Port and West's Great Game

PORT ADELAIDE JUST WIN

Great Struggle and Thrilling Finish

WEST PLAY GREAT LAST QUARTER

Port Adelaide were badly shaken today. In a strenuous struggle they managed to stall off a late run by West Adelaide and win by the narrow margin of 2 points. It was a close thing for the seasiders. With West attacking continuously in the expiring minutes of the game, Port had just sufficient reserve energy to prevent their opponents scoring. The bell came at an opportune time for them.

A GRADE.

POSITION OF CLUBS.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points. For.	Ag.	Prem. Pts.
West Torrens	6	4	1	1	461	347	9
Sturt	5	4	1	—	422	295	8
Port Adelaide	6	4	2	—	481	410	8
South Adelaide	5	3	2	—	348	311	6
Norwood	5	2	2	1	350	309	5
North Adelaide	5	2	3	—	303	333	4
West Adelaide	6	2	4	—	370	446	4
Glenelg	6	—	6	—	334	618	—

ON the whole the game was disappointing, and it was only the closeness of the play and the scores that made the first three quarters interesting. The last quarter, however, made up for previous shortcomings on the part of both eighteens. Faced with a substantial deficit, West Adelaide in five minutes scored three goals and assumed the lead. Still they swarmed forward. But Port had had time to recover. As their opponents' offensives slackened, they drove home an attack, and regained an advantage. Thence until the bell first one side and then the other took the lead, and up to the end the ultimate result was in doubt. Many gallant things were done by men of both sides, and McGregor for West and L. C. Dayman for Port worked like supermen to bring victory to their respective sides. It was as if two evenly matched thoroughbreds strained toward a finishing mark. Port had the luck to be in front when the bell rang.

PORT	3—2	5—7	8—10	10—10
WEST	3—2	6—4	6—5	10—8

Goalkickers.—Port—Allingham (3), Bayley (2), C. and L. C. Dayman, Hosie, Keal, and Latimer. West—Peters and Burke (3 each), Bishop, Barnes, Kempster, and Lukeman.

BEST PLAYERS.

For Port Adelaide no player battled harder or marked more brilliantly than L. C. Dayman. He kicked a goal from a difficult angle at a critical stage and, taken all round, his was a first-class performance. C. Dayman, Badcock, and McDonald marked and played with great dash, and these tall men had a decided effect on the play. It was largely through their efforts that Port obtained a commanding lead in the third term. McInnes showed great promise, and Bayley, Bampton, Hodge, Keal, and Langmead were useful performers.

For West Adelaide Lukeman marked and kicked well all day. It is doubtful whether he or McGregor was the best performer for the side. McGregor, however, was great in the last quarter, and it was he that kept sending the ball among the red-and-black forwards. Kempster was another who played grandly, and Huxtable, Wright, Chaplin, Doyle, and J. Bishop did well. Peters and Barnes were not as brilliant as of yore, but both performed useful service, and their experience stood their side in good stead.

LEADING GOALKICKERS.

OWENS, Glenelg	23
ALLINGHAM, Port	20
MUTTON, Norwood	16
JACKSON, Sturt	15
RYAN, A. J., South	14
LEAK, Sturt	11
LEWIS, North	11
BARNES, West	9
KARNEY, Torrens	9
KEAL, Port	9
LOWE, North	9
MILLS, Torrens	9
BARRON, Sturt	8
DAYMAN, L. C., Port	8
HOLLIS, Torrens	8
O'GRADY, Torrens	8
WAYE, South	8

ATTENDANCES AND TAKINGS.

Adelaide (Port v. West)	13,000	£505
Thebarton (Torrens v. Glenelg)	4,750	165
Grand totals	17,750	£670

TORRENS' THIRD QUARTER

Glenelg Again Beaten

There was a fair attendance at the Thebarton Oval this afternoon when West Torrens and Glenelg (second and last respectively on the premiership list) were matched. Fleet was nineteenth man for the home side, and Parker occupied a similar position in respect of the Bay team. Central Umpire Raven was in charge of the game, which began with the rucks constituted as follows: — Torrens — Mills, Broderick, O'Grady (roving). Glenelg—Hanley, Spry, Gotts (roving).

Play was for some moments about the centre. There was a good deal of scrambling occasioned by the slippery state of the ground. At length Torrens pressed home an attack, and a punt by Broderick from near the boundary curved in between the tall posts. Shortly afterwards Karney added a behind from a shot in front. Good marking carried the leather down the centre towards Glenelg's goal, and Owens essayed to score with a long shot which fell shot. The visitors kept play about their objective until rewarded by a sixer from Harrold—a snapshot.

Glenelg generally had the better of the play for some minutes, but were given little chance to score. Owens marked and had a shot, but the distance was too great. It was not long, however, before the same player found the centre from a running kick. The local team then took a hand, the ball being forwarded by O'Malley, who was doing well in defence. Eventually Mills marked and goaled, and a minute or so later Karney, from a free kick, did likewise. A fourth major came immediately after from the boot of Adams.

Conditions were even for a space. Glenelg's efforts were in part spoiled by poor kicking. At length Lloyd got an opening, and bolting down the field put a grubber between the posts, but the ball was touched in transit. The quarter ended with play in front of Torren's goal, and the board showing:—

TORRENS	4—3
GLENELG	2—2

The second rucks were:—Torrens—Hollis, Ashby, Ware (roving). Glenelg—Ross, Nagel, Beck (roving). The yellow-and-blacks forwarded from the bounce and added a single. Torrens did likewise from a snapshot, Karney being the medium. Harrold marked near the posts, but Glenelg's hopes faded when he kicked across the opening. Torrens took no further chances, and pressed to the attack. Ellis eventually came into possession, and a goal came from his foot.

