

Thrilling League Football Match At Unley

STURT SNATCHES FOUR POINTS WIN FROM PORT

Glenelg Beats Torrens At Thebarton

NORWOOD'S BRILLIANT FINISH

In one of the most thrilling minor round of league football matches for some time, Sturt gained a four-point win from Port Adelaide at the Unley Oval on Saturday, after having been behind until three minutes from the bell. With North Adelaide, which was tested at Prospect by South, Sturt is undefeated this season.

Glenelg followed its meritorious play against North the previous week by defeating West Torrens by two goals at Thebarton, and Norwood, playing a fine last quarter, after having been outpaced by West Adelaide, won an extraordinarily fast game at the Adelaide Oval.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	Pts			Prem		
	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	
Sturt	3	3	—	244	195	6
N. Adelaide	3	3	—	323	268	6
P. Adelaide	3	2	1	215	204	4
Glenelg	3	2	1	258	260	4
W. Torrens	3	1	2	243	235	2
Norwood	3	1	2	264	268	2
W. Adelaide	3	—	3	212	261	—
S. Adelaide	3	—	3	211	272	—

As a result of Saturday's matches all four games next Saturday will be of great interest. Attention will be divided between the West Torrens-Sturt game at Thebarton, and the Glenelg-Norwood match at Glenelg.

Farmer is in a class of his own as a forward this season. He has kicked 10 nine, and seven goals in three matches played, and is already in an almost unassailable position. Leading goal-kickers are:—

K. Farmer, North Adelaide (7)	26
P. T. Morton, Sturt (3)	12
P. W. Gardiner, South Adelaide (5)	10
A. S. Biddell, Norwood (5)	9
J. Owens, Glenelg (3)	9
O. M. Bertram, West Torrens (2)	8
A. Link, Glenelg (5)	8
A. Lyon, Norwood (4)	8

NORTH'S FOUR GOALS IN OPENING BURST

Bad Tactics Lose South Points

North	5.2	9.8	13.10	15.14
South	4.4	7.8	9.10	13.11

Goalkeepers—North—Adelaide, Farmer (7), Taylor, McDowall (2), McInnes, Storer, Proud, Willshire; South Adelaide, Gardiner (5), Tully (3), Murdy (2), Heboard Masters, McCarthy.

WEST SHOWS SPEED

Norwood's Fierce Last Quarter Wins Match

Norwood	4.3	7.6	10.10	16.11
West	4.1	7.6	11.7	12.10

Those who scored for Norwood were:—Biddell (5 goals 0 behinds), Lyon (4.2), Krome (3.0), Heffernan (1.3), Mutton (1.2), E. A. Johnson (1.1), E. G. Johnson (1.0), McDougall (0.2), Woodrooffe (0.1). Heffernan hit a goalpost.

West Adelaide—Bottomley (5.1), McInerney (3.5), A. Williams (2.1), Golding (1.0), McGrath (1.0), Jarvis (0.3). McInerney hit a goalpost.

GLENELG'S SECOND WIN Beats Torrens By Extra Pace

In a fast, open game, which produced flashes of good, spectacular play, Glenelg defeated West Torrens at Thebarton by two goals, and proved that it will have to be reckoned with seriously this season.

West Torrens was a weakened team. Glenelg was slightly superior at all stages, and held a good lead for most of the game. It owed its win to clever team play, reliable handling of the ball, and extra pace. West Torrens had a good proportion of fast, vigorous players, but was handicapped by the slowness of some of the others, whereas all the Glenelg men were fast. They were quicker to the ball, and disposed of it to better advantage.

Besides having two players absent through disqualification, West Torrens was further weakened early in the match by Hine being injured. The reorganisation of the team was reflected in the frequent lack of system and understanding among the home players, but they were not without determination to win, and in the second and last quarters drew close to the Glenelg total. A fine piece of play and a goal by Pontifex in the last quarter brought Torrens within a goal of Glenelg, but the recovery petered out.

Glenelg's Staggering Burst

Pontifex retained the central position, and J. McKenzie, a newcomer, was placed at centre half forward when the game began. Glenelg soon got into its stride and developed good system. Using handball and short passes with judgment, it countered the superiority of Torrens in the air, and, always taking account of the man ahead, pressed through with a series of brilliant attacks before West Torrens had found its feet. Four goals were scored before Torrens rallied, and the home team never completely recovered from the onslaught. At length Torrens asserted itself with vigorous rushes and long high kicks, which enabled its tall, heavy players to compete to better effect with the visitors. Handby was dashing in defence, and saved Glenelg many times.

