

Glenelg Win First Match for Season by Goal

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EXCITING FINISHES IN THREE LEAGUE GAMES

West Come From Behind To Defeat North by 20 Points

PORT DECIDE MATCH IN FIRST TERM

Scores in today's league matches were:

- West, 16—22 (118 points), d. North, 14—14 (98 points).
- Norwood, 12—10 (82 points), d. Sturt, 8—13 (61 points).
- Port, 20—10 (130 points), d. South, 11—16 (82 points).
- Glenelg, 11—19 (85 points), d. Torrens, 10—19 (79 points).

Playing brilliantly Glenelg scored their first win of the season by defeating Torrens by six points. High marking and systematic play made the game a high-class exhibition of the Australian code.

Playing all over South in the first term Port rattled on 12 goals, and although South fought back determinedly the magpies' early advantage proved too much to overtake.

Apparently beaten at half-time West staged a remarkable recovery to defeat North, while Norwood scrambled through to defeat Sturt in an unimpressive display at Adelaide.

Glenelg Win In Great Style

(By F. K. M.)

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Glenelg	2.5	4.12	8.14	11.19	85
Torrens	3.4	4.11	7.14	10.19	79

SHOWING a remarkable reversal of the form they have so far shown this season, Glenelg thoroughly deserved their six-point win against Torrens.

From the bounce it was obvious that it was not to be the one-sided match that football critics expected, Glenelg leading off with dash and vigor, which they maintained tirelessly throughout the day. No one could have foreseen that Glenelg, who had not won a game this season, would defeat the team that broke Norwood's run of victories last Saturday. Incidentally, it was Torrens' first defeat for the season on their home ground, which makes Glenelg's win all the more creditable.

It must be admitted, however, that it was not Torrens' lucky day. No less than five times, shots for goal hit the post, Kinlough being unlucky enough to do so twice. Frogley, Waite, and A. Conroy also missed sixers by the same narrow margin.

It was the sort of game that delights a football crowd. All the elements of spectacular and exciting football were there—close scoring, sure marking, and long kicking, with the pace all day a "cracker" and the result in doubt until the final bell.

The match was largely fought out in the air, where neither team had a decided advantage, although there were brilliant exponents of high marking on both sides. Glenelg's main advantage was in the fact that they won all day in the race for the ball.

They made the pace so hot in the early stages that it seemed doubtful whether they would be able to last out, but it was a remarkable tribute to the training and stamina of the team that the speed of the game grew even faster as the game progressed.

HARASSING TACTICS

Torrens countered Glenelg's pace with what might be described as harassing tactics, sparing neither themselves nor their opponents with hard bumps in the crushes. They were also the more systematic team, carrying the ball time and again almost from one end of the field to the other with delightful combined play. Often, however, their system broke down forward, partly because of lack of cohesion in that division, and partly because of Glenelg's sturdy defence.

A similar weakness forward was also apparent in Glenelg, with the result that for long periods the defenders on both sides dominated the game. At opposite ends of the field, H. Richter, for Glenelg, and Williamson and Bridgman for Torrens, stopped attack after attack with wonderful soaring marks. All are big men and used their height to the fullest advantage.

Some idea of the closeness of the game may be gained from the fact that at no time did more than 13 points separate the teams.

Glenelg had an opportunity of building up a big lead in the second quarter, when they completely dominated the game, but they kicked seven behinds in a row before their first goal for the quarter was scored.

GREAT FINISH

It was during the last term that the greatest excitement occurred. Torrens, who had not had the lead since the end of the first term, got within a point of Glenelg within a few minutes of the start of the quarter with a goal from A. Conroy. A little later the two teams were level; then two quick goals from V. Richter put Glenelg ahead again.

With only two minutes to go, Torrens were 13 points behind. A flash of beautiful system carried them forward, where Kinlough marked amid cheers, which were quickly silenced when it was seen he had hit the post. Then Conroy marked almost on the goal line, and sent the ball through for a sixer. Torrens had made a wonderful last-minute burst, and only just failed to recapture the lead.

