

Port, Sturt, Norwood, and Torrens Win Football

NORTH LOSE CHANCE OF SECOND PLACE

Magpies Assisted by Weather FARMER UNABLE TO COPE WITH CONDITIONS

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Port deserved their win over North, although the advantage of first use of the wind was the dominating factor in their success.

In the first term the magpies rattled on a 25-point lead. They had a strong nor-westerly wind behind them. For the rest of the game the ball was wet, and North were robbed of any great assistance from the wind.

North had many chances to win the game, and it certainly seemed that the ringing of the final bell came none too soon for Port. When it is remembered that North scored 4-10 in the final term and that Farmer got only one point of the total, the failure of the North forward is exemplified. Farmer is a fine-day footballer. Conditions were so much against it that the game was not high class. Umpire Elliott, however, performed well.

On the day's play, Port would have been unlucky to lose, but with both teams at full strength I would favor the chances of North should these two sides meet in the finals, especially if weather conditions were fine.

PORT	5-9	8-11	10-13	11-13
NORTH	2-2	2-5	5-7	9-17

Goalkickers.—Port—J. Johnson (3), Dayman (2), V. Johnson, Thompson, Utting, N. Hender, Waye, and Jones. North—Farmer (3), Furler, and McDowall (each 2), Storer, and Taylor.

Best Players.—Port—Maywald, Waye, Ween, Jones, Collier, Dayman, Mott. North—Proud, Mackay, Fleet, May, Lock, and Storer.

EVEN GAME

Sturt Defeat West in Last Quarter

STURT	5-6	6-8	9-12	12-16
WEST	1-2	5-2	8-4	10-5

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Morton (5), Payne and S. Headon (each 2), Martin, G. Green, and Whitehead. West—Soloman, Kempster, and H. Graham (each 2), Hill, Simons, Dunne, and McGrath.

Best Players.—Sturt—Simon, Johnston, Morton, Whitehead, S. Headon, Wadham, G. Green, and G. D. Smith. West—Soloman, Sexton, Simons, Mason, Branson, Hamilton, Hill and H. Graham.

Glenelg Players Injured

Owens (Glenelg), who left the field at three-quarter time owing to a hard knock on the nose, had recovered at the end of the match. Ray Edwards sustained a cut over an eye. A stitch was necessary. Rosewarne received a kick on the left shin which was badly cut and bruised.

Premiership Table

	A GRADE				Pts. Prem.	
	P.	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.
Sturt	12	11	1	1147	865	22
Port	12	10	2	1036	783	20
North	12	8	4	1184	871	16
Norwood	12	7	5	1021	1122	14
Torrens	12	5	7	969	1016	10
South	12	3	9	863	979	6
Glenelg	12	3	9	915	1153	6
West	12	1	11	790	1144	2

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Farmer (North)	77
Dayman (Port)	54
Waite (Torrens)	51
Owens (Glenelg)	48
Morton (Sturt)	42
Gardiner (South)	26
Waye (Port)	23
A. Smith (Sturt)	22
Hill (South)	22
Palmer (Norwood)	20
Bridgman (Torrens)	20
Johnson (Norwood)	20
Payne (Sturt)	20

Today's Attendances

Attendances at the various ovals this afternoon were as follows:—

Norwood	4,907
Unley	3,854
Thebarton	2,678
Alberton	8,000

POOR DISPLAY

Norwood Defeat South in Wet

Adapting themselves to the wet conditions Norwood staged a recovery in the second half of their match with South at Norwood. The standard of play was seldom better than mediocre, but the red-and-blues finished more strongly than their opponents.

South were below form. Once the rain set in they were seldom seen to advantage.

NORWOOD	3-2	3-7	7-15	9-18
SOUTH	2-4	6-6	7-9	7-11

Goalkickers.—Norwood—E. A. Johnson (2), Biddell, Allington, Sawley, Heffernan, Krome, Woodroffe, and Mutton. South—Gardiner (3), Ryan, Masters, Hebbard, and Rowell.

Best Players.—Norwood—E. G. Johnson, Johns, Page, Sawley, Chinnery, Krome, and Heffernan. South—Jaffer, Tully, Ryan, McEntee, Gardiner, Hassett, and Chaplin.

TORRENS WIN

Glenelg Outclassed in Last Quarter

OUTCLASSING Glenelg in the last quarter, Torrens defeated the sea-siders by 37 points at Thebarton.

Play was even until the heavy rain set in, and then Glenelg were unable to handle the ball. The home team quickly adapted itself to the conditions.

Glenelg were further weakened by the absence of Wiese (fractured toe). Whitford was made reserve. Torrens were as published. Hill won the toss for Glenelg and kicked to the northern goal. S. A. D. Hill was umpire.

The home side attacked from the bounce. Two kicks placed Harris in possession within range, and his kick produced a goal. A fine pass by Sallis gave Oliver a chance, but his shot hit a post.

First to the ball, Glenelg began to pick out their men with judgment. Owens scored an easy goal when the ball came forward, with Conroy out of position. Glenelg added three points in short time, all shots narrowly missing the goal opening.

Torrens nullified scoring opportunities by using short passes in attack. On several occasions Glenelg defenders intercepted the ball just in time. Conroy saved well and started a home side attack. With a long run and a good kick he sent to Shepherd, who in turn ran on and kicked the ball a few yards from goal. From a scramble Bridgman hit a post.

Torrens were marking well, but what Glenelg lacked in that respect they made up for by good ground play. The quarter was evenly contested.