Hine's ankle was injured just before the first bell rang, and Creaser replaced him during the interval. Quinn, who had been one of the best of the defenders, was given Hine's job of watching Owens, and he carried it out as effectively. Owens scored two goals that quarter, but thereafter faded out and did not goal again.

Torrens Stages Recovery

Helped by a freshening breeze, Torrens made a good recovery in the second quarter. Pontifex at centre, and Shepherd on the wing, kept the forwards well supplied, but many good chances were lost nearer the goalmouth. J. McKenzie could not compete with Handby. The resting of a ruckman at full forward did not improve the work of the forwards, who were inclined to wander from position.



A. Link

In spite of these weaknesses Torrens kicked five goals for the quarter, to Glenelg's three. Sincock, Drury, and Horsborough were most prominent in the goalgetting efforts. J. McKenzie was given a run on the ball after half time, and D. McKenzie was placed on Handby.

J. McKenzie also improved considerably. Glenelg still held a definite advantage in speed. Controlling the wings, it dominated the game in the third quarter, restricting Torrens to one goal. Link, one of the fastest and most brilliant of Glenelg players, was at his best. His work in the forward pocket largely offset the quietness of Owens. Pontifex, Frogley and Quinn played valiantly, but could not stem the Glenelg crush.

Link hit a post when kicking for goal at the start of the last quarter. It was the fifth time this had happened to Glenelg. With a final burst, Torrens regained some of its leeway. During this offensive Pontifex figured in the most spectacular individual piece of play for the match. Defeating a pair of opponents at centre for the ball, he made a sensational dash through the half forward lines, outwitted several opponents, and sent the ball skimming through the goal. Drury concluded a good display with another goal, leaving Glenelg only one goal ahead, but Rosewarne settled the issue with another goal for Glenelg.

Glenelg 5.4 8.7 13.9 15.11

Torrens 2.1 7.4 9.6 13.11

Goalkeepers:—Glenelg—Link (5), Owens and Goldsworthy (3), Rosewarne (2), Murphy and Olliver, West Torrens—Sincock, Bridgman, Bertram and Horsborough (2), Pontifex, Drury, J. and D. McKenzie and Head.

Link Best Player

Link was the outstanding player. Whether roving, or in a forward pocket, he was the essence of energy. His speed in the rushes, and skill in obtaining and disposing of the ball were unmatched. His kicking and marking were equally reliable. Coleman, on the wing, was another of Glenelg's valuable men. He was more than a match for Shepherd, Goldsworthy, at centre half forward, gave indications of fulfilling expectations. His three goals were evidence of good scouting, marking and ground play. Winkler could not check Pontifex, but helped his team many times. Hill was another reliable avenue of attack. Handby, Edwards, Ellis, Rosewarne, Griffiths, Percy and Ball were all dependable.

Pontifex Again

Burdened by the control of the team, Pontifex showed he could be best player as well. A feature was his marking, and in choosing a team-mate when sending on the ball, he set a valuable example. Drury was among the best of the others. He was a model of tenacity and dash. Frogley and Quinn were the stalwarts of the defence after Hine had gone, and Creaser made a good impression in the latter stages. D. McKenzie's spell through injury left him a little out of touch, and Torrens did not hold as great an advantage in the rucks as was expected. His brother marked well, but showed little dash on the ground, and his kicking was faulty. Strangeness to league conditions may have been the cause. Bray gave promise of making a good wingman, Sincock, Bertram, and Bridgman played strongly.

UNLEY MATCH FULL OF THRILLS

Sturt	1.4	3.6	5.12	8.18
Port	2.2	5.4	6.8	9.8

Goalkeepers:—Sturt—Morton (3), Wundersitz (2), Green, W. Smith, and Bate-man, Port Adelaide—N. Hender (3), Eden (2), Logan, Wightman, Kelleway, and A. Hender.

Best Players & Goalkeepers from 'The Mail' at: <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page5307140>

Best Players.—Glenelg—Link, Hill, Coleman, Handby, Weise, Percy, Torrens—Quinn, Bertram, Sincock, Pontifex, Drury, Creaser, Hine (until hurt).

Goalkeepers.—Glenelg—Link (5), Owens and Goldsworthy (each 3), Rosewarne (2), Murphy, Olliver, Torrens—Sincock, Bertram, Bridgman, Horsburgh (each 2), Head, D. McKenzie, J. McKenzie, Drury, Pontifex.