

TODAY'S FOOTBALL

TORRENS REGAIN FORM IN FINE WIN OVER WEST

TORRENS jumped back to top form in defeating West by 51 points in the main league football match at Thebarton Oval today.

South ran Norwood to a 10-point margin in a game in which no goals were scored in the first quarter. Sturt scored a comfortable win from North to reach the top four on percentage over West, and Port defeated Glenelg.

Prior Kicks 10

By Roy Colmer

DON Prior starred in his new role of full forward for Torrens and kicked 10 goals.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	1—5	10—8	11—12	19—15	129
West	2—5	2—8	9—12	11—12	78

The outstanding features of the game were recoveries by both teams. Torrens in the second quarter and West in the third.

West started as though they would carry everything before them, outpaced Torrens, made position well, and did everything right until they reached scoring distance. Then their game went to pieces.

Torrens were a lumbering side in the early part of the game. They had a good view of West's new, white numbers for most of the time.

One good point in Torrens' game, even when they were being beaten, was that they wasted no ground in making for the goal. They were depending on Prior and realised that straight down the ground was the best road to him. But Prior was off the target, scoring only one goal from four easy shots.

Although he failed with his kicking, Prior wrested control of

the aerial work from the red-and-blacks. He reached his top in the second quarter when he out-marked his opponents time after time within easy range. His six goals in the quarter were the main factor in Torrens holding an eight-goal lead at half-time.

Torrens picked up remarkably as a team in the second term. Their centre line took control. In this regard West were unlucky, because they lost Burkett through an injury just before the end of the first quarter.

It was the midfield men who increased the pace of the side and allowed Torrens to cut the West defence to ribbons.

Goalkickers—Torrens: Prior (10), Hutchinson (3), Wood, Smith (each 2), W. Hank, Mehahey. West: Williams (4), Atkins, Hislop (each 2), Taylor, Coad, Peters.

Best Players—Torrens: Prior, Hutchinson, Cox, Roberts, R. Hank, Mehahey, Edwards. West: Smith, Williams, Cannon, Taylor, Lewis, Agars, Coad.

STURT OUTMARKED NORTH TO WIN BY 51 POINTS AT UNLEY

By Lawrie Jervis, jun.

STURT, playing a much better brand of football than North, had no difficulty in preventing the red-and-whites from registering their first win at Unley since 1932. Although North never let up, they could not combat Sturt's pace, high marking, and ruck strength.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	7—4	12—8	15—15	19—19	133
North	2—3	4—7	7—13	11—16	82

IT did not take Sturt long to swing into machine-like football. Langley, their captain, who is making fast headway towards his best form, quickly began taking potshots at the goal. On the run I should think Langley is close to the most accurate and powerful kick in the league, and he possesses that photographic brain which tells him just where the goals are situated.

He missed with his first shot, gave Giles the chance to goal, and then goaled himself, to set Sturt on their winning way. North could not make much impression on the double-blue half-back line—Headon, Tilley, and Crawley.

McKay, and Pedersen to a lesser degree, held Sturt up, but towards the end of the first term, Pynor, Langley, and L. G. Giles all got goals.

The second term was a repetition of the first, with Sturt playing the football which took them to within a goal of Norwood at Unley.

North had neither the pace, marking ability, nor ruck strength to cope consistently and thoroughly with the double-blue methods.

If Ern Pynor, Sturt full-forward, could kick only one goal from every three times he handles the ball, Sturt would have a star forward. He is a most erratic kicker.

Once again Sturt's rovers, Merchant and Langley, did most of the goal-getting, aided by Black and Lowe.

Don Bartlett, at centre, instead of his usual centre half-back post, was more than a match for Cox (North), although the latter came into the picture late in the term.

On the wings, Sturt's Trezise and Thomas were ahead on points of their opponents.

Goalkickers—Sturt: Langley, Merchant, L. G. Giles (each 4), Pynor, Black (each 2), Cave, Thomas, Lowe. North: Lehmann (5), Beeching, Pash (each 2), Pedler, Cox.

Best Players—Sturt: Langley, Headon, L. G. Giles, Thomas, Black, Bartlett, Crawley. North: Kennedy, McKay, Pederson, Crouch, Cox, Burton, Aamodt.

