

Torrens Regain Top Place on Percentage | North, Defeated by Six Points, Are Now Third | Fine Exhibition Of Game at Thebarton | CONDUCTED BY PERCY FURLER

WEST WIN BY 62 PTS.—BEST MARGIN OF DAY

South Wilt Under Vigor And Pace of Port's Fine Finish

PRIDEAUX BEST GOALKICKER—10

By reason of Torrens' win over Glenelg, and North's loss to Sturt today, Torrens have regained top position on the premiership list, and North drop back to third. The Thebarton men hold top place from Sturt because of a better percentage.

Torrens and Glenelg treated the spectators to a dazzling exhibition of football in the first half. Showing superior pace in the third term, Torrens raced away with a strong lead, and although Glenelg fought back in the last quarter, they could not break through the strong Torrens defence.

Kicking with remarkable accuracy, Sturt defeated North by six points. Whereas Farmer, the North crack, kicked badly, Morton, the Sturt full forward, scored seven goals from eight shots.

Outclassing Norwood in the air and beating them in the race to the ball, West overwhelmed the redlegs. After the first change the red-and-blacks seldom looked in danger of defeat.

Better system and stronger play were responsible for Port's win over South. South appeared likely to press the magpies closely when the last term began, but wilted under the pace and vigor of their opponents.

SPECTACULAR TORRENS WIN

AFTER two quarters of spectacular football by both teams, Torrens began a series of dazzling bursts that produced 7-3 to 1-4 in the third term, and easily defeated Glenelg at Thebarton.

Torrens' system revealed almost uncanny precision, and their speed made Glenelg appear slow by comparison.

The match was one of the best seen this season, although in the last term Torrens' big lead robbed it of interest.

TORRENS.—Backs—Bridgman, Conroy, Adcock. Half-backs—Quinn, Simpson, J. Read. Centres—Hanrahan, Frogley, Shepherd. Half-forwards—Waite, Pontifex, Mitta. Forwards—Baird, McKnight, McLoughlin. Ruck—Coulter, Theakstone, Wilson. Perkins (19th).

GLENELG.—Backs—Griffiths, James, Rosewarne. Half-backs—Wells, Jacka, Bergin. Centres—Shakes, Sallis, Seeley. Half-forwards—Cornelius, Owens, Leak. Forwards—Michalannev, Percy, Colyer, Ruck—Johnston, Hale, Link, Brock (19th).

Jacka (injured head) replaced by Brock at quarter time. Umpire—A. A. Raven. At Thebarton. Attendance, 4,500.

Although the slight breeze favored Glenelg, who kicked first to the southern end, Torrens were the first to attack, and machine-like precision enabled Pontifex to goal.

At the other end Hale played cleverly to place Owens in possession 40 yards out, and a hooked left foot snap, reminiscent of Owens at his top, put Glenelg's first goal on the board. Johnston from a mark at half-forward added another with a drop-kick.

Frogley, playing his first match for four weeks, was still troubled by his injured left leg, and most of Torrens' early openings came through Hanrahan on a wing. Baird goaled for Torrens.

Glenelg were more effective at half-forward and well-planned long kicks gave Colyer and Link opportunities to goal. Colyer's shot bounced through and Link's was the result of a meteoric dash from a pocket.

Baird (Torrens) and Link (Glenelg) goaled towards the end of a quarter of almost faultless football.

Table with 3 columns: G. B. Pts. for GLENELG and TORRENS in the First Quarter.

With the breeze a little stronger, but blowing more across the ground than it had in the first term, McKnight ran in to drop kick a spectacular goal. Soon afterwards Jacka, Glenelg's centre half-back, was carried off, and Brock took his place.

Rattling on the pace and bumping hard, Torrens began a long attack, but only points resulted, Pontifex missing from five yards out, after having marked at the side of the goal post.

Percy temporarily broke up the blue-and-gold burst with a goal, but at the other end Mitta, playing soundly in his first league match, enabled Coulter to put Torrens only four points behind.

Colyer ended a long scoreless period with the easiest of goals. He trotted into an open goal without opposition after two or three men of both sides had gone down in a bunch 20 yards behind him.

Goalkickers

Table with 4 columns: Name, Position, Today, Total. Lists goalkickers for Torrens and Glenelg.

Torrens continued to shoot inaccurately. By the time Wilson had snapped the blue-and-golds sixth goal Torrens were only a point behind.

Johnston delayed his kick just a fraction of a second at the other end, and the bell prevented him from increasing the difference between the scores.

