

Top Teams Beaten as League Fight Intensifies

Norwood Crushed By Sturt's Brilliant Run

PORT FAIL IN LAST TERM AGAINST SOUTH

Torrens' Close Call at Glenelg

(Conducted by Percy Furler)

Final scores in today's thirteenth series of league football matches were:—

Sturt, 22—17 (149 points), d. Norwood, 11—11 (77 points).

North, 15—19 (109 points), d. West, 11—9 (75 points).

Torrens, 14—5 (89 points), d. Glenelg, 11—19 (85 points).

South, 15—12 (102 points) d. Port, 11—13 (79 points).

Outmarking Norwood and beating them in general midfield play, Sturt were superior at Unley. After holding the redlegs in the first term they broke away and winning across centre and in the rucks, had the game won at half-time.

South regained lost prestige by defeating the leaders of the league premiership table at Adelaide. Although South failed to score in the second term their more accurate forward work enabled them to win comfortably.

With Farmer in top form—he scored 10 goals—North led throughout to defeat West comfortably at Prospect. Inaccurate goal shooting by Glenelg prevented them from winning their second match for the season. Torrens were not impressive, but scored a four-point victory.

How Teams Stand

	P.	W.	L.	Points		Prem. Pts.
				For	Agst.	
Port	13	10	3	1438	1074	20
South	13	9	4	1460	1235	18
Norwood	13	9	4	1221	1207	18
Sturt	13	7	6	1318	1271	14
North	13	6	7	1360	1340	12
West	13	5	8	1170	1249	10
Torrens	13	5	8	1147	1231	10
Glenelg	13	1	12	1030	1537	2

19,293 AT MATCHES

Attendances at league fixtures today aggregated 19,293. The crowds at the ovals were:—

Adelaide (South v. Port) 10,223

Unley (Sturt v. Norwood) 5,313

Prospect (North v. West) 2,257

Glenelg (Torrens v. Glenelg) 1,500

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Norwood's Strength In Air Matched

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	2.2	10.10	16.12	22.17	149
Norwood	4.6	4.7	8.8	11.11	77

(By Percy Furler)

BY their convincing win over Norwood at Unley, Sturt proved that they hold definite claims to premiership class. Excelling in the rucks, and holding the advantage on the wings, they continually had Norwood fighting a losing battle.

High marking was a feature of their play, and when Norwood found that they could not combat them in the air they attempted to race them in ground play. It says much for the balance of the Sturt team that they successfully opposed the redlegs in this department, and their last two wins have focused attention to their premiership prospects.

Goalkeepers.—Sturt—Lowe (5), Booth (4), Baum (3), Wundersitz, Baxter, Sawatzke Morton (each 2), Day, Roberston. Norwood—Warhurst (6), Schultz (3), Sawley, and McCallum.

Best Players.—Sturt—Jasper, Baum, Day, Treleaven, Booth, Sims. Norwood—Woodroffe, Schultz, McLean, Tugwell, Bice, and Warhurst.

Fine Forward Work Big Factor in South Win

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	6.7	6.7	13.8	15.12	102
Port	3.1	3.7	9.11	11.13	79

(By "Highflier")

PLAYING fine, systematic football, South won the game against Port in the third quarter today, when they put on seven goals straight. The blue-and-whites finished the quarter with a 21-point lead, and Port failed badly in their attempt at a recovery in the last quarter.

The magpies finished with virtually 17 men, for West was injured in the opening minutes of the term. He remained on the field with a hand bandaged, but was of no use to his side.

One of the biggest crowds for the season saw the teams fight out one of the hardest games staged at Adelaide Oval for a long time.

Goalkeepers.—South — Munro (6), Tully and Gravell (each 3), Jack Dawes (2), Murdy. Port—Hollingworth (4), Yates (2), Dermody, Prideaux, Quinn, Brown, and Ede.

Best Players.—South — Mackay, Munro, Tully, Cahill, Murdy, Rosewarne, and Rose. Port—Dermody, Meers, Jacquier, Hollingworth, Obst, and Quinn.

League Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Farmer (North)	10	90
Munro (South)	6	74
Bennetts (West)	3	67
Prideaux (Port)	1	57
Hender (Port)	—	44
Schultz (Norwood)	3	43
Brown Norwood	—	37
Wundersitz (Sturt)	2	37
Warhurst (Norwood)	6	35
Hollingworth (Port)	4	31

Farmer's Fine Play Helps North to Win

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3.6	7.6	11.14	15.19	109
West	1.1	5.1	7.4	11.9	75

(By F. K. M.)

BY far the most important factor in North's comfortable victory over West in the vital game at Prospect was Farmer's great exhibition at full forward.

After a series of indifferent displays he reproduced today the brilliant form he had displayed in the early matches of the season.

He completely dominated the area in front of West's goal, but the opposition he encountered from the West defenders was not as serious as it would have been had Matiske been playing.

Farmer nevertheless had to fight hard for many of his goals.

He kicked 10—4 from 14 scoring shots, some of them from seemingly impossible angles. This, under any circumstances would be a meritorious performance. Most of his scoring was done from marks. Time and again he soared above the packs, his unerring judgment giving him a tremendous advantage over his opponents.

Best Players.—North—Farmer, Melvin, Bottroff, Martin, Trengove, and Hayden. West—Mesecke, J. Bennett, Jackson, Tonkin, Headon, and Slade.