First Quarter

GLENELG	1-5
TORRENS	1-4

Assisted by a strong breeze, Torrens lost no time in the second quarter. Harris flew high above a pack and marked excellently. He followed it with a fine goal. Hack, who was having a lean time against Osborn, was replaced at centre half-forward by Sallis. A screw shot by Owens was marked close in by Thompson, who called up both flags.

The same player again figured prominently shortly after. With a clever turn he eluded several opponents and kicked another goal. Heading straight down the centre Torrens began an offensive which ended in a goal for Waite.

Glenelg also got a goal from Wundernitz, who had only to turn and kick the ball a few feet. Both sides infused vigor into their play. With a fine mark and good kick, Bridgman added full points and equalised the scores.

A quick snap by Wundernitz travelled across the goals. Owens marked but could manage only a point. Torrens players made mistakes by too many of them jumping for marks. They often spoiled one another. Torrens had slightly the better of the quarter. They had seven scoring shots to five by Glenelg.

Second Quarter

TORRENS	5-7
GLENELG	4-7

Glenelg were first away after the interval. Hack was prominent. With a long shot he sent the ball close to the goal. After a sharp scrimmage Link, with a quick snap, called up both flags.

At the other end Bertram scored full points for Torrens. The blue-and-golds managed to retain the lead. With a long shot from an acute angle Owens hit a post. Despite steady rain, the standard of play had improved. Scrambles were not so frequent, and both sides marked well. At times, however, bunches of players misjudged the flight of the ball, which went over their heads.

For some minutes Glenelg kept Torrens defenders busy. Hack was brought into ruck for Glenelg. Ray Edwards was treated for a cut eye. He was out of the game for several minutes. Even play continued. The respective sides scored in turn, Torrens just managing to keep a few points ahead.

A goal from N. Head increased the lead of Torrens. The ball had now become heavy and slippery, and players kicked off the ground. Bertram then scored a major for the home team, whose individual efforts were better than those of Glenelg.

For some time play hovered between the respective back lines. Neither side could penetrate the defence of the opposition. Wundernitz goaled for Glenelg a few minutes before the bell. Owens sustained a hard knock in the face, and went down. He was treated by trainers and then assisted from the arena.

Third Quarter

TORRENS	8-11
GLENELG	6-10

Whitford replaced Owens. With a lead of 13 points and aided by the wind, Torrens appeared to have the game in their keeping. They got the ball forward, but scored only behinds. The ball was too heavy for long and accurate kicking.

Then Harris got his third full-pointer. Conroy relieved a dangerous situation by kicking the ball over the line, a point to Glenelg. Each team had kick for kick until Torrens broke through with a goal from Harris—his fourth.

With a lead of more than four goals, the home side kept up the attack. Drury added full points.

A period of uninteresting play followed. Stokes ran goalward, and with a long punt scored a goal. Conditions were against Glenelg, who so far had scored only one point for the term.

From a free Waite scored full points. Conroy was prominent in defence for Torrens. Mainly due to good play by Sallis, the visitors broke through at last and Wundernitz scored the maximum. They had little hope of victory, but played spiritedly to the end.

Final

TORRENS	13-14
GLENELG	7-13

Best Players.—Torrens—Shepherd, Bridgman, Williamson, Duthie, Harris, and Maddern. Glenelg—Sallis, Rosewarne, King, Griffiths, Ellis, and Wundernitz.

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Harris (4), Waite (3), Bertram (2), Stokes, Bridgman, Drury, N. Head. Glenelg—Wundernitz (3), Thompson (2), Link, and Owens

CLOSE-UPS OF PLAYERS

MAYWALD played grandly for Port. Judging the flight of the ball much better than Farmer, the Port goalkeeper gave a faultless display. Farmer could not judge the tricky flight of the ball, and was also inconvenienced by the rain.

LOCK did fairly well for North at centre. May, Munn, and Storer were also prominent at times. Furler was patchy, fumbling the ball often.

HAD it not been for the effective defence of Fleet, North would have been hopelessly outclassed at Alberton. Fleet showed judgment throughout. Generally speaking, North's defensive section functioned weakly. Burton not coming into the picture until the final term.

PROUD worked intelligently for North at half-forward right throughout the game at Alberton. Proud understands position play, and his left foot kicking makes him particularly valuable. Finer playing conditions should enable him to show his undoubted qualities.

SOUND defenders for Glenelg were King, Griffiths, and Ellis. The trio turned many attacks. Wundernitz was the pick of the forwards.

MACKAY played his usual brilliant game at centre wing for North. Generally defeating Mucklow in the race to the ball, Mackay displayed judgment in the disposal of it.

BEST player for Glenelg was L. Sallis. After the first quarter he was transferred from a wing to centre half-forward, from where he instituted many attacks. Heady play was a feature of his performance.

WILLIAMSON and Duthie were prominent in ruck for Torrens.

CONROY performed well as custodian for Torrens. His marking was safe and he left his goal with judgment. Conroy kicked off strongly and passed accurately to a team-mate when opportunity arose.

A FINE exhibition of high marking was provided by W. Harris (Torrens). Time and again he took the ball over the heads of the packs. He deserved his four goals.

DAYMAN, half forward and rucking, was valuable for Port. N. Hender did well at centre wing, dividing honors with Drew.

PORT MAN MARKS BUT FALLS.—J. Johnson (centre) is shown toppling over after having intercepted the ball. H. Fleet appears to have tripped his opponent, whose namesake and captain, V. Johnson, is at the right. Fine play by Port enabled the team to gain second place in the four. North were defeated by eight points.

