

North, Sturt, Port, and Norwood Win League Football Matches

TORRENS DROP BACK INTO FOURTH POSITION

Every League Team Has Been Beaten by Strong Unley Side CLOSEST FINISH AT GLENLEG

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By defeating West today, Sturt have now beaten every league team. Torrens' defeat by North means that they will drop back to fourth position, Norwood move up to second, and North into third place on the premiership list. Port's victory over Glenelg brings the magpies into fifth position, Glenelg dropping two places to sixth.

At Adelaide, Sturt amassed a big score against West, but the game lacked science. West were individually almost as good as their opponents, but weak forward play and little team work prevented them threatening danger to the weakened Sturt side at any stage.

The surprise of the day was the defeat of Glenelg, on their home ground, by Port. The magpies led in the early stages, mainly as a result of remarkable forward accuracy, but in the closing stages their forwards lapsed, and Glenelg were defeated by one point.

South made a great showing against Norwood, losing by only eight points after having got to within two points of their opponents. This game produced poor football, the only redeeming features being the close finish, and the great goalkicking of C. C. Munro, the South recruit, who scored 10 goals.

After having made a great game of it with North for three terms, Torrens were outplayed in the final stages, and the Prospect side won comfortably.

HOW THE TEAMS STAND LEADING GOALKICKERS

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Ag.	Pts.	Today	Total
Sturt	7	7	—	—	788	513	14	5	39
Norwood	7	4	2	1	670	622	9	3	38
North	7	4	3	—	678	643	8	2	34
Torrens	7	4	3	—	609	665	8	6	27
Port	7	3	3	1	600	633	7	6	24
Glenelg	7	3	4	—	694	683	6	1	23
South	7	2	5	—	615	761	4	—	23
West	7	—	7	—	623	757	—	4	22

Football Topics

HOW PLAYERS' FORM WILL VARY

(By O. J. O'Grady)

The performances of G. B. Johnston, the Glenelg high-flying ruck-man against Torrens last Saturday and North the previous week, provided such a sharp contrast that the student of football form is liable to arrive at a conclusion which may not be quite correct.

In the game against North, Johnston gave an exhibition of high marking probably as good as anything ever seen before. But at Thebarton last Saturday he took only two really spectacular marks, and the people who had gone to this match to see Johnston repeat his dazzling display, were disappointed.

Why is it that a footballer can show such a sharp reversal of form? Williamson, the Torrens captain, has been praised for having subdued Johnston. Those spectators who attribute Johnston's quiet day entirely to Williamson's attention, are, in my opinion, making a mistake.

Williamson certainly shadowed Johnston thoroughly and in addition showed a return to that form which enabled him to do so well with the State side last year. The Torrens captain has been indisposed for the greater part of this season, and actually should not have been playing in some of the games. A continuance of his form of last Saturday probably would gain him a place in the State carnival side.

To say that Williamson subdued Johnston in, in my opinion, only a part truth. It was obvious to me that Johnston was not quite himself, as early in the game Foote, of Torrens, clearly outmarked the Glenelg champion.

Many times during the day Johnston got his hands on the ball, but could not hold it. It must be remembered that footballers are human beings, and human beings have their bright days and their dull days. Johnston's form at Glenelg against North was so phenomenal that some reaction had to be expected.

Exciting Football at Norwood

CLOSE CALL FOR REDLEGS

Munro Kicks 10 Goals for South

Team	G.	B.	Pts.
NORWOOD	16	16	112
SOUTH	15	14	104

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Krome (4), O'Brien (3), Plumstead, Allington, F. P. McCallum (each 2), Pfitzer, Medlen, W. R. McCallum. South—Munro (10), Tully, Masters, Murdy, Long, Baxter.

Best Players.—Norwood—Johnson, Krome, H. Page, Chinnery, Plumstead, and Pfitzer. South—Jaffer, Tully, Rose, Masters, Croft, and Munro.

HEAVY DEFEAT FOR WEST

Team	G.	B.	Pts.
STURT	19	14	128
WEST	8	10	68

Goalkickers.—Sturt—G. Green (5), Shuttleworth (4), Musman (3), Longmore, Smith, Wundersitz (each 2), R. Green, West—Bennetts (3), Webber (2), Simons, Whelan, Branson.

Best Players.—Sturt—Wadham, Dann, Longmore, G. Green, Musman, Shuttleworth. West—Webber, M. Jarvis, J. Bennett, Tonkin, Simson, Hill.

North Finish at Their Best

Team	G.	B.	Pts.
NORTH	15	15	105
TORRENS	12	10	82

Goalkickers.—North—Farmer (6), Hemers (3), Hardwick, McInnes, Parler (each 2). Torrens—Frogley and Pontifex (each 3), Foote and McLoughlin (each 2), Wilson and Perkins.

