

Norwood Come From Behind to Win by 36 Points

West, South, and Port Score In Other League Matches

HEAVY RAIN MAKES BALL GREASY AND CONGESTS PLAY Two Forwards Score Six Goals Each

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Final scores in the league football matches today were:—

Norwood, 15—20 (110 points), defeated North, 11—8 (74 points).
South, 16—10 (106 points), defeated Torrens, 11—14 (80 points).
West, 13—18 (96 points), defeated Sturt, 9—10 (64 points).
Port, 15—17 (107 points), defeated Glenelg, 8—6 (54 points).

The surprise of today's series of league games was the defeat of Torrens by South. Weakened by injury in the opening matches, they always appeared to hold the blue-and-golds, and won comfortably. Port and West, having the advantage of the wind and a dry ball in the opening quarters of their games against Glenelg and Sturt respectively, built up a winning lead and were never troubled to hold their advantage. Norwood bumped their way to victory against North, who could not settle down in the wet conditions.

Port Excel In Dry; But Poor in Rain

35-POINT WIN

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	
Port	9-6	13-7	14-15	15-17	107
Glenelg	0-1	6-4	6-4	8-6	54

(By O. T. H.)

PORT Adelaide, in defeating a weakened Glenelg team at Alberton, gave a paradoxical display. In the first term when the ball was quite dry, they played masterful football, yet their brilliant machine-like drives gave the impression that they had plenty in hand; in the last half when the ball was wet, they gave a sorry display, that bodes badly for them against a strong team on a thoroughly wet day. Glenelg were a little better in the wet, but Port's first-term dash had placed them too far ahead to be challenged.

Glenelg's biggest weakness was the method of attack against the strong breeze in the first quarter. They kicked the ball in the air instead of attempting short stabs or low punts to another forward.

This would have been bad, had they only the wind to beat. But coupled with this was the superior aerial strength of the Port defenders, and it was suicidal. As it was in the 50 minutes they kicked to the northern goal against the wind, they kicked one solitary point.

TACTICAL LESSON

Port in the second term gave the Bays an object lesson. Their beautiful long-driving kicks and fine leaps of the first term turned abruptly into an attack of half-distance passes, and marks chest high. Port kicked four goals one in that term against the wind.

Undeniably Port had the best material for this form of attack. Glenelg were playing only half their regular players—but the tactics the Bays adopted left them without a hope in the world of winning.

The weakness of Glenelg was aggravated at the last minute by the announcement that Johnston, their star man, could not play through injury. But it is doubtful whether he or the rest of the injured players could have prevented Port winning by a substantial margin.

Port won the toss, fortunately for them, perhaps, for their play in the rain did not indicate that they would have scored so heavily had they kicked with the wind in the half-wet second term instead of the first. Almost immediately they began to show their superiority, and spectators began to estimate the odds against Port repeating their performance in the same match last year—a league record score.

SCRAMBLES IN RAIN

They drove down the field with easy superiority, and piled up goal after goal. Glenelg's one point came from Owens. He was not ideally placed—on the left side of the goal—the wind did not help him, and his screw punt wormed just the wrong side of the post.

In the second term, with the wind, Glenelg, obviously suffering from an inferiority complex, began to take heart when the play stayed mainly at their end and they outscored Port. Only Port's well-conceived forward play prevented their taking the scores closer.

The rain started, but until half-time it did little to affect the play, although Port's high-marking men gradually drifted from the prominence they had won in the first term.

ASSOCIATION

GLENELG 18—27

PORT 8—9

Goalkickers.—Glenelg—Winkler (9), Bailey, Ludeman (2), Elsdon, Hannam, Scott, Eatts, and Ormond. Port Adelaide—Dawe (3), Murphy (2), Wicker, Casey, Perry.

Best Players.—Glenelg—Hannam, Winkler, Bailey, Curnow, Ahrendt, and Seeley. Port Adelaide—Rudd, Murphy, Stagatch, Eaton, Shaughnessy, Callahan.