Table with 4 columns: G. B. Pts. for GLENELG and TORRENS at half-time.

Percy missed an easy goal from a mark, but after Griffiths had stopped a promising drive, in which Bridgman, Hanrahan, and McLoughlin figured, Pontifex marked from McLoughlin and made amends for his failure just before half-time.

McLoughlin dashed in soon after and got a foot to the ball as it bounced in the goalmouth, just in time to send it through.

Both teams had been playing top-notch football, but now Torrens began to excel themselves, and with Hanrahan opening up many a lead with lightning dashes from centre wing shots were rained into the goal. One was punched out, but it went straight to Waite, who pounced on it and booted it truly.

The attack was now developing into a match-winning burst, and although Pontifex missed from a free in handy position, Waite marked his kick on the boundary and screw punted the ball through from an acute angle.

With Hanrahan playing grand football, Owens switched his wingmen, but Shakes was as powerless to stop the Torrens man's meteoric dashes as Seeley had been.

McLoughlin put the blue-and-golds 28 points ahead with his second goal, and his next shot was marked on the line by Pontifex, which put on Torrens' twelfth goal.

Owens from a free kicked Glenelg's first goal for the term only a few minutes before it ended. Pontifex marked as the bell rang, and his goal put Torrens in an unassailable position.

Table with 4 columns: G. B. Pts. for TORRENS and GLENELG in the Third Quarter.

Cornelius changed places with Owens at centre half-forward, and Bergin was given the task of stopping Hanrahan. Hanrahan was quieter, but Torrens continued to hold the advantage.

Pontifex (2), Baird, and Shepherd added goals for Torrens, and Percy and Cornelius for Glenelg.

Table with 4 columns: G. B. Pts. for TORRENS and GLENELG in the Final.

Best Players.—Torrens—Hanrahan, Quinn, Adcock, Bridgman, Pontifex, Mitta. Glenelg—Link, Johnston, Sallis, Griffiths, Cornelius, Wells.

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Pontifex (7), Baird, Waite, McLoughlin (each 2), Coulter, McKnight, Wilson, Shepherd. Glenelg—Owens, Link, Colyer, Percy (each 2), Johnston, Cornelius.

Table with 4 columns: G. B. Pts. for PORT and SOUTH.

Goalkickers. Port—Prideaux (10), Murphy (4), Hollingsworth, Hooper, Ritch (each 2), Bampton. South—Munro (7), Hall, Masters, H. M. Forrester (each 2), Tully, M. Murdy.

Best Players.—Port—Prideaux, Hooper, Brown, Reval, Murphy, Wilkinson. South—M. Murdy, L. Cahill, Masters, Tully, Kusby, Munro.

FINAL SCORES

Table with 4 columns: Team, Score, Opponent, Points. Lists final scores for Alberton, Thebarton, Adelaide, and Unley.

HOW TEAMS STAND

Table with 6 columns: Team, P. W. L. D., For, Agst, Pts, %. Lists current standings for Torrens, Sturt, North, West, Norwood, Port, Glenelg, and South.

TORRENS' BRILLIANT THIRD TERM BURST

Win One of Best Games Seen So Far This Year

(By Percy Furler)

One of the best games of the season was staged between Torrens and Glenelg at Thebarton today. Sparkling football was displayed by both sides in the first two quarters, with neither side holding any definite advantage. Torrens made a brilliant burst in the third term and built up a margin that the Bays were unable to wipe off.

Torrens opened in systematic style, and were sent goalward by a clever piece of handball by Bridgman to Waite, and a skimming kick found Pontifex, whose kick curled in.

Johnston was rucking strongly for Glenelg, but his judgment when going for marks was faulty. The blue-and-golds concentrated on spoiling efforts but were frequently penalised for them.

Torrens were showing more system than their opponents—a striking contrast to their lackadaisical efforts against North last week. Frogley was at centre, but his play showed that his return to the game was too early. He was hampered by his leg injury, and was obviously afraid to risk a possible recurrence. He kept clear of scrimmages and avoided sharp turns.

Glenelg were uncertain in the air, and frequently spoiled either other. The Bays settled down into their stride, and played sparkling football to place Link in possession, who raced goalward to score full points. Torrens excelled in snappy footwork, which allowed no opportunity for interception.

Cornelius made use of a perfect flick pass, which resulted in another goal. Raven was showing commendable latitude in the interpretation of this rule, and it was apparent that Glenelg have spent much time in practising its use.

