

SURPRISES IN FIRST FOOTBALL GAMES; NORTH AND STURT WIN

NORWOOD EASILY DEFEATED

OUTCLASSED IN AIR BY RED-AND-WHITES

Farmer and Conrad Shine for Winners

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Last season's premiers (Norwood) were no match for North at Norwood today. In the early part of the game the home team looked like making a fight, but after half-time North were easily superior.

Norwood lacked stars, and when their condition gave out they were outclassed by the red-and-whites.

I do not think that the victory of North was a flash in the pan. The northerners have a good side, and, barring injuries, will defeat more teams than defeat them during the season.

The main superiority of North was in the air. In this department Conrad, Farmer, Taylor, and Munn were too good for any of the opposition.

NORTH	2-4	5-7	8-8	11-13
NORWOOD	2-3	14-8	6-11	8-15

Best Players.—North—Conrad, Taylor, Farmer, Munn, Furler, Ramsey, Thomas, Storer. Norwood—Krome, McDougall, Biddell, Wadham, Pitkin, Sorrell.
Goalkickers.—North—Farmer (4), Taylor (3), Furler, Drew, Thomas, and Munn. Norwood—Krome (3), Wadham (2), Biddell, Hefernan, and Johnson.

TORRENS ON TOP

League Premiership List

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Torrens	1	1	—	88	48	2
North	1	1	—	79	63	2
West	1	1	—	105	85	2
Sturt	1	1	—	82	67	2
Port	1	—	1	67	82	—
South	1	—	1	85	105	—
Norwood	1	—	1	63	79	—
Glenelg	1	—	1	48	88	—

TORRENS IMPRESS

V. Geue Kicks Six Goals

After a well contested first quarter, the match at Glenelg gradually degenerated. After half-time scrimmages and poor kicking were frequent features.

Torrens established their superiority through more effective aerial work and dominance in the ruck.

C. E. Bridgman was nineteenth man for the westerners, and F. Olliver for Glenelg. The arena was in excellent condition, and there was a large attendance. Umpire T. W. Elliott had charge of the game. H. Murphy, playing his first league game, was at centre for Torrens.

Both teams were accorded an enthusiastic reception. Osborn (Torrens captain) won the toss and elected to kick to the southern goal, which was favored by a light breeze.

Link and Rosewarne sent forward for Glenelg from the bounce. Torrens carried the ball to the other end, but Handby and Link began a counter-attack, which brought a goal from Owens.

Geue passed to Hocking, whose shot was marked on the goal line by King. A long kick by Harris sent the ball forward, and Owens from a scrimmage snapped his third goal.

Glenelg dashed down the centre, and a long kick by Lloyd was marked in a bunch by Edwards. A goal followed. Osborn was continually prominent in defence. Read had a shot from a difficult angle, but King marked safely on the goal line as the bell rang.

First Quarter

GLENELG	4-2
TORRENS	2-3

At the change-over Murphy came under notice for clever work at centre. Umpire Elliott strictly interpreted the holding-the-ball rule.

Geue, for Torrens, capped a beautiful mark with full points. Williamson sent the ball well in, but Handby cleared. Phillips and Williamson were prominent in the next move, but Weise was solid in defence. A behind was the only result from a bright effort by Sincok and Head.

There was little combined play on either side. Some excellent individual efforts, however, were recorded. Sincok edged the ball out of a scrimmage and goaled with a long punt. When Lloyd and Griffiths led an advance Osborn relieved with a kick down the centre.

Geue improved the position of Torrens with another goal following a fine mark. Then Read from a free added another goal.

Percy sent the ball to the goalmouth, but the Torrens defenders, led by Hine, relieved. Rosewarne gave Owens a chance. His kick fell short, and Rosewarne, running in, scored a point.

Second Quarter

TORRENS	6-6
GLENELG	4-4

Torrens had an advantage of 14 points when play was resumed after the long interval. From the bounce Perkins sent to Geue, who improved Torrens' position with a goal. The westerners came again, but their forwards were out of position, and Griffiths and Lloyd cleared. Coleman, Link, and Percy combined to place Owens in possession, and both flags were raised.

Torrens carried the ball round the eastern wing, and Geue ran in and goaled. The same player had another shot, but it was touched by King as it passed through. Read, however, called up both flags.

Owens was given a free in a bunch, and goaled. From a difficult angle a few moments later he struck a goalpost. Read and Head were responsible for an effort which brought a single. Then Geue followed an easy mark with another goal.

Torrens were faster off the mark than the seaisiders, and were superior in the air. Bertram and Phillips launched an ineffective attack as the bell rang.

