

PORT, STURT, NORTH, AND SOUTH FOOTBALL WINNERS TODAY

TORRENS MAKE HISTORY

Worst Season Since Entering League

Blue-and-whites Stronger Team

SUCCEED IN HARD GAME AT ADELAIDE

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Chief interest in the South-Torrens game at Adelaide today centred in the probability of the blue-and-golds making football history.

Since their entry into league football some 30 years ago, Torrens had never finished at the bottom of the premiership list.

To avoid this doubtful distinction it was essential for Torrens to defeat South. They were unequal to the task, and finished seven points in arrear. It was not a good game and neither side showed form worthy of a league team.

On the day South were the better side, and had a good deal more of the play. Several easy chances to score, however, were not availed of by them, and Torrens, by reason of more accurate kicking, were always in touch.

The play of South was not a shadow of the form that they displayed earlier in the season. In fact, it was difficult to imagine South, even with Jackson back to his best form and the reinclusion of Hebbard, doing the fine deeds that they performed two months ago.

It is remarkable what the inclusion of two or three brilliant players can do to a side. If South can find a suitable centre half-back and a genuine goalsneak, and if Hebbard returns to the game, they should do well next season.

Torrens' form was much below the standard of league football. The blue-and-golds finished with a great burst of form last year, but have been a thorough wash-out this season.

Torrens are unfortunate that so many of their young players have suffered injury.

Promising juniors in Pontifex, Frogley, Russell, and more experienced players in Bertram and Hocking have had to give up the game before the end of the season.

With these men fit next season some of the moderates engaged in today's game will be able to stand down.

SOUTH	4-6	8-9	12-14	15-28
TORRENS	5-9	7-9	11-10	15-13

Goalkeepers.—South—Tully (4), Errey, and Hall (each 3), Gardiner (2), Jaffer, Mackay, and Nancarrow. Torrens—Geue and Waite (each 4), Bridgman (2), Williamson, Adair, Maddern, McLoughlan, and Duthie.

Best Players.—South—Tully, Masters, A. J. Ryan, Errey, Hall Jaffer, and Jackson. Torrens—Read, Waite, Slacock, Hines, Ward, and McLoughlan.

Attendances and Takings

Oval	Attendance	Receipts
Adelaide	3,546	£105
Prospect	3,173	£144
Unley	3,000	£131
Alberton	4,200	£202
	13,919	£582

PORT WIN BY A POINT

Disasterous Game for Norwood

In an exciting finish Port defeated Norwood by a point at Alberton. It was a disastrous game for the redlegs, Scott and Lill leaving the ground through injuries.

Both players were taken to Narra Hospital. Norwood had no nineteenth man, and when Lill left the field, Wadhams, who was standing down owing to injury, donned the uniform of the centre man and made up the number. His services were valueless.

With a lead of 47 points Norwood appeared to have the game in their keeping when the final term began. Port rushed forward, and Logan scored a goal within a few seconds of the bounce.

Norwood were disorganised. Backmen could not cope with the onslaught of Port. Quinn and Logan each scored the maximum. Three goals had been added in as many minutes. Wadhams, who was standing down with an injured ankle, came on in place of Lill. A series of behinds by the home side followed.

Norwood tried hard to augment their tally. Each time they attacked they were turned back. It was a disastrous match for Norwood. Bady hurt, Scott was carried from the field. Although greatly handicapped the visitors did not lose heart. A goal was scored by Hefferman. Norwood fought valiantly to retain their lead.

Scoring victory Port forged ahead. Logan added two goals, and brought Port score within 14 points of that of Norwood. There was still nine minutes to play.

Then Mutton went down. Although he remained on the field he was of little use, and was limping badly in a forward pocket. Another goal to Logan—his seventh—reduced the Norwood lead to only eight points.

The redlegs then added two points. Hefferman had a chance to score, but he kicked the ground. From a free Johnson added full points. Excitement was intense.

With only a few minutes to go Norwood battled gamely. However, their efforts were of no avail. A quick snap by Logan produced a goal. Port were now one point ahead. Up and down play followed until the bell rang.

PORT	1-3	5-6	7-9	16-12
NORWOOD	7-6	11-9	14-14	15-17

Goalkeepers.—Port—Logan (8), Dayman, Quinn (each 3), Johnson (2). Norwood—Johnson (4), Hefferman, Palmer (each 3), Biddell (2), Krome, Mutton, McCallum (each one).

Best Players.—Port—Quinn, Logan, Hender, Waye, Allingham. Norwood—Scott, Lill, Biddell, McDougall, Hefferman, McCallum, Palmer.

STURT FINISH WELL

Owens Scores Eight Goals

Finishing with greater dash than their opponents, Sturt had a comfortable win from Glenelg at Unley. Owens kicked eight goals, bringing his total to 99 for the season.

