WEST BEAT TORRENS BY 2 POINTS IN GREAT GAME

Port Now Only Unbeaten Team

Conducted by Vic Johnson

As a result of the second series of league football matches played today, Port is now the only unbeaten side. Today's scores were:—

West, 12—14 (86 pts.), Torrens, 12—12 (84 pts.).
Port, 17—22 (124 pts.), Sturt, 12—13 (85 pts.)
South, 19—31 (145 pts.), North, 16—13 (109 pts.)
Norwood, 14—21 (105 pts.), Glenelg, 11—16 (82 pts.)

West beat Torrens almost on the bell at Thebarton after a hard-fought game. In spite of their inaccuracy, South beat North by 36 points.

Port's ruck and forward work gave them an easy win over Sturt at Alberton. Bad kicking in the third quarter began a total collapse of the Bays against Norwood at Glenelg.

West Excel in Ruck

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4.5	7.8	11.10	12.14	86
Torrens	2.0	7.4	8.4	12.12	84

By Vic Johnson

THE value of strong rucks was evidenced by West's narrow victory over Torrens at Thebarton today.

In practically every position on the arena Torrens were the equal or better of West, but Colin Smith's powerful following and the splendid support he received from J. Taylor were undoubtedly the deciding factors.

TORRENS—Backs: Thomas, Dinnison, Walte. Half-backs: Filsell, Thiele, Cox. Centres: Nicholls, Blight, Myatt. Half-forwards: Tonkin, Dearing, Juttner. Forwards: Burton, Hewett, Daly. Ruck: Strauss, Searle, Scott, Allan (19th).

WEST—Backs: Jackson, Powell, A. Brown. Half-backs: Budarick, McArthur, Davis. Centres: Reynolds, Barry, Bennett. Half-forwards: Langton, Hudson, D Taylor. Forwards: Chynoweth, L. Taylor Cead. Ruck: Smith, J Taylor, Cahill House (19th)

Umpire: H. W. Main.

It was most noticeable how the rest of the team responded when Smith was following; it seemed to react on practically every player.

West, during these periods, played some superb football—football which could easily win a premiership—but when it was necessary for Smith to rest, the city team slipped.

I suppose Torrens possess as good a pair of rovers as any team in the league, and on every occasion Smith was absent from the packs these two players swung the game in favor of Torrens.

Although Torrens were only in front for one brief period, it certainly looked as though they might win, but in the closing stages Smith's work again, more than anything else, won the day for West.

How Teams Stand

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	P.c.
Port	2	2	—	227	185	4	55.09
Torrens	2	1	1	199	158	2	55.74
South	2	1	1	245	212	2	53.61
Glenelg	2	1	1	169	169	2	50.00
West	2	1	1	192	200	2	48.98
Norwood	2	1	1	177	197	2	47.32
Sturt	2	1	1	201	230	2	46.63
North	2	—	2	173	232	—	42.71

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Farmer (North)	17
Hewett (Torrens)	13
L. Taylor (West)	10
Isaac (South)	10
Schultz (Norwood)	10
Lush (Glenelg)	8
Staite (South)	8

This is the first opportunity I have had of seeing Torrens, andw I would say they are quite as good as, if not better than, last season.

Hewett has strengthened the attack greatly, and with many of their juniors of last year gaining experience, Torrens are going to be a difficult team to defeat.

West are undoubtedly a better team than last season, and, despite their lapses, they deserved their victory today. Their improvement will create much more interest in the premiership fight.

Goalkickers—West: Smith, Cahill, L. Taylor, Cead (2), D. Taylor, J. Taylor, Langton, and Chynoweth. Torrens: Hewett (6), Dearing (2), Scott, Blight, Searle, and Myatt.

Best Players.—West: Smith, Davis, Powell, J. Taylor, McArthur, Cahill, Langton. Torrens: Dinnison, Walte, Cox, Hewett, Scott, Searle, Juttner.

