LEAGUE FOUR

PORT SQUEEZED OUT

WEST'S SENSATIONAL WIN

RESULTS OF TO-DAY'S GAMES.

West	17—11
South	4—11
Torrens	10—14
Port	9—19
Norwood	16—23
Glenelg	7—7

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts. for	Pts. agst.	Prem. Pts.
Norwood . .	14	12	—	2	1254	717	24
Torrens . .	14	10	1	3	964	857	21
South . . .	14	8	—	6	983	881	16
West . . .	14	7	—	7	918	857	14
OUT OF THE RUNNING.							
Port . . .	14	7	—	7	926	913	14
North . . .	14	6	—	8	888	988	12
Sturt . . .	14	5	1	8	935	931	11
Glenelg . .	14	—	—	14	633	1357	—

TORRENS' ONE-POINT WIN.

Grand Recovery by Port.

Battling for a place in the leading four, Port were anxious to secure a victory over Torrens on the Thebarton Oval this afternoon, when there was a great attendance to witness the contest. Brown (suffering from an injury) and Allen were omitted from the Torrens 20, while Kuhl was nineteenth man for Port. The match was umpired by Mr. O'Connor. Although the result of the meeting would not affect the position of the local side it was known that they would be all out against the magpies, whom they had beaten at Alberton in the first match between the teams.

TORRENS	3—8	5—10	10—14	10—14
PORT	0—3	3—9	4—11	9—19

With a leeway of 39 points to make up Port's case appeared to be hopeless at the opening of the last bout, although the visitors had the advantage of the wind. The magpies also had the disheartening knowledge that their chance of figuring in the finals was rendered slender by West's big lead against South at three-quarter time, the scores at the Adelaide Oval having been posted.

They, however, went to work with a will, and after having put on three behinds Bayley managed a major. There were now exactly five goals difference between the tallies. Twice C. Dayman kicked into the objective, and twice Torrens saved, although a behind was got on the first occasion from a scrimmage. A little later, however, after a Torrens' attack had been beaten back, Allingham was successful with a snapshot. Bayley was awarded a free in front of the posts, but only a behind came. Torrens were to the fore temporarily, but Port forced the leather back, and Bayley had a shot — a minor. After some play the same player again had a try, but again failed. Allingham also missed. A little later, however, he made no mistake. Port with visions of an eleventh-hour victory put in good and hard. Allingham missed with a snapshot. A free was awarded to Dayman. He kicked into the crowd near the goal, and Allingham running in kicked an easy sixer. Another overpowering rush, and Hosie put Port within 1 point of their opponents with the ninth major. The excitement was intense. L. C. Dayman again forwarded from centre, and Port supporters were rendered delirious when Bayley picked the ball up after two Torrens men had gone up, and booted it through. Their expectations of victory were, however, dashed when Ashby of Torrens was given the ball on the ground that he had marked it, and no goal was allowed. The game ended just after, Torrens winning by 1 point. Scores:—

TORRENS	
PORT	

Best Players.—Torrens — Karney, Marvell, Oaten, Pain, Strugnell, Hollis, Mills, Ashby. Port—Adams, Allingham, Bampton, Drew, C. and L. C. Dayman, Taylor, Bayley.

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Hollis (3), Marvell, Karney, Wyld (each 2), Mills. Port—Allingham (5), Bayley (2), Keal, Hosie.

FOOTBALL ATTENDANCES.

The official figures of the attendance at the Adelaide Oval this afternoon were 8,400. The receipts amounted to £231.

It was estimated that 15,125 persons were present at the Thebarton Oval, while the takings totalled £480, a record for the ground.

SOUTH'S CRUSHING DEFEAT.

Beaten by Thirteen Goals.

The minor round of league matches was concluded this afternoon, when the two principal engagements were between South and West on the Adelaide Oval and Torrens and Port at Thebarton. The issues of both encounters meant everything to the westerners and the magpies, the result meaning the combing out of one or the other from the season's programme. The southerners wore black bands out of respect to the memory of the late Mr. W. G. Coombe, a life member and one-time chairman of the club.

South and West had representative teams, though there were notable absentees in Allen from the former side and Dance and Brown from the red-and-blacks.

WEST	2—1	5—4	13—7	17—11
SOUTH	2—3	2—5	2—8	4—11

Best Players.—West—Barnes (best man in the field), Peters, Cossey, Lee, Martin, Lukeman, Hamilton, Simmons, W. Bishop, Wright, Ellis. South—Moriarty, Waye, Kay, Williams, Easton.

Goalkickers.—West—W. Bishop (4), Peters, Barnes, Martin, Wright, Lukeman, and Ellis (each 2), Bailey. South—Hanby, Waye, Ryan, Williams.

NOTES ON THE PLAY

NORWOOD VANQUISH GLENELG.

Glenelg have finished their second season without a win. They still handle the man too much.

Norwood missed Bryant. Their system and ruck work suffer when their champion is out of the team.