STURT—King, Morton, Leak, A. Wundersitz, G. Green, R. Green, Dunn, Wickens, Barron, Treleaven, Bateman, Johnston, Simpson, Simon, Mussman, Wadhams, Fisher, Rossiter, Hargreaves (19).

GLENELG—Thompson, Sallis, Rosewarne, Wright, Owens, Coleman, Johnston, Ball, Lisk, Hill, Murphy, Lloyd, Ellis, Handby, Griffiths, K. Oliver, Winkler, Weiss, King (19).

First goal was scored after 11½ minutes of play. Owens marked from Murphy and made no mistake. Play was fast, and when G. Green had a shot it seemed likely to bounce through the goal. The danger was overcome when Olliver dashed in, and the ball was taken round the eastern wing. Owens goaled with a quick snap.

Winkler marked safely, but his kick was accepted by Barron, who ran in and booted a goal. The double-blues came again, and Morton followed a goal mark with full points. R. Green then called up both flags. Ellis and Handby coped with the next advance. They launched a counter attack, which culminated in Owens securing his third goal.

Sturt hammered away for several minutes before G. Green marked in the goal mouth and kicked an easy goal. They were in control when the bell rang.

First Quarter

STURT	4-2
GLENELG	3-1

Leak was given a free near the centre. His kick was marked by G. Green, who called up both flags. He had another shot, which was marked on the goal line by Morton, who put sixth goal on the board.

Then Glenelg took a hand, and singles for Owens and Coleman were followed by full points from the former. They continued to press the advantage, and Rosewarne goaled from a free. Play was fast and open, with some brilliant combined work in patches.

Wickens worked the ball out of a scrimmage and snapped a goal for Sturt.

Owens put on a single and a goal. Thompson gave him another chance, and his sixth goal for the day was recorded. Sturt then broke away, and a sharp dash down the field brought the maximum from Leak.

Glenelg lost opportunities by looking for Owens every time the ball was in the forward lines.

BEST GOALKICKER

Farmer Defeats Owens

Farmer (North)	101
Owens (Glenelg)	99
Dayman (Port)	84
Geue (Torrens)	82
Hall (South)	37
Krome (Norwood)	36
Flynn (South)	35
Morton (Sturt)	35
Waye (Port)	34

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points Prem.	For	Agst.	Pts.
North	17	14	3	—	1555	1198	28	
Norwood	17	11	5	1	1574	1340	23	
Sturt	17	11	6	—	1488	1307	22	
Port	17	10	6	1	1683	1439	21	
West	17	9	8	—	1219	1361	18	
South	17	6	11	—	1470	1645	12	
Glenelg	17	4	13	—	1261	1697	8	
Torrens	17	3	14	—	1282	1545	6	

Second Quarter

STURT	8-3
GLENELG	7-4

Ball and Murphy... Glenelg... and Owens called up one flag from a difficult angle. Barron transferred the ball to the other end, where a long shot by Morton was touched as it passed through the posts. Lloyd made a spectacular run down the field. Rosewarne sent to Owens, who could only manage a single. Sturt took up the offensive.

The opposing defenders fought valiantly, but at last Dunn called up both flags. Murphy and Thompson took the ball forward only to see it sent back again. It travelled up and down the field twice before Owens secured it. He made no mistake. Bateman and Murphy were having a great battle for supremacy at centre. Play lacked the sparkle of the first two quarters.

Sturt forwards were not capable of making use of the many opportunities offering. Wundersitz broke through with a goal as the bell rang.

Third Quarter

STURT	10-9
GLENELG	8-6

Sturt were first to score, a goal coming from the boot of Morton. Simon was shining in defence. Morton goaled again after marking well from Leak. The seashiders appeared to be firing. Handby, Johnston, and Wright combined to place Owens in possession. A difficult shot yielded a single. Treleaven dashed down the centre of the field. He finished with a wild kick, the ball going out of bounds.

G. Green marked from Morton a few yards from the goalmouth. A single came from his effort. Instead of shooting for goal Thompson tried to pass to Owens. The ball was intercepted, and in a flash had been transferred to the other end of the field. Bateman was the dominating force at centre. After a number of endeavors to place Owens in possession had failed, Olliver took the initiative and booted a goal himself.

R. Green produced a single with a long shot, and then Morton dashed in and snapped a goal. This was followed by a major from Wickens. When Glenelg broke away Fisher marked finely and started a counter offensive, which brought full points from G. Green. Owens then kicked his eighth goal for the day. Glenelg had the ball in their forward lines at the close of play.

Final

STURT	15-14
GLENELG	10-10

Goalkeepers.—Sturt—Morton (5), G. Green (3), Wickens (2), Leak, Dunn, Barron, Wundersitz, and R. Green. Glenelg—Owens (8), Rosewarne, and Olliver.

