

Port, Norwood, Torrens, and South Win Today's Football

MAGPIES SUPERIOR NORTH WEAK ACROSS CENTRE: FARMER SAFELY HELD

PORT FOR FINALS?

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IN defeating North by six points at Alberton Port showed form much better than their winning margin indicates. Both teams were weakened by the absence of stars.

Although the defeat of North need cause little concern to their following, the form shown by Port was good enough to give that team a chance in the finals. North failed across the centre, and Farmer was kept well subdued by Gilbert. Farmer got but two goals, and never looked dangerous, but, in fairness to him, he did not appear to be fully recovered from his ankle injury.

In addition to their serviceable centre line, comprising Whitaker, Dermody, and Mucklow, Port were well served in attack by the Hender brothers.

A. Hender is playing the half-forward flank position as well as any player in the league, placing the ball to advantage repeatedly.

N. Hender, with four goals, always appeared dangerous. His lack of inches forces him out from the goals for his kicks, and it was probably due to this that Port were not as accurate as they might have been. A high-marking full forward gets a percentage of opportunities from close range that are easy to convert into goals.

PORT SHOULD STAY IN FOUR

The re-inclusion of Ween and Kellaway will effect a vast improvement in Port, and with R. Johnson and Mott still capable of improvement, Port can look forward to the future with a certain amount of confidence. It is difficult to see Port dropping out of the leading four.

PORT	3-3	7-4	11-10	11-14
NORTH	3-0	6-2	7-2	11-8

Goalkickers.—Port—N. Hender (4), A. Hender and Reval (each 2), Eden, Hooper, Utting. North—Furler and Storer (each 3), Farmer (2), Hemers, McInnes, McNamara.

Best Players.—Port—Whitaker, N. Hender, A. Hender, Eden, Wightman, Dermody. North—Storer, Walter, Burton, Hemers, Taylor, Fleet.

Football Attendances

Attendances at today's league football matches were:—

Adelaide	3,656
Norwood	8,247
Thebarton	4,693
Alberton	6,100

22,696

TORRENS JUST GET HOME AGAINST WEST

AN exciting finish marked the match between West and Torrens at the Thebarton Oval. By dogged play against the wind in the last quarter the home team staved off a series of West attacks, and ran out with seven points to spare.

Torrens earned their victory by more accurate goalshooting and superior tactics against the wind.

The difference in the goalshooting is reflected in the tallies, Torrens having only 20 scoring shots against 23 by West. Torrens' win, which was popular with the crowd, greatly enhances their chances of inclusion in the final four.

TORRENS	5-5	6-5	11-7	11-9
WEST	0-1	5-7	7-7	9-14

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Bertram and Waite (each 4), Drury (2), Frogley. West—A. Williams (3), Ralph, Golding, and Whelan (each 2).

Best Players.—Torrens—Bertram, Read, Drury, Pontifex, Frogley, Quinn. West—Matthews, Snell, Shea, Connell, Ralph Branson.

How the Games Finished

South	11-7	Glenelg	9-5
Port	11-14	North	11-8
Torrens	11-9	West	9-14
Norwood	14-16	Sturt	10-12

Port Now in Third Place

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points for	Pts. ag.	Pts.
North	13	10	3	—	1357	1084	28
Norwood	13	9	4	—	1110	1017	20
Port	13	7	6	—	1094	1135	14
Sturt	13	6	6	1	1068	1044	13
West	13	6	7	—	1040	1032	12
Torrens	13	5	6	2	1066	1093	12
Glenelg	13	5	8	—	1218	1268	10
South	13	2	10	1	990	1270	5

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Owens (Glenelg)	81
Farmer (North)	79
Waite (Torrens)	40
N. Hender (Port)	35
Merton (Sturt)	33
Bertram (Torrens)	31
Bottomley (West)	28
Biddell (Norwood)	25
W. McCallum (Norwood)	25
A. Williams (West)	25

STURT DEFEATED IN VIGOROUS GAME

NORWOOD'S vigor more than anything else gave them their 30-point win over Sturt at Norwood. Sturt crumpled beneath the fierce, overpowering rushes of the redlegs in the second quarter, and their failure in that term cost them the match.

