

WIN OVER TORRENS PUTS WEST TOP

West displaced Torrens from first place on the league football premiership list when they won an exciting tussle by 24 points at Thebarton Oval today.

Port defeated South and moved up to sixth position, North dropping to seventh when they were beaten by Norwood. In the other match Sturt were too good for Glenelg.

Strong Bid Fails

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	7—9	12—11	14—15	16—20	116
Torrens	3—1	8—4	14—5	14—8	92

By Roy Colmer

WEST beat off a determined lightning rally by Torrens at the end of an exhilarating display of football. In the second quarter West led by more than seven goals.

West won the game in the first half, when they were machine-like in their play.

After half-time, Torrens, a transformed side, made the pace a cracker, and, although unable to shake off West, looked as though they would wear down the red-and-blacks.

Although Torrens scored only three behinds in the last quarter, spectators forgot the scores as the teams battled vigorously and at a speed amazing in view of the pace earlier in the game.

Cannon played a fine game for West, was in the thick of the struggle all day, and played fast, effective football. Brown was little behind him, and his play at back in the last quarter

was the main stumbling block to Torrens.

Souter was almost unbeatable at centre wing in the first half and played sound football at half-back in the closing stages. Beaton and Burkett, tired at the end, did their tasks brilliantly when West were running to their big, early lead.

Bill Hank was the most consistent man for Torrens. Few of the blue-and-golds showed outstanding form until the second half, but Hank battled hard in the crushes all day and did well in defence.

Sully gave a fine display at back, Ray Hank roved strongly early and helped to balance the centre line duels later. Mehaffey roved strongly for most of the day, but had his quiet times.

Scorers:—West—Atkins 4.3, Coad 3.1, Smith 2.4, Semmler 2.3, Williams 2.1, Braidwood 1.1, Brown 1.0, Beaton 1.0, Slattry 0.3, Zeuner 0.2, Agars 0.1, rushed 0.1. Torrens: Ashby 4.2, Schwartz 3.0, Mehaffey 2.3, Wood 1.2, Coverlid 1.0, Hodgins 1.0, H. McKenzie 1.0, Ray Hank 1.0, Quick 0.1.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

LEAGUE FOOTBALL

	P.	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.
West	9	7	2	1110	891	14
Torrens	9	7	2	938	803	14
Sturt	9	7	2	840	741	14
Norwood	9	6	3	902	798	12
Glenelg	9	4	5	922	930	8
Port	9	3	6	815	806	6
North	9	2	7	785	841	4
South	9	—	9	690	1183	—

Top Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Churchett (Glenelg)	5	56
Farrow (Norwood)	6	43
Tuckey (North)	3	34
Mehaffey (Torrens)	2	21
Langley (Sturt)	4	26
A. E. McLean (Port)	—	26

Sturt Too Good For Glenelg

By Lawrie Jervis, Jun.

Sturt were untroubled to defeat Glenelg by 29 points at Unley today. Only in spasms did the Boys show any semblance of teamwork, while Sturt were always looking for the man in position.

The only stage when Glenelg seemed likely to force a close finish was when they slammed on five goals in a stirring third quarter burst, to get to within 11 points of the Unley team. But then they petered out.

Donaldson, usually a driving force for Glenelg at centre, was completely out of touch, and consequently Southern was an even more potent force for Sturt. Donaldson left the field injured in the third quarter.

Blind kicking, unnecessary mauling of opponents, and a repeated tendency to fly for marks against teammates were main Glenelg errors.

For most of the day Sturt always had a man waiting to "shark" any fumbled marks; their footpassing was accurate, and they were far faster.

YEO IN FORM

Yeo turned in another good game for Sturt at centre half-back, and there is no more courageous and determined footballer here than the snowy-haired double-blue man.

Langley, particularly in the first half, played great football, as did Southern at centre. Abbott (centre half-forward), Baker and Thomas (wings), Wickham (roving), and Whelan (ruck) also did well.

