

PORT, STURT, SOUTH, TORRENS WIN LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NORTH BEATEN IN LAST FEW MINUTES

NORWOOD CLING TO FOURTH PLACE ON PERCENTAGE

Farmer's Tally of Goals Now 97

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Playing rugged, determined football, Port won in the last few minutes of the game against North at Alberton today. The magpies were eight points down at three-quarter time, but they finished very strongly to win by eight points. Port and Norwood are now level on premiership points, but Norwood hold fourth position by reason of better percentage.

Sound play by Sturt's small men on a slippery turf allowed the double-blues to defeat Norwood at Unley. There were a few glimpses of brilliant play, but neither side revealed premiership form.

Torrens' hard, slogging methods proved too much for Glenelg at the Bay Oval. Glenelg finished the game with only 17 men, and although they made a fight of it in the last term, Torrens finished with a comfortable margin in their favor.

In spite of a bad lapse after half-time, South won from West in a last-minute burst at the Adelaide Oval.

By kicking six goals against Port, Farmer (North) took his goal tally for the season to three off the coveted century. Munro (South), nine goals, and Bennetts (West), eight, scored the highest individual tallies for the day.

Torrens defeated North in the association final today, and will meet Port in the deciding match next Saturday.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

League		
	Today	Total
Farmer (North)	6	97
G. Green (Sturt)	—	74
Bennetts (West)	8	72
Owens (Glenelg)	7	71
C. Rosewarne (Glenelg)	1	71
Munro (South)	9	68
Krome (Norwood)	—	49
N. Hender (Port)	3	47
Ritch (Port)	1	37
Wundersitz (Sturt)	2	31
Waite (Torrens)	2	30

18,337 AT TODAY'S MATCHES

The attendances at today's league football matches were:—

Adelaide (South v. West)	2,387.
Unley (Sturt v. Norwood)	7,500.
Unley (Torrens v. Glenelg)	3,250.
Alberton (Port v. North)	5,200.

Total 18,337

VALIANT TRY BY WEST FAILS

In a last-minute burst South defeated West at the Adelaide Oval after the red-and-blacks had got to within four points of their opponents. South dominated the play in the first half.

It was a mediocre game, the only highlight being the close finish. Munro kicked nine goals and Bennetts eight.

SOUTH	5-3	9-14	12-16	16-21
WEST	3-2	5-4	11-7	14-7

Goalkickers.—South—Munro (9), M. Murdy (3), F. Tully (2), C. Tully, Vaughton. West—Bennetts (8), Kean, Foweraker (each 2), Cheeseman, Hare.

Best Players.—South—Croft, Cahill, Thomas, Mulcahy, H. Forrester, M. and J. Murdy. West—Simons, C. Bennett, H. and M. Jarvis, Foweraker, Kean, Bennetts.

HOW THE GAMES FINISHED

League	G.	B.	Pts.
Port	13	18	96
North	13	10	86
Torrens	18	14	122
Glenelg	14	12	96
Sturt	10	14	74
Norwood	8	12	60
South	16	21	117
West	15	7	91

HOW THE TEAMS STAND

Points Prom.				P.	W.	L.	D.	Fer	Ag.	Pts.
Sturt	16	12	4	—	1573	1223	24			
North	16	11	5	—	1619	1434	22			
Torrens	16	11	5	—	1445	1403	22			
Norwood	16	9	6	1	1562	1445	19			
Port	16	9	6	1	1483	1460	19			
Glenelg	16	8	8	—	1693	1618	16			
South	16	3	13	—	1398	1083	8			
West	16	—	16	—	1351	1718	—			

GLENELG GO DOWN IN HARD FIGHT

Although playing with 17 men in the last term and for part of the third quarter, Glenelg gave Torrens a hard fight at the Bay oval. Glenelg played great football at the beginning of the last quarter, and for a time seemed likely to win, but the task was too much for them.

Torrens played patchily, alternating periods of brilliance with intervals of disorganisation and faulty handling of the ball.

GLENELG.—Backs—R. Rosewarne, A. Brock, Carlos. Half-backs—Griffiths, James, Elsdon. Centres—McCarthy, Saffin, Halls. Half-forwards—Cornelius, M. Brock, Goldworthy. Forwards—Owen, E. Rosewarne, Colyer. Ruck—Johnston, Mate, Link, Curnow (19th).

