

PORT ADELAIDE MAINTAIN HOLD ON FOURTH PLACE IN LEAGUE FOOTBALL

STURT OVERWHELMED AT ADELAIDE

WEST ADELAIDE NARROWLY DEFEAT WEST TORRENS

North Continue Successful Run; Norwood Beat South Easily

FARMER'S SENSATIONAL GOALKICKING ENABLES HIM TO PASS RECORD TOTAL OF 83

In the fifteenth series of League football matches played on Saturday, Port Adelaide, whose hold in fourth place is being assailed by West Adelaide, showed their best form for the season in defeating Sturt at the Adelaide Oval. The black-and-whites were brilliant from the outset, and rarely gave Sturt an opportunity to display the ability which has enabled them to gain third place on the premiership table.

West Adelaide were fortunate that their bid for fourth place was not cut short by West Torrens. Both sides play a similar type of game, and Torrens, although they have won only two matches, were defeated only in the last five minutes.

Glencelg failed to break North's run of successes, and Norwood proved too strong for South Adelaide during the second half of the game at Norwood.

The North Adelaide goalkicker (K. Farmer) is carrying all before him in the goalkicking competition. By kicking 10 goals against Glencelg, he not only established a definite gap between himself and the remainder of the contestants, but also eclipsed the record of 83 goals scored by J. Owens in 1928. Owens is Farmer's nearest opponent. In the same game he recorded eight goals, bringing his total to 80.

GAMES AT A GLANCE

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Port Adelaide	7.1	12.9	19.17	27.21
Sturt	4.6	6.8	7.11	11.16
West Adelaide	3.4	5.3	7.12	9.18
West Torrens	2.1	4.7	6.9	9.14
North Adelaide	4.2	7.5	12.8	18.12
Glencelg	1.7	4.11	8.16	10.20
Norwood	4.8	5.15	10.19	16.24
South Adelaide	4.1	8.5	10.8	12.11

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	Pts.	Prem
North	15 12 3 - 1,351 1,050 56.25 24	
Norwood	15 11 3 1 1,396 1,123 55.41 23	
Sturt	15 9 6 - 1,307 1,165 52.87 18	
Port	15 8 6 1 1,484 1,249 54.29 17	
West	15 8 7 - 1,079 1,187 47.51 16	
South	15 5 10 - 1,283 1,420 47.46 10	
Torrens	15 3 12 - 1,107 1,378 44.54 6	
Glencelg	15 3 12 - 1,084 1,502 42.30 6	

LEADING GOAL-KICKERS

K. Farmer, North Adelaide (10)	86
J. Owens, Glencelg (8)	80
L. C. Dayman, Port Adelaide (4)	77
V. A. Geue, West Torrens (3)	77
T. Waye, Port Adelaide (7)	35
A. J. Ryan, South Adelaide (-)	35
H. A. Krome, Norwood (2)	34

The figures in parentheses denote the number of goals kicked on Saturday.

PORT BRILLIANT

Sturt Fail Badly

Speedy foot passing, combined with fast dashes down the field and sure handling of the ball, enabled Port Adelaide to inflict one of the most crushing defeats of the season on Sturt in the game at the Adelaide Oval, and to redeem their prestige lost in the previous match with North Adelaide.

Port Adelaide	7.1	12.9	19.17	27.21
Sturt	4.6	6.8	7.11	11.16

Goalkickers:—Port Adelaide—Waye (7), Logan (5), Quinn and Dayman (4), Hender (3), V. Johnson, McInerney, Utting, and Mott; Sturt—Morton and Musman (2), Martin, Williams, King, R. Green, Barron, G. Green, and Aistrop.

Best players:—Port, V. Johnson, Ween, R. Johnson, Waye, Quinn, Graves, Logan, McInerney, Betts, and Mott;—Sturt—Wadham, Dunn, Bateman, Leak, Simpson, King, Fisher, and Martin.

WEST LUCKY

FOUR-POINT WIN OVER WEAKENED TORRENS

After an exciting finish West Adelaide defeated West Torrens at the Thebarton Oval by four points. The narrow margin of victory was a tribute to the pluck and tenacity of the Torrens players.

