

LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Torrens Down South in Year's Closest Fight

North Inflict Huge Defeat on Norwood

WIN TO STURT FOLLOWS MANY ANXIOUS MOMENTS

CONDUCTED BY PERCY FURLER

Final scores in the fifteenth series of league football matches played today were:—

- Port, 15—18 (108 points), d. West, 12—10 (82 points).
- North, 20—14 (134 points), d. Norwood, 6—11 (47 points).
- Sturt, 17—16 (118 points), d. Glenelg, 12—12 (84 points).
- Torrens, 14—7 (91 points), d. South, 13—12 (90 points).

Although Torrens scored only two points in the last term, when they tired badly, it was just enough to mean South's fifth defeat of the season, and, if Norwood win against Sturt at Norwood next week, may rob the city team of second place, and the double chance that goes with it.

Norwood were crushingly defeated by North, who have little chance of a place in the four. Farmer, with eight goals, has kicked more than 100 goals for the sixth season. Sturt's victory followed a black first quarter, in which they scored only 1—1 to 7—5. Port were always comfortably placed against West.



ROY COLYER (Glenelg), who was the fastest man on the ground at Glenelg, and who was a big factor in his team's surprisingly good showing in the first half against Sturt.

North's Pace, Weight And Ruck Superiority

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	2.2	7.7	15.7	20.14	134
Norwood	3.6	4.6	5.11	6.11	47

(By H. K.)

THREE factors were responsible for North's overwhelming victory over Norwood at Prospect—a ruck superiority, greater pace, and a more effective use of weight.

It was an amazing reversal of form on the part of North, who last week gave a most inglorious display when they were trounced by Torrens at Thebarton.

North devised a particularly clever way of turning to their own account the checking methods used against Farmer. When Woodroffe, from behind, punched the ball away from Farmer as he attempted to mark there was always a small North man waiting to shark. North secured quite a few goals in this way.

Goalkeepers.—North—Farmer (8), Batt (6), Warhurst (2), Hemers, Shaw, McInnes, and Carvosso. Norwood—Schultz (2), Huxtable, McLean, Edwards, P. McCallum.

Best Players.—North—Batt, McInnes, Warhurst, Hemers, Fleet, Hayden, Melvin, Oatway. Norwood—W. McCallum, Schultz, Huxtable, Blanchard, Chinnery, and Bice.

South Lose In the Ruck

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3.1	7.5	14.5	14.7	91
South	2.1	2.5	4.4	12.12	90

(By Percy Furler)

WINNING in the rucks and holding the advantage on the wings for the first three quarters, Torrens withstood a determined last quarter thrust by South to record a one-point victory at Adelaide. South's performance was extremely disappointing from a premiership point of view, and only weak kicking by Torrens in front of goal prevented them from winning by a greater margin.

Torrens played strong, vigorous football. They led in the race to the ball, and at close quarters infused forceful tactics into their display, which left South laboring throughout the day. It is evident from today's display that the blue-and-golds are much stronger on a dry turf, where they have the opportunity of going through.

Goalkeepers.—Torrens—McLoughlin and Kintough (each 4), Drury (3), Foote, McKenzie, and Mullins. South—Gravell and Munro (each 3), J. P. Dawes and Rusby (each 2), Masters, Mackay, and Murdy.

Best Players.—Torrens—Filsell, Williamson, McLoughlin, Foote, Coulter, and Bridgman. South—Jack Dawes, Masters, Mulcahy, Rose, Mackay, and Cockburn.

How Teams Stand

	P.	W.	L.	Points		Prem.
				For	Ag.	
Port	15	11	4	1633	1268	22
South	15	10	5	1653	1414	20
Norwood	15	10	5	1431	1419	20
Sturt	15	9	6	1548	1442	18
North	15	7	8	1568	1485	14
Torrens	15	7	8	1336	1395	14
West	15	5	10	1340	1460	10
Glenelg	15	1	14	1192	1818	2

League Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Farmer (North)	8	103
Munro (South)	3	81
Bennetts (West)	5	74
Prideaux (Port)	4	69
Schultz (Norwood)	2	49
Wundersitz (Sturt)	5	47
Brown (Norwood)	—	45
Hender (Port)	—	44
Warhurst (Norwood)	—	41
Hollingworth (Port)	3	37

Glenelg Fade After Good Start

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Sturt	1.1	10.3	12.6	17.16	118
Glenelg	7.5	9.6	10.10	12.12	84

(By F. K. M.)

ALTHOUGH Glenelg surprised Sturt with a sparkling first term with the wind and stood up well to Sturt's almost unceasing barrage of attack in the second quarter, they faded after half-time, enabling Sturt to run out comparatively easy winners.

It was Sturt's better stamina that gave them the advantage in the end. As the game progressed their play improved. Glenelg, on the other hand, were unable to maintain the pace and dash with which they had begun. Sturt played in rather disorganised fashion in the early stages, but combined better after quarter-time. Their marking also improved.

The strong wind, which favored the southern goal, obviously played a very big part in the game but it was not the only factor which enabled Glenelg to pile up their quarter-time lead of 40 points.

In this term they marked better than their opponents, and at times combined in flashes of system which delighted the crowd. Their forwards, especially, played well together and made good use of opportunities.

STURT ATTACK IMPROVES

In contrast, Sturt's forwards did not seem to strike form early, and many chances were missed. The Bay defenders gave a sound display, and in this term were more than a match for the Sturt attacking division. Elsdon was outstanding with some great marks and fine clearing runs.

The second quarter saw Sturt on the offensive almost continuously until within five minutes of half-time. Their marking had now improved, and their kicking, too, was better.