South Kick Shockingly

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	3.6	7.18	14.23	19.31	145
North	6.2	11.4	13.8	16.13	109

By C. A. B.

TAKING command soon after half-time, South never afterwards looked like being beaten by North at Adelaide.

After an exhibition of fast, high-marking play, the red-and-whites went to pieces in the second half.

Had South lost they would have had only themselves to blame. Their play in attack was shocking, many golden opportunities being wasted by hasty, ill-judged kicking.

Goalkickers.—South: Isaac and Staite (each 6), Lapthorne (2), Rusby, Appleton, Jack Dawes, Templeton, Hodgson. North: Farmer (8), Rix (2), Hobbs, Pearce, Pash, Oatway, Hoskyns, Martyn.

Best Players—South: Jack Dawes, Staite, Isaac, Lapthorne, Templeton, Cahill, Cockburn. North: G. Hogan, J. Hogan, Pash, Bowden, Hoskyns, Farmer

SOUTH—Backs: Appleton, Boyle, Pryor half-backs: Todd, Haines, Schultze Centres: Donovan, Templeton, Cahill Half-forwards: Murdy, Staite, Hodgson. Forwards: Cockburn, Isaac, Rusby. Ruck: Crawford, Jack Dawes, Lapthorne, Topperwein.

NORTH—Backs: Martin, West, Bowden Half-backs: Homan, G. Hogan, J. Hogan. Centres: Wallish, Pash, Aamodt. Half-forwards: Hobbs, Hoskins, Telfer. Forwards: Warhurst, Farmer, Pearce. Ruck: Bennett, Oatway, Rix. Mitchell (19th).

Umpire: G. H. Blee.

25,349 at Matches

THE league secretary reported that attendances at today's games were satisfactory. Figures were:—

Adelaide	8,282
Thebarton	6,567
Alberton	6,000
Glenelg	4,500
	25,349

Port Far Too Solid

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final
Port	1—5	7—12	12—19	17—22
Sturt	3—3	4—4	8—10	12—13

By D. A. S.

GIVING no quarter after they had asserted their superiority in the second term, Port gave Sturt no chance to recover from a three-quarter time deficit of 33 points in their match at Alberton Oval. They ran out winners by 39 points.

PORT—Backs: Redd, Obst, Meers. Half-backs: L. McLean, Schumann, Johnston. Centres: Greening, Roberts, Carmichael. Half-forwards: Hender, R. Dangerfield, Abbott. Forwards: Hoffman, Kellaway, Brock. Ruck: A. R. McLean, Heval, Skelly, W. Whicker (19th).

Roberts (injured leg) replaced by W. Whicker in the last quarter.

STURT—Backs: Lance, Green, Bentley. Half-backs: Headon, Crawley, Tuohy. Centres: Lowe, Leak, Clark Half-forwards: Reeves, Pasch, Gibson. Forwards: Hardy, Morton, Warren. Ruck: Tilley, Biggs, Langley, C. Hender (19th).

Goalkickers—Port: R. McLean (5), Kellaway (4), Brock, Hoffmann (each 2), Heval, Roberts, Abbott, Skelly. Sturt: Bentley and Pasch (each 3), Langley, Reeves (each 2), Biggs, Gibson.

Best Players—Port: R. McLean, Kellaway, Greening, Obst, Meers, Carmichael, Hender. Sturt: Lance, Bentley, Crawley, Biggs, Langley, Leak, Green.

Bays Fade At Finish

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	2—4	7—10	12—15	14—21	105
Glenelg	4—4	8—8	9—11	11—16	82

By H. W. T.

ERRATIC kicking in the third quarter and the lowering of the standard at which they started lost the match for Glenelg against Norwood by 23 points.

Speed, system, and good marking characterised the first two quarters at the Bay Oval. Glenelg had a slight advantage, but their shocking kicking in the third term allowed Norwood to build up a lead.

