—Troughton (4), W. Williamson (3), Lampe (2), Broderick, Hocking, Sincock, and Head. Sturt—Sims (4), Riley, Martin, and Bauer.

Best Players.—Torrens—Phillips, Bertram, Hocking, Broderick, Osborn, Troughton, Hine, and Lampe. Sturt—Bateman, Smith, Johnston, Simon, Sims, Treleaven, and Hutton.

MELBOURNE FOOTBALL

Coventry Kicks 16 Goals

It seemed to be a match between G. Coventry and Hawthorn. The brilliant forward was in deadly form, accounting for 16 goals. He thus broke the record established by H. Robertson, of South Melbourne, who kicked 14 goals in 1919. Coventry scored from all angles over his head, and from 50 to 60 yards out. When he had posted his thirteenth goal somebody in the crowd souvenired the ball, and another was obtained.