Best Players.—North—McNamara, Hawke, Hemers, Farmer, Mackay, McInnes. Torrens—McKnight, Road, Frogley, Perkins, Drury, and Beagley.

GLENELG FAIL BY A POINT

In a desperate last-minute rally Port just stayed off defeat by Glenelg at Glenelg. Port won by a point.



A. Hooper

Port played great football in the second quarter, outplaying Glenelg in every department. They were taster on the ground better in the air, and kept their positions well. The game was fast and fairly open throughout, and was marked by many fine bursts of system. A feature of the game was Port's remarkable shooting in the first three quarters. Early accuracy in attack undoubtedly won them the game.

GLENELG.—Backs—R. Rosewarne, James, Wise. Half-backs—Brock, Wells, Griffiths. Centres—Hill, Coleman, Hailstone. Half-forwards—Owens, Sallis, Wundersitz. Forwards—Colyer, C. Rosewarne, Goldsworthy, Ruck—Johnston, Olliver, Link, Stringer (19th).

Stringer (19th) replaced Goldsworthy (injured rib) at the beginning of the last quarter.

PORT.—Backs—West, Gilbert, Wilkinson. Half-backs—H. Quin, Obst, Allingham. Centres—Oehme, Whitaker, Dermody. Half-forward—A. Hender, Prideaux, Whicker. Forwards—Hooper, Ritch, Reval, Ruck—V. Johnson, Wightman, W. Hender, Terrell (19th).
Terrell (19th) replaced Quin (cramp) in the last quarter.
Umpire—D. Eglinton.

Owens (Glenelg) won the toss, and chose the Brighton end, which was favored slightly by a westerly breeze.

The game opened sluggishly, Glenelg were the first to attack, but lack of cohesion among the forwards enabled Obst to clear. Port drove in, and rugged work by Reval put Prideaux in possession just in front. The ball recruit opened the scoring with a goal.

Glenelg countered with a point and a major from C. Rosewarne, and Link snapped another goal soon afterwards. The play was dull and uninspiring, with both teams kicking poorly and fumbling the ball.

Maintaining the pressure, Glenelg drove in sporadically, but sure work by Obst, Wilkinson, and Gilbert, who were watching C. Rosewarne closely, kept them out until Colyer broke through with a goal.

Developing better system, Port scored goals from Ritch—who marked nicely in front—and Hooper.

Marking ruggedly within easy range, Reval sent up a goal for Port. Glenelg retaliated with a smart goal from C. Rosewarne. His next shot was not so accurate, but Colyer made amends by snapping full points.

Hasty work by the Glenelg forwards had spoiled many excellent opportunities forward. Marking as the bell rang, Hooper was allowed the kick. He raised both flags.

Team	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG	5	10	40
PORT	5	1	31

Reval scored a goal in remarkable fashion shortly after the resumption. Hooking the ball over his head, it bounced towards the posts over James' head, and went through. Playing aggressively and systematically, Port drove in and A. Hender goal.

Now definitely on top, Port dashed in again. Prideaux, who was shaping well at centre half-forward, booted his second goal. A beautiful shot from 60 yards out by Wightman sailed through a minute later. Port had jumped to a well-earned lead of 21 points.

Port were playing fine, open football, booting their men to the ball and working better for position. Prideaux followed a great mark a few yards out with full points, and cleverly eluding his opponents, punted another on the run.

In contrast with previous wretched forward performances, Port so far had 12 goals and two behinds.

After Colyer had goal, Glenelg burst in again, but Gilbert marked an accurate shot by Link on the line. He mis-kicked, however, and Griffiths returned it through the goal.

Team	G.	B.	Pts.
PORT	12	2	71
GLENELG	7	12	54

Port set off aggressively, and a nice series of passes carried them to the goalmouth. Whirling out of the crush Hooper snapped the ball through.

Marking over C. Rosewarne, Gilbert drove Glenelg out, but the Bays came back again, and Owens, freed a yard out, made no mistake. Port replied with full points from Ritch, and Owens goal again for Glenelg. A magnificent long shot by Wightman went sailing through, and a similar shot by Link called up both flags.

It was accurate shooting for goal. Dashing in strongly, Owens goal on the run. Sweeping Port off their feet, Glenelg attacked forcefully, and Owens, Johnston, and Colyer goal.

The home team's kicking had improved out of sight, six goals having come from seven shots. They were now only three points behind.

Points from Sallis and Owens reduced their deficit to a point, but Port won the advantage again with a timely goal from Reval.

Only a point behind after a goal from Link, Glenelg fought desperately but unsuccessfully for the lead.

Team	G.	B.	Pts.
PORT	16	5	101
GLENELG	14	16	100

After Port had scored two points a fierce Glenelg onslaught yielded a goal from Coleman, who had been replaced at centre by Sallis.