Hunt (goalkeeper) and Hannaford (half-back) were best for Glenelg. Both played dashingly and cleared brilliantly at times. Betson (ruck), Hausen (roving), Robjent (centre half-back), Crabb (ruck), and Window (ruck and back pocket) were best of the others.

Scorers:—Sturt—Langley 4.1, Wickham 3.2, Willis 3.0, Schober 2.0, Abbott 2.0, Whelan 1.0, Cave 1.5, Pike 0.3, Lowe 0.2, rushed 0.2. Glenelg: Churchett 5.1, Betson 2.0, Wallis 1.2, Donaldson 1.0, Manning 1.0, Grimwood 1.1, Boyall 1.0, Hausen 0.1, McPherson 0.2, Link 0.1, rushed 0.2.



WICKHAM (Sturt), right, was just far enough ahead of Hunt (Glenelg) to kick the ball clear in this incident at Unley Oval this afternoon. A. Hannaford (Glenelg) is in the centre.

Norwood Not Extended

By Colin Hay

Norwood, strengthened in ruck, half-forward, and half-back, were always on top of North at Norwood and won comfortably by 16 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4—6	8—10	11—11	12—18	90
North	2—2	5—5	7—10	10—14	74

At times Norwood turned on the brand of systematic football that makes a premiership side. They appeared to have something in reserve and were so cool in their forward work on occasions that they were almost casual.

Gallagher was Norwood's best with a brilliant display at pivot. His spectacular marking and driving kicks were splendid and his judgment faultless.

Blackmore was rarely beaten at half-forward, and Oatey, back into form, roved with dash. Williams, Mayo, and Farrow were a grand forward trio. Roberts defended soundly. Marriott and Matthews had most of the ruck play.

O'Leary's tireless rucking and effective defence work made him North's best, although he only slightly shaded Hancock, who kept a centre wing open. Arbon roved with his usual vigor, McKenzie held a back pocket, and Beeching did a lot of good work in spite of Burke's sound game. Kennett and McKay were best of the others.

Scorers:—Norwood: Farrow 6.4, Williams 2.3, Trestrail, Oatey, Dalwood 1.1, Bell 1.0, Mayo 0.5, Blackmore, Gallagher 0.1, rushed 0.1. Hit goalpost: Farrow (2). Williams. North: Tuckey 3.2, McKay 2.4, Arbon, Galloway 2.0, Beeching 1.2, Kennett, Asmodt 0.2, McKenzie, Coulls 0.1. Hit goalpost: Tuckey, McKenzie.

South Easy For Port

By Ray Barber

After the first quarter Port ran all over South to win by 51 points at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1.5	8.11	12.18	17.18	120
South	4.1	5.3	7.7	10.9	69

"Congey" McLean was the pick of the 36. He shone in all parts of the field.

Port were well served by their rovers. Mick Gates was active and effective, while Hoffmann showed he is too good to be Port association captain.

Schumann held centre half-back, and was well supported by Batt and Dayman. Russell

did everything asked of him in goal. Boyd led finely, but kicked inaccurately. Marrett was again consistent in ruck.

Don Pryor turned in a solid game as goalkeeper for South. His high marking was a feature. Ward was good in the ruck, and kicked four nice goals.

Lapthorne roved with much of his old skill, and Mitchinson, on his second half showing, now has a mortgage on the centre position. It was his first game.

Harris relieved Fraser at half-back right, and Fraser battled hard against Bob McLean's tantalising reach. Edgword and Ball also went well.

Scorers:—Port: Hoffmann 4.3, Boyd 3.5, Clarke 2.3, Marrett 2.2, L. G. McLean 1.2, Nicholls 1.1, Hewitson, Moore, Whelan, M. Gates, 1.0, rushed 0.2. South: Ward 4.1, Webber 2.1, Thiel 1.3, Lapthorne 1.1, McLeod, Edgword 1.0, Ball 0.1, rushed 0.2.