NORWOOD have two extra tall forwards in McLean and Schultz, who can get the ball against any opposition. Their ability to get on to the ground is surprising for men so tall.

Attendances Down

Attendances showed a decrease of approximately 5,000 compared with the corresponding series last season. The attendances at the various ovals were:—

Norwood (Norwood v. North)	7,900
Adelaide (South v. Torrens)	4,647
Alberton (Port v. Glenelg)	3,300
Unley (West v. Sturt)	2,578
	18,417

Half-time saw the end of football as spectators want to see it. Players on both sides began to crowd towards Port's goal, where after the first few minutes the play was concentrated almost without interruption. At times there were only two or three men of each side between centre and Glenelg's goal, and none was within kicking distance of the goal.

Port—or rather players of both sides by congesting the play there—managed to keep the ball in Port's area, but they kicked the heavy ball badly. Nine scoring shots produced one goal and nearly as many other shots went out.

Port were as bad in the last term, which was a replica of the third except that Glenelg kicked a little more accurately, and that Port got the ball to their empty forward line a little more often. It was a relief to spectators when the second half scramble ended.

Eden was one of the few Port men who continued to play anything like good football after half-time, and in the first term he was one of the most efficient cogs in Port's smooth systematic machine. Yates and West stood out, too, in that first term, but the virtual impossibility of holding overhead marks after half-time told against them.

Colyer, because of the way he "sharked" the ball in the second term, when bunches of high-fliers were repeatedly misjudging the flight of the wind-carried ball, made him Glenelg's most valuable man. Two of Glenelg's eight goals came from his judgment in this way.

Goalkickers.—Port—Hender and Prideaux (each 4), Hollingworth (3), Quinn (2), Rudd and Oehme (1 each).

Glenelg—Colyer (3), Link and Owens (each 2), and Stott.

Best Players.—Port—Eden, Ween, West, Prideaux, Hender, Glenelg—Colyer, Link, Stott, Hale, Sallis.

PORT.—Backs—Wilkinson, West, Jaquier. Half-backs—Eden, Johnson, Meers. Centres—Whicker, Bampton, Dermody. Half-forwards—Oehme, Hollingworth, Yates. Forwards—Rudd, Prideaux, Hender, Buck—Wightman, Ween, Quinn, Hansen (19th).

GLENELG.—Backs—Harford, Whitaker, Wells. Half-backs—Richter, Brock, Fischer. Centres—McCarthy, Sallis, Stott. Half-forwards—Birrell, Burgan, Carlos. Forwards—Edwards, Owens, Colyer. Ruck—Percy, Hale, Link. Cox (19th).
Umpire—S. A. D. Hill.

Close-Ups of Players

MANY people throughout the State will rejoice at South's first victory for the season. If ever a "State" team took the field, South were represented by one today, because 10 of their eighteen were recruited from outside their district. Tully, their captain, lives at Gawler, while they have even a player from the South-East in Egan. The Dawes brothers, Cockburn, Rusby, Oborn, Raymond, and Reddaway come from country centres also, while Gravell is a former Melbourne player.

WHEN the rain began in the second term, Glenelg trainers were soon on the ground distributing mittens. After half-time every Glenelg man had mittens and long-sleeved guernseys. All but six Port men also wore long sleeves, and some who did not have gloves. Players disagree about the value of sleeves and gloves in wet weather, some saying that when gloves become wet and slightly muddy they are much worse than bare hands for handling the ball.

WHEN the final bell went at Alberton Hale and Prideaux were chasing the ball across the goalmouth launching kicks at it and missing. If he had not heard the bell Prideaux must have wondered why he was not tackled, for he kicked at the slithering ball for about three seconds after the bell before he finally connected and sent it through.