GLENELG—Backs: Broadbent, Toms, Pike. Half-backs: Abrendt, Boyall, Keane. Centres: Power, Goodwin, Hall. Half-forwards: Phillis, Cooper, Bailey. Forwards: Sharpe, Lush, Waite, Ruck: Johnston, Brock, Burt, Harrison (19th).

Ahrendt (injured leg) replaced by Harrison in the last term.

NORWOOD—Backs: O'Neill, Calder, Holmesby. Half-backs: West, Taylor, Schmeizkopf. Centres: G. Sawley, Warhurst, Koch. Half-forwards: Foweraker, Connolly, Inglis. Forwards: Drage, Schultz, Oatey. Ruck: P. McCallum, W McCallum, A. Sawley. Huxtable (19th).

Koch (injured head) replaced by Huxtable in last term.

Umpire: K. L. Aplin

Straight from the bounce both teams settled down to a fast-moving, open game, with Norwood slightly the faster.

Burt, roving for the home side, worked practically a lone hand to score first goal for the day; but a piece of smart work on the wing by Koch quickly brought results for Norwood with a goal and a single to Schultz.

By keeping in front of their men and anticipating better, Norwood maintained the ascendancy and established a 12-point lead.

But Boyall, marking brilliantly at centre half-back, led out to Burt and Power time and again to swing the game in favor of the Bays.

Bays Hit Front

Lush goaled twice in succession, and Johnston once, to give Glenelg a two-goal lead at the first change-over.

West's entry into the Norwood ruck changed the complexion of the game. The redlegs, with better system and greater speed, raced on three goals from A. Sawley, Oatey, and Warhurst to give them back the lead.

In an effort to stem the Norwood ruck advantage, Boyall had a run on the ball. He made his presence felt, but not sufficiently to stop the drift.

Warhurst and A. G. Sawley played a big part in the Norwood rejuvenation, while Oatey's play on the ruck fringes and smart work by Drage helped considerably.

Goodwin at centre for the Bays featured in the burst which snatched the lead for his team shortly before the half-time bell. Waite goaled twice in exciting scuffles at the goalfront, and Sharpe and Lush also scored majors to give Glenelg a four-point lead.

It was Norwood's quarter, but Glenelg, by finishing off their thrusts better and combining well, had been able to hold their command.

Kicking Makes Difference

Erratic kicking was Glenelg's downfall in the opening of the third term. Norwood lost their advantage in the ruck, but time and again they went forward because of their opponents' poor kicking. Schultz goaled three times, and Warhurst once, but only a point in reply came from Glenelg.

Boyall and Toms worked grandly to keep the redlegs out, but the Norwood superiority across centre and the speed of their half-forward made it almost futile.

The crowd had a laugh when Phillis had his trousers torn off. While attempting to drape the remnants round his waist the ball came his way again. He dropped his trousers on the ground, took the ball through a crush, and kicked a behind.

Clad in new trousers he raised his side's first and only goal for the term shortly afterwards.

Caution was jettisoned in a vigorous last term. Glenelg with a 22-point deficit—the largest of the game—kept the offensive by the very fierceness of their play, but miskicks again kept their scoring down.

Johnston in the ruck gave his side the balance of power, but it lasted only until Foweraker and the two Sawleys worked several pieces of pretty combination along the wing.

Sharpe and Lush goaled, but Oatey and Schultz kept Norwood's lead intact with goals for the redlegs.

In the closing stages a tired Glenelg side battled hard to keep out Norwood, whose game deteriorated when their was no need for further score from them.

Goalkickers.—Norwood: Schultz (6), Oatey (2), Warhurst (2), Foweraker (2), A. G. Sawley and Inglis. Glenelg: Lush (4), Sharpe and Waite (each 2), Burt, Johnston, Phillis.

Best Players.—Norwood: West, Oatey, Warhurst, Foweraker, A. G. Sawley, Schmeizkopf, G. H. Sawley. Glenelg—Brock, Boyall, Phillis, Lush, Burt, Johnston, Goodwin.

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