That Sturt had as much if not more of the play in the second half is shown by the fact that the double-blues kicked a goal more than Norwood after half-time. Had Sturt been able to withstand Norwood's solid bumping tactics in the second quarter a different tale might have been told at the finish.

NORWOOD	3-1	9-9	10-11	14-16
STURT	4-3	4-5	8-9	10-12

Goalkickers.—Norwood—E. A. Johnson (4), Mutton (3), Biddell, Heffernan (each 2), W. B. McCallum, Woodroffe, Krome. Sturt—Wundersitz (4), Green (3), Longmore, Willis, Robertson.

Best Players.—Norwood—E. A. Johnson, Pike, Page, E. G. Johnson, Mutton, Hickman, Medlen. Sturt—Leak, Fisher, Dunn, Green, Treleven, Aistrope, Wundersitz.

Glenelg Below Form Against South

PLAYING better all-round football, South had a comfortable win over Glenelg at the Adelaide Oval, where the game was marred to a certain extent by the sodden ground. Players found it difficult to handle the greasy ball with certainty.

South were at their best in the third quarter, when they combined well. The goalsneak, McCarthy, in that term did all that was required of him. He led out well for position, and kicked three of the five goals added by his side.

Glenelg were decidedly below form. They were unable to produce any system. They did not adapt themselves to the conditions, and it was difficult to realise that they were the same team which defeated Port last week. They were decidedly weak at half-back.

The juniors—Colyer, Stott, Gourlay, and James—were again prominent. Except for a short burst in the final quarter, when they added four goals in quick time, the seashiders were soundly beaten.

Stott snapped up the ball from the bounce and gave Owens a chance, but the goalsneak kicked across the goalmouth. Rosewarne made a good recovery when he dashed in to kick the first goal. Then South dominated the play for a time. They added three goals and a behind before Glenelg again scored.

SOUTH LEAD OUT WELL

South's successes resulted from fine, open play. They led out well for position, and several times carried the ball from one end to the other with a chain of accurate foot passes.

These efforts culminated with successive goals from Hall. Glenelg then realised that they must mark their men more closely, and intercepted many passes. Owens slipped when shooting for goal and failed to get the necessary distance. Towards the close of the quarter Glenelg defenders crowded the play, which was congested mainly in South's business territory.

Glenelg did better when kicking with the wind. A dry ball was used, but it soon became greasy. Baxter snapped it from a crush in front of the goal and dashed in to kick South's fourth goal.

The wet conditions did not suit Owens. He was unable to mark and was slow. He was applauded when he added full points with a characteristic screw punt from the boundary.

WHERE GLENELG FAILED

Glenelg were having most of the play, but could not force home their thrusts. South defenders resorted to kicking off the ground rather than attempt to pick up the ball. The muddy patch in the centre had players in difficulties when the ball went there. Spectators were amused when Hale sprawled full length in the slush.

Glenelg were winning in the race for the ball, but could not do much with it. Most of their thrusts broke up in scrambles at half-forward. Curnow was injured at this stage and was treated by trainers.

Johnston, who was one of the few players to take high marks, added Glenelg's fourth goal just before the bell.

Curnow was unable to resume after half-time, and his place was taken by King. Glenelg were all at sea in the third term, when they scored only one goal. South had practically all the play, but lost their advantage when they allowed it to become congested in their business territory.

They eventually overcame this fault, and rattled on five goals three behinds. A burst of superiority in all departments gave them three goals in quick succession. A Glenelg thrust petered out at half-forward, strong play by Hebbard, Rose, and Barker being mainly responsible. Hebbard cleared with long drop kicks.

McCarthy added South's tenth goal. Fine anticipation was assisting the city men, who were making the most of ground play.

SCRAMBLES SPOIL PLAY.

Glenelg made their first successful thrust for the term 20 minutes after it had started. Rushing forward mainly by forceful tactics, they gave Colyer an opportunity. He made best use of it. The many scrambles during this quarter detracted from the standard of the game, which was uninteresting.

Errey, who had been giving good service throughout, left the field at three-quarter time with an injured thigh. Smoker took his place at centre.

Then followed a most uneventful period. Play hovered between the respective half-back areas. That the defenders were on top at this stage was demonstrated by the fact that 15 minutes elapsed before further scoring was done.

