

Today's Winners---Torrens, Norwood, Port, North

Easy Victories Scored In All League Games

LAST YEAR'S PREMIERS GO DOWN BADLY TO NORTH

Farmer's Great Start—12 Goals

Today's opening series of league football matches resulted:—

- Torrens, 19—23 (137 pts.) d. Sturt, 7—12 (54 pts.)
- Norwood, 13—18 (96 pts.), d. South, 7—7 (49 pts.)
- Port, 14—7 (91 pts.), d. West, 7—13 (55 pts.)
- North, 22—19 (151 pts.), d. Glenelg, 11—11 (77 pts.)

Racing away from Glenelg and soundly beating them in every department, North inflicted a smashing defeat on last year's premiers. After the first quarter, when his kicking was astray, Farmer gave the North followers a marking and goalkicking treat to score 12 goals for the match.

Torrens proved far too strong for Sturt at Thebarton. Showing superior ground play and adapting themselves better to the conditions, Torrens never looked in danger of losing after half-time.

Port always held the upper hand against West at Alberton. Strong defensive work, coupled with a brilliant burst in the second quarter, in which Port scored five goals in succession, left West laboring behind. Playing a solid, forceful game, and at times producing flashes of system, Norwood comfortably defeated South.

North Win Everywhere

NORTH played almost faultless football in defeating Glenelg, last year's premiers, with the greatest ease at Glenelg. For one quarter Glenelg offered stiff opposition, matching North's system with speed and hard bumping, but they were outclassed everywhere after that.

GLENELG.—Backs—Griffiths, Whittaker, Hale. Half-backs—Wells, Brock, V. Richter. Centres—Carmody, Sallis, Shakes. Half-forwards—Bergin, Goldsworthy, Link. Forwards—Owens, Percy, Colyer, Ruck—Johnston, Oliver, Link, Cornelius (19th).

NORTH.—Backs—Melvin, Fleet, Barrett. Half-backs—Carvoso, S. Burton, Ruth. Centres—A. Burton, Knuckey, K. Burns. Half-forwards—Tregrove, Martin, B. Burns. Forwards—Batt, Farmer, Hayden, Ruck—Strauss, Spencer, Hemers, McInnes (19th).
Empire—L. C. Thomas.

After the first quarter, when from five shots at easy distance he scored only one goal, Farmer gave North followers a marking and goalkicking treat that he has seldom equalled. In all he got 12 goals. He missed with only three shots after his poor opening quarter.

After Owens, winning the toss, had decided to give Glenelg the advantage of what wind there was, last year's premiers began a strong attack, but weak kicking in front robbed them of the whole effect of their burst.

Three shots produced nothing, and 13 minutes passed before Owens grabbed the ball in front and scored with a point. Colyer, dashing in, added another, and then Hale put Glenelg's first major on the board.

In the meantime Knuckey, who began grandly at centre, had paved the way for a goal from Hayden for North. Griffiths cleared a dangerous thrust.

Farmer's kicking at this stage was not that of the Farmer of old. Of five shots more than 20 yards out only one produced full points.

North were playing with much better system, but Glenelg's speed and judicious use of weight enabled them to keep reasonably close.

Martin goaled for North with a long shot, but Goldsworthy and Owens, with a snap over his shoulder, put the seashiders within five points of the northerners.

First Quarter			
	G.	B.	Pts.
NORTH	3	7	25
GLENELG	3	2	20

Owens slammed the ball in, and Owens came out of a scramble with it. His left foot swung and the ball came off at an angle and bounced through.

North were profiting from free, and Spencer and B. Burns quickly goaled.

Rush at half-back, was an obstacle to several Glenelg spurts, but eventually they went through on the wing. Fleet, to clear, tried a short pass in front of goal to S. Burton, but Link dashed in, marked and goaled.

Farmer began to reveal his form at the other end. Marking, whether opposed or alone, he scored his second and third goals through.