GLENELG.—Backs—Griffiths, H. Richter, Wells. Half-backs—Curnow, Brock, Harford. Centres—McCarthy, Sallis, A. H. Abrendt. Half-forwards—Elsdon, V. Richter, Hannam. Forwards—Eatts, Goldsworthy, Seeley. Ruck—Percy, Corbett, Colyer. G. Cox (10th).

TORRENS.—Backs—Downs, Williamson, Adeock. Half-backs—J. Read, P. Read, Simpson. Centres—Hannahan, Hocking, Beagley. Half-forwards—Bottomley, Waite, A. Conroy. Forwards—Heath, Kinlough, Quick. Ruck—Bridgman, Frogley, Drury. Filsell (10th). Umpire—P. K. Ford.

Goalkickers.—Glenelg—V. Richter (3), Eatts, Hannam, and Seeley (each 2). Goldsworthy, and Wells. Torrens—Waite, Downs, and A. Conroy (each 2). Quick, Frogley, Bottomley, and Drury.

Best Players.—Glenelg—Colyer, Sallis, Percy, H. Richter, Hannam, Brock, Goldsworthy. Torrens—Bridgman, Waite, Frogley, P. A. Read, Williamson, Drury.

How Club's Stand

	P.	W.	L.	Points		Prem.
				For	Ag't	
Norwood	6	5	1	595	472	10
Port	6	4	2	683	505	8
West	6	4	2	564	517	8
North	6	3	3	644	580	6
South	6	3	3	602	624	6
Sturt	6	2	4	501	626	4
Torrens	6	2	4	558	563	4
Glenelg	6	1	5	446	706	2

Leading Goalkickers

	Today		Total
	For	Ag't	
Farmer (North)	2	2	47
Prideaux (Port)	6	0	30
Hender (Port)	6	0	29
E. J. Bennetts (West)	4	0	28
Schultz (Norwood)	3	0	25
Munro (South)	3	0	22
Brown (Norwood)	3	0	20

West Score In Second Half

(By H. K.)

OFFICIAL SCORES					
	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	1.5	4.13	13.16	14.22	118
North	2.3	9.6	15.9	14.14	98

Although the goal umpires announced that the final scores in the West-North game were West 16—22, North 14—14, three unofficial compilers made the scores West 15—22, North 15—14. These scores were confirmed by club officials.

Goalkickers.—West—Bennetts (4), Smith, Jackson, Mesecke, Jarvis (each 2), O'Donnell, Nash, Heddle. North—Warhurst (6), Hemers (3), Farmer, Spencer (each 2), Melvin, McInnes.

Best Players.—West—Mesecke, Mattiske, Foweraker, Jackson, Headon, Tonkin. North—Hemers, A. and S. Burton, Warhurst, Spencer, Martin, Foulis.

Port Win In First Term At Alberton

(By "Highflier")

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	12.4	13.5	17.6	20.10	130
South	1.2	3.9	8.13	11.16	82

Goalkickers.—Port—Hender, and Prideaux (each 6), Hollingworth (3), Quinn and Brown (each 2), Jacquier, South—Munro (3), Murdy, Jack Dawes, Rosewarne, and Rusby (each 2).

Best Players.—Port—Whicker, Dermody, Johnson, Quinn, West, Prideaux, and Bampton. South—Cockburn, Rosewarne, Gravell, Rusby, Mackay, Mulcahy, and Reddaway.

Opposition By Sturt Backs Weak

(By PERCY FURLER)

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	3.2	7.4	9.6	12.10	81
Sturt	4.3	5.9	6.12	8.12	61

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Warhurst (4), Brown and Schultz (each 3), O'Brien, Sisson, Sturt—Lowe, Green (each 2), Biggs, Sawatzke, Wundersitz, and Yarwood.

