

Norwood, Port, Torrens, North Win Today's League Football

REDLEGS' EVEN STRENGTH

Deciding Factor Against Unbalanced Play of West Adelaide

BOTTOMLEY OUT OF TOUCH

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NORWOOD defeated West at Wayville chiefly by reason of even play, the redlegs having few brilliant players but no weaknesses.

On the other hand, West had the stars of the match, with Connell brilliant in the ruck. But weak individual efforts upset the balance of the side, and the effectiveness of the team suffered in consequence.

Bottomley's failure in attack was the chief cause of the defeat. Bottomley, brilliant in his last two games, was right out of touch today. After miskicking three times in the opening term he never came under notice until the final term, when he scored a solitary goal.

NORWOOD 6-2 7-2 10-5 10-7
WEST 3-2 7-6 7-8 9-10

Goalkeepers.—Norwood—W. McCallum, Heffernan (each 3), Johnson (2), Sorrell, Krome.

West—A. Williams (3), Shea (2), Golding, Connell, Bottomley, McInerney.

Best Players.—Norwood—Heffernan, Biddell, Curyer, Krome, Pike, W. McCallum, Hill.

West—Connell, Mason, A. Williams, Snell, Branson, Hill, Golding.

South Outclassed By North In Every Department

South were hopelessly outclassed in every department by North at Adelaide Oval. As against Torrens last Saturday, the South forwards were decidedly weak in the first three quarters of the game. North won by 85 points.

Good work in other parts of the field was nullified when the South sharpshooters failed. They lacked cohesion and crowded the centre. The North defenders hustled them all the time. These tactics caused much congestion in South's business territory.

North did as they liked in the closing stages of the match. Sending the ball forward with brilliant combined play, their sole object appeared to be to help Farmer pile up goals. The champion kicked 16 goals, but should have got more.

Although he was closely watched by Rose and Barker, Farmer played an excellent game. He worked for all his goals, but missed a few easy chances. Farmer did not receive a free kick during the match, although he was hustled and handled frequently.

NORTH 4-3 10-6 13-15 22-17
SOUTH 3-1 3-3 4-6 9-10

Goalkeepers.—North—Farmer (10), Burns (3), McInnes, Storer, Knuckey (each 2), Homers, Irew, and Proud. South—Hall and L. E. Baxter (each 3), H. C. Baxter (2), Hewitt.

Best Players.—North—Burns, Walter, Farmer, Mackay, Proud, McInnes, Fleet. South—Rose, Barker, Tully, Long, L. E. Baxter, and McCarthy.

13 Goals Ahead

Farmer After New Record

By scoring 10 goals today, K. Farmer, star North forward, has taken his season's tally to 77 goals. With the eight goals he scored today, J. Owens (Glenelg) has now a total of 64 goals.

It is interesting to note that after the completion of the tenth series of league games last season Farmer had scored 64 goals and Owens 42.

Last season Farmer went on to score 126 goals, defeating the Australian record of 124 goals for a season established by G. Coventry (Vic.). It is certain that North will play 19 or 20 games this season, so, with the season only half gone, Farmer is well on his way to set up new figures.

Close-ups of League Footballers



A. Link

LINK gave another dashing display. His speed left his opponents standing. Forcing his way out of scrummages, Link fought his way to within shooting distance on several occasions, and finished the day with a tally of four goals.

PLAYING a sound game for Torrens, Shepherd on the left wing was the best man for his side. It was by the superiority of the blue-and-golds across centre, where Pontifex also shone, that the visitors found an avenue to put their forwards in possession.

WITH a reputation for high flying, "Blue" Johnston lived up to it in the second half of the Torrens-Glenelg match today. He was a tower of strength for the seashiders, and was responsible in launching many attacks.

SINCOCK was another who played well for Torrens. At half-forward he was always in position, and from there kicked strongly to the men farther in. He had the better of it with W. Griffiths.

WAITE'S fine tally of seven goals was not gained without a great deal of fighting on his part. He kicked as it inspired during the second half.

Attendances at the four matches this afternoon were:—

Adelaide	6,651
Show Grounds	7,000
Port Adelaide	5,600
Glenelg	2,700
Total	21,951

High Scoring in Glenelg-Torrens Contest

IN a high scoring game at Glenelg marred by the scrambling play in the final quarter when both teams were fighting for possession, Torrens defeated Glenelg by three points after a lee-way of four goals at the beginning of the final term.

