

LEAGUE FOOTBALL

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A. Pts.
North Adel.	11	9	—	2	1172	912 18
Norwood	11	7	—	4	942	880 14
Sturt	11	6	1	4	903	833 13
Port Adel.	11	6	—	5	908	948 12
West Adel.	11	5	—	6	891	887 10
West Tor.	11	4	2	5	926	957 10
Glenelg	11	4	—	7	1047	1089 8
South Adel.	11	1	1	9	847	1130 3

Farmer's failure to kick a goal as a result of his injury has jeopardised his chances of beating his own Australian record, and has given Owens an opportunity to challenge him. Leading goalkeepers are:—

K. Farmer, North Adelaide (—)	77
J. Owens, Glenelg (6)	70
M. G. Waite, West Torrens (7)	35
P. T. Morton, Sturt (3)	33
J. Bottomley, West Adelaide (—)	27
N. Hender, Port Adelaide (2)	25
O. M. Bertram, West Torrens (3)	24
A. S. Biddell, Norwood (1)	22

NORTH TRIUMPHS OVER MISFORTUNE

Skill Overcomes Crude Force

With only 17 men for nearly all the match, and with its attack crippled by the absence of Farmer and Proud, North Adelaide, in its easy defeat of West, gave an outstanding display of courageous meeting of difficulties.

Scores:—
North Adelaide, 12 goals 13 behinds.
West Adelaide, 8 goals 12 behinds.

Goalkeepers:—North Adelaide—Storer (4), McInnes and Foulis (2), Furler, Hemers, Knuckey, and Walter; West Adelaide—Golding (3), McInnes, Simons (2), D. Williams

Sound Defence

The best man on the ground, Burton, had one of his purple days, for he was unbeatable in the air, and far more agile than usual on the ground. Mangelsdorf's strong dashes, and Fleet's skilful goal-keeping, marred only by weak kicking in against the wind, gave him admirable support. Storer goes on from success to success as rover. He got away from the scrambles with lightning-like dashes which often carried him past half a dozen men. In front of goal he played position well, quick acting seconding quick thinking. Burns, dashing and clever, was almost as good, and Hemers confirmed the good impression his first games created. Walter followed capably, and Drew, clever, cool and fast, was the only member of North's centre line to provide a reliable channel to goal. Foulis was an ideal utility man, and Knuckey and McInnes were always prominent.

Snell stood head and shoulders above his teammates in West. He handled the ball as much as anyone on the ground, gaining it with infinite initiative and resource, but his attempts to instil system into the forwards were fruitless, for initiative there was totally lacking. Solomon was as useful to his side as the accomplished Drew, while on the other wing Ralph, showing some of his Stawell Gift speed, gave Mackay less than 10 kicks. Simons followed solidly, and, in subduing Hawke, Matthews did a good job at centre half-back. Branson and Jarvis aided him capably. Mesecke, the Williams brothers, Golding, and Mason were useful.

RESERVE DASH TELLS IN LAST QUARTER

Norwood Defeats Glenelg By Good Margin

Norwood played indifferently for three quarters of the match against Glenelg at Norwood, but in the last showed fine dash and power, and won by 28 points.

The wind was a big factor, and for the first three quarters helped to concentrate scoring at the southern end. It gave Norwood a good lead to begin with, but this was more than counter-balanced by Glenelg's effort in the next quarter. The local team barely made up the leeway in the third, and seemed likely to be outclassed in the final.

It was then that the reserved strength of the team was of the greatest value. New life and vigor was infused into the players. They handled the ball with a sureness rarely noticed before. And to complete the recovery, several who had done little began to strike form. To cap all, the strong north wind dropped appreciably. This was a deciding factor, for Glenelg gained little of the assistance it expected from it in the closing quarter.



A. S. Biddell.

so well. It was handicapped by an injury to Hill, one of the best on the side.

Norwood Keeps Ball To Centre

It took Norwood some minutes to find its feet, and Glenelg raced away into the wind for Owens to kick the first goal. Norwood then adopted the right tactics of keeping the ball in the centre, and sending it forward with long high kicks. With the breeze behind them, two good kicks took the ball from centre to goal. In this way Norwood soon got four goals. The forwards were not convincing, and often ruckmen and rovers carried the ball through. There was an effective Norwood combination at centre, where the ball was often knocked by the rucks to Hickman, centre. Heffernan and E. A. Johnson were also prominent.

The Glenelg half-back line was weak, but the full backs, with the help of Link and Edwards in the rucks, spoilt many thrusts. The Glenelg forwards made good use of their few opportunities. Owens got three goals in the face of stout opposition from Johns.