Best Players.—Sturt—Barron, Bateman, Simon, Leak, Morton, Dunn, and Wadhams. Glenelg—Handby, Lloyd, Griffiths, Owens, Murphy, Thompson, and Johnston.

NORTH HARD PRESSED

Defeat West by 14 Points

NORTH	2-3	4-5	7-8	12-10
WEST	1-3	9-4	6-4	10-8

Goalkeepers.—North—Thomas (4), Hopgood (2), McDowall, and Conrad (2). Barrett, West—Jarvis and Williams (2), Law, Bennett, Madin, and Sexton.

Best Players.—North—Conrad, Lock, Max, Barrett, Willshire, and Bruce. West—Soloman, Matthews, Bennett, Stobra, Ralph, and Williams.

MATTHEWS gave an excellent performance for West against North. He was stationed at half-back, where he had plenty of work to do. His marking was a feature of the game.

NORWOOD centre line was much too strong for that of Port in the first half of the game at Alberton. In an effort to minimise the effectiveness of Lill, Johnson (Port captain) transferred himself to the pivotal position. Sorrell gave a creditable display on a wing.

IN defence Allingham did well for Port. He turned many attacks with long, well-directed kicks. Others who shone were Hender and Waye. Stationed in a forward pocket, the former was often in the picture. Waye was an untiring rover.

JOHNSON, Hefferman, and Palmer did their utmost for Norwood. Johnson with four majors was principal goalkicker. Palmer and Hefferman, each with three fullpointers, pulled their weight.

UNTIL injured, Lill, of Norwood, was the outstanding player at Alberton. He marked superbly and passed with judgment. Most of the Norwood attacks emanated from him.

PAGE, Hall, and Plunkett won trophies presented by vice-presidents of Norwood for good play in the association premiership match against Port at Thebarton.

AS usual, Scott was the backbone of the Norwood defence. His ground play was solid and he marked in characteristic style. Several well-judged runs earned him applause.

BARRON was a live wire for Sturt, and particularly when roving was under notice for dashing play. He was always in the thick of the fray, and showed a fine turn of speed in clearing from the pack.

CLOSE-UPS OF PLAYERS IN LEAGUE MATCHES

OWENS, of Glenelg, failed by one to secure his 100 goals for the season. At half-time he had six on the board, and needed only three more. From then on, however, he usually had at least two players watching him when the ball came near. He kicked five behinds, hitting a goalpost on one occasion.

HANDBY gave his usual sound performance in defence for Glenelg. He never admitted defeat, and often retrieved the ball from almost impossible situations. He received excellent support from Griffiths and Ellis.

LOYD, of Glenelg, was the pick of the wingmen at Unley. He handled the ball cleverly, and often carried it to the half-forward line before getting rid of it with a long kick. He has been a consistently sound performer throughout the season.

MORTON was the best of the Sturt forwards. He kicked five goals, three of them being scored in the last quarter. His marking stood him in excellent stead.

BATEMAN, of Sturt, and Murphy, of Glenelg, provided an interesting tussle at centre in the game at Unley. Honors were even until the last quarter, when Bateman dominated the play. His foot passing also was more accurate.

HAD West won by a narrow margin at Prospect it is probable that North would have protested, as a goal by Williams was kicked after the bell in the third quarter. Players ceased at the signal, but Williams casually picked up the ball and kicked it through. To the surprise of all a goal was credited to West. It was stated after the game that Umpire G. H. Hall did not hear the bell, and therefore signalled all clear. The matter may be ventilated at the next meeting of the league.

READ was seaily Torrens' best player against South. At half-back left, and later in the ruck, he was always in the picture.

HALL is a great little rover for South. He is game as they are made, and should do even better next season. He scored three goals against Torrens.

ERREY played well for South at half-forward. His three goals were the result of clever turning and ground play.

MASTERS did well in the ruck for South today. He would have been even better if his kicking had been more certain.

THE form of Conrad and Lock against West must have been pleasing to North supporters in view of the important games ahead. Conrad was the best man on the ground, his ruckwork and position play at half-forward being outstanding. Lock showed great dash, and always smartly drove the ball well forward.

BARRETT, of North, played particularly well against West when he was brought on to the ball. He began in a back pocket, but was soon moved owing to Munn leaving the field. In the second term he played brilliantly.

WITH eight goals to his credit, Logan was most prominent for Port. Not content to wait for the ball, he marked with the pack and did well in ground play.

ROVING and placed Quinn worked hard for Port. He did much in the final term to secure victory for his side. His three goals were the result of clever play.

MOTT was one of the hardest workers for Port. He was a tower of strength when following. V. Johnson gave him valuable support. The captain's two majors were obtained at a critical period of the match.