

West, Port, Norwood, and North, Win Today's League Football

MAGPIES CONVINCING STRONG TORRENS TEAM OUTSTAYED, AND OUTPLAYED STANDARD GOOD

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IN defeating Torrens at Alberton, Port gave a convincing display. The victory was well earned, and reflects favorably on the prospects of Port, as Torrens fielded a strong team today, and it played well.

Port have now clinched their right to contest the finals, and Torrens still have a chance of displacing Sturt. If Norwood defeat Sturt at Unley next Saturday, then Torrens, by defeating South at Adelaide and North at Prospect, can gain the final four. Should Torrens scramble into the finals, the Port v. Torrens semi-final would be a great game.

TORRENS tired rather badly in the final term today, but the heavy turf at Alberton was probably responsible.

The pleasing feature about the play of Port is the balance of the side. The magpies functioned well as a team today.

With Kellaway and Wightman in form Port have the two star ruckmen of the league. Each is of outstanding physique and their height gives them a great advantage in the air.

One great advantage in having a good tall player is that opponents often disorganise their team in attempts to frustrate his effectiveness. Port have two such players, and as each has probably yet to show his best form, Port are indeed fortunate.

The magpie defence is sound. Ween, Johnson, and Mott form the best half-back line in the game, while Gilbert is quite a good goalkeeper.

Across the centre Whittaker, Dermody, and Muecklow are all capable exponents, while the Hender brothers vitalise the attack into a live section. N. Hender starred today with seven goals, and two shots hit a goalpost. In addition to these clever ground exponents, Wightman and Kellaway, when resting, gave the necessary air control. In addition, such players as Eden (ruck), Whicker (half-forward), and Hooper (roving) assist in making Port a strong, well-balanced combination. It is my opinion that North Adelaide's chief danger in the finals will come from the magpies.

PORT 4-1 7-6 8-6 14-11
TORRENS 4-2 4-5 9-6 12-8

Best Players.—Port—N. Hender, Mott, Dermody, Ween, Johnson, Wightman, Kellaway, Whitaker. Torrens—Read, Quinn, Conroy, Frogley, Hocking, Pontifex, Shepherd, Drury.

Goalkeepers.—Port—N. Hender (7), A. Hender (3), Hooper (2), Whicker, Kellaway, Torrens—Waite (4), Drury (3), Bertara (2), Hocking, Pontifex, Bridgman.

Trophies for best players for Port were awarded to Dermody, N. Hender, and Ween.

WEST SNATCH VICTORY FROM STURT

IN a sensational finish at Wayville this afternoon West kicked nine goals five behinds in the last quarter to Sturt's one goal one behind, and landed home winners by a goal. It was one of the most exciting terms ever witnessed in league football here.

When West more than half-way through the last quarter were four goals odd in arrears there were few who would have prophesied that they would win, despite the fierce determination which they were exhibiting at that stage. Then came the series of swift rushes which saw Sturt gradually demoralised, and at last fighting like tigers to prevent defeat.

Shea, heady and cool on a wing, and Jarvis, working skilfully and quickly in the ruck, were the two who did most to bring about Sturt's downfall, but they were ably back up by every member of the team. Hill, on a half-forward flank, and McInerney, dashing through the scrimmages with sustained vigor, were two others who were in the limelight.

THE TURNING POINT

The turning point of the game came halfway

How the Games Finished

West 13-15, Sturt 12-15
Port 14-11, Torrens 12-8
North 18-9, South 11-16
Norwood 18-13, Glenelg 12-9

North on Top on Percentage

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points for	Prom. ag. pts.
North	15	11	4	—	1540	1264 22
Norwood	15	11	4	—	1324	1169 22
Port	15	9	6	—	1253	1248 18
Sturt	16	7	7	1	1223	1192 15
Torrens	15	6	7	2	1241	1254 14
West	15	7	8	—	1166	1183 14
Glenelg	15	5	10	—	1354	1457 10
South	15	2	12	1	1143	1480 5