A determined onslaught by Glenelg kept play at their business end for a few minutes, during which time they managed a minor from a kick off the ground, which struck a post near the base. The gold-and-blues relieved temporarily, but Glenelg came at it again, and Harrold, from a favorable position, just missed the big opening. Owens, however, made amends with a six-pointer shortly after.

Glenelg were now put on the defensive, but were successful in staying a fresh breach until Mills marked in front, and a long punt struck a post. Another minor was placed to Torrens' credit before Glenelg prevailed. Hoft, running down midfield narrowly missed the goal with a powerful punt. Scores were at

HALF-TIME.

TORRENS	5—7
GLENELG	3—6

After the adjournment Glenelg started with vigor, but interchanges of handball were not attended with success, and Torrens forwarded. Karney was awarded a free kick and struck a post. Another behind was put on immediately. The venue of the play was changed, and Gotts booted a minor from a pot shot. Torrens added another single. Glenelg endeavored to make the play in their opponents' territory without success, and Mills and Oaten added goals for the home side in rapid succession.

The Bay men made an unsuccessful offensive, and, on the ball being returned Hollis kicked an easy goal from a scrimmage near the posts. The remainder of the quarter was almost entirely in favor of the home side, Glenelg rarely getting the ball beyond half-way. Karney and Ween goaled for the gold-and-blues, the latter twice. The scores were at

THREE-QUARTER TIME.

TORRENS	11—14
GLENELG	3—7

With a big deficit Glenelg were the first away on the change over. Beck marked directly in front of the objective, and had no difficulty in reducing the leeway by six points. The effort, however, was followed by another Torrens attack, during which two behinds were added. The Bay team took a hand, and Harrold was responsible for a goal. The local men were quick to respond. Ware being the goalgetter. It was now the visitors' [illegible] and Owens scored a good sixer.

During the rest of the term Torrens were almost entirely in the ascendant. For some time they were unable to score more than behinds, but at length Ween ran in and potted the thirteenth major. Just on the ringing of the bell the Bay team kicked their only behind for the quarter.

FINAL SCORES.

TORRENS	13—22
GLENELG	6—8

Best Players.—Torrens—Brown, Karney, Broderick, Mills, O'Malley, Ellis, Ween. Glenelg—Hoft, Gotts, Hanley, Harrold, Lloyd, Owens, Beck.

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Ween (3), Mills, Karney (each 2), Broderick, Adams, Ellis, Oaten, Hollis, Ware. Glenelg—Owens (3), Harrold (2), Beck.

NOTES ON THE GAME

Up to half-time Glenelg held their own fairly well against West Torrens at Thebarton, and when the teams retired for the long adjournment the Bay men were only 13 points in arrears.

In the third quarter, however, the local team had the game nearly all their own way, so that, when the last change came they had added 43 points to the Bay men's solitary behind.

With 55 points required to equalise matters, the yellow-and-blacks were in a hopeless position. Nevertheless, they had a fair share of the game, and managed to augment their tally by 19 points compared with their opponents' 20, although the latter came from more scoring shots.

Glenelg have many capital players in their ranks, but they have not yet learned to co-ordinate their efforts.

Their kicking, for the most part, was poor. Instead of long driving drop-kicks they booted the ball high into the air. They were also inclined to hang on to the ball too long and to resort to too much handball.

There is no doubt, however, that the Tigers have promising material, and if they could only learn to systematise their efforts, instead of relying on individual play to bring them through, they would get nearer to success.

It must be added that the slippery nature of the ground was against a first class exhibition of the game, and right through the afternoon the ball played tricks on the players of both sides.

It was after half-time that Torrens showed their true calibre. In the third quarter they quite eclipsed the visitors. During this term the difference between teams with and without combination was most marked. In addition the gold-and-blues were a good deal better in the air.

Brown, the Torrens skipper, had much the better of the deal with Conlon at centre, and repeatedly sent the ball to advantage among the forwards.

Karney's determination and cleverness in the forward lines were admirable, and he was responsible for a brace of goals.

Whether following or in a station, Broderick was often prominent for strong and resourceful play. His powerful punting was a feature of his exhibition.

The great ruckman, Mills, was one of the mainstays for the victors. Besides doing good work with the pack, he appeared to advantage in the air, and with his long kicking landed two goals.

About the pick of the Torrens defenders was O'Malley, who almost invariably cleared strongly when the ball came into his hands, which was often.

Ween, Adams, and Ellis were a capable half-forward line, the firstnamed being credited with three goals.

Hoft, the visitors' captain, came into the limelight from time to time for effective work.

Gotts, either roving or placed, was a lively and resourceful player who materially aided his side's fortunes. Beck, who also scouted, was a formidable and useful player, particularly in the later stages of the game.

One of the best among the losers was Lloyd (centre wing), who invested his play with a good deal of dash and skill.

Harrold was the most effective of those in the forward line, and he kicked two majors.

At centre half-forward Owens was again responsible for a capital game. His marking and long kicking were features of the match.

Hanley performed useful service with the ruck.

HOLIDAY CONTESTS.

MONDAY, JUNE 9.

South Adelaide v. North Adelaide, Adelaide.
Sturt v. Norwood, Unley.

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