

# South Defeat Port in Bid for Place in Four

### How League Teams Stand

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Fbr	Ag	Pts.
Norwood	13	10	3	—	1425	1062	20
Port	13	9	4	—	1413	1150	18
Torrens	13	9	4	—	1200	1101	18
North	13	7	4	2	1311	1139	16
South	13	7	6	—	1210	1186	14
Sturt	13	3	9	1	1124	1357	7
West	13	3	10	—	1025	1351	6
Glenelg	13	2	10	1	1164	1603	5

### Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Farmer (North)	8	80
Brown (Norwood)	5	62
Schultz (Norwood)	7	48
Winkler (Glenelg)	6	43
Jack Dawes (South)	2	40
Morton (Sturt)	3	40
Mullins (Torrens)	1	39
Quinn (Port)	1	33
Hollingworth (Port)	2	30
Biggs (Sturt)	5	28
Kellaway (Port)	1	26

## Johnson Opposes Flick Pass

By Vic Johnson

ALTHOUGH I was playing football before the flick pass was forbidden in 1925, I have never approved of its re-introduction. Its use in the Perth carnival games is now the subject of controversy. I would like to see the flick abolished and the Football Council revert to something definite, either the punch or, failing that, a two-handed throw.

Some have stated that it tends to open up the game more than the hand punch. But this is purely a matter of opinion.

If any football fan wished to see a game opened up more than the match between Victoria and South Australia at Adelaide in 1935, he would be very hard to please.

Victoria were returning from a visit to Western Australia, and gave our players a lesson. And the only method of hand pass that they used was the punch.

During the two years I was coaching South Adelaide, I did not attempt to instruct the players in the art of flick passing, honestly believing the punch to be the better.

The flick, as I see it used today, is nothing other than a glorified throw. It is exceedingly hard for spectators and umpires to differentiate between the two.

I cannot see one argument in favor of the flick. After all, handball should be used only to get players out of difficulties, and today we see it used needlessly. Although it may appear pretty, to my way of thinking, it is useless.

Some may argue that it is useful for side play. My answer is that I have yet to see a position in which a player can get both hands into use for the flick pass, and in which he cannot get the same pair of hands for a punch pass.

I prefer the punch for hand passing. It is cleaner in its action, thus allowing full vision for everyone to judge; it is just as quick, is much stronger in its movement, and can go farther, thus opening up the game better.

Reversion to the punch, or failing that, a two-handed throw, would clear the air all round, and then we would have uniformity.

## SOUTH WIN BY SUBDUING PORT STARS

By Vic Johnson

Port's defeat by South at Alberton Oval today can be attributed to two reasons. Their scoring of 8-22 told one tale, while the other reason was the eclipse of most of their star players.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	4.1	4.1	11.2	14.5	89
Port	1.1	3.11	6.15	8.22	70

Hollingworth was held in complete subjugation by Cockburn. Cahill, at centre wing, rarely gave Dermody a chance to show his brilliance, and Port's tall ruckmen, who have played such a prominent part in previous victories this season, today had to play second fiddle to the South packs led by Pryor, a newcomer to league ranks this year.

This tall South follower had a great influence on the game, both while following and resting in front of goals. In the latter position he was the principal goalkicker of the day, bagging five.

I think the game as a spectacle was spoiled by an indifferent display of umpiring, and other incidents in the third quarter when players' tempers became frayed and momentarily it appeared as if the game would get out of hand.

It was only for a brief period at the end of the third quarter that this was

# Torrens Equal 2nd on Points

## Norwood's Anxious Moments at Unley

### Runaway North Win

Conducted by Vic Johnson

Playing soundly in all departments, South defeated Port at Alberton today. South enhanced their chances of a place in the final four. It was Port's first reverse since May 29, but Torrens are now level with them on points on the premiership table.

Norwood, 16-12 (108) d. Sturt, 13-10 (88).  
 North, 20-11 (131) d. West, 10-7 (67).  
 South, 14-5 (89) d. Port, 8-22 (70).  
 Torrens, 14-19 (103) d. Glenelg, 13-14 (92).

Glenelg made Torrens fight every inch of the way at Thebarton. The condition of the oval was against a high standard of play, but the closeness of the scores sustained interest to the final bell.

Until half-time Sturt, who matched Norwood in the air and on the ground, gave Norwood, league leaders, many anxious moments. Lack of solidity in the third term lost the double-blues the match.