North were definitely on top now, and goals by Batt and Spencer put them well ahead.

Half-time			
	G.	B.	Pts.
NORTH	9	12	66
GLENELG	5	3	33

With only half of North's score on the board, Glenelg had lost all semblance of the form which carried them to the top of the list last season. Brock, who had held up many North attacks in the first half, was powerless to stop the avalanche.



HAYDEN (North) flies above G. Hale (Glenelg) in an attempt to mark from a team-mate at the Glenelg Oval today. M. Whittaker, goalkeeper, waits below in case the leaping players should Glenelg fail to hold the greasy ball.

Once the ball was booted into the goalmouth Farmer was irresistible. He worked into position cleverly, and marked as he liked over the opposition. Whittaker could do nothing with him, and in six minutes he added four more goals to his tally.

After kicking only one goal in five shots in the first quarter he regained all his old accuracy, and seven more shots produced six goals.

Isolated bursts by Glenelg produced goals from the boots of Owens and Link and Hale. Spencer and Farmer replied for North.

Colyer goaled for Glenelg in the closing stages of the quarter.

Third Quarter			
	G.	B.	Pts.
NORTH	15	17	107
GLENELG	9	8	62

North maintained complete control at practically all points. When Glenelg did manage to start a promising move they usually kicked so inaccurately that North captured the passes without opposition.

Farmer took his goal tally for the match to 12 with four more goals, and others were scored by Batt and Spencer (2). Percy and Goldsworthy scored for Glenelg.

Final			
	G.	B.	Pts.
NORTH	22	19	151
GLENELG	11	11	77

Goalkickers.—North—Farmer (12), Spencer (5), Batt (2), B. Burns, Martin, Hayden, Glenelg—Owens (3), Link, Hale, and Goldsworthy (each 2), Colyer, Percy.

Best Players.—North—Farmer, Rush, Martin, Hemers, B. Burns, Spencer, A. Burton. Glenelg—Johnston, Brock, Griffiths, Link, Owens, Colyer.

How Teams Stand

	F.	W.	L.	for agst.	Pts.
Torrens	1	1	—	157	84
North	1	1	—	151	77
Norwood	1	1	—	96	49
Port	1	1	—	91	55
West	1	—	1	55	91
South	1	—	1	49	96
Glenelg	1	—	1	77	151
Sturt	1	—	1	84	137

Who Kicked Most Goals

Farmer (North)	12
Bottomley (Torrens)	8
Prideaux (Port)	5
Spencer (North)	5
Heusler (Norwood)	4
Smith (Sturt)	4

Glenelg's 1934 Play Praised

"I think it is a league football record for a team to struggle along for 14 years without getting a place in the four and then to win the premiership," said the chairman of the South Australian Football League (Mr. T. S. O'Halloran, K.C.) at the Glenelg Oval today when he presented the 1934 premiers-ship shield to the chairman of the Glenelg Club (Mr. Tolley).

"It is also the first time in my 10 years' association with the league that a team has gone through the season without having a man reported," he added. "Play has to be strenuous, but the performance of Glenelg shows that it is possible for a team to top the list without resorting to tactics forbidden by the laws of the game."

Mr. O'Halloran also congratulated Bruce McGregor, the Glenelg coach, and G. B. Johnston, who won the Margaret Medal last season.

At the conclusion of the match a trophy given by Mr. J. R. Read was presented to Bruce McGregor by Mr. Anthony M.P. to commemorate the winning of Glenelg's first premiers-ship. A medal was also presented to L. Sallis from the same donor for securing the most Margaret Medal votes for a Glenelg player last year, other than G. B. Johnston, the winner. Mr. Read has presented another medal to be won similarly this season.

Close-Ups of Players

KEN Farmer, after a kicking lapse in the first quarter against Glenelg, gave a brilliant display. He kicked 12 goals in 19 shots. Whittaker, Glenelg's full back, was no match for the champion, and even his attempts to punch the ball when he was in the air with Farmer failed.

