

FOOTBALL  
SECTION

## Steve McKee on Premiership Prospects of League Teams

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G. B. JOHNSTON, Glenelg ruckman, who has shown brilliant form, both for his club and the State team, this season.

## GLENELG MEN ARE FIT

Glenelg are not likely to make any changes in their team for the game against Torrens at Thebarton, as the selectors are not expected to change a winning team.

Colyer and Shakes both received ankle injuries against West, but should be available for selection tonight.

Brock has resumed training after a spell because of ankle trouble, but he may be given a run with the association team this week. Olliver, the vice-captain of the side, is recovering from an ankle injury, but may not go into the team.

It is expected that Owens will be at centre half-forward again. He was below par against West, but he should quickly get into form.

If it is decided to alter the team there is a big chance of Goldsworthy being included. He has shown brilliant form with the association team in recent games, and should have no difficulty in holding a place in the league side.

Glenelg's main trouble early in the year was with their defence, but now this section is giving good service. Jacka at centre half-back is playing very effective football, and is receiving good support from Wells and Bergin. The latter came to Glenelg from Gladstone with a reputation as a centre wingman, but the Bay side has received good service from him at half-back.

James, at full-back, is playing brilliantly, and should provide strong opposition for the Torrens full forward on Saturday.

## LEADING GOALKICKERS LEAGUE

Munro (South)	56
Farmer (North)	47
Bennetts (West)	45
Schultz (Norwood)	38
Prideaux (Port)	37
Brown (Norwood)	29
Link (Glenelg)	28
Owens (Glenelg)	26
Wundersitz (Sturt)	20

# WEST AND SOUTH HAVE LITTLE CHANCE

## Keen Fight for Fourth Place

Although the eight league teams are still clustered closely in the premiership table, and the qualifying round is only half-completed, there is a definite indication that the situation will assume greater clarity in the near future. Every team in the competition had a chance of reaching the major round until last Saturday.

Then South's last-quarter collapse at Norwood, and the failure of West against Glenelg at Adelaide Oval, practically put them out of the fight.

West have three and South four of the nine games yet to be decided on their home grounds.

If they win them all they will still have insufficient premiership points to carry them into the semi-finals, so that their prospects are far from bright.

West have to play North, Torrens, Norwood, Sturt, Glenelg, and Port away from home, and South's suburban tour is almost as severe. They have games at Unley, Thebarton, Alberton, Prospect, and showgrounds.

Even allowing for the remote possibility of a surprise or two by West and South during July and August, it is apparent that they cannot overcome the advantages they are conceding to the teams ranking higher on the list.

West have deteriorated unaccountably since defeating North and Torrens. North were decisively beaten by West's dazzling pace and system at Adelaide Oval, and at showgrounds West revealed determination that administered the first check to Torrens for the season.

Torrens had successively routed North, Glenelg, and South, but West fought back so strongly when Torrens came at them that the gold-and-blues went down to their first defeat.

West appeared to be a side that would mould into a formidable combination then, but against Glenelg last Saturday they showed neither pace, resolution, nor the slightest understanding of the fundamentals of combined action.

I am afraid that West's chance of emerging from the obscurity of the past six seasons has gone.

South have not touched winning form during June. The fact that their losing tallies have not been less than 16 goals in each of the three games during the period indubitably indicates that the defence does not match the quality of their attack.

This can be understood when it is remembered that stars like Munro, Murdy and Rosewarne have been operating at the scoring end, while the defence is chiefly in the hands of inexperienced juniors in their first league season.

South have scored more match points than any other team in the competition, and yet are in seventh position, with a strong probability that they will be at the bottom after meeting Port at Alberton.

North, after an uncertain beginning, have developed into a solid combination. The infusion of a strong junior element has filled their gaps very satisfactorily.

North have not the rugged determination of Furler to inspire them when the tide of battle is flowing strongly against them, but for all that the red-and-whites are more reliable in the rucks than they have been for several seasons.

Hayden is coming along in great style as a follower, and Hay and Bowman have solved North's roving problem.

Burton is playing better than ever, and with Knuckey developing into a

Sturt's five successive wins have found them steadily acquiring greater forward strength, and although they have to play at Glenelg, Thebarton, Norwood, and Alberton their power at Unley will probably enable them to avoid elimination.

At the moment it appears that there will be a triangular contest for fourth place between Norwood, Glenelg, and Port.

The magpies are at the bottom of the table solely through the severity of their casualty list, which has smashed the team to pieces.

Port are unlucky not to be in fourth place. A stiff uphill fight confronts them to escape elimination from the major round for the fourth time in 30 years, but Port have five games at Alberton, and if Eden, Wightman, West, Obst, and Kellaway are soon available they should win them all.

Port have also to play at Prospect, Glenelg, and twice at Adelaide Oval, against South and Torrens.

In addition to winning five times at Alberton it will be necessary for Port to defeat at least two of their opponents away from home.

Glenelg's contract is very similar. The Bay team will play in five matches at Glenelg, where they meet North, Sturt, Norwood, West, and Port. Games with North and South at Adelaide Oval, Torrens at Thebarton, and Norwood at Norwood for the second time this season complete their schedule.

Like Port, Glenelg will need to win all along the line during July when they have three successive games on their own oval.

However, the result of their second and third clashing with Norwood will probably decide whether or not they figure in a semi-final for the first time in their 14 years' existence as a league team.

Norwood stopped a losing sequence by defeating South, but the redlegs must improve their defence considerably, and Schultz and Brown must retain the goalgetting form they showed against South for Norwood to avert elimination.

## Saturday's Games

### LEAGUE

Norwood v. West, Adelaide Oval.