The ball travelled only short distances, being carried mainly by the cruses which pushed each way alternatively. The defenders dugged their opponents and gave them no opportunity to lead out. Umpire Schumacher called the ball up and bounced it frequently.

GLENELG'S BRILLIANT BURST

Owens, who so far had only one goal to his credit, was transferred to half-forward. Several times he figured in the tussles near centre. Up and down play, with only vigor to commend it, went on for some time.

Then Glenelg made their best effort for the day. Combining well they approached goal with good handball and foot passes. Colyer started a run of successes with a fine goal. Then Owens followed up a good mark with full points from a long way out.

Glenelg were in the ascendancy and were quickly making up their deficiency. Murphy marked within a few yards of the posts. His goal brought Glenelg to within 14 points of South. Mulcahy turned another attack, but Percy returned the ball to Owens, who snapped his third goal. This brilliant burst by Glenelg produced four goals.

The city men appeared to be tiring but fought on doggedly. Then South made a desperate effort to let Murdy goal at a critical stage. That was the end. Glenelg went forward again but crowding tactics adopted by the South defenders prevented further scoring.

SOUTH	3-1	5-3	10-6	11-7
GLENELG	1-1	4-5	5-3	9-5

Goalkickers.—South—Hall, McCarthy, and Murdy (each 3), Tully, and Baxter. Glenelg—Owens (3), Colyer and Johnston (2), Murphy and Rosewarne.

Best Players.—South—Hebbard, Hall, Rose, Barker, Murdy, Errey (until injured), and Hewett. Glenelg—Johnston, Stott, Winkler, Hill, Colyer, Gourlay, and L. Griffiths.

Curnow (Glenelg) was unable to resume after half-time. He sustained slight concussion, but recovered after the game.

Errey (South) left the ground at three-quarter time with an injured thigh. The hurt is not serious.

Close-ups of League Footballers

GLLENELG have two outstanding juniors in Stott and Colyer. The former's display on a centre wing would have done credit to a more seasoned player. He revelled in the vigorous encounters, and handled the slippery ball well. Fast and elusive, Colyer was prominent in Glenelg's last-quarter rally.

HEWITT was the best of the South half-backs. He was never out of position. He was ably supported by Barker and Mulcahy. The custodian, Rose, played his usual consistent game. Several times he saved by marking over the bunch.

JOHNSTON was one of the outstanding players for Glenelg. He was one of the few players who was able to bring off high marks. The slow going suited his vigorous ground play. He followed tirelessly, and knocked out effectively.

UNTIL he left the field at three-quarter time Errey was one of the best for South. He was always in position and started thrusts with well-directed passes. He seldom clashed with his immediate opponent, Winkler, who did his share for his side, too.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Pre.
North Ade.	13	10	—	3	1358	1085	20	
Norwood	13	9	—	4	1110	1017	18	
Pt. Adel.	13	7	—	6	1094	1135	14	
Sturt	13	6	1	6	1068	1045	13	
W. Adel.	13	6	—	7	1040	1032	12	
West Torr.	13	5	2	6	1066	1093	12	
Glenelg	13	5	—	8	1219	1268	10	
Sth. Adel.	13	2	1	10	990	1270	5	

WEST LOSES THROUGH INACCURACY

Gets Grip On Game With Torrens And Loses It

West played well enough in the third quarter of the match with Torrens to suggest that, with the assistance of the wind, it would win easily. It threw away the opportunity by poor kicking for goal in the last quarter, six successive points being scored after two early goals had given it a firm hold on victory.

Torrens 11-9
West 9-14

Goalkickers:—Torrens—Waite and Bertram (4), Drury (2), and Frogley. West—A. Williams (3), Whelan, Ralph and Golding (2).

Torrens' Rovers In Top Form

Drury and Bertram roved at their top for Torrens, and also played brilliantly when placed forward. Many of the moves which got Bertram out of tight corners were the result of quick thinking. Drury was always where the tussles were hardest. He got some rough handling, but was never thrown off his game. Quinn played a match winning last quarter, and was always a hard man to pass. He, Read and Adcock make the Torrens' defence a strong link. Simpson also did well on a half back flank. Thornton played his best game for the season, beating Solomon in the first half, and Bennett in the second. Frogley gave further indications of his prowess as a half forward, and Waite marked brilliantly and made position well at full forward. His only fault was in getting too far from goal. The ruckmen, Ashby, Bridgman, Hocking and McKenzie, were solid, Bridgman being the best because of strong work when in a back pocket. Pontifex, who was hampered by an injury to his groin, began splendidly, but faded when his leg began to trouble him after half time. His marking was the best on the ground.

