

ALL FOUR TOP LEAGUE TEAMS BEATEN

South, Bottom, Hammer Sturt

TWO CLOSE FINISHES

All the four leading teams were beaten in the ninth round of league matches played today, the scores being:—

Port, 18—20 (128 pts.); Norwood, 14—17 (101).
 South, 23—8 (146); Sturt, 11—22 (88).
 Torrens, 16—12 (108); Glenelg, 16—10 (106).
 North, 17—17 (119); West, 17—11 (113).

Ruck supremacy gave Port victory at Norwood. Glenelg rallied well against Torrens but failed by two points.

The bottom team, South, had a surprise runaway win from Sturt (top) at Unley. At Prospect, North finished in front after an even, hard fought match.

HOW TEAMS STAND

Team	W.	D.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.
Sturt	7	—	2	880	759	11
West	6	1	2	1119	818	13
Norwood	5	—	4	972	793	10
Port	4	1	4	891	934	9
Glenelg	4	—	5	903	881	8
Torrens	4	—	5	736	883	8
North	3	—	6	768	1078	6
South	2	—	7	516	1036	4

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Player	Today	Total
Schultz (Norwood)	3	61
Langton (West)	5	47
Farmer (North)	5	45
Burt (Glenelg)	4	35
L. Taylor (West)	5	34
Hardiman (Norwood)	1	29
Rusby (South)	6	29
Biggs (Sturt)	4	25
Skelley (Port)	5	25
Boydell (Glenelg)	1	22

Sturt Trounced By South; Bad Kicking

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	5—2	12—5	21—6	23—8	146
Sturt	2—8	5—14	7—17	11—22	88

By R. A. B.

Showing form reminiscent of their past seasons, South Adelaide (bottom team) trounced Sturt (top) at Adelaide Oval.

THEY were superior in all departments. With dominating rucks, and the forward division working intelligently, they left the double-blues standing. The blue-and-whites' kicking for goal was a revelation. Sturt's play was muddling and they constantly fell into errors.

Goalkickers—South: Rusby, Maley, Cockburn (each 6), Lathorne (2), Boyle, Hodgson, Crawford. Sturt: Biggs, Lathlean (each 4), Tilley, Gibson, Bentley.

Best Players—South: Crawford, Cahill, Doherty, Jim Dawes, Maley, Rusby, Cockburn. Sturt: Biggs, Gibson, Lathlean, Miller, Tilley, H. Hevlen, Crase.

Port Ruck Supremacy

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3—9	7—13	14—16	18—20	128
Norwood . .	2—2	6—5	10—13	14—17	101

By Vic Johnson

Combining a very sound defence, in which Obst starred, with strong rucks and brilliant roving, Port continued their climb on the premiership list when they defeated Norwood by 27 points at Norwood today.

IN their previous victories, Norwood have been successful owing principally to the manner in which their attack has functioned.

Schultz has been getting a bag of goals through fine leading and intelligent despatch, but today, with most of the Norwood forwards being closely checked, Schultz found it hard to get away from Obst, and Norwood never really looked like winning.

Goalkickers—Port: Skelley (5), Hoffman, Fullwood (each 3), Franklin, Dayman, McLean (each 2), Carmichael. Norwood: Schmelskopf (6), Schultz, Price (each 3), Cocks, Hardiman.

Best Players—Port: Obst, Kellaway, Skelley, Hoffman, Roberts, Meers, Franklin. Norwood: Schmelskopf, List, Whitaker, Price, Cocks, Sawley, Bennett.

North Win Even Game

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3.8	6.9	13.15	17.17	119
West	3.2	11.5	12.6	17.11	113

By D. A. S.

OUTPACING and outmarking West Adelaide in a magnificent third quarter, North gained a lead which they kept until the end of the match.

They won by six points in the face of a thrilling last term challenge by a West side, which included only 17 players.

North surprised with their smart team work, and apart from bursts in

the first half, West were never allowed to slip into their usual devastating non-stop style of play.

Goalkickers—North: Farmer (5), Cearns, Rix (4), Taylor (2), Hogan, Summerside. West: Langton (8), L. Taylor (5), Coad (2), Cahill, Clark.

Best Players—North: West, Neville, Coleman, Lush, Hogan, Aamodi, Rix. West Adelaide: McArthur, Cahill, Hudson, Langton, Alexander, Coad, Powell, Broadstock.

Torrens Just Get Home at Glenelg

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens . . .	7—4	10—5	12—10	16—12	108
Glenelg . . .	2—0	7—2	10—5	16—10	106

By H. G. B.

Although Torrens led throughout the game against Glenelg at the Bay Oval, they scored victory by only two points in an exciting finish. Had a shot on the bell gone through instead of hitting a goalpost, the Bays would have won.

GLENELG'S brilliant last-quarter burst, in which they scored 41 points to 26, atoned for a mediocre start. Torrens' victory was chiefly due to their excellent position play and accurate sharpshooting in the first term, when they easily outclassed the seashiders.

GLENELG—Backs: Waite, Inglis, Pike. Half-backs: Curtin, Keane, Goodwin. Centres: McGillick, Hunt, Gillespie. Half-forwards: Trenorden, Richter, Corbett. Forwards: Bailey, House, Burt. Ruck: Boydell, Brock, Hender, Sims (19). Pike (leg injury) replaced by Sims in last quarter.

