

PORT, SOUTH, TORRENS, AND WEST WIN FOOTBALL

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VICTORIES TO THE TWO BOTTOM TEAMS OF 1933

Red-and-Blacks Brilliant In First Win Since 1932 MAGPIES' IMPRESSIVE START

Hard games and surprise victories to South and West, the two bottom teams last season, made the opening of the league season today one of the most successful for many years. Enthusiastic crowds attended at all grounds.

Port, who show signs of developing into one of the most solid sides in the competition, outstayed Sturt at Unley. The magpies won in the packs, and their speed and hard bumping tactics proved too much for the double-blues. But for inaccuracy in kicking for goal, Port would have won comfortably.

South finished full of running to put on seven goals in the last quarter against Norwood. The redlegs had only 17 men on the field in the final term because of injuries to two men, and tired badly over the last 10 minutes of the game.

Strong, fast play by Torrens left North standing in the last quarter of the game at Thebarton. North broke down badly in attack, and could not match Torrens' pace after the last change.

Showing fine fighting qualities and great pace, West registered a brilliant performance in downing Glenelg. The Bay side had the breeze at their backs, and only a four-point leeway to make up at the last change, but faded before the speed and vigor of the red-and-blacks.

WEST'S FIRST VICTORY SINCE 1932

FINISHING with a paralysing last quarter burst, in which they held Glenelg against a strong wind, West recorded a great victory—their first since 1932—at Wayville.

Glenelg seemed assured of victory when the last quarter began, but they wilted under the pace set by West, and finished lamely.

Only a team trained to the minute could have finished as strongly as West did.

GLENELG.—Backs—Olliver, James, Griffiths. Half-backs—Wilson, Percy, Carlos. Centres—Armstrong, Sallis, McCarthy. Half-forwards—Leak, Brock, Cornelius. Forwards—Colyer, Goldsworthy, Owens. Ruck—Johnston, Byrnes, Link, Hale (19th).

WEST.—Backs—Hare, Mattiske, C. Bennett. Half-backs—Graham, M. Jarvis, Mason. Centres—J. Bennett, Webber, Foweraker. Half-forwards—E. Hill, Connell, Murphy. Forwards—Jackson, Parry, E. Bennetts. Ruck—H. Jarvis, Simons, Tonkin, Smith (19th).

Smith (19th man) replaced C. Bennett (injured shoulder) after half-time. Umpire—D. Eglington. At Wayville. Attendance, 3,000.

Winning the toss, M. Jarvis gave West the advantage of a strong breeze that favored the city end. Assisted by strong ruck work by Johnston and dashing work on the fringes by Link, Glenelg did most of the early attacking.

Within a minute they had a goal on the board from the accurate left foot of Owens, who had been freed in front. West were uncertain in the air, and showed a tendency to crowd the game.

Finding their feet suddenly, they took charge, led out systematically, and scored 4-1 without giving Glenelg a chance. Connell (2), H. Jarvis, and Parry were the goalkickers.

Glenelg rallied desperately, and Link with a nice angle shot kicked a timely goal. The feature of the game so far had been the strong defensive work of Mattiske for West, and Griffiths for Glenelg.

A nice chain of passes from Sallis to Cornelius and then Brock gave Brock a chance, but he kicked badly. Maintaining the pressure, West peppered the Glenelg defence and Tonkin followed a dashing run with a goal.

So far little science had been employed by either team.

Goldsworthy, who was being badly beaten by Mattiske, stood out for the first time when he snapped a great left-foot goal. West countered briskly with a dashing six-pointer from Parry, who was easily the best rover to date.

	G.	B.	Pts.
WEST	6	5	41
GLENELG	3	2	20

Link scouted grandly to put on three goals straight for Glenelg less than eight minutes after the second term had begun. When Owens got another one within a minute, Glenelg had converted a deficit of 21 points to a lead of three points.

West's reply was a fierce onslaught, which yielded full points from Bennetts.

Glenelg's fifth goal came up when Colyer was freed close in and made no mistake. Only magnificent defensive play by Mattiske kept Glenelg from scoring more heavily. Time and again he cleared with an irresistible dash from the goalline.

Right at the top of his form, Link was playing flawless football for Glenelg in a forward pocket. Tigerish ground play and uncanny anticipation gave him another opportunity, and his fourth major for the quarter was posted.

A systematic burst, in which Webber, J. Bennett, Hill, and Tonkin were the principals, carried West to the goalline, but James turned them back.

	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG	9	6	60
WEST	7	9	51

The best football of the match was seen early in the third quarter. Checking on incination to crowd the play, both teams developed sound system, and the ball was flashed from end to end.

Glenelg drove in aggressively, and an incessant bombardment was rewarded with two singles and a goal from Owens. West then swept forward determinedly, and Bennetts snapped two fine goals.

Playing exhilarating football, the teams had the crowd on tiptoes with a great exhibition of high marking, strong kicking, and thrilling ground play. Determined advances found the defenders of both sides equal to the task.