Link (bruised hip) was replaced by Curnow (19th) after half-time.

James (probable concussion) left the field in the third quarter.

TORRENS.—Backs—Bridgman, Quinn, Adcock. Half-backs—Heath, Road, Downs. Centres—Parkins, Pontifex, Wilson. Half-forwards—Harrahan, Foote, McKnight. Forwards—McLoughlin, Waite, McKenzie, Ruck—Williamson, Frogley, Drury, Roberts (19th).

Umpire—G. R. Allen.

Williamson won the toss and set Torrens attacking with the breeze towards the northern goal. Olliver, who was suffering from influenza, and Wells (injured toe) had been replaced in the Glenelg side by A. Brock and N. Carthy.

Jumping into their stride immediately Glenelg had two goals in as many minutes from M. Brock and Colyer. Torrens began uncertainly, fumbling the ball and kicking faultily. Their first forward move was rewarded with a goal from Williamson, but Glenelg quickly took command again, and Colyer snapped a dashing goal.

Evening matters slightly, but still too slow to the ball. Torrens drove in, but strong defensive work by Johnston, who was in great aerial form, and Elsdon kept them down to three singles.

After Waite had twice missed the big opening McKenzie made amends for Torrens with full points.

Torrens led for the first time when Drury goaled with a snap. Dashing in strongly, R. Rosewarne put on Glenelg's fourth major. Torrens countered with a goal from Waite, but brilliant work by Owens saw him record a similar score for Glenelg.

Playing dashing football, Torrens swept to the attack, and a magnificent shot by McKnight sailed through. Brilliant combination between Waite, McKnight, and McLoughlin put the last mentioned in possession, and he made no mistake.

First Quarter

	G.	B.	Pts.
TORRENS	6	6	42
GLENELG	5	1	31

Both teams jumped into the fray with plenty of vim, but for a time could not break through the solid defences. Owens capped a fierce Glenelg onslaught with a goal, and Drury followed with a similar score for Torrens.

R. Rosewarne, Link and Owens (Glenelg), and Frogley (Torrens) all missed in shooting for goal.

Drury, who was roving tenaciously, sent Torrens in several times, but the forwards failed to accept the chances. McLoughlin made a gallant attempt to goal for the gold-and-blues, but was neutralised for holding the ball as he snapped it through.

Faster to the ball, stronger in the air, and bumping hard, Torrens began to exert a definite superiority towards the end of the term. Foote, who was battling ruggedly, was rewarded with his first goal just before the bell.

Half-time

	G.	B.	Pts.
TORRENS	8	9	57
GLENELG	6	7	43

Link (bruised hip) did not come out with Glenelg after half-time, and Curnow came on. Griffiths went to a forward pocket, and A. Brock to a half-forward wing. Cornelius took over at centre, Saffin went to centre half-back, and James to full back. Curnow filled a back pocket.

Sweeping Glenelg off their feet, Torrens burst in systematically, and Foote brought up both flags with a great angle shot. McLoughlin hoisted them again with dashing work, and Waite followed with another full-pointer immediately afterwards.

Glenelg rallied desperately, and Goldworthy had a shot running in, but hit a post.

Leading out well and kicking accurately, Torrens went forward effortlessly, and Drury got his third goal. Recovering brilliantly Glenelg flashed goalwards, and

three quick goals from Owens stopped the rot.

When Colyer followed with another, the whole complexion of the game had changed. Glenelg were now only 13 points behind. Clapping on whirring pace in a fierce counter Torrens drove in irresistibly, and two lightning goals from Drury swung the advantage back their way.

Owens goaled for Glenelg, but it was only a flash in the pan. Torrens hurried themselves into the fray, and McLoughlin dashed in strongly to raise both flags.

Third Quarter

	G.	B.	Pts.
TORRENS	15	11	101
GLENELG	11	9	75

Left with 17 men because of an injury to James towards the end of the third term, and 26 points behind, Glenelg were in a seemingly hopeless position. A dazzling mark by Pontifex sent Torrens goalward, but rugged defence by A. Brock, who had played solidly all day, kept them out.

Once again, however, Drury came to the rescue with a timely goal for Torrens.