Norwood	7.1
Glenelg	3.2

Norwood's four goal lead was not big enough under the conditions, and Glenelg made better use of the wind. Still showing plenty of pace, and handling the ball with judgment, it swept through to goal repeatedly, and within a few minutes had wiped out the deficit. Owens getting another two goals.

The Glenelg goalsneak dominated the game in this quarter. He showed excellent judgment in going far afield in search of chances. The ball came to his fingers as to a magnet, and had his kicking been as faultless as his scouting, Norwood would have had cause for dismay. At one stage he kicked three singles in succession, mostly from difficult positions. Glenelg dominated the wings, and only the superiority of Hickman at centre saved Norwood from being outclassed on one side of the line. Johns had little support, and the forwards were easily checked. Norwood's only score for the quarter was a behind.

Norwood	7.2
Glenelg	10.6

Glenelg had the same experience in the third quarter, when, except for one behind, scoring was confined to the Norwood end. The kicking of the home players was in direct contrast to the first quarter. In the third, of 13 scoring shots, 10 were behinds. Bad handling, wretched passing, and indifferent kicking robbed the Norwood effort of its reward. Handby and Griffiths, and further back, King made many good clearances.

Norwood	10.13
Glenelg	10.7

The transfer of Winkler at centre did not affect the superiority of Hickman, who was an important agent in the last quarter burst. Biddell was as good, and with E. G. Johnson showing up on the wing, Norwood was in control at the start. Three goals in succession made a win almost secure. Handby came into ruck in an effort to infuse new life into a flagging team, but though Glenelg responded for a time, and obtained two goals, it finally crumpled before a defence of greater power. Page and P. P. McCallum came into the picture for the first time, the former proving a heartbreaking obstacle to Glenelg. Curnow, for Glenelg, also rose to great heights in defence, and Johnston held up many attacks with fine marking. But dash and relentless vigor told, and the Norwood margin increased as the quarter progressed. Scores:—

Norwood	15.15
Glenelg	12.7

Goalkeepers.—Norwood—W. McCallum (5), Heffernan (3), E. A. Johnson and Woodroffe (2), Krome, Biddell, and Window; Glenelg—Owens (6), Rosewarne (2), Hill, Link, Winkler, and Olliver.

Dashing Last Quarter

Biddell played soundly for Norwood throughout, but his best opportunities did not come until the last quarter. His marking, strong work in the rushes, and accurate kicking were features of an outstanding effort. Hickman helped to make a strong down-the-centre chain. He was good in the air, and his ground play was equal to that of his opponent. E. A. Johnson and Heffernan were reliable and enterprising. W. McCallum's kicking and ground play were not quite up to standard, but his five goals was an indication of an otherwise worthy effort. Sorrell was the best of the other forwards. Johns was never rattled in defence. Page and Chinnery were occasionally noticed.

Edwards followed well for Glenelg, especially at the start, when his punching from the rucks and marking against opposition made him outstanding. He faded out somewhat later. Owens faded out in the last half, but his goal-getting in the first half stamped him again as one of the two best forwards in the league. Hill, until injured, and Link, in the first half, were invaluable for their fast work. Rosewarne was conspicuous for speed and energy. Johnston followed and marked like a champion practically all through the game. Curnow was sound always, and brilliant in the last quarter.

Elliott, who umpired, made mistakes, but was generally satisfactory.

Total Attendances 4,147 More Than Last Year

The attendances on Saturday were 4,147 more than for the corresponding series last year, and brought the total increase for the season to 32,397. Saturday's crowds were:—

Adelaide Oval	5,341
Norwood Oval	5,265
Unley Oval	6,090
Prospect Oval	6,172
Total	23,278

PORT WINS POOR GAME

South Lacks Height At Full Forward

Port defeated South in a poor game at the Adelaide Oval, neither side using much skill. Except for part of the third quarter, when South played the best football of the game, hands were used for checking instead of bumps. The resultant scrambling was unattractive.

South lost many chances by using short passes in the first quarter, instead of kicking strongly, and taking advantage of a strong wind. The lack of a player at full forward able to mark against tall, opposing defenders, was costly.

Port Adelaide, 15 goals 18 behinds.
South Adelaide, 10 goals 11 behinds.
Goalkeepers.—Port—Johnson (4), N. Hender, Kelleway, and Whicker (2), Utting, Hooper, Ween, Reval and A. Hender. South—Hall (4), H. Baxter (3), Jaffer, Tully and Murdy.