Port peppered Glenelg's back line, but for the first time their forwards were seen at a disadvantage, two singles being the best they could manage.

When Link goal, Glenelg had regained the lead, but they lost it immediately afterwards, Ritch goaling for Port. After a period of even play, Owens obtained full points for Glenelg, and Ritch got his fourth goal for Port.

Marking magnificently, Ritch again kicked accurately with a long drop kick, putting Port nine points in front.

A fierce onslaught by Glenelg was capped by a goal from Owens. The same player put Glenelg three points to the good when he kicked truly from an angle. Port responded with two vigorous advances, but again the forwards let them down, points only resulting. With only a minute to go and a point behind Port attacked desperately, and rushed a single. The scores were level.

Wightman marked the kick-off, and the crowd held its breath with excitement. He sent the ball well in. The pack fumbled it, and A. Hender dashed in to snap the winning point.

Team	G.	B.	Pts.
PORT	20	14	134
GLENELG	19	19	133

Goalkickers.—Port—Ritch (5), Prideaux, Hooper (each 4), Reval (3), Wightman (2), A. Hender, N. Hender, Glenelg—Owens (6), Colyer, Link (each 4), Rosewarne (2), Griffiths, Johnston, Coleman.
Best Players.—Port—Hooper, Obst, Wightman, Reval, A. Hender, Allingham, and Gilbert. Glenelg—Link, Wundersitz, James, Colyer, Owens, and Hill.

CLOSE-UPS OF LEAGUE FOOTBALLERS

FARMER showed glimpses of good form against Torrens, but could get only six goals from 14 shots. Of the remaining eight shots two went out of bounds. His marking, particularly in the latter half, was quite like that which made him renowned in front of goal.

TODAY was the second occasion this year on which A. Hender has saved Port on the bell. When Port drew with Norwood at Alberton, he kicked the goal that equalised the scores as the bell rang. At Glenelg today he snapped the point that gave his team victory.

CLOSELY watched by Gilbert, Rosewarne, Glenelg's champion forward, had a lean day at Glenelg. He did not enter into the game with his usual dash, and failed to reveal the enterprise that usually characterises his play.

WEBBER was the best player for West against Sturt, and the only forward to do at all well. Bennetts got three goals, but his effort was a weak one.

WADHAM played a safe game at full back left for Sturt against West. Dunn marked well when stationed in defence, and Sims did fairly well at centre half-back.

McKNIGHT, given the task of keeping Hawke, the North centreman, quiet, so that Pontifex could strengthen the forward line, played sound football for Torrens. In the second quarter, with the aid of Perkins and Beagley, who were beating the North wingmen, he made the centre line Torrens' strongest division.

FROGLEY, centre half-forward for Torrens, was at his top when the work was hardest at Prospect. After North had done all the scoring in the last quarter for the first 17 minutes, he battled his way through and scored two goals for the gold-and-blues. Like Pontifex, who also scored three goals in all, Frozler struck the top of a post with a long shot. The shot looked accurate when it left his foot, but curved round.

HAWKE, the North centreman, played soundly against Torrens after having been out for six weeks with a wrist injury. He took some grand marks, and several times out-distanced the opposition with long-striding rushes.

HOOPER was one of Port's best men at Glenelg. He roved pluckily all day, and his four goals were the result of clever scouting and quick thinking.

REVAL worked hard all day for Port against Glenelg, and took some great marks. Wightman and Obst also did well.

LINK and Colyer, Glenelg's dashing rovers, both finished with four goals against Port. By a coincidence, Hooper, the Port rover, finished with the same tally.

RITCH, a Port recruit, shaped promisingly in front of goal at Glenelg. His brilliant work at critical stages in the last quarter was mainly responsible for Port's victory.

WHETHER following or placed, Krome was prominent for Norwood against South. He rendered invaluable service in the ruck, and knocked out with judgment. His four goals were scored when badly needed. They were the result of keen anticipation when going for marks.

McNAMARA, who went to the full-back position only because Fleet could not play for North, was the greatest thorn in the side of Torrens. Although opposed by Pontifex, he often saved brilliantly. He always beat Pontifex to the mark when the pair had to run for it, although he was beaten when the two clashed in the air. But he shone on the ground.

OWEN'S six goals for Glenelg against Port was a real captain's effort. He was at his top in the third quarter, when his determined play greatly assisted Glenelg's recovery.

SOUTH have a valuable forward in C. C. Munro, who kicked 10 of his team's 15 goals at Norwood. Munro had kicked 39 goals in six games with the South association team before he was promoted to the senior side today. He had been tried with South before, but had failed because of his poor play in securing possession.



A. Hender



G. Frogley



J. Owens