The standard of play in the first half was exceptionally high, and the game was kept fast and open. Goal for goal was kicked with remarkable regularity and accuracy. It seemed impossible for the kicks to go astray, a total of 27 goals 11 behinds on the board being ample evidence of this.

Haubty won the toss and kicked to the northern goal, which had a very slight advantage from a faint south-westerly breeze. Mr. S. A. D. Hill had charge.

When the players took the field the teams were as published. From the outset the game resolved itself into a fight between the opposing forwards and backs, with the attackers getting the better of it.

With four successive defeats, Glenelg from the outset made a determined bid for victory. Before 90 seconds had elapsed the seashiders had posted 13 points on the board, the goals coming from L. Griffiths and Link, who figured prominently for the Bay side throughout the match.

Waite, who was to figure in the limelight during the first half, opened the blue-and-golds' account, but the seashiders launched attack after attack, hoping to pile up a huge tally as soon as possible.

GLENELG CLAP ON GOALS

The pace of the game had not slackened, but by keeping in front of their men and beating them in the race to the ball, Glenelg, with superior kicking, finished the quarter with a lead of 13 points. Sincock, McKenzie, and Waite were responsible for full-pointers for the visiting side, Link and Griffiths (2) offsetting their efforts after Owens and Murphy had scored in the early stages.

The high standard of football continued in the second quarter. Glenelg were a little stronger in the ruck. There was little play across the centre during this term, the ball passing quickly from one end to the other.

Waite and Bertram shared the goal-kicking honors in this term for the blue-and-golds. Waite was first to raise two flags, and then in quick succession Bertram scored four goals. In every tussle on the ground in front of Torrens' goal he defeated the defenders. His kicking was in keeping with the rest of the players on the field.

In this quarter Torrens held the centre. Shepherd and Pontifex playing a sterling game on the wing and at centre respectively. From here a safe avenue was found to pass the ball to Sincock, who shone at right half-forward.

This superiority at centre overcame the advantage Glenelg held in the ruck. Bertram's fourth goal put his team in front for the first time. Then Waite became the dominating figure in front of goals.

During this term 15 goals were scored and only seven points. Kicking from scrimmages or from marks, the players seemed unable to miss the goal opening. The quarter closed with Torrens holding a five-points lead.

McGuinness, the Torrens goalkeeper, who was carried from the field at the end of the first half with a hip injury, came out for the third quarter, but after only about five minutes' play he was forced to leave. McLoughlin took his place, going to half-back left. Quinn went into goal, and Simpson played at centre half-back.

Wundersitz, Glenelg forward, did not play during the second half. He received a knee injury. Percy took his place.

BAY DEFENCE TRIUMPHS

The third quarter was remarkable. While Torrens had scored nine goals in the second half their forwards were unable to get past the strong Bay defence. The blue-and-golds failed to score full points once during the term, although five points were secured.

Johnston shone for the seashiders, whether playing in ruck or back. His high flying and vigorous play put Glenelg in possession time and again.

With a lead of four goals Glenelg had a good grip on the game when the final term began, but the aggressiveness of the blue-and-golds and their domination of the play kept the ball within scoring distance for the greater portion of the quarter, but even then they had great difficulty in securing their goals.

With Waite and Bertram out of the picture other Torrens players came into prominence, the goals in this term coming from Harris (2), Pontifex, Frogley, and McKenzie.

The standard of play was poor. With the ball crowded, scrimmages were frequent. Both sides were using their weight, and players fell like ninepins. Torrens attacked repeatedly, and for the last quarter of an hour the ball hardly passed the centre line.

The finish was thrilling. For a time the scores stood even, and it appeared that Torrens might play their third drawn game for the season. Then a point put them in front, followed by two others after strong play on each side. Glenelg began to take the ball on field, and supporters were on tip-toe with excitement, hoping that a last-minute goal would give them the victory, but the bell rang too soon.

TORRENS 5-1 14-5 14-10 19-19
GLENELG 7-2 13-6 18-10 20-10

Goalkeepers.—Torrens—Waite (7), Bertram (4), Harris, Frogley, and McKenzie (each 2), Pontifex, and Sincock. Glenelg—Owens (8), L. Griffiths and Link (each 4), Murphy (2), Percy, and Hale.

Best Players.—Torrens—Shepherd, Pontifex, Sincock, Quinn, Bertram, Read, and Waite. Glenelg—Johnston, W. Griffiths, Murphy, Owens, Link, Edwards, and Rosewarne.