

Sturt, Torrens, North, and Port Win League Football

O'Grady Says:

SOUTH STARS FAIL RESHUFFLE AT FORWARD HELPS TORRENS TO WIN BY 4 GOALS

PONTIFEX THE STAR

ADDITION 41 points to eight in the third term, Torrens established a winning lead over South at Adelaide, and held it in the closing stages. Torrens owed their victory primarily to the ability of the centre line, where Pontifex played like a champion. He outclassed Errey and, with spectacular marking and long kicking, was the best player on the ground.

Early in the game the Torrens' attack was weak. A reshuffle in placings at half-time was the turning point of the game. South's star players failed to get going. McGregor had to leave the field with an injured knee in the second term.

The game was vigorous throughout, but in the first half was of a poor standard. Out of 21 scoring shots up to half-time only five goals were scored, and this inaccurate kicking was manifest almost all over the ground.

Future Prospects

AS a result of the game Torrens can view the future with a certain amount of hope. The inclusion of Waite in the team on May 21 will greatly strengthen the attack, while McKenzie has yet to come in.

On the other hand, Williamson and Thornton have to answer charges before the league commissioner for alleged breaches in the game today.

South were a real disappointment. At

no part of the field did they appear strong, and it would seem that their chances of winning games depends upon the ability of their seasoned players to pick up their true form.

South's attack is not impressive, while the lack of a first-class half-back is quite apparent. The centre line can be expected to do much better than today.

TORRENS 1-6 2-7 8-12 11-13
SOUTH 1-3 3-9 4-11 7-13

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Drury (5), Tabe (3), Sincock, Bertram, Simpson. South—Gardiner (3), McGregor, Errey, Hall, McCarthy.

Best Players.—Torrens—Pontifex, Williamson, McLaughlin, Thornton, Drury, Bridgman. South—Rose, Hassett, Masters, Hebbard, Gardiner.

WEST DEFEATED BECAUSE FORWARDS FAIL

West were beaten by Sturt because their forward division failed. They experimented with their forwards during the game, and in the second half showed improved form.

The outstanding feature of the match was the solid work of the defenders of both teams, who held the upper hand practically throughout the match.

High marking by the Unley men gave them an early advantage, but West retaliated by playing a strong game on the ground. They bumped hard whenever opportunity offered.

STURT 2-4 4-6 9-10 12-10
WEST 0-1 1-6 4-3 9-12

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Morton (3), Leak, Wunderstz, Beeching (2), Green, Dunne, W. Smith. West—Golding (3), Jarvis, and Solomon (2), Snell, A. Williams.

Best Players.—Sturt—Sims, Smith, Robertson, Dunne, Leak. West—Branson, Matthews, A. Williams, Connell, Church.

Port Bump the Redlegs Off Their Game

Vigorous and determined play won Port the game against Norwood at Norwood. Although they were faster to the ball and kept in front of their opponents, Norwood failed in front of goal. They could not stand up to the hard bumping of the moppies.

PORT 3-1 5-3 8-6 11-8
NORWOOD 1-1 2-8 5-12 8-15

Goalkickers.—Port—Logan (3), Bampton and Jones (each 2), A. Hender, N. Hender, Kellaway, Wightman, Norwood—Biddell (2), Plumstead, Johnson, Hall, W. McCallum, P. McCallum, Lyon.

Best Players.—Port—Ween, Johnson, Ewen, Kellaway, O'Regan, Richards, N. Hender. Norwood—Johns, Page, Chirnery, Medlen, Sorrell, Woodroote, Window.

Close-ups of League Footballers

ALTHOUGH opposed by Burton, Goldsworthy showed promise for Glenelg. He scored three goals—the highest tally of his side. Handby, at the other end, stopped many North attacks.

PONTIFEX, of Torrens, was easily the best player at Adelaide. He has improved in all departments of the game, marking brilliantly and getting distance with his kicking. In addition, his ground play shows more dash. For him to defeat Errey in this department was a surprise.

THE Glenelg followers showed fine form against North. Edwards, Percy, and K. Olliver were a particularly solid trio. They more than held their own against the North packs, which were weakened by the absence of Furler.

GLENELG have a fine rover in Link. He is fast and clever. He looks like developing into a champion.

GOLDING was the most successful of the West goalkickers. In addition to getting three goals, he assisted in other successful attacks. He played well for position.