West Adelaide	3.4	5.3	7.12	9.18
West Torrens	2.1	4.7	6.9	9.14

Goalkickers:—West Adelaide—Hannam (3), Williams, Medlin, Matthews, Solomon, Snell, and Mason; West Torrens—Oeue (3), Adair, Sincok, Walt, Perkins, W. A. Williamson, and Frogley.

Best players:—West Adelaide—Soloman, Snell, Elliott, Hannam, Simons, and Williams; West Torrens—Head, Frogley, Sincok, Kinlough, Osborn, and Hine.

NORWOOD DOMINATE LAST QUARTER

POOR FORWARD WORK

South Adelaide kept within touch of Norwood for three quarters of the game at the Norwood Oval, but failed when the pressure was applied during the final term.

Norwood	4.8	5.15	10.19	16.24
South Adelaide	4.1	8.5	10.8	12.11

Best players:—Norwood—Palmer, Scott, Sorrell, Barbary, Mitchell, Wadham, Biddell, Johns, and Geary; South Adelaide—Ryan, Tully, Hall, Dunn, Nancarrow, Hewett, Jaffer, Jackson, and Errey.

Goalkickers:—Norwood—Palmer (5), Johnson (3), Wadham, Krome, West (2), Heffernan, and Mutton; South Adelaide—Nancarrow (4), Errey, Hall, and Mulcahy (2), Jaffer, and Michael.

NORTH WIN AGAIN

FARMER AND OWENS PROMINENT

At Glencelg North Adelaide maintained their record of having defeated Glencelg in every engagement between the two teams by winning by 60 points, though during the first half of the game the latter side appeared likely to secure victory.

North Adelaide provided only spasmodic glimpses of the brilliant form which has carried the team to the top of the premiership table. To the spectators it seemed that they were not taking the opposition seriously, or else were anxious to avoid injuries in view of the approaching important final matches. During the first two quarters many of the red and whites were slow in comparison with Glencelg. Generally they were a few feet behind in the race for the ball. What systematic movements they introduced seemed sluggish, though in picking out a teammate with the ball they showed an example which Glencelg were incapable of following. The yellow and blacks, however, by their dashing play, carried the ball along in constant rushes, compensating by quickness in the crushes and speed in clearing what they lacked in directness of kicking. During the first two quarters they had easily most of the play, and but for inaccurate kicking, must have held a lead at half time.

Poor Kicking by Glencelg

In all quarters except the last, Glencelg had more scoring shots than their opponents, but whereas North Adelaide produced more goals than behinds, in the case of Glencelg the behinds always numbered twice as many as the goals. Some of Glencelg's opportunities to score were difficult, many being from acute angles, and two hitting the post. A lead at half time would have given the home team the inspiration and confidence to win.

As it was, North Adelaide maintained the accuracy of their goal-shooting, and holding Glencelg steadily in the third quarter, produced in the last term dash and system which the home team were powerless to combat. Sweeping over a team which had expended almost the whole of its energy, the northerners piled on another six goals. The feeble response made by Glencelg was nullified to a great extent by

ineffective forward work, in which there were several weak links. Collier was almost helpless in the last quarter, and is not likely to retain the position to which he was promoted. The only forwards of any account were Thompson and Owens, and as the latter had one of the worst of his spasms of unlucky kicking, the side made little progress.

Owens Overshadows Fleet

The game provided several exceptionally interesting individual encounters and feats. Chief of these were the goalkicks, two of the best in the State, one of whom was opposed to the State goalkeeper. Fleet, however, was a typical example of the tiredness of a number of the northerners. Generally, when the ball reached his vicinity, he was to be found a few feet behind Owens, who outpointed him throughout the game. The Glencelg goalkicker scored 8 goals and 10 behinds, two of which hit the post, and several of which were from very acute angles.

Farmer in Form

Farmer's great exhibition at the other end of the ground provided many contrasts. He relied to a far greater extent on high marks to obtain his goals. He was opposed to Winkler, who performed creditably in the position on the previous Saturday. Being shorter than Farmer, he was unable to check the latter in the air, though in ground play he was the better of the two. Farmer's kicking was excellent. Of 13 scoring shots only three were behinds.