Best Players.—Norwood—Schultz, Brown, Bice, Chinnery, Woodrooffe, Sexton, Sturt—Biggs, Headon, Robertson, Wadham, Lowe, Treleven.

20,115 at Games

Attendances at all league fixtures today reached 20,115. The crowds at the ovals were: Adelaide (Norwood v. Sturt) 9,022; Alberton (Port v. South) 4,350; Wayville (West v. North) 3,470; Thebarton (Glenelg v. Torrens) 3,273.

LOWE created a fine impression in his first league game for Sturt. Although not tall, he leaps with uncanny judgment and shows dash in his ground play.

S. HEADON repelled many attacks launched by Norwood. He was the only member of the double-blue back line to reach top form throughout the day.

AFTER a quiet opening Schulz came into his own. He outmarked his opponent and beat him by superior position play.

League Close-Ups

HAD Gravell been able to finish off his work by good kicking he would have registered a brilliant performance for South today. The former Melbourne boy obtained possession of the ball on many occasions, but his kicking was extremely poor.

COLYER, Glenelg's rover, was one of the fastest men in a fast team in today's game against Torrens. Although he did not score any goals himself, his clever elusive play and accurate passing were directly instrumental in getting his team at least four sixers during the second half.



R. Collyer

WHETHER following or in defence, Bridgman again played a splendid game for Torrens. In the latter position he marked brilliantly time and again, and whenever he gained possession his long kicks took the ball well out of the danger zone.

ONE of the best men on the ground for Glenelg today was Sallis, who completely dominated the centre for the Bay team. Always on the alert for chances, he was probably the starting point of more Glenelg attacks than any other player, and was a big factor in keeping them on the offensive for the greater part of the game.

ALL of Glenelg's defenders did well today, but H. Richter and Brock were outstanding. Torrens at first attempted to drive straight down the centre, but with these two men in their way, they were forced to change their tactics.

IT is a cause of constant comment how E. J. Bennetts, the diminutive West forward, contrives to get so much of the play in the goalkick. He is extremely fast in getting off the mark, which is one of his chief assets. In addition, he seems to have an extra sense of direction that enables him to find the goal with a snapshot from any position. One overhead snapshot today was a marvel.

WEST must be well in the running for selection as the full back for the State side. The Port man gave an unblemished display in the position today. Kicking-off was a feature of his game.

WOODROOFE kept goals in determined style. Safe in the air and kicking off strongly, he must be considered for the State side.

BILL Whicker is one of the outstanding centre wingmen in league company. He proved this by his display at Alberton Oval today. He relies more on clever position play and pace than on vigor to bring results, and his methods are successful. He has held one wing safe for Port in all games played so far this season.

UMPIRE Allen came in for some attention from the spectators at Alberton today, but he did not deserve the criticism levelled at him. On the whole he handled the game in a very efficient manner.

THERE is no doubting the interest of the Port supporters in their goalgetters. Scores of people change end with the players at the end of each quarter. This was particularly noticeable at Alberton today. In the second and last quarters the area behind the Cheltenham goal to which South were kicking was almost deserted.

WHEN Mattiske almost completely subdued Farmer in the West-North match at Wayville, the role of chief goalkicker for North was taken over by Warhurst, who roves for Spencer and Melvin in the second ruck. Warhurst was elusive, fast, and particularly accurate in his shooting for goal, kicking six majors in seven scoring shots. Mattiske, the West goalkeeper, enhanced his claim for that position in the State side by the way in which he subdued Farmer at Wayville this afternoon. He stuck as close to the North champion as a shadow, and used almost uncanny judgment in keeping Farmer away from the ball.



B. Mattiske

IT is a coincidence that North should have been associated with two umpiring blunders on successive Saturdays, and that two brothers (Field-Umpire L. C. Thomas and Goal-Umpire E. J. Thomas) should be affected by the disputes. Last Saturday North scored a goal after a boundary umpire had signalled the ball out of bounds, and today the goal umpires credited West with a goal more than they secured, and North with one fewer than they kicked.