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Owens (Glenelg)	87
Farmer (North)	82
Waite (Torrens)	47
N. Hender (Port)	45
Bertram (Torrens)	35
Morton (Sturt)	33
Biddell (Norwood)	30
Bottomley (West)	30
Hill (South)	29
A. Williams (West)	28
W. McCallum (Norwood)	28
Storer (North)	26
Heffernan (Norwood)	25

Football Attendances

Attendances at today's league football matches were:—

Adelaide	5,431
Prospect	3,304
Wayville	4,650
Alberton	9,300
Total	22,585

through the last quarter. West then showed their real football worth. Hurling themselves into the fray, they snatched the ball time and again almost out of the hands of their opponents and headed for goal. The climax came when, a minute to go and the scores level, West raced forward once more, Shea making a brilliant run from centre wing to half-forward.

His kick sailed almost into the goalmouth and Golding dropped it. The read-and-black supporters yelled their dismay as the ball was quickly hustled away in a fierce, fighting scrimmage. Then came the memorable moment when McInerney tore through a pack, seized the ball, and sent it sailing through the posts with only half a minute to go.

That meant the end of Sturt hopes. They were a goal behind and the seconds were ticking away. The bell rang with the ball still at mid-field.

WEST 0-3 0-9 4-10 13-15
STURT 5-7 6-11 11-14 12-15

Goalkeepers.—West—McInerney and Bottomley (each 4), Hill (2), Ralph, Williams, Simons, Sturt (Glenelg), Wandersitz, Smith (each 2), Sawatzke, Willis.

Best Players.—West—Shea, Jarvis, Williams, Ralph, Hill, Matthews, Sturt, Robertson, Sawatzke, Wandersitz, Dunn, Leck, Sims.

NORWOOD BEAT GLENELG: HIGH SCORING

NORWOOD 7-2 10-4 14-17 18-13
GLENELG 2-4 6-7 11-7 12-9

PLAYING fast, open football in bursts, Norwood decisively defeated Glenelg on the Adelaide Oval today. Glenelg made a desperate effort to overtake their opponents at the start of the last term, but were not equal to the task.

No changes were made in the published sides. Central Umpire F. Davis was in charge of the game.

Glenelg gave a glimpse of good form at the start of the game, but they soon faded before the persistent attacking of Norwood. It was good, fast open football in the opening 10 minutes, with both sides maintaining position.

Goldsworthy and Johnston were soon in the picture with high finger-tip marks, but the aerial work of the remainder of the players lacked sureness.

With the redleg battery in form Glenelg crumpled, and their position was faulty under the strain. Their centre line was badly beaten, and it was from here that Norwood were getting the ball in to the forwards.

HALF-FORWARDS SLOW

Except for Goldsworthy, who continued to mark well, the Bay half-forwards were no match for the opposing defenders. They were lost in the race for the ball, and when they did get possession failed to pass the ball accurately.

Johns made no mistakes when guarding Owens. When the Norwood skipper failed to out-reach his opponent, he resorted to spoiling tactics successfully.

Another burst by Norwood towards the close of the term saw them with a good lead at quarter time.

Even battling in the second term saw Glenelg improve their position slightly, but this was due more to a retrogression of form by Norwood than an improvement on their part.

Handy went on the ball in this term, and handed the key defence position over to Coleman. With Johnston, he made a rugged following combination that improved Glenelg's strength in that department.

Norwood opened the second half with a burst similar to that at the start of the game. Making every post a winning post, they kept the Glenelg defenders very busy. It was at this stage that King, who had been playing a good game, rose to great heights in a brilliant attempt to steady the scoring.

It was mainly due to his fine work that Glenelg turned the redlegs, and then moving into their stride, went forward in great style. They were unfortunate to lose Cornelius, their pivot, just when he appeared to be striking form, and Winkler, the reserve, took the vacant position.

FIVE GOALS STRAIGHT

Five goals straight without a behind signalled for Glenelg for the quarter took them to within three goals of Norwood, and goals to Biddell (Norwood) and Owens (Glenelg) left the difference the same at the last change.