Matthews, because of his consistency, was just a little better than Snell for West. He was never beaten at half back, and sent the ball on strongly. Snell's handling was as high class as ever, and he marked exceptionally well. His work was an object lesson. At the beginning of the last quarter he received a heavy knock on the jaw, and did not do so well from then on. Ralph was tried as a rover, and was a success. His pace and grit earned him many kicks. Connell dominated the ruck when he was following, and Shea was in better form than in any other match this season. He played at centre wing. Simons and Golding helped Connell to make West's followers a strong section, and A. Williams roved with courage and dash. Branson (a good half back effort), Jarvis, McInerney and Stokes, were useful.

SOUTH ADELAIDE WINS SECOND MATCH

Indifferent Display By Glenelg

Adapting itself better to the sodden condition of the Adelaide Oval, South Adelaide won its second match for the season by defeating Glenelg.

The losers gave an indifferent display, and the defeat will spoil their chances of inclusion in the final four. Glenelg was weakened by the absence of its star rover, Link, and none of the players who returned to the team showed their best form. Some of the visitors were very much out of touch, particularly a few of the bigger players.

South Adelaide generally played sound football, there being practically no weak links. An injury to Errey in the third quarter prejudiced South's prospects of success, but the team staved off a belated recovery by Glenelg, to win comfortably.

There was little to choose between the teams at the start. Both fumbled a good deal, and conditions prevented high



G. C. Hale

markers from holding the ball in the air. Johnston, of Glenelg, was most reliable in this respect. Owens could not hold the ball, and as Rose was faster, more dashing on the ground, and consistently kept in front of the Glenelg goalsneak, the visitors found difficulty in breaking through. Only one goal was scored by Glenelg during the quarter. South Adelaide had a few more chances before goal, and made better use of them. Hall was prominent, with two goals from snaps.

Jaffer made Hall goalsneak instead of McCarthy, and he was again in the lime-light soon after the start of the second quarter. Glenelg put up a stronger defence, James, Handby, and Ellis making some good saves. With Errey playing brilliantly at centre, Glenelg found it hard to get the ball to the forwards, but Hill and Stott on the wings were useful channels. Johnston, resting at half forward, and Gourlay sent the ball to the full forwards at intervals. Owens got his first goal, and Johnston enhanced his display by kicking two goals in succession, making Glenelg only four points behind at half-time.

Glenelg Outclassed Temporarily

South Adelaide showed marked superiority in the third quarter. McCarthy and Murdie were strong at half forward, and with many thrusts coming from the packs

and centre. South kept up a vigorous pressure. The defence gave little resistance at first, and five goals were added by South. When Glenelg tried to get forward, Barker was in the way with his marks, assisted by Hewitt's clever play on the ground. Handby replaced Murphy with Owens at centre half forward, and the move livened up that section considerably, but one goal towards the end, was the team's only score for the quarter. Errey's absence gave Glenelg control of the centre, and with Owens playing well at half forward, Glenelg's prospects improved. The team had much more of the play, Colyer, Winkler, and Stott helping to keep the forwards in possession. A weakness at full forward prevented Glenelg from turning the opportunities to best account. Colyer and Owens got a goal each, with a wide interval. Then Glenelg for a few minutes showed a glimpse of the smart combined play which gave it a win over Port Adelaide. But the burst came too late, and faded early. Glenelg drew within eight points, but South checked the recovery, and a goal to the home team put it 14 points ahead when the bell rang. Scores:—

South 11-7
Glenelg 9-5

Goalkickers:—Glenelg—Owens (3), Colyer and Johnston (2), Murphy and Rosewarne. South Adelaide—Hall, McCarthy, and Murdy (3), Baxter and Tully.