Third Quarter

TORRENS	10-8
GLENELG	6-5

The westerners appeared to have a mortgage on the game when the last quarter began, and a goal from Phillips improved their position. As Link was following Conroy down the field away from the play the Torrens man accidentally swung his elbow into the face of his opponent, and Link had to receive aid from the trainers.

Williamson sent in from half-forward, and Geue, marking in a bunch in the goalmouth, kicked an easy goal. At the other end a fine shot by Owens called up one flag.

Lloyd and Dunbar launched an attack but the Torrens defenders were too strong. Guiney had replaced Coleman at centre. Play had degenerated, and scrimmages and poor kicking were frequent.

King was applauded for his kicking off. Sincok added a goal, and then Percy retaliated with full points for Glenelg.

Final

TORRENS	13-10
GLENELG	7-6

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Geue (6), Read, Head, and Sincok (each 2), Phillips. Glenelg—Owen (5), Edwards, and Percy.

Best Players.—Torrens—Osborn, Geue, Hocking, Hine, Read, Murphy, and Bertram. Glenelg—Handby, Lloyd, Link, King, Griffiths, Dunbar, Weise, and Owens.

STURT WELL TRAINED

Outclass Port at Alberton

Fine aerial work and dashing ground play by the smaller men of Sturt were contributing factors in their victory against Port at Alberton.

Port more than held their own in the third term, but condition told its tale, and Sturt won by 15 points.

STURT	4-2	8-4	8-8	12-10
PORT	4-1	6-1	9-5	10-7

Goalkickers.—Sturt—N. L. Barron and G. J. R. Green (each 3), A. J. Williams (2), L. Leak, P. T. Morton, W. Martin, C. Whitehead (each 1). Port—L. C. Dayman (6), H. Logan, J. McInerney, T. Wayne, A. Utting (each 1).

Best Players.—Port—E. Mucklow, L. C. Dayman, S. Ween, T. Quinn, G. Chapman, V. Johnson. Sturt—L. Simon, N. L. Barron, G. J. R. Green, R. Treleven, J. Wadham, C. Whitehead.

WEST TCO STRONG

Good Win Against South

Throughout the match at Adelaide Oval West were just a little better than South. During patches of open play West did their best work.

South were rare battlers. With more systematic passing instead of ineffective punts, they should improve. Both captains made use of the reserve player available under the new regulations.

WEST	4-3	9-4	12-7	16-9
SOUTH	1-4	6-6	10-9	12-13

Goalkickers.—West—Mason (6), Hill (4) Williams (3), Whitford (2), and Connell. South—Ryan and Cornish (each 4), Gardiner (2), Hebbard and Tully.

Best Players.—West—Mason, Snell, Williams, Hill, Soloman, Lawn, Bennett, and Church. South—Ryan, Gardiner, Cornish, Hebbard, Masters, Jaffer, Errey and Jackson.

CLOSE-UPS OF PLAYERS

J. LLOYD and **J. C. Oaten** provided an interesting tussle on the wing at Glenelg. The Glenelg man was more prominent, but the westerner did a lot of unobtrusive, although valuable, work.

PLAYING his first game for Torrens, **F. R. Murphy** made an excellent impression at centre. He handled the ball with coolness, and disposed of it with judgment. In the third quarter **R. Coleman**, his earlier opponent, was replaced by **E. Guiney**, who held the Torrens recruit in check.

V. A. Geue, of Torrens, opened the season auspiciously with six goals against Glenelg. His high marking was the main reason for his success, although he also used good judgment in getting into position to receive the ball.

R. Osborn and **J. Handby** (captains of Torrens and Glenelg respectively) were in great form. Both played at centre half-back, and were responsible for breaking down many attacks.

G. King did all that could be desired of him in goal for Glenelg, and had it not been for his efforts the seaisiders would have finished with an even greater deficit. Some of his shots when kicking off went almost to the centre line.

TORRENS gained their advantage over Glenelg mainly through the work of their rucks. Glenelg were weakened in that department by the absence through leg injuries of **G. B. Johnston** and **C. Ridley**, both sound performers last year. **K. Olliver**, who also did well in that sphere, has not trained owing to a leg injury.

R. S. Hocking was a tower of strength for Torrens, although his poor kicking in the forward lines marred an otherwise excellent display. He appeared to do better with long kicks than with short passes.

H. Morrow, who played his first game with Glenelg, showed promise, but he needs tuition in the finer points of football. He marked and kicked well.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Dayman (Port)	6
Mason (West)	6
Geue (Torrens)	6
Owens (Glenelg)	5
Farmer (North)	4
Hill (West)	4
Ryan (South)	4
Cornish (South)	4