Owens put on his seventh goal, and Glenelg still had a chance. But Torrens now began to hold Glenelg, and kept the ball in their attacking area for the rest of the term. With the Glenelg backs disputing every inch of the way, McKenzie and Downs put on goals and put the issue beyond doubt.

Final

	G.	B.	Pts.
TORRENS	18	14	122
GLENELG	14	12	96

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Drury (6), McLoughlin (3), Waite, McKenzie, Foote (each 2), Williamson, McKnight, Downs, Glenelg—Owens (7), Colyer (3), M. Brock, R. Rosewarne, C. Rosewarne. A Goals worthy.

Best Players.—Torrens—Drury, McLoughlin, Bridgman, Parkins, Pontifex, Williamson, McKenzie, Harrahan, Glenelg—Owens, Colyer, M. Brock, A. Brock, Johnston, Goldworthy, R. Rosewarne.

PONTIFEX TO BE REPORTED

It was stated at the conclusion of the Torrens-Glenelg match at Glenelg that Goal Umpire E. J. Thomas would report S. M. Pontifex (Torrens) for having allegedly deliberately struck A. Goldworthy, of Glenelg.

STURT BEAT OFF WEARY TEAM

STURT	4-2	5-6	6-12	10-14
NORWOOD	0-2	2-6	5-8	8-12

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Wundersitz, Longmore (each 2), Dunn, Shuttleworth, Parsons, R. Green, Reeves, Morton. Norwood—Schultz (4), Plumstead (2), W. McCallum, Biddell.

Best Players.—Sturt—Tuohy, Dunn, Morton, Longmore, R. Green, Sims, Wundersitz. Norwood—H. Page, Krome, Woodroffe, W. McCallum, Hickman, Plumstead, Biddell.

THRILLS IN GAME AT ALBERTON

Port's Strong Battle Against Breeze

Rugged determination in the last quarter pulled the game out of the fire and gave Port a well-deserved victory over North at Alberton. Facing a deficit of eight points at the beginning of the last term, the seashiders played a vigorous, uphill game against the breeze to win by eight points.

The spectators were kept on tiptoe with excitement as Port gradually decreased their deficit. They took the lead with six minutes to go, and although North tried hard to break through, Port maintained the upper hand.

PORT	4-5	8-9	8-13	13-18
NORTH	4-0	8-4	10-9	13-10

Goalkickers.—Port—N. Hender (3), Hooper, West, Jacquier, Pradeaux (each 2), Ritch, Dermody. North—Farmer (6), Hemers, Burton, Foulis (each 2), Wisdom.

Best Players.—Port—Hooper, A. Hender, R. Johnson, N. Hender, V. Johnson, Reval, Allingham. North—Taylor, Drew, Hemers, Burton, Wisdom, Furler, Melvin.

Today's Football Stars



M. P. Drury

WILLIAMSON and Harrahan both did well in the ruck for Torrens against Glenelg, and defended ably at times. McLoughlin gave a dashing roving display.

JOHNSTON (Glenelg) and Pontifex (Torrens) were the star aerial performers at Glenelg. Johnston did not fly as high as usual, but marked well nevertheless. The Torrens vice-captain leaped high, but many of his best efforts were spoiled by that failing to hold the ball.

M. Brock and Colyer were a brilliant pair for Glenelg. Brock went through in fine style, and Colyer gave a polished roving display.

QUINN played an effective game for Torrens by keeping C. Rosewarne (Glenelg) down to a goal, scored in the last term. He was well supported by Adcock, in a back pocket, and Bridgman.

R. Green and Woodroffe delighted the crowd at Unley with excellent dropkicks. They and the two full-backs, Fisher and Curyer, were the only men who consistently booted the heavy ball long distances. One of Green's great dropkicks from half-back found Longmore, who goaled with another long boot.

OWENS was responsible for a particularly brilliant effort in the third quarter of the Torrens-Glenelg encounter. Just when Torrens seemed to be galloping away to victory, he swung the game back with three quick goals. His tally for the day was seven.

DRURY was a matchwinner for Torrens against Glenelg, swinging the game round at critical stages. He roved tenaciously, marked surely, and kicked accurately to score six goals.

CLOSELY watched, C. Munro, of South, did not kick with his usual accuracy against West in the early stages of today's game. Later, however, he marked and kicked with his customary brilliance, and finished with nine goals.