

TORRENS CAME GOOD AT THE RIGHT TIME

By SAM GALLAGHER

Playing their best football for the season, Torrens toppled league leaders West by 22 points in a convincing return to form at Thebarton today.

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Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: WET AT THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3-5	4-7	10-10	16-12	108
West	0-6	5-9	9-12	12-14	86

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Young, Morrell, Shearman, Kingston, Castles, Payze, Head. **WEST:** Kerley, Bray, Ryan Thomas, Wright, Barker, Hogan.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Kingston 6.4, Young 3.2, Head 2.0, Hanel 1.1, Mitchell 1.1, Robertson 1.0, Russell 1.0, Morrell 1.0, Shearman 0.2, rushed 0.2. **WEST:** Costello 3.1, Kerley 2.2, Hogan 2.0, Wright 1.3, Barker 1.1, Phipps 1.1, Thomas 1.1, Ryan 1.0, Roach 0.2, Shrubsole 0.1, rushed 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Landers (leg injury) replaced by Blight last quarter. **WEST:** Nil.

AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	1-3	5-8	7-11	12-14	86
Glenelg	3-2	4-4	5-4	7-6	48

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Thomas, Hammond, T. Lindner, D. Gilbourne, Barbary, Codd, Pascoe. **GLENELG:** Leahy, Hunte, Payne, Linke, Crompton, Fraser, Herron, Beal.

SCORERS—NORTH: Pascoe 3.0, Thomas 2.3, R. Gilbourne 2.0, Whitford 1.2, Porter 1.1, Kent 1.1, Hammond 1.0, Bubner 1.0, Potts 0.1, rushed 0.2. **GLENELG:** Crompton 2.3, Richens 2.0, Rowe 2.0, Bateman 1.0, Westley 0.1, Herron 0.1, Payne 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Bubner (chest injury) replaced by Kent at half time. Thomas (heavy knock) by Sheppard in last quarter. **GLENELG:** Crompton (shoulder) replaced by Bateman in last quarter.

AT NORWOOD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	1-4	4-6	11-9	18-16	124
South	3-0	3-3	3-5	4-5	29

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Ross, Brenchley, Oatey, Lill, Wedding, Bowe, Miller. **SOUTH:** Christie, Parkinson, Durbridge, Johnston, Kantilla, Bailache, Wilson.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Stephens 5.4, Oatey 3.2, Lill 3.1, Brenchley 2.2, Daly 2.1, Cousins 1.1, Ross 1.1, Vickers 1.1, Kneebone 0.1, rushed 0.2. **SOUTH:** Backman 1.1, Wilson 1.1, Hilder 1.1, Parham 1.0, Chirgwin 0.1, Panizza 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Modra (groin) replaced by Cousins in the second term, Daly (cramp) replaced by Ashby in the last term. **SOUTH:** Lewis (groin) replaced by Harris in the third term, Kimber (ankle) replaced by Ploenges in the third term.

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1-8	5-11	9-16	13-24	102
Sturt	2-2	4-2	5-3	5-3	33

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Potter, Philp, Graynor, Hayes, Motley, Cahill, T. Obst, P. Obst, Luke. **STURT:** Guerin, Hale, Williams, Hunter, Green, Halbert (until injured), Goodchild.

SCORERS—PORT: Traynor 3.0, Philp 2.2, Luke 2.1, Potter 1.7, Johns 1.3, McBain 1.1, Thompson 1.1, Salmon 1.0, Tierney 1.0, Cahill 0.4, Obst 0.3, Motley 0.1, rushed 0.1. **STURT:** Caust 2.2, Richardson 1.0, Williams 1.0, Green 1.0, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Halbert (knee) replaced by Graham during third quarter. **PORT:** Abley (groin) replaced by Bates during final term, T. Obst (exhaustion) replaced by Eime during final term.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem. %
West	11	3	1325	912	22	59.28
Port	11	3	1171	857	22	57.74
Torrens	9	5	1187	1020	18	53.78
Norwood	8	6	1156	976	16	54.22
North	8	6	1123	1044	16	51.82
South	5	9	932	1368	10	40.52
Glenelg	3	11	1094	1406	6	43.76
Sturt	1	13	878	1283	2	40.62

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Kingston (Torrens)	6.4	12	60.44
Hogan (West)	2.0	13	34.26
Crompton (Glenelg)	2.3	14	32.30
R. Johns (Port)	1.3	11	30.42
Kantilla South	—	14	27.24
Phipps (West)	1.1	13	25.30
Richens (Glenelg)	2.0	14	25.27
Stephens (Norwood)	5.4	7	25.20
Lill (Norwood)	3.1	14	23.22
Thomas (North)	2.3	13	22.22
Pascoe (North)	3.2	14	22.15
Wright (West)	1.3	11	22.21

ATTENDANCES

	Pts.
Thebarton	11,000
Prospect	5,000
Norwood	6,500
Unley	4,500
Total	27,000

Kingston kicked six goals.

At Norwood the Redlegs recovered from an unpromising start to swamp South after half-time.

Norwood reorganised half-way through the second quarter, switching Kneebone to defence and Sawley to attack.

South scored only one goal after the first quarter while Norwood added 17, seven in each of the last two terms.

Back in form

Glenelg led North at Prospect until late in the second quarter but once they hit the front, the home side gradually drew away.

The return to form of rover Billy Thomas and Hammond's fine display at centre half-back were features of North's win.