Four Good Port Men

Port had four good men in Kelleway, Eden, Gilbert, and Utting. Kelleway knocked cleverly from the ruck and marked well, particularly when placed forward. Eden has developed into a strong defender, his best point being his tenacity. Gilbert played another excellent game in goal, and Utting had his best game for the season. He kicked surprisingly well. H. Terrell did well at full back, his kicking being excellent, and Hooper and N. Hender shared the roving with honors about equal. Allingham often marked well, and showed up in a back pocket. O'Regan, A. Hender, and Whicker played soundly at half-forward, except when sending the ball on. Reval and Ween were useful.

Jaffer was South's best. He played on the wing cleverly and resolutely, marking well, and kicking strongly. Errey had to play in the sticky centre patch, but he was always busy. His work was the most polished on the ground. Black helped to make South's centre line its strongest unit. Hassett defended well,

and gave Barker great assistance, particularly on the ground. Barker showed his best form in the last quarter when he was more free from bustling by opponents. Hall stuck to his task well, although he had no possibility of coping with his opponents in the air. His four goals were all well earned. Mulcahy, Murdy, Rose, H. C. Baxter, Dayman, Jarvis, Long and Tully did well at times.

TORRENS PLAYS BETTER AGAINST WIND

Wins By Three Points From Sturt

Scoring only one point against a strong wind, compared with 3.1 by West Torrens, Sturt lost by three points at the Unley Oval.

The game was greatly influenced by the wind, which blew towards the southern goal. It reduced marking, and much of the kicking to a low standard. Realising that it had failed to make the most of the breeze in the first quarter, Sturt fought hard in the third quarter, when it kicked 9.4 to 1.1, but its six-goal lead was not sufficient to hold off a dashing finish by Torrens.

Exciting Finish

Ashby went to centre for Torrens in the last quarter, and Pontifex took the centre half-forward position, releasing Harris for the ruck. Sturt brought Leak on to the ball. Early in the quarter Golding fell heavily, and was taken off with a badly injured shoulder. Purdie taking his place.

Scoring steadily, Torrens was 11 points behind with 10 minutes to go. Waite dominated the forward lines, clever interceptions and elusive turning defeating the Sturt defenders. Another goal from him made the position exciting. Sturt then played its most determined, and in the circumstances, its best football, for the match. Its small men carried the play forward time after time. Morton had changed places with Green, and the latter failed to accept a chance which, if taken, might have saved the game for Sturt. The last few minutes were full of thrills as each team threw every ounce of reserve energy into the game.

Over-eager to score the winning goal, Torrens almost defeated itself by giving away free at critical moments. With only a minute to go, a foot pass found Frogley, unguarded and within easy range, and he kicked the goal. The tension over, Torrens played better football in the last minute, and Bertram barely missed another goal. Scores:—

West Torrens, 11 goals 11 behinds.

Sturt, 14 goals 8 behinds.

Scores of goals and behinds were:—
West Torrens—Waite, 7 goal 4 behinds;
Bertram, 3.3; Frogley, 2.0; Harris, 1.1;
Pontifex, 1.0; Drury, 0.2; Ashby, 0.1. Waite and Ashby each hit a goalpost.

Sturt—Smith, 4.0; Morton, 3.2; Sawatzke, 3.0; Wundersitz, 1.2; Longmore, 1.2; Golding, 1.1; Robertson, 1.0; Green, 0.1.

Quinn's Great Defence

Quinn was almost impassable at half-back for Torrens. His sturdy physique and determined use of it carried him through the thickest rushes. His best work was done when it was needed most—when Sturt had the use of the breeze—and it was to his efforts more than any other factor that Torrens's win was due. Bertram roved with dash and vigor, and disposed of the ball with marked intelligence. Pontifex was also outstanding at centre for three quarters, and then at half-forward, played a big part in the thrilling finish. Ashby (in several positions), Adcock (dashing in defence), Harris, Waite, Frogley, and Sincok (in attack), Head (wing) were other stars.

With several Sturt players far below form, especially in defence, Alstrope rose to the occasion. He played so well at half-back wing that he was given the centre half-back position, where his crisp style was the feature of the team's play. Longmore played brilliantly on a half-forward flank, and, later, when shifted to centre, was courageous and dashing, although he could not compete individually with Pontifex. Smith shared honors with Bertram as being the best rover on the ground. He was the most determined. Sturt's small men saved the team from a much heavier defeat. Johnston, Treleaven, Leak, and Wundersitz being fast on the ground. Fisher, Wadham, Dunn, and Parsons were frequently responsible for good work in defence, and Robertson and Sawatzke, the latter when forward, were hard workers. Sims did not reveal a glimpse of the fine form he has shown throughout the season, an injured leg being to some extent the reason.