TORRENS—Backs: Coleman, Dinnison, Thomas. Half-backs: Roberts, Cox, Thiele. Centres: Filzell, Pfeil, Sully. Half-forwards: Glastonbury, Hudson, Footer. Forwards: Freer, Shaw, Kershaw. Ruck: Shortridge, Tonkin, Scott, Burton (19th). Coleman (chest injury) replaced by Burton in third quarter. Umpire, K. L. Aplin. Estimated attendance, 2,000.

Torrens, winning the toss, kicked to the northern goal, and had matters nearly all their own way in the first quarter. Glenelg seemed sluggish in their movements, and were, surprisingly, being outclassed in the rucks.

Torrens, on the other hand, usually got the knock-outs, and followed up this advantage by clever position play, which left the tigers standing.

Leading out smartly, and kicking more accurately at the goalpost than in recent games, the blue-and-golds, with goals from Hudson, Shaw, Scott, Glastonbury, and Kershaw soon had a useful lead. House had scored Glenelg's only sixer during this burst.

Tonkin Outstanding

Tonkin was playing a dominating game for the Thebarton men, his ruck play and ground work being outstanding.

Still unable to match their opponents' system and dash, Glenelg trailed by 34 points at the first change of ends.

Hender, battling manfully for the home side, had kicked their second goal, but Shaw and Footer each called up two flags for Torrens.

The second term was more even, when Glenelg tried hard to remedy their faults, and succeeded to a large extent. House brightened their chances with two goals, one of them coming from a most difficult angle.

Further quick thrusts sent Torrens away with goals from Kershaw, Shaw, and Hudson. House (Glenelg) goaled again, snapping this one over his head.

Making a determined rally shortly before half-time, Glenelg cut down their deficit with two smashing drives, which produced goals from Hender and Burt, and left the ground 21 points down.

Glenelg thrilled their supporters with a great rush early in the third term. The onslaught gave them goals from Burt, House, and Brock, and the seashiders were nearer to Torrens than they had been since the opening of the game, being only six points in arrears.

Five Singles in a Row

Torrens had lost their accuracy temporarily, but still kicking five singles in succession they stopped with full points from Freer and Coleman. Their rally had come just in time, as Glenelg had challenged strongly.

Torrens threatened to sweep Glenelg off their feet on resumption, Tonkin and Shaw (twice) goaling. Once more, however, Glenelg rose to the occasion, and quick goals from Burt (twice) and House again put them in the running.

With about five minutes left, 15 points up, and still superior in general team work, Torrens appeared reasonably certain of victory.

But Glenelg were not finished by any means, and in a rattling last-minute burst Boydell and Keane added goals. Then almost on the bell Burt hit the goalpost. This cost the home side the match, for Torrens scraped home by only two points.

Goalkickers—Torrens: Shaw (6), Scott, Kershaw, Hudson (each 2), Footer, Tonkin, Freer, Glastonbury. Glenelg: House (6), Burt (4), Hender, Brock (each 2), Boydell, Keane.

Best Players—Torrens: Shaw, Tonkin, Kershaw, Scott, Dinnison, Cox, Hudson. Glenelg: Boydell, House, Hender, Burt, Brock, Waite, Keane.

Player To Be Reported

After the game between Glenelg and Torrens at Glenelg, it was stated that G. C. Thomas (Torrens) would be reported by Boundary Umpire (L. J. Barnes) for having allegedly attempted to strike an opponent in the third quarter.

Players Who Won a Cheer

CRAWFORD'S prodigious knocking out was a highlight of the South—Sturt clash. He was rarely beaten for the knock when flying for the ball.

DOHERTY and Cahill brilliantly held South's wings against Sturt. The double-blues could find no counter to their dash and precision.

BIGGS was one of the few Sturt men to challenge South's aerial supremacy. He battled hard all day for the double-blues.

LATHLEAN and Miller roved determinedly for Sturt. They were always in the picture, and it was no fault of theirs that Sturt were trounced.

KEN Farmer (North) showed some of his old nimbleness when he was transferred to centre half-forward in the match against West at Prospect today. He repeatedly eluded his man and slipped through.

THE best follower at Norwood was Tom Kellaway. The big Port follower was unbeatable in the air, and gave Port a distinct advantage in the packs.

HIGHLIGHT of the Glenelg-Torrens game was the leaping of Marcus Boydell, tall Glenelg ruckman, who time after time knocked from ruck, and overmarked Torrens men.

ONE of the factors which gave Torrens a valuable first term lead against Glenelg was the powerful rucking of Tonkin.

LIST showed to advantage in the Norwood attack. He marked and kicked strongly at centre half-forward, and his transfer from that position in the last term came as a surprise.

SCHMELSKOPF played a grand game for Norwood, whether following or placed. The sturdy redie, apart from leading Norwood's ruck determinedly, kicked six goals and was always under notice.

A FEATURE of the game at Norwood was the splendid exhibition given by Obst, Port goalkeeper. He never allowed Schultz to get a break, and used wonderful anticipation in his dashes to the ball.



GLENELG RUCKMAN, C. Bailey, who is now in the A.I.F., sketched by Lionel Coventry. This morning Bailey was married to Miss Edith McNamee at St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral.