

South, Norwood, Port, and Torrens in League Four

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HOW TEAMS STAND

LEAGUE	P.	W.	L.	Points		Pos.
				For	Agst.	
South	16	11	2	2,118	1,852	28
Norwood	16	12	4	1,744	1,300	24
Port	16	10	6	1,278	1,120	20
Torrens	16	10	6	1,002	1,150	20
North	16	8	8	1,340	1,701	14
Sturt	16	3	11	1,300	1,583	10
West	16	3	13	1,301	1,938	6
Glenelg	16	2	14	1,452	2,001	4

Drab Game Goes To Torrens

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	4.8	7.13	12.16	14.18	102
Glenelg	1.1	3.3	8.5	10.7	67

By C. A. B.

LEADING from start to finish.

Torrens were never in danger of defeat by Glenelg in a drab game at Adelaide. The match was largely a series of wild scrambles in which weight was used freely, but for the most part ineffectively. Torrens's victory assured them of inclusion in the final four.

Glenelg had first use of a strong breeze favoring the river goal, but this availed them little in the first 10 minutes, as they could not break through the solid resistance set by Dinnison, Quick, and Waite.

Neat co-operation between Mullins and Hann at the Torrens coal-front was the highlight of the early exchanges. They put on a goal and two points each, before Goodwin punted Glenelg's first goal.

But for erratic shooting Torrens would have had six goals on the board. As Torrens moved forward in dashing style, heavy rain began to fall. Hann capped the driver with his second goal.

Brock and Bell defended strongly, but Torrens maintained the pressure. Four singles came before Juttner goaled.

FORWARDS ASTRAY

Strong marking and clever position play by Tonkin at centre gave Torrens many opportunities after the first change, but the forwards were hopelessly astray. Freed 40 yards out, Link posted Glenelg's second goal. Then Cox dashed in and goaled on the run for Torrens.

Mullins capped a long run with a mighty punt which flew over the heads of the pack and bounced through the goal.

At the other end Hall, freed at point-blank range, kicked into the man on his mark, but Johnston soon afterwards dribbled the ball through from a scrimmage.

Adcock left the field with a leg injury. Just before the bell Mullins, running into an open goal, drove the ball through.

HANN HITS POST

Advancing in short stages, Torrens put on goals from Hann and Mullins to gain a commanding lead.

After 10 minutes of scrambling, ineffectual play between the half-back lines, Glenelg scored two goals from Lush and one from Link, reducing their leeway to 30 points.

Marking close in at an angle, Hann hit a goalpost. An opponent had run over his mark, and Hann was given another chance, but only one flag came up.

Putting more vim into their play, Glenelg roused the spectators from the depths of apathy with a smart burst which brought a goal from Lush.

Torrens's first goal since the opening of the quarter came when Mullins marked right in front.

Torrens regained the upper hand with goals from Scott and Hann. Winkler hoisted Glenelg's eighth goal.

BAYS' STOUT DEFENCE

With the Glenelg defenders disputing every inch of the way, Torrens found it hard to increase their tally. Scott, who was roving tigerishly, goaled, and Torrens went further away with a nice angle goal by Riggs.

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Hann (5), Mullins (4), Scott (2), Cox, Juttner, Riggs. Glenelg—Lush (3), Link, Goodwin (each 2), Johnston, Winkler Bailey.

Best Players.—Torrens—Waite, Mullins, Scott, Quick, Dinnison, Tonkin, Hann, Glenelg—Goodwin, Bell, Brock, Robjant, Seely, Bailey, Pike.

TORRENS.—Backs—Strauss, Dinnison, Quick. Half-backs—Adcock, Roads, Waite. Centres—Sangster, Tonkin, Filzell. Half-forwards—Blight, Riggs, Cox. Forwards—H. Kersley, Hann, Juttner, Ruck Mullins, Richards, Scott, Thiele (19th). Adcock (injured leg) replaced by Thiele in second quarter.

GLENELG.—Backs—Curnow, Bell, Brock. Half-backs—Pike, Keane, Richter. Centres—Seely, Robjant, Griffiths. Half-forwards—Hall, Goodwin, Bailey. Forwards—Winkler, Lush, Exits, Ruck—Johnston, Corbett, Link, Percy (19th). Curnow (injured thigh) replaced by Percy. Umpire, G. B. Allen.

Places Made Secure Today

MAGPIES SETTLE NORTH'S CHANCES

Rain Affects Standard

South, Norwood, Port, and Torrens will fight out the 1938 league football finals. All won today, and they cannot be displaced whatever the outcome of the matches in the final minor round series next week.

Scores:

Torrens, 14.18 (102 pts.); Glenelg, 10.7 (67 pts.).

South, 11.24 (90 pts.); Sturt, 9.11 (65 pts.).

Port, 19.19 (133 pts.); North, 6.12 (48 pts.).

Norwood, 15.15 (105 pts.); West, 11.10 (76 pts.).

Bad kicking brought South near to defeat by Sturt, but they were able to break away for the necessary goals in the closing stages. Torrens were never in doubt against Glenelg. The quality of play seldom reached a very high standard.

Port adapted themselves well to the wet conditions at Prospect and never looked like losing to North. West held Norwood until the third quarter, when the redlegs scored five goals in succession and maintained this lead till the final bell.

Wet and rainy conditions affected the standard of play in all matches.

Norwood's Speed Wins at Wayville

By H. W. T.

Five goals in succession in the third term were responsible for Norwood's victory over West at Wayville. West were on top in the first half, but Norwood's speed wore them down and they won comfortably by 29 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	2.5	5.8	13.10	15.15	105
West	4.1	6.5	8.8	11.10	76

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Brown (5), O'Brien and Plunkett (each 3), Foweraker, W and P. McCallum, Laxton. West—Isaacs (3), Hudson, Coad, Broadstock (each 2), Smith, Cahill.

Best Players.—Norwood—Bice, Foweraker, Koch, Sawley, Chinnery, and Page. West—Davis, Smith, Thompson, McArthur, Powell, Hudson.

ATTENDANCES

WINTRY conditions had a marked effect on the crowds at today's league football matches, only 13,782 attending all games. At individual ovals the attendances were:—

Prospect	6,400
Adelaide	3,684
Unley	1,750
Showgrounds	1,948
Total	13,782

PORT WIN IN EVERY DEPARTMENT AGAINST NORTH

Great Display Enhances Premiership Claims

By Vic Johnson

Port soon settled any pretensions North had to premiership honors in their match at Prospect today. From the first bounce the magpies were definitely superior in every department, and each succeeding quarter saw North dropping further back.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4.0	8.11	12.15	19.19	133
North	1.1	2.4	4.9	6.12	48

The match was in distinct contrast to the previous performances I have seen from these teams.

North today were nothing like the side which I saw defeat Norwood, at Norwood, while the magpies were more like the great team they proved themselves in the past two seasons.

RON Goodwin, Glenelg captain, must be regarded as one of Adelaide's brightest personality footballers. He always has a smile, even in face of adversity—and Glenelg have had plenty this season. He played another fine game for the Bays against Torrens today, and in spite of his slight build revelled in the vigorous exchanges.

SHOWING fine judgment and handling the wet ball well, Don Waite was one of Torrens's best against Glenelg. In the first half he completely closed one approach to goal by his vigorous work on a half-back wing, and after half-time, was sent to centre half-back, where he had a great struggle with Goodwin.

Leading Goalkickers

LEAGUE	Today	Total
Farmer (North)	3	101
Brown (Norwood)	5	75
Rosewarne (South)	1	73
Hann (Torrens)	5	61
Hardiman (South)	4	61
Schultz (Norwood)	—	60
Lush (Glenelg)	3	58
Isaac (West)	3	57
Morton (Sturt)	—	56
Rusby (South)	2	42
Hollingworth (Port)	—	41