GLENELG GAVE PORT A FRIGHT

By Colin Hay

GLENELG gave Port a fright at Kensington today in a hard, fast game which produced many flashes of brilliant football.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	6—3	8—6	9—12	14—15	99
Glenelg	0—2	4—6	7—10	9—11	65

GIVING their best display for the season, Glenelg outscored Port in the second and third quarters, and were only 14 points in arrears well into the final quarter. Then they faded away, and Port, finishing on strongly, won by 35 points. Port won the points, but honors for the day were with Glenelg, who must gain heart from their solid effort.

The ease with which Port raced ahead to a 20-point lead early and led by 35 points at the first change did not indicate that Glenelg would make a match of it.

Ron Hall on a centre wing for Port was in grand form, and sent the magpies in repeatedly. Had it not been for Robjett's fine work at centre half-back Port would have been further ahead.

The rucks were well matched, with Betson and Crabb having their fair share of the ball. Port shone on the fringes, where Quinn and Gates were outstanding.

During the second quarter, Glenelg infused system into their game, and, bumping it out with Port, the Bays offered strong opposition. Three quick goals and their deficit was only 21 points.

Glenelg scored 2—1 more than Port for the quarter, and sweeping all before them on the resumption had Port badly rattled.

Glenelg got to within seven points, and with the prospect of taking the lead kept bombarding the Port defence. They were now faster, combined well, and kept their positions better.

What Captains Had To Say

Bob Hank (Torrens)—We knew we could not play as badly as we did against Port. We were confident of beating West, and our system on the day proved too much for them.

Jack Taylor (West)—It was a hard game, and the better side on the day won.

G. Langley (Sturt)—We were too fast, and played better combined football.

A. Burton (North)—Sturt were far too good for us.

Bob Quinn (Port)—We were too steady at the finish for the Bays. We won the game with our first quarter, and were then able to rally our forces in the closing stages to last better.

Beg Masters (Glenelg)—I am very pleased with our effort. We played much better football. The forward lines were our weak department and our kicking for goal was shocking. We also faded out in the last 15 minutes.

Jack Oatey (Norwood)—Our steadiness at the right time and fitness were the main factors. Experience and high marking of the big men also helped. Our kicking for goal was bad, but we can do much better.

Don Pryor (acting captain for South)—Had we kicked straighter in the first and third quarters the result would have been different. Norwood's smaller men worried us at different times. I thought our rucks won on the day, and our pace was outstanding in the last quarter.

LAST TERM BID BY SOUTH HALTED

By Ray Barber

A SPIRITED bid took South to within a point of Norwood at Adelaide Oval today, but the redlegs halted the challenge and won by 10 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	0—9	7—17	10—19	12—24	96
South	0—5	6—6	8—12	12—14	86

When Norwood went to a 20-point lead soon after the last quarter began, many spectators were ready to go home, but South unwound bursts of brilliance with about eight minutes to go. They took over in the ruck and were first in the race to the ball.

But Norwood showed what a good, well-trained side they are by going away again.

In the first quarter 15 came before the first goal—three minutes after the second quarter opened. South's pace held Norwood in check, but the redleg defenders worked together and used effective handball.

Roads, at centre half-forward, presented opportunities for Norwood by keeping Hickenbotham quiet, and Linke did a similar job with Giles.

Norwood got a grip on the game early in the third quarter, when Marriott dominated the goalfrost with two quick goals which put them 30 points ahead.

South had to do so much to make up the leeway that they lacked the necessary touch to clinch the game in the closing stages.

Le Page did his side a big service when he closed the direct route after half-time and curbed Linke's brilliance.

Norwood's centre line operated effectively in the last quarter and South's backlines were playing their best football for the match.

Guthridge, who had been a lone fighter against superior Norwood rucks, got some belated help from Veitch who knocked the ball prodigiously.

Goalkickers—Norwood: Way (3), Marriott (2), Roads, Bell, Trestrail, Burke, Parrow. South: Pryor (4), Laphorne, Linke, Deane (2), Veitch, Guthridge.

Best Players—Norwood: Way, Gallagher, Burke, Oids, Oatey, Le Page. South: Deane, Haines, Templeton, Laphorne, Linke, Harris, Guthridge.