West tried hard to score, but every onslaught broke on the solid goalline resistance set by James and Griffiths. At the other end Jarvis, Mattiske, and Mason effectively checked the Glenelg forwards.

Bennetts regained the lead for West with a goal towards the end of the quarter.

	G.	B.	Pts.
WEST	10	13	73
GLENELG	10	9	69

With a freshening breeze behind them and only four points behind, Glenelg began the last term full of confidence. Using their weight unsparingly West bumped their way to the goalline, but James and Byrnes were in the way.

How the Games Finished

Unley				
Port	10-16	d.	Sturt	8-13
Thebarton				
Torrens	11-8	d.	North	5-14
Wayville				
West	13-19	d.	Glenelg	13-11
Adelaide				
South	19-12	d.	Norwood	16-9

How Teams Stand

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts	%
Torrens	1	1	-	-	74	44	2	62.71
Port	1	1	-	-	76	61	2	55.47
South	1	1	-	-	126	105	2	54.55
West	1	1	-	-	97	89	2	52.15
Glenelg	1	-	1	-	89	97	-	47.85
Norwood	1	-	1	-	105	126	-	45.45
Sturt	1	-	1	-	61	76	-	44.53
North	1	-	1	-	44	74	-	37.29

SOUTH'S DASH IN LAST TERM

KICKING seven goals in the last quarter, when Norwood had only 17 men on the field, the greatly improved South side defeated last year's premiership runners-up at Adelaide.

Norwood tired badly in the last 10 minutes of the game, while South were playing their best football at the end.

	G.	B.	Pts.
SOUTH	19	12	126
NORWOOD	16	9	105

Goalkickers.—South—Munro (6), Rosewarne (4), A. Cockburn (3), Tully (2), Murdy, McCarthy, Hall, Adair. Norwood—Krome (4), Huxtable, and W. McCallum (each 3), Palmer (2), O'Brien, Biddell, Salmon, Schultz.

Best Players.—South—A. J. Cockburn, Adair, Murdy, Munro, McCarthy, Cahill. Norwood—Hickman, Krome, Allington, W. McCallum, Palmer, Woodroffe.

PORT SCORE WITH FAST PLAY

SUPERIOR in almost every department, Port scored a comfortable victory against Sturt. The winners played fast, open football, displaying effective system, while Sturt spoiled each other, and kicked blindly. A feature of the game was the fine form shown by Prideaux (Port), who kicked six goals.

	G.	B.	Pts.
PORT	10	16	76
STURT	8	13	61

Goalkickers.—Port—Prideaux (6), Bampton, Quinn, Wightman, Jacquier. Sturt—Longmore, Morton (each 2), Smith, Wunderstz, Shuttleworth, Turner.

Best Players.—Port—Prideaux, Ween, Obst, N. Hender, Eden, Quinn, Tunbridge. Sturt—Robertson, Tuohy, Sims, Fisher, Morton, King, Wunderstz.

Stab Kicks and Flick Passes

MUNRO and Rosewarne constituted a powerful attack for South. Every one of Munro's scoring shots was a goal but the former Glenelg forward was less accurate than usual. He got four goals from seven shots.

MUCH of the credit for West's victory at Wayville is due to Mattiske, who played a magnificent defensive game. He soundly defeated Goldsworthy, whom he kept down to one goal. The big West full back marked brilliantly, kicked off faultlessly, and repeatedly cleared with fast, long dashes.

LINK played great football for Glenelg. Stationed in a forward pocket when off the ball, he gave a great display of nippy ground work and accurate shooting for goal. He kicked three goals in a row at one stage.

GRIFFITHS and James were a thorn in the side of the West forwards. Griffiths showed remarkable judgment in covering the goal while James was watching Bennetts. Strong marking and consistent kicking were features of James' play.

BENNETTS seven goals for West were mainly the result of fast and clever ground play and remarkable sharpshooting. His was a match-winning effort, as he kicked every goal for his team after quarter time.

MORTON was outstanding in the Sturt attack. His high marking at centre half-forward was responsible for many Sturt attacks. His goal with a mighty punt during the third term was a gem.



E. J. Bennetts

LAST TERM BURST BY TORRENS

AFTER breaking even for three quarters at Thebarton, North failed to withstand Torrens' last-quarter dash, when the Thebarton men added six goals. Had North's attack been more accurate the final scores would have been closer.

	G.	B.	Pts.
TORRENS	11	8	74
NORTH	5	14	44

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Footo, Waite (each 3), McKenzie (2), Frogley, Wilson, Bridgman. North—Farmer (3), McInnes, K. Burns.

Best Players.—Torrens—Read, Hanrahan, Downs, Adcock, Pontifex, Conroy, Shepherd, Bridgman. North—Walter, Taylor, Burton, McInnes, K. Burns, Strauss, B. Burns, Fleet.

Leading Goalkickers

Bennetts (West)	7
Link (Glenelg)	6
Munro (South)	6
Prideaux (Port)	6