Glencelg Stalwarts

Outstanding in the Glencelg defence was Handby. With towering marks and vigorous dashes through to the centre line, he again and again thwarted the attacks of the northerners. Another player who rendered conspicuous service to the home team was Johnston, who showed much better form than in the previous match. His marking was generally calculated to a nicety, and rarely was he beaten or spoiled in the air. In most other parts of the field North Adelaide held sway in the air, and it was to this and to their effectiveness in disposing of the ball that they chiefly owed their win. Scores:—

North Adelaide	4.2	7.5	12.8	18.12
Glencelg	1.7	4.11	8.16	10.20

Goalkickers:—North Adelaide, Farmer (10), Munn (3), Thomas and Bruce (2), and Barrett; Glencelg, Owens (8), Thompson and Wright.

Best players:—North Adelaide, Farmer, Phillips, Barrett, Lock, Bruce, and Munn; Glencelg, Handby, Lloyd, Johnston, Owens, P. Oliver, and Thompson.

"THIS YOUNG BEGGAR"

BRADMAN CONFOUNDS THE CRITICS

By ARTHUR MAILEY

Manchester, July 24.

The amazing Bradman is still soaring about in a heaven of his own, and shows no signs of coming down to the level of first-class batsmen.

Very shortly after the tour began his average was well over 100 runs per innings. People said this sort of thing could not go on. The average was too big to maintain, and so on.

To say that the Bowral lad has confounded the critics here would be a very mild assertion. They have given him up as a bad job. Newspaper men are having a very nerve-racking time trying to think out something new to say about Bradman; then when they get an inspiration Bradman rushes in and dashes off another couple of hundred.

"It's all right for those people out there to applaud Bradman," said a well-known cricket writer at Leeds. "But we're expected to write something new about this young beggar."

A hundred runs in a Test match has ceased to be a thing of glory and something to be remembered. People now expect Bradman to get 200 or 300 every time he goes in. After making his record Test score at Leeds, he came into the dressing-room when stumps were drawn and said to Woodfull, "Well that was a nice bit of practice, Bill. I should be able to see them to-morrow."

I cannot help thinking that Bradman is not serious when he makes such remarks. If he were serious the remark would be more amusing.

Other Players

While most of the spotlight is focused on Bradman, there are other players in the team who deserve special mention.

I doubt if any other Australian team had greater performers than Woodfull, Ponsford, Kippax. We can only judge of batsmen by the scores they make, however much we feel tempted to compare them with the champions of other days. These three batsmen, with Bradman, have been remarkably consistent, and that consistency also applies to Test matches. Batsmen are the real heroes of cricket, and the bowlers are the villains. A good batsman is always referred to as a great cricketer. Seldom do we hear a bowler referred to as a great cricketer. He seems to be something apart, like an umpire or a groundsman or policeman or something.

Comparatively, Grimmett is of more value to the Australian team than Bradman, yet his performances call for nothing more than passing comment.

Medical Man With the Team

We were very perturbed last week when Grimmett suffered an attack of gastritis. If this happened during a Test match, we would appreciate the value of Grimmett's bowling more.

All of which reminds me that we must seriously consider the advisability of having a medical man travelling with future teams. I doubt whether anybody could do better work than Dr. R. J. Pope, who travelled at his own expense with previous Australian Elevens. Having been an athlete and an international cricketer in his younger days, Dr. Pope has a fine knowledge of muscular and organic ailments, to which cricketers are at times subject. On the present trip the Board of Control have sent two officials, a manager and a treasurer, two charming fellows, mind you, but absolutely unneeded in comparison with a man who is on the spot and able to attend to the ills of the cricketers.

Manager Not Needed

I think, in fact I am almost sure, that future Australian teams will not need a manager. As far as I can see, the players manage themselves very well, and as all the hotel and travelling arrangements are decided upon before the team leaves Australia, there is very little left to do but check the gates, pay hotel and other bills, and make allowances to and for the players.

I suppose I'll get into trouble for writing in this strain, but I happen to know a little about the management of Australian teams in England. I heard recently that Bill Ferguson, the scorer and baggage man of the Australian team, has been approached, with a view to managing a touring team of Dominion cricketers to England next year. From what I have seen on this and other trips, "Fergie," as our friend is called, should handle the affair very well—he's had so much experience.

All of which "goes to show," as our friend, Alan Fairfax would say—that the services of a manager, a treasurer, a baggage man, a masseur, and typist are not required, and would not be tolerated if a business firm were running an Australian Eleven.