Burton

ON a centre flank, Bennett did well for West. He was on even terms with his immediate opponent. With experience he should develop into a strong player.

Bruce McGregor, the South captain, badly twisted his left knee in the match between South and Torrens at the Adelaide Oval. He will not be able to play for several weeks. He was unable to walk after the game. He injured the same knee in 1929, and was forced to stand down for some time.

THE unexpected responsibilities of leadership following Furler's inability to play did not affect Burton's play against Glenelg. The stalwart North half-back was much more in evidence than against Norwood. He is fast for a big man and always gets his kick. His marking is the outstanding feature of his play.

Sturt Top of League

	P.	W.	L.	Points for agst.	Prem. Pts.	
Sturt	2	2	—	178	133	4
North	2	2	—	219	179	4
Port	2	2	—	153	138	4
Torrens	2	1	1	154	134	2
Glenelg	2	1	1	157	171	2
West	2	—	2	130	154	—
Norwood	2	—	2	157	186	—
South	2	—	2	122	175	—

Farmer — 9 Goals Today— 19 in Two Games

Farmer (North)	19
Morton (Sturt)	9
Bertram (Torrens)	6
Owens (Glenelg)	6
Drury (Torrens)	6
Gardner (South)	5
Logan (Port)	5
Biddell (Norwood)	4
Goldsworthy (Glenelg)	4
Golding (West)	4
Leak (Sturt)	4
Kellaway (Port)	4
Lyon (Norwood)	4

NORTH WIN WELL AFTER FINE RECOVERY

Weakened by injury, North failed to keep up with Glenelg in the first half of the game at Glenelg. But they rallied in the final stages, and an excellent recovery gave them victory by 22 points.

Glenelg set the pace from the start. At half-time they had an advantage of nine points. They had earned it because of superior marking and ground play, coupled with effective spoiling tactics.

It was an uphill fight for North, for they badly missed the influence in the ruck of their captain, Furler, who was unable to strip because of a bruised back. Furler is just the type to succeed in the face of rugged opposition. North missed his leadership, too.

Another thing that hampered the North defence was the retirement of Barrett early in the game because of a leg injury. He had been shaping soundly in a back pocket, and his absence made McNamara's task of watching Owens more difficult.

More accurate goalshooting gave Glenelg an early lead.

GLENELG FIRST TO BALL

Frequently, too, the Glenelg men raced their opponents to the ball. But the kicking of Farmer, who played a lone hand in the North forward lines by kicking the first five North goals, kept the visitors close to Glenelg.

Faulty midfield kicking spoiled many North efforts, whereas Glenelg wasted few chances. Across the centre Glenelg more than held their own with North, and in the rucks, too, they showed out to advantage.

The centre position presented a problem to Burton, the acting North captain. May, who was there first, was a little too slow, and Burns and Proud were later put there in turn to oppose Winkler.

Towards the end of the third quarter North made their big effort—and they did not look back.

Realising that the position was becoming desperate, they met the solid Glenelg team with grit and determination. Their high-fliers, who with the exception of Farmer, had been subdued to this stage, came into their own, and the defenders, ably led by Burton and Hamilton, with McNamara showing his best league form in goals, also revealed much improvement.

COMBINED VIGOR WITH SPEED

North watched their men more closely than in the first half, and for the first time raced them to the ball. They combined vigor with speed, and these tactics proved too much for Glenelg.

Glenelg supporters had expected much from Owens, but his shots lacked their usual accuracy. He scored only one goal. Farmer, at the other end, was well watched, but crowned a fine marking performance with nine goals, making his total 19 for the two games.

Across the centre Glenelg had slightly the better of matters. Hill defeated the State wingman, Drew, and Winkler, a fine position player, was often prominent at centre. Coleman had an even tussle with Mackay.

Judged from North's play in both games this season they must get into their stride faster to be classed as a premiership side. But their second-half rallies in both instances have proved that they have fine material.

NORTH 3-8 6-9 11-15 15-17
GLENELG 3-2 8-6 10-10 12-13

Goalkickers.—North—Farmer (9), Taylor (2), May, Munn, Mackay, McInnes. Glenelg—Goldsworthy (3), Link, K. Olliver, L. Griffiths (each 2), Owens, Wunderstz, Rosewarne.

Best Players.—North—Burton, Farmer, Phillips, Proud, Hamilton, Mackay, McNamara. Glenelg—Hill, Link, Handby, Percy, Winkler, Edwards, K. Olliver.