

ANOTHER SURPRISE SPRUNG BY GLENELG; TORRENS DOWNED

GLENELG IN FINE FORM

Prove Too Good for West Torrens

BAY MEN CAN BE DESPISED NO MORE

(By O. J. O'Grady, "The Mail" Football Writer)

Spectators at Thebarton today could not cavil at the exhibition of football staged by Glenelg and West Torrens. It was an excellent game, and Glenelg thoroughly deserved their victory.

The winners are going to be a difficult proposition for any team to defeat this season.

Except for the first 10 minutes, when Torrens appeared likely to establish a good lead, Glenelg had a little more of the play. Had all their opportunities been availed of, they would have had a fair lead at half time. Throughout the second half of the game, Glenelg were always in front, although with only five minutes to go, Torrens needed but a goal to take the lead. Glenelg, however, were able to clinch the game by goaling two minutes before the final bell.

Throughout the game, both sides displayed an excellent spirit. There is no doubt now about the quality of Glenelg. They have a well-balanced side, and it is evident that every team in the league will be fully extended by the once despised seaside team. F. R. Brown (captain and coach) has instilled systematic play into the forward line, and this factor, backed up by strength across the centre and a brilliant half-back line, is the secret of the success of Glenelg.

Torrens have also improved. They have acquired several juniors of promise, but they had a definite weakness today on the centre wings.

Troughton again secured seven goals, and is dangerous when in possession. With a little more system in Torrens forward lines, he should be assured of even more opportunities. Today he had to battle hard to gain possession.

Glenelg have unearthed a ruckman of class in D. Harris, who can mark with the best. Together with Johnston, Harris assisted to prevent a Torrens superiority in the air, which at first seemed likely.

The effective game of Brown on the half-forward line was a model performance. Seldom was a kick wasted by the former Torrens skipper.

With Winkler on the other half-forward flank Torrens' defenders were often at a disadvantage as the result of clever placing of the ball by these two men.

Barbary, after a quiet opening, played with customary brilliance on the centre wing in the later stages of the game. The rock-like defence of Dunbar, Handby, and Sallis across the half-back line was a treat to watch. Each man did well, with Dunbar being the best of the trio.

TORRENS A BIG SIDE

Torrens are a big side. The Williamson brothers, with Venning and Bridgman, are men of weight and height, and all should succeed in league company. Today, however, Torrens players were inclined to fly for the ball in opposition to each other, and as a result opportunities were wasted.

The overcast sky and almost entire lack of wind made conditions suitable for football. The ground appeared in good order, but was probably on the hard side. Players, however, did not spare themselves on this account.

Brown won the toss and took advantage of the light breeze. Torrens were the first into their stride, and the high marking of the two Williamsons and Venning was the factor that enabled Troughton and C. Williamson to score goals. Brown brought G. B. Johnston into the ruck, and Owens goaled for Glenelg.

Torrens were away again, but Phillips with a good shot hit a goal post. Troughton, however, scored a goal. At this stage Torrens appeared superior. Brown then set Glenelg going, but his good work went for nothing. Three points were added before Coleman and Owens scored goals, placing Glenelg in front.

Torrens equalised, but Coleman placed Glenelg a goal in front again. It was great football, and Bastian from a free equalised the score at the end of the term.

Torrens had been superior in the air, but Glenelg counteracted with better system forward. Prominent players for Glenelg were Dunbar, Handby, and Wiese, with Broderick, Venning, and C. and W. Williamson starring for Torrens.

At the start of the second term Glenelg had all the play, but Coleman was inaccurate forward. Three minors were added, when Torrens took a hand. Troughton and Bridgman goaling. The rest of the term was in favor of Glenelg, and Harris and Owens both scored goals, giving the seaside team a three-point advantage at half-time.

Outstanding players in this term were Hill, Dunbar, Brown, Handby, and Sallis for Glenelg, and Osborn and Reed were good in defence for the home team.

The third term provided sparkling football. Broderick, Torrens skipper, took J. Oaten from centre wing and placed Bertram there. Oaten had been outpointed by the diminutive C. Hill.

After Glenelg had scored two points Torrens were unlucky. Hine in attempting to send the ball in kicked the ground and sent the leather but a dozen yards into the hands of Winkler, who goaled. Soon after Owens, palpably freed, placed Glenelg 16 points ahead.