HIGH-CLASS FOOTBALL

Both sides produced high-class football in the first term, which was made possible by good umpiring.

Baird, from within kicking distance, essayed a pass that resulted in the ball going out of bounds, but McKnight made amends shortly afterwards with a beautiful long shot.

Glenelg were unfortunate at this stage to have Jacka carried off with a head injury. He had played solidly at centre half-back, often repelling Torrens advances.

Both sides were displaying all the best features of the game. Clever handball, perfect foot passing, and hard but perfectly legitimate bumping often sent both teams goalward.

The ball was flashed from one end of the ground to the other, but the Bay forwards did not work with the same certain footwork in picking out a comrade in mid-field as did the blue-and-golds, who, however, were again rather uncertain in their kicking for goal.

Hanrahan's lightning-like dashes at centre wing repeatedly found the ball in the goalmouth, but many opportunities were wasted. Sallis was too good for Frogley at centre.

The bell rang at half-time with Glenelg attacking, and the one-point difference in the scores was an accurate criterion of the game.

JOHNSTON SHADOWED

Torrens attacked strongly to snatch the lead, and shortly after McLoughlin kicked their eighth goal off the ground. Bridgman had evidently been reputed to shadow Johnston and spoil him in his marking attempts, and he performed the job well.

Table with 4 columns: G. B. Pts. for STURT and NORTH.

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Morton (7), Sawatzke (3), Baxter, Wunderlich (each 2), King, Golding, Headdon. North—Farmer (5), Hayden (4), Walter (2), McInnes, Hay, Burns.

Best Players.—Sturt—Morton, Robertson, Tuohy, Sawatzke, Cameron, Day, Wunderlich. North—Burns, Burton, Hayden, Taylor, MacKay, Walter, Oatway, Knuckey.

Torrens were now showing superior pace to the Bay men, and with Hanrahan playing outstanding football at centre wing they attacked consistently.

When Waite goaled from an acute angle, Glenelg appeared to be confronted with a stiff fight to win. When Glenelg did attack they were repeatedly repelled by Bridgman, who dashed through to clear with strong kicks.

Glenelg switched their wingmen in an endeavor to quieten Hanrahan, who could do nothing wrong but the move was not successful.

HANRAHAN'S BRILLIANCE

The blue-and-gold wingman was the outstanding player on the field at this stage, and was responsible for the strong Torrens' bursts.

Owens was shaded by Simpson, who capably blocked Glenelg's direct route to goal. The Bay side were completely rattled, and the Torrens' forwards played dashing football to gain a commanding lead by the end of the third term.

Pontifex marked well soon after the beginning of the final term, and kicked accurately. Glenelg, although faced with a big deficit, fought back strongly, but Quinn led the Torrens backs to relieve the pressure. After many futile attempts the bays broke through and were rewarded by a goal from Percy.

However, Torrens were never seriously threatened, and in the closing stages were content to hold their substantial lead.

When Pontifex kicked his seventh goal all interest faded from the game. His kicking today was in great contrast to his poor shooting against North last Saturday.

Stab Kicks and Flick Passes

LINK welcomed his inclusion in the State side by a sterling exhibition of rucking for Glenelg. His clever turning got him out of many difficult situations.

SALLIS had the call over Frogley (Torrens) and repeatedly sent Glenelg goalward. His task was made easier because the Torrens man was nursing an injured leg.

JOHNSTON and Wells played well in ruck for Glenelg. Johnston was under notice to strong aerial work, but his judgment was at times faulty.

MATTISKE was a tower of strength for West. His high marking and long kicking enabled him to clear many dangerous Norwood attacks.

FARMER has rarely kicked for goal with greater inaccuracy than at Unley today. Although the North skipper got five goals, he had sufficient easy opportunities to more than double that figure.

MORTON'S seven goals played a prominent part in Sturt's success. His marking was up to the standard that earned for him interstate honors three years ago. His goals were obtained with eight shots, one of which was touched as it went through.

Table with 4 columns: G. B. Pts. for WEST and NORWOOD.

Goalkickers.—West—Bennetts (Perry, Keane (each 4), H. Jarvis, J. Hill (each 3), Huddle, E. Hill, Connell. Norwood—Huxtable (4), Brown, Schultz (each 2), Sisson, Bice, P. McCallum.

Best Players.—West—Mattiske, M. Jarvis, Connell, Perry, Fowler, Keane. Norwood—Allington, Bice, Huxtable, Brown, Hickman, Page, Schultz.