The Glenelg goalsneak had had a lean time up till the end of the third term. Eight shots had brought only three goals—bad shooting for him—but his two shots in the third quarter improved his goal-kicking average.

For more than 10 minutes at the start of the last quarter Glenelg pressed in, but they could manage only a goal from Gourlay and a single from Owens. This was the end of the scoring for Glenelg until the closing minute of play, when Owens again kicked a point.

Norwood kept the ball in to their forwards for the last quarter of an hour, and they clinched the game with a run of goals, which left Glenelg helpless.

Taken all round, Glenelg disappointed badly. Their efforts all through lacked cohesion, and their passing and ground work did not carry the accuracy that is expected from league sides. Norwood were not blameless in this regard either, but they played sparkling football in bursts.

Goalkeepers.—Norwood—E. A. Johnson (5), Heffernan (4), Biddell (3), Krome and Mutton (each 2), Window, W. McCallum, Glenelg—Owens and McKinnon (each 4), Goldsworthy, Percy, Johnston, Gourlay.

Best Players.—Norwood—E. A. Johnson, Krome, Johns, Biddell, Heffernan, Hickman, E. G. Johnson, Glenelg—Johnston, King, Goldsworthy, Colyer, Edwards, McKinnon, Hale.

Glenelg Player to be Reported

At the end of the Glenelg-Norwood match on Adelaide Oval it was reported that Hill (Glenelg) would be reported by Central Umpire F. Davis for having allegedly struck Medlen (Norwood).

NORTH CLAP ON GOALS AND BEAT SOUTH

A PHENOMENAL run of goals in the first and third quarters was responsible for North's 33-point win over South at Prospect. South had as many scoring shots as North, but kicked inaccurately. Many of their shots for goal went out of bounds.

NORTH 8-1 9-1 16-3 18-9
SOUTH 1-3 2-11 6-12 11-16

Goalkeepers.—North—Storer (5), Fyfe (4), McInnes, Taylor, Hopgood (each 2), Hemers, Bowman, Melvin. South—Hall and Venning (each 4), Murdy (2), Dayman.

Best Players.—North—Parnell, Burton, McInnes, Storer, Taylor, McNamee, South—Errey, Hewitt, Rose, Hassett, Dayman.

N. HENDER, by scoring 7-5 (two shots hitting a goalpost) was the power of the Port attack. His snap kicking is most effective. A. Hender scored three goals, and was a great trier at half-forward. Hooper (roving) and Whicker (half-forward) were the other Port players to do well.

LEAK gave a good exhibition at half-forward for Sturt against West, while Parsons, Longmore, Wadham, and Martin were useful without rising to brilliance. Martin put plenty of "ginger" into his play, and is far from a back number.

AS solid as ever, Burton at centre half-back was a thorn in the side of South all day. He brought off some fine marks at critical stages. He always disposed of the ball to advantage.

Close-ups of League Footballers



G. B. Johnston

JOHNSTON was the pick of the 36 in the Glenelg-Norwood match. The follow-up marked exceptionally well all day, and his powerful knocks from the crushes gave him the call in the ruck. Colyer roved ably to the first pack, but faded out towards the end of the game.

KING bore the brunt of the defence for Glenelg. The goalkeeper was seldom at fault, and his good judgment in leaving the goal and

and his fine marking turned many attacks. Hale and Goldsworthy were others to play solid games.

ROVING brilliantly, E. A. Johnson was one of the best players for Norwood against Glenelg. He played well in the forward lines, too, and kicked five goals. Heffernan, the other rover, made a strong second string, and kept the strength equal when changing with Johnson at attack.

BIDDELL played strongly at centre half-forward. His marking and clever turning left the Glenelg defenders standing on many occasions. He kicked three goals. Krome and Johns were others to do well.

COOL, clever play by Hickman gave Norwood the balance of power on the pivot. He handled the ball well on the slippery centre patch. F. G. Johnson defeated Lloyd pointlessly at centre wing.

MCKINNON showed himself a resourceful forward for Glenelg. He kicked four goals, and three of them were from good snapshots. Edwards shared the heavy work in the ruck, and did well.