Goalkeepers.—North—Farmer (10), Hayden (2), Batt, Foulis, Spencer. West—Slade (6), Bennetts (3), Jackson, Brady.

League Close-Ups

MATTISKE'S absence through influenza was a severe blow to West today. He is perhaps the only defender in the league who would be capable of checking Farmer when the latter is at the top of his form. Hare was Farmer's opponent in the first half of the game. At first he appeared to be keeping Farmer fairly quiet, but before the first term was ended it was obvious that he was no match for the crack North forward. Matthews, who took Hare's place at half-time, was only slightly more successful than his teammate in checking Farmer.



W. J. Mackay

Mackay played a brilliant game at centre for South against Port. He made a strong post of the pivot, and played a big part in South's fine win. He kept his feet well on the slippery centre patch, and was full of running when other players were unable to stand.

MUNRO. Murdy, and Rosewarne played fine football in the forward line for South at Adelaide Oval. Munro well earned his six goals, while Murdy's fine work at half-forward was one of the main factors in South's winning burst in the third quarter.

Accuracy Tells At Glenelg

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3.2	6.2	13.3	14.5	89
Glenelg	2.5	7.11	9.12	11.19	85

(By M. W. J.)

THIRTY scoring shots—11 goals.

Nineteen scoring shots—14 goals.

This told the story of Glenelg's defeat by four points by Torrens at Glenelg. Superior in every other part of the field Glenelg should have won by several goals instead of going under to a team which on the day was distinctly inferior.

An exciting last quarter provided a welcome relief to a tame, unenterprising game, which Torrens must consider themselves extremely lucky to win.

Torrens' kicking for goal was extremely accurate. This was particularly demonstrated in the third term—the only time that the blue-and-golds actually had the better of the home side. In a dazzling burst the Torrens men kicked seven successive goals.

GLENELG BETTER IN RUCKS

For the first three quarters there appeared to be little interest in the game, but in the closing term the fight for leadership brought the spectators to their feet.

The Glenelg men were better in the rucks and in the air.

Taking the game all round Glenelg played by far the better football, although at no stage was it of the first-class entertaining type. They prevented their opponents putting up a big lead in the first term when they were served with a strong wind, then wiped off a 15-point deficit to reverse the position at half-time.

Suffering a disastrous lapse in the third term Glenelg temporarily lost sway and then staged a bold bid in the last term only to lose through faulty kicking.

Working against the wind, both sides were too prone to long kicks, which were frequently caught by the wind and blown back or out of direction. Many times low punt passes or snappy drop kicks would have been far more effective.

BAY JUNIORS PLEASE

The form shown by Torrens was anything but convincing. They too often lagged behind their opponents, and in individual clashes were generally outplayed. Glenelg had an exceedingly weak team, and although Bridgman was out of Torrens, their display should have been much better.

Probably the most pleasing aspect of the game from Glenelg's side was the play of the juniors Boyle, Elsdon, and Power. Boyle indicated that with a little more experience in league football he will be one of the outstanding men next year.

Although not having any direct bearing on the result of the game, there was ample cause for criticism of the display by Umpire Thomas.

TORRENS.—Backs—Adcock, Dinnison, Williamson. Half-backs—Downs, Frogley, Quinn. Centres—Filsell, Hocking, Hanrahan. Half-forwards—Foote, Theakstone, Waite. Forwards—McLoughlin, Kinlough, McKenzie, Ruck—Mullins, Kersley, Drury, Beagley (19th).

GLENELG.—Backs—Harford, Elsdon, Corbett. Half-backs—Cox, Percy, Whittaker. Centres—McCarthy, Sallis, Power. Half-forwards—Curnow, Boyle, Hannam. Forwards—Griffiths, Birrell, Bailey. Ruck—Johnston, Alkman, Link, Brock (19th). Umpire—L. C. Thomas.

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Kinlough (6), Waite (4), Drury (2), Mullins, and McLoughlin. Glenelg—Birrell (4), Boyle (3), Hannam (2), Johnston and Griffiths.

Best Players.—Torrens—Foote, Waite, Adcock, Kinlough, Williamson, Dinnison, and Hanrahan. Glenelg—Boyle, Curnow, Power, Percy, Johnston, Elsdon, Hannam.

HEAD and shoulders above his opponents in the air, and many yards longer than any other player in his kicking, Jack Boyle, playing at centre half-forward for Glenelg, was the outstanding performer in the match against Torrens at Glenelg. He showed without doubt that he has every attribute for a good footballer, and he is sure to take a prominent part in league discussions next season.

M. G. WAITE'S four goals for Torrens against Glenelg contributed to his side's fine record of accuracy. At least three of these could have been behinds without calling for criticism, as they were from difficult snapshots.

ALTHOUGH they lost, Glenelg have a reason to be pleased with today's game. Juniors like Power, Elsdon, Boyle, and Curnow showed great form. Power was used on a centre wing, and in his first match in league company acquitted himself admirably. He showed pace, judgment, and ability to pass the ball. Elsdon, entrusted with the difficult duties of full back, came through as one of the best men for Glenelg. He was a sturdy defender.

WITH his team playing anything but good football, M. Foote, West Torrens captain, was faced with a serious proposition at Glenelg. He set a great example to the side by his persistent and useful play. He was always in the fray, and came out as the best man for his side. Because of Bridgman's absence and the weak showing by his rucks, he had a turn there in the second term.