North had a runaway win over West. Farmer began with five goals in the first term, but was more closely watched later, and finished with eight.

## Norwood Too Rugged

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	3.2	7.3	12.10	16.12	108
Sturt	2.2	7.4	8.7	14.10	88

NORWOOD were too rugged for Sturt in a dour battle at Unley, and, withstanding a spirited last-term challenge, won by 14 points. The issue was in doubt until timely goals from Brown and Schultz clinched victory for the redlegs.

With rain falling when the match began, Norwood's chances looked bright. The redlegs are noted for their ability on a wet ground, but in Sturt today they met almost their match.

The double-blues gave bump for bump, and handled the ball a little better than their opponents. The robust Norwood defence, however, proved just beyond them.

Sturt's display today was most impressive. At times they outplayed the redlegs completely, but could not maintain the runs long enough to give them a winning advantage. Had the Unley

### Attendances

Alberton	4,650
Unley	4,500
Prospect	2,700
Thebarton	2,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,450</b>

so. Apart from this the game was hard and vigorous throughout with South showing to better advantage.

### PREMIERSHIP ASPIRANTS

On the day the blue-and-whites were definitely the superior side. Leading Port in the race to the ball, able to match them in every department, and willing to meet the magpies with hip and shoulder, South re-established themselves as premiership aspirants.

The impression gained from today's game is that Port will have to improve to maintain their position as premiership favorites. At no stage today did they show the brilliance they exhibited in some of their previous matches.

Goalkickers.—South—Pryor (5), Rusby (3), Dawes, Moyle (each 2), Templeton, Laphorne. Port—Hollingworth, Hender (each 2), Quinn, Kellaway, Hay, West.

Best Players.—South—Pryor, Cockburn, Cahill, Mulcahy, Dawes, Murdy, Sterzl. Port—West, Hender, Bennett, Reval, Meers, Roberts, Quinn.

team's forward system been up to the standard of play achieved in other parts of the arena, the result would probably have been different.

### FORWARD STRATEGY

Morton's play should have been an inspiration to the other forwards. His tally of three goals does not adequately reflect the influence which he exerted on the game.

With conditions all against a player of his type, Morton lured the Norwood defenders into a pocket, and time and again gave his team a clear road to goal. This clever manoeuvring, in which Biggs co-operated effectively, almost won the game for Sturt.

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Schultz (7), Brown (5), McLean, Inglis, G. Sawley, Plunkett, Sturt—Biggs (5), Morton (3), Lowe (2), Baldock, Bentley, Day.

Best Players.—Norwood—Schultz, Chinnery, A. Sawley, Brown, Plunkett, McLean, Traversa. Sturt—Sims, Biggs, Herbert, Lowe, Morton, Longmore, Treleven.

## North's Good Kicking

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	6.7	12.7	18.10	26.11	131
West	3.1	6.2	7.3	10.7	67

By M. W. J.

THE marked accuracy of their forwards, particularly in the second term against a strong breeze, was one of the outstanding features of North's comfortable defeat of West at Prospect. The 64-point winning margin was an indication of the complete superiority of the red-and-whites in practically every department.

West had only one consistently strong point—a half-back wing, where Webber was sound and reliable. North had a distinct advantage in the rucks and across the centre and their forwards had the upper hand.

In this respect the attempts to reduce the goalgetting propensities of Farmer at full-forward and Hawke at centre half-forward failed, but only after a splendid battle of individualists.

Farmer, at full-forward, was invincible, playing inspired football at times. The master tactician and position player easily had the better of his duel with the West full-back, Smith, but had to submit to Mattiske's vigor when the tall man was placed on him in the second quarter.

The surprising aspect was that after half-time Mattiske again had the task of watching Hawke, whom Smith handled better. It appeared that the retention of Smith on Hawke and Mattiske on Farmer might have been more beneficial to West.

There was barely a man in the North side who did not play a useful game.

Goalkickers.—North—Farmer (8), Hayden (4), Hawke and Warhurst (each 3), Rix, Tuckey, West—Thatcher (5), Chenoweth (3), Tonkin, Fimeri.

Best Players.—North—Mount, Farmer, Honniball, Martin, Hawke, Bottorff, Hayden, West—Weber, Buderick, Tonkin, Thatcher, Foweraker, Mattiske, Fimeri.

## League Close-Ups

HALLIDAY was outstanding again for Glenelg at Thebarton. It is hard to believe that this dashing rover had not played in league football three months ago, and it should not be long before he wins a place in a State side. He was easily the best man on the ground today.