Port kicked only 13 goals from 37 scoring shots at Unley. Winning rucks kept the Magpies constantly in attack.

Sturt's chances of making a game of it vanished when centreman John Halbert retired with a knee injury in the third quarter.

Next Saturday's clash between Norwood and North at Prospect should attract a big crowd.

This game probably will

decide fourth place in the major round.

The Redlegs will have an advantage in ruck where Wedding should give them a flying start.

North's hopes depend to a large extent on Don Lindner. He was rarely sighted today, following a strenuous carnival program.

There should be little in it across centre but the Redlegs' ruck strength and better roving form could give them the points.

At Richmond, Port and West meet to decide the outright leader of the competitions for the time being.

West could be in trouble again in ruck. Only Kerley of the West followers was a consistent winner today, and if Hannaford returns to Port's ruck he could do what Morrell did today.

Port's set attack looks slightly more efficient and it will be up to West's rovers and centreman Ryan to make up the difference.

Consolidate

Torrens should further consolidate today's impressive return to power when they meet Sturt at Kensington.

The Blues have had an unenviable season.

South and Glenelg meet at Adelaide in the remaining game of the series.

North had to lift game for victory

By BO MORTON

After a sloppy and uninspiring start, North lifted their game to swamp the Tigers at Prospect.

Fine football by Billy Thomas, and then inspired displays by Hammond and Theo Lindner spelled doom for the Tigers.

It was grey and dismal at the start, but at this stage the rain was insufficient to have any marked influence.

The crowd apparently anticipating further rain, was small, but swelled to fair proportions as the game progressed.

Hammond, right from the jump, showed his appreciation of being allotted the centre half-back position, and threw out spirited Tiger attacks in the opening exchanges.

Equally effective, was Christ Hunt, the Glenelg colt half-back, who showed splendid early form.

At the first change Glenelg appeared to have an edge. They were quicker into attack, showed much more spirit and purpose in their general play, and with a safe avenue in attack through Crompton, had North struggling.

It looked that the 11 points held by Glenelg at this change might be handy, as it rained on resumption, and the ball became difficult to handle.

I think Glenelg owed their lead to their ascendancy across centre, where all three players handled the ball well and much more often than their opponents.

Well attended

Had it not been for the stalwart defence of Hammond, and the grand roving of Billy Thomas, Glenelg surely would have been further in front.

It was not until late in the second term that North took a new lease of life. Led by Hammond, Thomas and Gilbourne in defence, they wore down the Tigers, and hit the front.

North may have profited had they attacked away from Don Lindner, who was being well attended and defeated by Linke.

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Even at half-time, it seemed anyone's game, with the difference only 10 points.

After the break Barbary came well into the game, but a chance he gave Hammond was put out of bounds.

Whitford, somewhat quiet, kicked a mighty punt well into the square where Pascoe was freed, and kicked truly.

Brian Beal, breaking even with Barbary, broke clear, but again Hammond cleared, again out of bounds.

The chink

If there was a chink in Hammond's armour, it was his loose and ill-directed kicking. He is a magnificent kicker, but would be well advised to harness it a little and control his direction.

He must have kicked eight or 10 out of bounds today, most times when properly balanced.

R. Gilbourne, after a scrimmage, goaled again for North, who were now slowly but very surely wearing down Glenelg.

Westley, Glenelg junior who showed a lot of promise today, battled on and gamely handpassed to Richens, who kicked a neat angle goal.

Glenelg were breaking

down badly in the two way forward positions where neither Webber or Rowe had sufficient speed to win the ball often enough from the opportunities presented.

It was now Hank Lindner came into his own. He brushed off friend and foe alike, and really lifted the whole North defence.

In the last term, it was mainly North, now playing like a potential premier-ship team. They directed their kicking, played on, men, and generally had and well in front of their Glenelg chasing them and well under the ball.

I must commend umpire Sweeney for a fine display. The game was played in sloppy conditions which so often place a greater strain on players. However, the game was virtually incident-free and this was due, in the main, to finely controlled umpiring.

For North, I thought Billy Thomas was best. He certainly faded a little before he left the ground, but it was his early inspired roving which enabled North to keep in touch.

Hammond was next—he has everything, and is assured of a great State future when he gains more experience.

Others were Hank Lindner, for a great second half; Don Gilbourne, a meticulous game in the back pocket; Barbary, Potts, Codd, and Pascoe, whose three goals were well earned.

For Glenelg, Rex Leahy in the back pocket ranked high, closely followed by Chris Hunt, who was starved of opportunities in the second half.

Others to do well were Payne, Linke, Crompton, Fraser, Heron, and Beal.



Hammond

Leahy

IT was pleasing to see Glenelg coach Stan Wickham back on the job at Prospect today after having been on the sick list.

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BOB Hammond's prodigious kicking was a feature at the North-Glenelg game. Bob really kicks that ball as though he has a personal grudge against it.

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TROPHY

These are the leading votes recorded up to today for the Mildara Football Trophy:

N. KERLEY	..	22
J. HALBERT	..	21½
W. HERRON	..	20½
G. CHRISTIE	..	19
K. WEDDING	..	18½
D. ROACH	..	17½
J. POTTER	..	17½
T. LINDNER	..	17½
D. PANIZZA	..	16
H. LINKE	..	16
B. BARBARY	..	15
F. HOGAN	..	14½