

LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Port Return to Form With Convincing Victory

North End Run Of West Wins NORWOOD SUCCEEDED IN CLOSE BATTLE Torrens Score Easily

Conducted by Vic. Johnson

Showing a return to form Port recorded a convincing victory against South at Adelaide Oval today. Final scores:—

- Torrens, 19-10 (124 pts.) d. Glenelg, 10-9 (69 pts.). Port, 15-23 (113 pts.) d. South, 11-12 (78 pts.). Norwood, 12-24 (96 pts.) d. Sturt, 10-16 (76 pts.). North, 13-19 (97 pts.) d. West, 8-8 (56 pts.).

North, with their second win for the season, stopped West's run of victories at Wayville. West gained the lead in the third term, but North piled on goals and were not troubled again.

Norwood, mainly through shocking kicking, had many anxious moments until late in the last quarter. Sturt finished badly, however, with their lowest scoring term of the match.

Glenelg failed again, Torrens scoring easily in a game of accurate goalkicking.

Attendances

Table with 2 columns: Team and Attendances. Adelaide 8,400; Showgrounds 4,050; Norwood 8,050; Glenelg 2,750. Total: 23,250.

Faulty Redleg Kicking

Table with 5 columns: Team, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Norwood 5-4, 7-9, 9-19, 12-24, 96. Sturt 3-3, 6-9, 9-13, 10-16, 76.

By M. W. J.

ALTHOUGH Norwood appeared a comfortable winners by 20 points over Sturt at Norwood the irrepressible tenacity of the double-blues did not allow them a minute's peace. Norwood certainly were the better team on the day, and actually should have won by a much bigger margin, the fault being reflected in the kicking at forward.

Not at any stage of the game were the redlegs able to settle down to the passing and combined work which in previous games functioned with clock-like precision. From half-way through the first term Sturt men threw a spanner into the machinery of the Norwood combine when they stepped in to intercept passes, checked their high marking and, where they could not beat their opponents by pace, used forceful but fair spoiling tactics.

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Schultz and Brown (each 4), Travers, W. B. McCallum, Plunkett, and Koch. Sturt—G. Green (4), Day (2), Biggs, Longmire, Lance, and Shakes.

Best Players.—Norwood—Woodroffe, McLean, Bice, Page, Sawley, Plunkett, P. McCallum, Sturt—Bentley, Tuohy, King, Biggs, Robertson, R. Green, Sims.

How League Teams Are Placed

Table with 7 columns: Team, P, W, L, D, For, Ag, Pts. Lists performance for Norwood, Torrens, Port, South, North, West, Sturt, and Glenelg.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Today, Total. Lists goalkickers like Brown, Farmer, Mullins, Munro, Codd, Scott, and Winkler.

Glenelg's Reorganised Attack Fails Again

Table with 5 columns: Team, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Torrens 6-4, 12-5, 14-10, 19-10, 124. Glenelg 1-2, 3-5, 5-9, 10-9, 69.

By J. K. T.

GLENELG often spring a surprise on their own ground and today they surprised their supporters by failing badly against Torrens.

Torrens played fast, systematic football for the first three quarters of the match, though some of their bigger players probably heaved a sigh of relief when the final bell rang, for the pace had been on all the way.

Under any impartial umpire Torrens would have won today, but their winning margin of 65 points was partly due to the fact that Empire Hill did not keep a stricter control over the game.

His decisions, if puzzling at times, were prompt and impartial, but in allowing players a freer run than he usually does, he was responsible to some extent for the game becoming crowded.

Glenelg never at any stage looked like winning. The reorganised attack was no better than the forward lines used against Norwood last Saturday. Until the last quarter, the tigers failed miserably in the air. Their forwards allowed the Torrens' defenders to go up alone, and failed to lead out when their teammates gained possession.

TORRENS' LOOSE MAN

Torrens always had a loose man. They kept in front of their men most of the day, and were on their toes as soon as they could see an opportunity. Glenelg are a fast team, but today they looked flat-footed by comparison.

From the moment the ball was bounced Torrens raced away from the Bay side. They were always on the move, and although "Blue" Johnston took some grand marks for Glenelg to turn some of the attacks, Torrens monopolised the play in the first quarter.

With Mullins playing as though inspired, Torrens had a match-winning lead by the time they left the field at half-time, and although Glenelg held them fairly well during the second half, the Thebarton men always had something in hand.

Glenelg have the speed and the determination to win matches, but their forwards will have to get the ball for themselves in future instead of waiting for it to be put into their hands. Torrens by their display today showed that they are going to be strong contenders for the premiership.

TORRENS

Backs—Couiter, Dinnison, Quirk, Half-backs—Downs, Roads, Thiele, Centres—Holt, Blight, Filsell, Half-forwards—Sangster, Riggs, Fote, Forwards—Heath, Drury, Smith, Ruck—Mullins, Bridgman, Scott, D. Waite (19th).

GLENELG

Backs—Halliday, Curnow, Griffiths, Half-backs—Hunt, Brock, Abrendt, Centres—Eatts, Goodwin, Pike, Half-forwards—Birrell, Boyle, Winkler, Forwards—Warne, Perez, Pinnington, Ruck—Johnston, Corbett, Link, Schiphorst (19th), Empire—S. A. D. Hill

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Mullins (8), Drury (4), Fote, Scott, Sangster (each 2), Smith, Glenelg—Winkler (5), Pinnington (2), Boyle, Halliday, Link.