It was a ding-dong struggle, with Glenelg a little more effective. Troughton goaled for Torrens, but Symon, at the other end, just managed to put his foot to the ball as it was rolling goalward. After a point to Torrens, Harris, the tall Glenelg ruckman, goaled, and the visitors were now 21 points in front.

GLENELG'S TERM

Torrens reduced this by a point from Venning and a goal by the reliable Troughton before lemons, leaving them 14 points in arrears. This had been Glenelg's term, with Harris and Johnston starring in the ruck and in the air. Barbary had also come into the picture, outpointing Fleet at centre wing.

For Torrens, Ward, Broderick, Troughton, and W. Williamson were prominent, but Fleet and Bastian were below form.

For the final term Brown came to centre to endeavor to check Broderick, an object in which he was partly successful.

As in the previous two terms Glenelg were first away, and two points were scored. Then Torrens launched a series of determined attacks, which kept the crowd on their toes. The brilliant Troughton scored his sixth goal, and Bastian a point. C. Williamson sent the ball well in, and his brother marked above the crowd and goaled. With 10 minutes to go Torrens were three points behind. Two minutes later Owens was freed, and scored a goal with a great screw punt.

Five minutes to go, Troughton again gave his team a chance with a goal, but Glenelg were equal to the occasion. Clever play by the heady Winkler saw him score a minor, and then, with two minutes to go, make the game safe for his side with a goal.

Torrens scored another point, and a fine game came to a close.

The game as a whole was a brilliant exhibition of football. Pressure was on from start to finish. Vigor was infused by both sides, but foul play was entirely absent. Torrens players were penalised by the umpire the more, chiefly because they occasionally used their hands instead of their weight in checking opponents. It was a fault which cost them dearly on two or three occasions, and should be eradicated.

Glenelg can look forward to their future contests with confidence. Torrens, although defeated, have nothing to worry about. They went down to a first-class team which was in first-class form.

Umpire R. T. R. Currie had charge of the game. Scores:—

GLENELG 4-3 6-8 10-11 12-14

TORRENS 4-3 6-5 8-8 11-12

Goalkeepers.—Glenelg—Owens (5), Coleman, Harris, and Winkler (each 2), and Symon. Torrens—Troughton (7), C. Williamson, W. Williamson, Bridgman, and Bastian.

Best Players.—Glenelg—Harris, Johnston, Dunbar, Brown, Handby, Barbary, and Winkler. Torrens—Broderick, Troughton, W. Williamson, C. Williamson, Ward, Osborn.

PREMIERSHIP TABLES

	P.	W.	L.	D.	for	Points	From
					ag.	pts.	
Port	2	2	—	—	231	156	4
Norwood	2	2	—	—	169	119	4
Glenelg	2	2	—	—	168	155	4
Torrens	2	1	1	—	200	149	2
Sturt	2	1	1	—	142	167	2
West	2	—	2	—	127	142	—
North	2	—	2	—	133	205	—
South	2	—	2	—	123	200	—

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Troughton (Torrens)	14
Dayman (Port)	13
Logan (Port)	11
Owens (Glenelg)	8
Bennetts (West)	7
Margitich (South)	7
Farmer (North)	6
Sims (Sturt)	6

CLOSE-UPS OF PLAYERS

F. R. BROWN, captain and coach of Glenelg, was one of the best men at Thebarton today. His handling of the ball was sure and his deliverance of it was excellent. Torrens officials and supporters must have wished that their former skipper was back in the gold-and-blue jersey again.

D. HARRIS, Glenelg ruckman, is a cut above the ordinary football recruit. Harris can mark with the best, and should have a bright football career.

G. BARBARY, of Glenelg, was the best wingman at Thebarton today. He looks sure to represent the State again this year.

M. DUNBAR, J. Handby, and L. Sallis formed the half-back line of Glenelg today. Each did well, and as a whole formed one of the strongest sections of their team. Dunbar was always in the limelight. Handby covered a lot of ground and Sallis always made good use of his opportunities.

J. OWENS is still the star forward for Glenelg. His goal tally today was five, mostly the result of screw punts.

G. B. JOHNSTON delighted Glenelg supporters with his high marking in the second half of the game at Thebarton today.

J. LLOYD, of Glenelg, who broke an arm in the match with West Adelaide, will be missed by the seaside club. Since playing with Glenelg he has helped that team greatly, and it is hoped that he will not be out of the game for long. Lloyd formerly played with Port, and he also represented the State. He was unlucky to receive his injury, for as he was picking up the ball an opponent dashed in to kick the ball off the ground.