It was in the forward division that the improvement was most marked. There were no more wasted opportunities and at times a fine understanding was shown. The half-forwards did particularly well. Booth and Morton both outmarking their opponents with monotonous regularity and always kicking accurately to team-mates within striking distance.

In this quarter most of Sturt's attacks were launched from the centre line, where King and Lowe did great work. There was very little between the teams in the rucks all through the game. Robertson was obviously off his game, and although Biggs and Wundersitz were among Sturt's star men, Johnson and Link did equally well for Glenelg.

GLENELG FADE

Glenelg's fate was sealed in the third term when once again they had the use of the wind. They were no longer able to set the pace as they had done in the first term, and most of the sparkle seemed to have gone out of their game.

Sturt by this time were more than a match for them, both in system and in the air. Both teams had the same number of scoring shots in this quarter, but Sturt kicked 2—3 to Glenelg's 1.4.

The last term was all Sturt's. They won everywhere, although Glenelg's defenders, particularly Elsdon, occasionally came into the picture when they took good marks. It was an anticlimax to a match which had promised to be a stirring fight.

GLENELG.—Forwards—Colyer, Birrell, Percy. Half-forwards—Curnow, Boyle, Bailey. Centre—McCarthy, Sallis. Power. Half-backs—Whittaker, Brock, Cox. Backs—Corbett, Elsdon, Harford. First Ruck—Johnston, Alkman, Link, Hannam (10th).

STURT.—Forwards—Baxter, Baum, Longmore. Half-forwards—Booth, Morton, Headon. Centre—King, Lowe, Baldoek. Half-backs—Anderson, Sims, Aistrophe. Backs—R. Green, Tuohy, Jasper. First Ruck—Robertson, Biggs, Wundersitz. Second Ruck—Baum, Green, Baxter. Empire—S. A. D. Hill.

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Wundersitz (5), Baum (3), Booth, and Morton (each 2), Biggs, Headon, Aistrophe, Longmore, and Lowe. Glenelg—Birrell (4), Johnston and Colyer (each 2), Link, Bailey, Curnow, and Boyle.

Best Players.—Sturt—Wundersitz, Morton, Biggs, King, Baum, Booth, Glenelg—Colyer, Curnow, Johnston, Elsdon, Birrell, Link.

Port's Form Unimpressive

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	7.7	9.12	13.16	15.18	100
West	1.0	3.7	6.9	10.10	82

(By M. W. J.)

ALTHOUGH Port Adelaide defeated West Adelaide at the showgrounds by an apparently comfortable margin of 26 points, the victory was not the least impressive and was far from promising as a premiership guide.

When fresh they played inspired football, giving a great display of high marking and kicking. But in the last quarter they tired to a walk and, were overwhelmed by their opponents, who were only beaten by time.

Goalkickers.—Port—Prideaux (4), Hollingworth (3), Rudd, Wightman (each 2), Dermody, Johnston, Quinn, Brown. West—Bennetts (5), Mesecke, Slade (each 2), Ball, Tonkin, Walker.

Best Players.—Port—Dermody, Hollingworth, Wightman, Wilkinson, Revval, Johnson, Obst, West—Headon, Tonkin, J. Bennett, Webber, Smith, Walker, Bennetts.

Close-Ups from Ovals

FARMER, like most members of the North team, did not strike top form until after the first quarter at Prospect, but when he settled down goals came in the usual remarkable manner. He finished with eight, bringing his total for the season to 103. His hundredth goal was a fitting shot. From an acute angle the champion forward punted the ball through to the plaudits of the crowd and the players.

McLOUGHLIN scouted brilliantly, and his four goals were the result of clever anticipation.

MULCAHY and Rose worked with understanding in South's back line. Co-operation by these two players resulted in many promising Torrens drives being broken.

FILSELL had the best of matters at centre wing for Torrens. His sparkling dash and long kicking often placed the ball within scoring distance.

BOTH in the ruck and in defence, "Blue" Johnston, Glenelg's vice-captain, did fine work for his side today. His soaring high marks gained him the applause of the crowd time and again.

COLYER, Glenelg's star rover, was at his top today. Always a game, clever player, there was no one on the ground in the Glenelg-Sturt match to touch him for speed and agility. Both of his goals were kicked after he had dodged and squirmed his way through crushes.

Attendances

Adelaide (Torrens v. South)	5,562
Prospect (North v. Norwood)	3,401
Showgrounds (Port v. West)	2,850
Glenelg (Sturt v. Glenelg)	2,000
	13,812

ELSDON, who played at full back for Glenelg today, performed brilliantly for his side. He took some great high marks, and was responsible for fine clearing dashes. Other pleasing aspects of his play were that he always sent the ball well out of the danger zone and picked out his team-mates well.

IN spite of their indifferent showing in the first quarter, Sturt's forwards must take much of the credit for their team's victory over Glenelg. Morton and Booth marked well, and gave a pleasing exhibition of position play. Baum also did well in the air, and his shooting was accurate.

UNDOUBTEDLY the outstanding man in the Port-West match at the showgrounds this afternoon was J. Dermody. He gave a brilliant display on the wing, where his anticipation, marking, and kicking were superb. He was not beaten all day.

TAKEN off Dermody because he could not combat that player's brilliance, Jack Bennett, West vice-captain, played a dashing game for West in the second half of the match for which he was more than a match for Whicker, and in the last term, when West were pressing their opponents hard, he led in the attack time after time.

COCKBURN, although not the powerful force of previous encounters, often turned Torrens back. He was troubled by a leg injury after half-time, which prevented his unwinding his characteristic dashes.



E. J. McLoughlin



J. Dermody