Errey Dominates Centre

To Errey's dominance of the centre for the first three-quarters, South Adelaide owed a good deal. He was skilful even in the muddiest patches. Hewitt was equally reliable on the ground, and his mastery work in the half back line held Glenelg up repeatedly. Hall was the essence of energy as goalsneak, and though handicapped in size, generally turned to good account the chances that came his way. McCarthy showed good form as a half forward, especially in the third quarter. Murdie also rose to his best form in the later stages, and his three goals were only one aspect of his value to the side. Rose defended ably, and Hebbard was strong and reliable all through the game.

Stott confirmed the excellent impression he gave in his first game for Glenelg in the match of the previous week. He was the most effective of the centre line players. Conditions suited Hale admirably, and he gave one of his best displays, though he tired towards the end. Johnston was another Glenelg bulwark, and the failure of other tall players made him all the more valuable. All the junior players did well again. Others who were of most service included Gourlay, Hill, and Handby. Winkler, though defeated on the day by Errey, was always reliable when in possession, and he contributed largely to Glenelg's recovery. Schumacher umpired satisfactorily.

NORWOOD BREAK AWAY IN SECOND QUARTER

Norwood 14-16
Sturt 10-12

Goalkickers:—Norwood—E. A. Johnson (4), Mutton (3), Biddell, Heffernan (2), Krome, Woodrooffe, W. B. McCallum. Sturt—Wunderstz (4), Green (3), Longmore, Willis, Robertson.

Dashing Rover

Norwood had almost a dozen men of equal worth. None was more determined or useful than E. A. Johnson, who used the ball with marked effect. For dash, anticipation and safe handling Pike left the Sturt forwards standing. Medien was a vigorous and useful wingman. Heffernan roved skilfully. Hickman had two good quarters at centre, marking excellently and placing his short kicks well. All his old resource and strong dash made Mutton a dangerous forward. Page defended solidly. Krome and Woodrooffe were reliable followers, and Curyer, Biddell and Sorrell did well.

In Treleven, the outstanding wingman in the State on present form, Sturt had the best man on the ground. For pace, tenacity, good kicking and general effectiveness he had no peer. Despite his one pace, Dunn was Sturt's best follower, and the backbone of the side in the second quarter, for without his safe marking and cool checking Sturt would have collapsed utterly. Leak's dash and cleverness made him the only reliable avenue of attack for most of the match. Good marking and strong kicking made Sims' play at centre first class. Willis played a solid game, his best yet; Robertson was a consistent follower, and Alastrope a cool defender. Longmore did well at half forward. Smith, Wunderstz and Wadham were the best of the others.

PORT AGAIN DEFEATS NORTH

Port 11-14
North 11-8

Scorers

Port Adelaide—N. Hender, 3 goals 5 behinds; A. Hender, 3.1; Reval, 2.1; Eden, 1.2; Hooper, 1.1; Utting, 1.0; Wightman, 0.2; Mucklow, 0.1; Whicker, 0.1.

North Adelaide—Storer, 3.0; Furler, 3.0; Farmer, 2.1; Hemers, 1.2; McInnes, 1.1; McNamara, 1.0; Melvin, 0.1; Walter, 0.1; Drew, 0.1; and one behind was rushed. One of Hemers' kicks hit a goalpost.

Fast Port Players

One of the principal reasons for Port's success was its speed. In Eden it has a ruckman of strong physique and great pace, and these qualities combined enabled him to exert a powerful influence on the game. Whicker, on a half-forward flank, and Whittaker, at centre, are similar in style—fast, clever ground workers and safe in the air—and both played splendidly. The Hender brothers were the mainstays of the attack; Hooper and Ede roved tenaciously; Dermody and Mucklow played dashing on the centre wings, and Mott, Gilbert, and Allingham were the best of the defence, the last-mentioned two effectively silencing Farmer. Utting and Reval gave the ruckman solid support. Wightman took one or two sensational marks, but failed at crucial moments.

Dashing Rovers

Storer and Hemers were North's best. The two rovers played at their top throughout the game. Burton was solid and reliable at half-back, and Furler and Walter spared no effort against spirited opposition in ruck. McInnes played well when in attack, and Taylor and Mangeldorf had patches of brilliance, although neither could match the ground skill of his immediate opponent. The remainder of the team revealed only occasional glimpses of form.