Best Players.—Torrens—Holt, Dinnison, Mullins, Filsell, Sangster, Fote, Glenelg—Halliday, Pike, Brock, Hunt, Winkler, Johnston.

1937 Shows Value Of Full Forward

By Vic Johnson

THE value of a champion, or even a reliable full-forward to any league team, has been clearly demonstrated in several games I have seen this season.

North have proved conclusively that with Farmer in front of goals for them, they are vastly superior to a North side without him. Their drawn game at Unley, and their loss to Norwood at Prospect could easily have been victories had he been fit.

At Unley Farmer was practically useless after half-time, and at Prospect the same injury kept him out of the game altogether.

Port's inability to show signs of their great power of previous seasons is mainly due to their having no one of outstanding ability at full-forward, who is capable of finishing off the many forward advances made possible by their strong mid-field play.

West and Torrens, in my opinion, lack only a good full-forward to make them more dangerous contenders for the premiership than they appear at present. Elsewhere these two teams are very even. Their rucks, backs, centres, and other forward positions are capably manned, but in the full-forward position lies their greatest danger of a breakdown.

A straight-kicking full-forward, besides winning games himself, has a big effect on the rest of a team. They know

that in front of goals they have some dominating figure who forms a spearhead, or an object for them to concentrate on, and without him they appear lost.

While I was coaching South, even when Munro was having a day off, they were a difficult side to defeat, but without him they were a totally different proposition, and I am certain that their position on last season's premiership table would have been higher had it not been for his inability to play in many of the games towards the end of the season.

Many league sides, in the absence of a really good full forward, play their resting ruckmen in front of goals, and although they may have some success through this procedure, it does not give them the same power as another team with a reliable full forward.

Glenelg were successful in the 1934 grand final by this method of attack, but it must not be forgotten that their real full forward, Owens, was playing in the right forward pocket, and it was only tactics on their part which caused this move to be made.

Good full forwards are extremely hard to find, and it would pay any league club without one to give a player who shows promise in this position every opportunity to become accustomed to it. In time they will be well repaid.

Second Term Play Gives Port Win Battering Tactics Soon Displaced By Classic Exhibition

By Vic. Johnson

Port won their game at Adelaide today by a splendid exhibition of football in the second term. Trailing by nine points at quarter time, they added 51 points to South's 12 in this quarter. Then, they were vastly superior in every department of the game.

Table with 5 columns: Team, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Port 3-4, 10-13, 11-17, 15-23, 113. South 4-7, 6-7, 10-10, 11-12, 78.

Early, it seemed as if South were the better eighteen. They were faster and more systematic than Port, and although the latter were stronger in the rucks, South more than equalised Port's ascendancy in this department by a fine display of team work.

Port were faulty in their tactics. I think they were inclined to play the man instead of the ball, and many well-executed moves were spoiled by faulty foot passing.

Port made early alterations to try to counter South half-forward advantage, by switching their half-back wings. This had no apparent effect, however. The second term had not been in progress very long before the magpies began to assert their superiority.

Their battering tactics were thrown aside, and settling down to classic football, they went away with invincible power. Johnston took supreme control at centre, and Hollingworth brilliantly dominated the Port forward area.

Goalkickers.—Port—Hender (4), Quinn, Wightman (each 2), Hollingworth, Reval, Whicker, Bennett, Johnston, Hay, Jacquier, South—Murphy, Munro (each 3), Rusby, Laphorne, Mack Dawes, Templeton, Brown.

Best Players.—Port—Johnston, Hollingworth, Quinn, Reval, Dermody, Kellaway, Wightman, South—Murphy, Mulcahy, Templeton, Jobson, Laphorne, Rusby, Oborn.

Crowding Tactics Foiled

Table with 5 columns: Team, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. North 4-2, 5-11, 9-14, 13-19, 97. West 3-4, 4-6, 7-7, 8-8, 56.

By C. A. B.

DISPLAYING their best form of the season, North stopped West's run with a fine display of fast, co-ordinated football at Wayville. North had the measure of West almost from the start, and after the second change never looked like being beaten. They were going away from West at the finish.

Goalkickers.—North—Farmer (5), McInnes (2), Warhurst, Tuckey, Alexander, Melvin, Hayden, Forbes, West—Powell, Codd, Hayden (each 2), Chenoweth, Smith.

Best Players.—North—Martin, Mount, Alexander, Bottroff, Warhurst, McInnes, Melvin, West—Webber, McArthur, Powell, Foweraker, Maltske, Adey, Hill.

Close-Ups Of Today's Stars

"BLUE" Johnston dominated the ruck for Glenelg against Torrens. His hitting out was not always accurate, but he marked repeatedly over the packs and never eased up all day.

R. W. MULLINS had a big share in Torrens' win over Glenelg. A great high mark and an accurate kick, he scored eight goals, seven of them during the first half, and played a grand game at forward and on the ball.

A RE-SHUFFLE of positions sometimes revives a defeated team, and although Glenelg could not overtake a nine-goal lead by Torrens at three-time, the changing round of Hunt, Goodwin, and Birrell seemed to put fresh heart into the tigers, and they held their own with Torrens for the rest of the match.

IN a match which was not remarkable for accurate kicking, the last quarter of the Glenelg-Torrens encounter at the Bay Oval saw each side score five goals without a behind. Winkler bagged four of Glenelg's five.

TORRENS have reason to be satisfied with their win over Glenelg, for many of their players were members of the association side last year. Today's match demonstrated how well they have settled down to league company.