It is not generally known that P. Furler, North Adelaide's genial skipper, resides in West Torrens district. He lives close to Thebarton Oval, where his team was defeated on Saturday. Because of his having completed five seasons with the red-and-whites he has the option of playing with either club.

P. BRODERICK, skipper of Torrens, was about their best man today. He should instil into the tall men of his side that it is folly for more than one of them to fly for the ball at a time.

A. LILL was the outstanding performer for Norwood against North. He was one of the few players who marked consistently throughout the match, and invariably placed the ball to best advantage. Lill appears to get into the play much more this year than was the case in previous seasons.

W. K. DUNN easily justified his promotion to Sturt A, playing against West. At half-back he marked well and cleared effectively. C. H. Scrutton played determinedly at centre, and generally was more effective than his opponent, R. Snell. L. Thomas and E. Fisher also did well for Sturt. The latter was playing his first game in league football.

R. W. TROUGHTON, with seven goals at Thebarton today, is leading the goalkickers of the league with a tally of 14 for two matches. He is the best forward Torrens have had for many years.

O. B. BEATTY, Sturt trainer, who formerly played with the double-blues, and also represented South Australia on numerous occasions, is probably the biggest man connected with the game in the State. He weighs 18 stone. He is a son of Tom Beatty, who handles the watch for Sturt, and a brother of Bob Beatty, their energetic secretary.

It is many years since a team procured three recruits of such fine physique as Sturt have gained this season. Sims, Green, and Simon, all have the advantage of height, each being air feet tall. They displayed ability which would gain for them a place in any league team. Of the three, Sims appeared to be the more finished in style.

PORT OUTPACE SOUTH

Spectacular Match Provided

VICTORY BY 40 POINTS

Although South at no stage looked like winning at Adelaide Oval against Port today, the match from a spectacular viewpoint was a thrilling one. Keen tussles between individuals were a feature. Port were too fast to the ball, however, and finished 40 points in front of the blue-and-whites.

PORT 5-5 9-7 15-10 17-12

SOUTH 2-9 5-4 9-5 11-8

Goalkickers.—Port—Logan (7), Dayman (4), Quinn and K. Johnson (each 2), Hender, and Mucklow.

South—Margitich (4), Tully (3), Oliver (2), Roberts and Cornish.

Best Players.—Port—Keal, Wade, Quinn, Conole, Logan, Dayman, and Graves. South—A. J. Ryan, Guthrie, Jackson, Tully, Mackay, Margitich, and Jaffer.

VICTORY FOR YOUTH

Young Sturt Side Wins by 10 Points

WEST LEFT WITH 17 MEN AFTER FIRST TERM

Handicapped by the absence of B. McGregor, who left the field in the first quarter with a badly twisted knee, West went down to Sturt at Wayville by 10 points.

The game was vigorous, and West made a desperate but futile bid in the last quarter for victory. The youthful Sturt side sustained the good impression created last week, and won in great style.

STURT	0-2	3-6	6-9	8-12
WEST	2-4	3-4	4-6	7-8

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Sims (3), Riley, Thomas, Wunderbits, Green, and Ash. West—Bennetts (3), Williams (2), McGregor, and Jarvis.

Best Players.—Sturt—Simon, Sims, Dunn, Riley, C. Scrutton, Thomas, Fisher, and Martin. West—Oliver, Champion, Solomon, Church, Snell, Shea, McCormack, and Bennetts.

Attendance at league football matches today were:—

	Attendance	Takings
Thebarton Oval	8,711	£409
Prospect Oval	6,798	322
Shewgrounds	5,800	254
Adelaide Oval	6,400	252
Totals	27,709	£1,237

SECOND NORWOOD WIN

North Defeated by 13 Points

UNINSPIRING PLAY

NORWOOD 1-5 5-9 8-13 11-17

NORTH 3-1 6-5 7-7 10-10

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Krome (3), Biddell, Johnson, and James (each 2), Daly, and Mutton. North—Williams (4), Munn, and Farmer (each 2), Furler, and Keane.

Best Players.—Norwood—Lill, Biddell, Auckland, Krome, Pike, Johnson, Daly, and Mutton. North—Taylor, Farmer, Williams, McInnes, Lock, Ramsay, Hawke, and Hyde.