Sturt v. North, Unley Oval.

Torrens v. Glenelg, Thebarton Oval.

Port v. South, Alberton Oval.

### ASSOCIATION

South v. Torrens, Kensington Oval.

Norwood v. Port, Norwood Oval.

West v. Sturt, showgrounds.

North v. Glenelg, Prospect.

real topnotcher at centre North's offensive power is counteracting weak points in the back lines.

Against Torrens North showed that they can score heavily without Farmer bagging most of the goals, a feat rarely performed by them during the past four seasons.

North lead the field with 11 premiership points, and have a tremendous "percentage" superiority.

With four more games at Prospect North are assured of participation in the semi-finals.

Torrens have not maintained the early excellence which threatened to carry them well clear of the field, but when Frogley and Read are sound again I have no doubt that the gold-and-blues will earn the right to contest the knock-out games of the major round.

## GLENELG'S BID FOR FINAL ROUND

### Keen Association Fight

CHIEF interest in the association matches this week will centre on the meeting of North and Glenelg at Prospect Oval. The red-and-whites have yet to suffer defeat this season, and with Glenelg playing in great heart the meeting of the two teams should result in a display of vigorous, fast, football.

The Bay side are in the leading four for the first time for 10 years, and are one of the most impressive teams in the competition at the present time.

After downing Port at Alberton in the last series, Glenelg consider that they have more than an even chance of stopping North's run of successes.

With the half-way mark of the season passed, it seems that five teams will fight out the placings for the final round. Norwood, West, and South can be counted out of the fight, but the improved play of the redlegs may cause a reshuffle of positions among the teams higher on the list.

Sturt's prospects have waned slightly following their defeat by South. It was a last minute burst by the blue-and-whites that unsettled the double-blues.

Both North and Glenelg should be strongly represented for the big game on Saturday. Smart, who received a kick on a hand at the showgrounds, may not be able to play for the red-and-whites.

Corry (head injury) and Milhinch, who stood down from the last game because of an ankle injury, are expected to be available.

Pash, a junior from the Prospect North Club, has joined the team, and looks like developing into a good centre wingman.

Strauss has been the outstanding man for North in the last three or four games. He has shown great improvement. Martin, the centre half-forward for the team, is another to show improved form.

### ASSOCIATION LIST

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.
North	9	8	—	1	905	670	17
Torrens	9	7	2	—	930	704	14
Port	9	6	3	—	979	699	12
Glenelg	9	5	4	—	824	869	10
Sturt	9	4	5	—	819	914	8
Norwood	9	2	7	—	769	822	4
West	9	2	7	—	672	928	4
South	9	1	7	1	622	914	3

### PROMISING FORWARD

Although Borgan and Aikman received slight injuries at Alberton, the Glenelg committee will not know until tonight whether they will be fit to play. Borgan is approaching league form rapidly. He stands 6 ft. 4 in. and weighs 14 st. 7 lb. He is a first year recruit from McLaren Flat.

Block will be fit to play this week, and Elsdon, who has been off the active list, will also be available for selection.

Goldsworthy has now struck top form, and it would not surprise if he were given a run in the senior team in the near future.



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

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## 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.

First Quarter			
	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG	5	4	34
TORRENS	3	4	22

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 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

	Today	Total
Munro (South)	7	63
Farmer (North)	5	52
Bennetts (West)	4	49
Prideaux (Port)	10	47
Schultz (Norwood)	2	40
Brown (Norwood)	2	31
Link (Glenelg)	2	30
Owens (Glenelg)	2	28
Morton (Sturt)	7	23

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.

	Half-time	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG		7	6	48
TORRENS		6	11	47

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 to 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.

	Third Quarter	G.	B.	Pts.
TORRENS		13	13	91
GLENELG		8	10	58

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.

	Final	G.	B.	Pts.
TORRENS		17	17	119
GLENELG		10	11	71

**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.

	PORT	21	17	143
	SOUTH	15	16	106

**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

Alberton					
Port	21-17	d. South	15-16		
Thebarton					
Torrens	17-17	d. Glenelg	10-11		
Adelaide					
West	21-15	d. Norwood	11-13		
Unley					
Sturt	17-8	d. North	14-20		

### HOW TEAMS STAND

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts	%
Torrens	9	6	3	-	830	766	12	52.01
Sturt	9	6	3	-	862	844	12	50.53
North	9	5	3	1	977	800	11	54.98
West	9	4	4	1	943	970	9	49.29
Norwood	9	4	5	-	943	1025	8	47.92
Port	9	3	5	1	1018	967	7	51.28
Glenelg	9	3	5	1	885	1041	7	45.95
South	9	3	6	-	1056	1101	6	48.96

## 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 rather 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

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## Stab Kicks and Flick Passes

LINK welcomed his inclusion in the State side by a sterling exhibition of raving 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.

STURT	17-8	110
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NORTH	14-20	104
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**Goalkickers.**—Sturt—Morton (7), Sawatzke (2), Baxter, Wundersitz (each 2), King, Golding, Headon, North, Farmer (5), Hayden (4), Walter (2), McInnes, Hay, Burns.

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

WEST	21	15	141
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NORWOOD	11	13	79
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**Goalkickers.**—West—Bennetts, Parry, Keane (each 4), H. Jarvis, J. Hill (each 3), Heddle, E. Hill, Connell, Norwood, Huxtable (4), Brown, Schultz (each 2), Sisson, Bice, P. McCallum.

**Best Players.**—West—Matiske, M. Jarvis, Connell, Parry, Fowler, Keane, Norwood, Allington, Bice, Huxtable, Brown, Hickman, Page, Schultz.