VIC. Johnson was a pleased man at the finish of the game at Adelaide Oval today. When South learned that the man who had led Port for five years was retiring from the game they signed him up as coach for this season. Vic was confident that his team would win today, and he is looking forward to many other wins before the season closes.

How Teams Stand

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.
Port	3	3	—	334	191	6	
Norwood	3	3	—	318	200	6	
North	3	2	1	368	269	4	
Torrens	3	1	2	299	296	2	
West	3	1	2	228	267	2	
South	3	1	2	237	319	2	
Sturt	3	1	2	242	329	2	
Glenelg	3	—	3	227	382	—	

Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Farmer (North)	4	37
Bottomley (Torrens)	3	15
E. J. Bennetts (West)	4	13
Hender (Port)	4	13
Prideaux (Port)	4	12
Schultz (Norwood)	6	12
Brown (Norwood)	5	11

Win Assured After First Quarter

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	8.7	10.11	12.16	15.18	98
Sturt	1.0	5.3	9.5	9.10	64

(By F. K. M.)

IN a game that was as wild and dreary as the weather, West gained a comfortable victory over Sturt at Unley. Rain began midway through the first quarter, and did not cease once during the game, but even in the early stages, before the weather broke, there was little really good football. Both teams marked poorly, and their anticipation and kicking usually was faulty.

Goalkickers.—West—E. J. Bennetts, C. G. Smith (each 4), C. W. Bennett (2), Jackson, Mescecke, Nash. Sturt—Hancock (4), Wundersitz (3), Longmore (2).

Best Players.—West—Mattiske, E. J. Bennetts, C. W. Bennett, Hare, Heddie, Tonkin. Sturt—Wadham, Hancock, Toms, Wundersitz, Longmore.

Vigorous Last Term Tactics Bring Win NORWOOD CLEVER IN MUD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	1.1	5.0	9.10	15.20	110
North	4.0	6.0	9.0	11.0	74

(By PERCY FURLER)

FIGHTING doggedly and ploughing their way through the crushes, Norwood staged a vigorous last quarter to snatch the game away from North, who had led throughout.

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Schultz (6), Brown (5), Huxtable (2), O'Brien and Edwards. North—Farmer (4), Batt and Spencer (each 2), Hayden, Hemera and Burton.

Best Players.—Norwood—Brown, McLean, Huxtable, Bice, P. McCallum, W. McCallum, and Sisson. North—Foulis, Knuckey, Martin, P. Burns, Carosso, Spencer, Strauss.

South Prove Too Fast For Torrens GREAT SPEED IN RAIN

(By "Highflier")

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	0-0	8-5	11-8	16-10	106
Torrens	4-3	7-5	9-12	11-14	80

SOUTH literally splashed their way through to beat Torrens at Adelaide Oval today. Although the rain made scientific football impossible, I think that the blue-and-whites would have won under any conditions.

It is only on rare occasions that one sees a team which kicked so badly in their general play, win so well in the finish.

If more wet Saturdays are to be expected, players will have to think out new methods of play. This question is more one for Torrens to decide than South because the blue-and-golds cannot be ranked as a wet weather combination. Some of their men did well, but generally Torrens did not relish the rain and mud.

Providing South can build up their second ruck, they will give many a team a fright. Jim Dawes appears to have found his true position at full back. With Munro picking up form and Rosewarne still to go into the team, the blue-and-whites should give a good account of themselves in the matches to come.

South today were better balanced than any blue-and-white team I have seen for a number of years.

Goalkickers.—South—Munro (6), Masters, Murdy, Gravell, Rusby (each 2), Jack Dawes and Forrester. Torrens—Bottomley (3), Coulter, Molan (each 2), Drury, Waite, Hocking, and Filsell.

Best Players.—South—Mackay, Tully, Cahill, Masters, Egan, Munro, Tully and Rusby. Torrens—Bridgman, Coulter, Drury, Adcock, Waite, McLoughlin, Frogley.