RUSH was the mainstay of North's sound defence, and Glenelg found it extremely difficult to pass him. Not only did he show excellent anticipation in securing the ball, but the way he disposed of it was an object lesson to Glenelg, whose passing was erratic. He seldom failed to put a team-mate in possession.

MARTIN and Spencer were the pick of North's new men in the match against Glenelg. Practically every one of Spencer's shots produced goals. Both marked well.

BROCK and Griffiths held North at bay several times in the first half of the match. Neither wasted any opportunities when he got the ball, and always got in a telling kick. When the North burst became an avalanche in the third term both faded somewhat from the picture, but were prominent again in the last quarter.

JOHNSTON (Glenelg), like Farmer for North, brought the ball down after prodigious leaps from all sorts of positions in the match at Glenelg. Few of North's big men could match him in the air.

Attendances Drop By 7,000

THE attendances at today's opening series of league football fixtures showed a decrease of approximately 7,000 in comparison with the corresponding series last year. The crowds at the various ovals were:—

Adelaide (Norwood v. South)	5,330
Thebarton (Torrens v. Sturt)	4,943
Glenelg (North v. Glenelg)	2,750
Alberton (Port v. West)	1,500
Total	18,123

Norwood Improve As Game Proceeds

AIDED BY POOR WORK FORWARD BY SOUTH

(By Percy Furler)

After a spasmodic opening, Norwood settled down as the game progressed to play improved football against South at Adelaide. Handling the ball better after half-time, Norwood dashed away in the third quarter to play solid football, and, helped by poor forward play by South, ran out winners by a comfortable margin.

NORWOOD	2-7	4-8	8-14	13-18	96
SOUTH	2-2	3-4	6-5	7-7	49

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Heusler (4), Schulz, O'Brien, Huxtable, Brown (each 2). West, South—Masters (2), Tully, Murdy, Rosewarne, Rusty, Miller.

Best Players.—Norwood—H. Page, Allington, Woodroffe, Sexton, Heusler, Sisson, W. McCallum, South—Mullcahy, Cockburn, Mackay, Jim Dawes, Masters, Mann, Forrester.

Easy Win To Torrens

TORRENS were much too strong in defence for Sturt, over whom they scored an overwhelming victory at Thebarton. Outpacing the double-blues, they soon established a handy lead, and increased it as the game progressed.

TORRENS	3-4	8-6	14-14	19-23	137
STURT	1-1	4-5	5-5	7-12	54

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Bottomley (8), McLoughlin (2), Waite, Hocking, Coulter (each 2), Filsell, Drury, Sturt—Smith (4), Barnden (2), Longmore.

Best Players.—Torrens—Frogley, Read, Bottomley, Conroy, Waite, McLoughlin, Simpson, Downs, Sturt—Sims, Wadham, Fisher, Day, Cameron, King, Johnston.

Port More Accurate

ESTABLISHING a handy lead in the second quarter with a brilliant burst of accurate kicking, in which they scored five goals on end, Port proved too good a combination for West at Alberton.

Port always held the upper hand, and the result did not appear to be in doubt at any stage. Port kicked far more accurately than their opponents, while they owed much to the splendid back division, in which Johnson, Eden, and Ween were supreme. West did not combine as well as their opponents.

PORT	3-4	8-7	10-10	14-17	91
WEST	2-0	4-5	6-5	7-13	55

Goalkickers.—Port—Prideaux (5), Jacquier (3), Hollingworth, Hender, Quinn (each 2). West—E. J. Bennetts, C. G. Smith (each 2), Soroghan, Heddle, Foweraker.

Best Players.—Port—Eden, Prideaux, Johnson, Hollingworth, Jacquier, Quinn, Hender, West—Hill, Keane (until injured), E. J. Bennetts, Smith, C. W. Bennett, Graham, Foweraker.