MULLINS was seen at his best during the third quarter of the Torrens-Glenelg game, but before the term ended he was assisted off the field, suffering from an injured hip. His ruck work did a great deal towards ensuring victory for Torrens.

AFTER Smith kicked eleventh goal for Torrens at Thebarton, one of the boundary umpires rushed up to the centre, handed the ball to field umpire Raven, and turned to sprint towards the boundary. The sudden change of direction caused him to slide on the greasy turf, and, amid un sympathetic laughter, he rose with one side covered in mud from the knee to the shoulder.

WINKLER scored six of Glenelg's 13 goals against Torrens. He was always on the move, leading out cleverly and showing good position sense.

# Torrens Pressed By Bays

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3.7	7.9	12.14	14.19	103
Glenelg	3.4	6.10	8.14	13.14	92

By J. K. T.

GLENELG recorded one of their finest performances this season by finishing within 11 points of Torrens at Thebarton today. It is true that the muddy ground took the edge off the home team's speed and nippiness, but the tigers were true to name, playing with plenty of dash and determination.

The weather made good football impossible, and there was not much high marking by either side. Torrens won by adapting themselves better to the wet conditions, using stab kicks frequently where Glenelg were drop-kicking the ball, and booting it off the ground in the crushes.

Bailey and H. Richter replaced Eisdon and Lawson in the Glenelg side before the game started, and Richter fully deserved his re-inclusion in the team. Goodwin played a great game on the half-forward line, but as the match progressed it became increasingly obvious that the selectors had erred in dropping Boyle.

### GLENELG INACCURACY

With a light breeze behind them, Torrens got away to an early lead. Blight was most unlucky in hitting a goalpost twice during the first quarter, and although Torrens did two-thirds of the attacking, the first change saw them only three points ahead of Glenelg.

Torrens jumped away again in the second quarter, and after Goodwin had scored fifth goal to give the tigers the lead for the first and last time in the match, two goals to Roads swung the advantage back to the home side.

Then followed a chain of points, the Bay side shooting six without a goal. A little more accuracy and they would have had a handy lead.

During the first 10 minutes after the teams returned to the field, Torrens won the match, kicking 4-3 to nothing. Mullins and Bridgman were dominating the ruck, and sound forward work did the rest.

Glenelg showed great courage in settling down after having such a big lead piled up against them, and the tireless Halliday started a recovery by booting seventh goal for them, Winkler following soon afterwards with another.

A goal to Scott enabled Torrens to finish the term four goals to the good, but minus Mullins, whose hip had been injured.

### GLENELG BID FAILS

The tigers started the last quarter as if they might pull the game out of the fire, but Torrens soon steadied them and, although only behinds came instead of goals, valuable minutes were slipping by. Goodwin reduced their lead to 15 points, but Bridgman, with a running shot, goaled from an angle, and then booted a behind from within easy range.

Percy, with a grand mark from the kick-off, started a Glenelg move which ended in Winkler scoring his sixth goal, but 10 minutes before the bell rang, Blight goaled to make the game safe for Torrens. Halliday and Foote reduced the margin before the game ended, but with Roads coming into the ruck, Torrens finished with something in hand.

TORRENS.—Backs—Kersley, Dinnison, Quick, Half-backs—Adcock, Waite, Thiele, Centres—Filsell, Biggs, Holt, Half-forwards—Hanrahan, Roads, Foote, Forwards—Norman, Blight, Smith, Ruck—Mullins, Bridgman, Scott, Coulter (10th), Mullins (injured leg) replaced by Coulter in the third term.

GLENELG.—Backs—Maule, Richter, Griffiths, Half-backs—Curnow, Brock, Ahrendt, Centres—Seeles, Hunt, Pike, Half-forwards—Goodwin, Percy, Eatts, Forwards—Link, Balley, Winkler, Ruck—Johnston, Corbett, Halliday, Schiphorst (10th), Umpire, A. A. Raven.

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Roads (4), Blight (3), Smith (2), Foote, Mullins, Norman, Scott, and Bridgman, Glenelg—Winkler (6), Halliday and Goodwin (each 3), Eatts.

Best Players.—Torrens—Foote, Dinnison, Mullins, Roads, Smith, and Thiele, Glenelg—Halliday, Goodwin, Curnow, Link, Winkler, and Brock.