The "tigers" fumble at critical moments, which was in strong contrast with their opponents' cool methods. They were also faulty in goalshooting.

Bent was the best man on the ground. Whether forward or roving he seemed to magnetise the ball.

Schumacher roved in his usual clever style, often coming through the crushes.

Townley played a dashing game, outmarking his opponent frequently; and Ackland and Stephens were reliable.

Close and Moore provided interesting tussles. Both took some spectacular marks, but Moore was better on the ground.

Hart kicked five goals. The only interest the last quarter provided was his strenuous efforts to get the ball against many opponents. The onlookers were with him in his attempts to score, and he was the most looked for player during that term.

Wadham rucked well, but was not up to last Saturday's standard. This was only his second league match, and he promises to make a creditable understudy to Bryant.

Ross and Moore shared honours for Glenelg. The former is fast and outpaced several opposing players.

Hanley rucked safely, and kicked a sure goal.

Murphy promises to make a fine forward. He can kick well, but is not too sure. He obtained a brace.

Marshall and Toms were prominent on occasions, and Hine made several saves in goal.

NORWOOD DOWN GLENELG.

Uninspiring Game.

Glenelg this afternoon faced Norwood on the eastern oval. The match was of no importance, but nevertheless a fair crowd attended. Norwood put a weakened team in the field, Bryant, Scott, and Dobson being absent. Heinrich stood down, and Barnett and Wadham were omitted from the Glenelg selection.

The first rucks were:—Norwood—Wadham, Grantley, Schumacher. Glenelg—Gabb, Percival, Gotts.

Umpire Tuckfield bounced the ball, and Ross was freed. Toms had an easy shot, from which he scored a point. A good kick by Hanley saw Townley take a fine mark, and in a scramble Toms snapped a goal. Norwood attacked, and Bent secured and passed to Hart, who brought one flag up. The ball soon returned to the other end, where Glenelg were again successful with a full-pointer snapped by C. Barnett. Grantley put in some good play, and Hepburn tried an angle shot that was partly successful. Close atoned with the possible. In front of goal Hart was pushed, his free resulting in a goal. Plunkett repeated this performance a little later. Glenelg replied with a similar tally. Bent was prominent with some clever work, which culminated in a double-flagger. The ball hovered round Glenelg's objective for several minutes, but after several unsuccessful snaps a free to Grantley relieved the pressure. Scores:—

NORWOOD	4—3
GLENELG	3—1

The second rucks were:—Norwood—Potts, Plunkett, Hepburn. Glenelg—Gabb, Percival, Gotts. From frees Sibley gained a major and Hart a point from a difficult angle. Bent, again prominent, punted the leather through. Hepburn had a try, which was flightily touched by Hine. From Bent to Hepburn back to Bent gave the latter another try, which touched a post. Hepburn was given a free in front and he had no difficulty in putting it through. Ross sprinted smartly up the centre, but he was not aided, and the ball returned to Close, who hit a post. Norwood monopolised the play, and Close was given another chance, which he availed himself of. Murphy secured a point just before half-time. Scores:—

NORWOOD	9—11
GLENELG	3—3

Hart secured his second major from a snap, supplied him by Hepburn. Bent was playing a great game roving, and he was instrumental in giving Schumacher a successful attempt. After some up-and-down play Hanley punted a goal (the first for Glenelg since the opening term). Hepburn and Bent contributed minors from good kicks. Perry attempted to score, but it was left to Murphy to finish the job with a goal. Murphy again shone out, and passed to Ross, who with a fine kick managed a point. Spry also notched a point from a very easy shot. Gotts secured from the ruck and sent on to Murphy—another point. Townley took a fine mark and Schumacher helped it on to Sibley, who kicked a minor. Third-quarter scores:—

NORWOOD	11—18
GLENELG	5—7

Glenelg faced a deficit of 8 goals at the beginning of the last term. Hart was given a free, and he placed another major alongside his name. Murphy replied with a similar tally, the result of a fine kick. Bent continued to attract the ball, and a shot by him was marked by Glenelg's keeper, Hine. Sibley notched a major, and Murphy again tried to emulate the Norwood man, but this time he was not so sure. The redlegs hustled the ball, and Hart found the big opening for the fourth time. Grantley and Wadham did some good work, giving Hart another opportunity, which he let pass. Glenelg retaliated, but fumbling caused them to fail in their forward effort, Scott and Schumacher sending it back to Norwood's goalgetters. Hepburn scored a point, then Potts a goal. Hart took a spectacular mark and secured another possible. Ross kicked a goal just as the bell rang. Final scores:—

NORWOOD	16—23
GLENELG	7—7

Best Players:—Norwood—Bent, Schumacher, Hepburn, Townley, Close, Toovey, B. A. Scott, Hart. Glenelg—Ross, Hanley, Moore, Murphy, Gotts, Marshall, Spry.

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Hart (5), Bent (3), Sibley, Close (2), Hepburn, Plunkett, Schumacher, Potts. Glenelg—Murphy (2), Hanley, Barnett, Spry, Toms, Ross.

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