LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Port's Premiership Lead is Now Unassailable

Three Teams Level For Second Place

BIGGEST VICTORY OF DAY TO NORTH OVER GLENELG

Farmer 12 Goals; 115 for Season

Final scores in today's league football matches were:—

Sturt 16—12 (108 pts.), d. Norwood 13—16 (94 pts.).
Port 15—19 (109 pts.), d. South 13—6 (84 pts.).
Torrens 13—9 (87 pts.), d. West 9—16 (70 pts.).
North 22—15 (147 pts.), d. Glenelg 11—9 (75 pts.).

Port by their win over South assume an unassailable lead in first place on the premiership table. South, Norwood, and Sturt are level with 20 points each. Sturt by defeating Norwood today settled any hopes of North fighting their way into the four. Second position on the premiership table may be decided on percentages.

Farmer by kicking 12 goals today brought his total to 115 for the season. He needs 12 in next week's match to beat his record of 126 in the 1931 season.

Entertaining football of a higher standard marked the game between Sturt and Norwood. Although South staged a remarkable recovery in the final term Port were always holding them comfortably.

Torrens beat West in a poor game, while Glenelg were no match for North, who won by 12 goals.

How League Teams Stand

	P.	W.	L.	Points For	Points Agst.	Prem. Pts.
Port	16	12	4	1742	1252	24
South	16	10	6	1737	1523	20
Sturt	16	10	6	1656	1536	20
Norwood	16	10	6	1525	1527	20
North	16	8	8	1715	1560	16
Torrens	16	8	8	1423	1465	16
West	16	5	11	1410	1547	10
Glenelg	16	1	15	1267	1965	2

Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Farmer (North)	12	115
Munro (South)	8	89
Bennetts (West)	5	79
Prideaux (Port)	8	77
Schultz (Norwood)	4	53
Hender (Port)	4	48
Wundersitz (Sturt)	1	48
Warhurst (Norwood)	7	48

Sturt May Set Record

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	8.6	11.6	13.11	16.12	108
Norwood	3.2	8.8	10.13	13.16	94

(By Percy Furler)

BY their victory over Norwood today Sturt definitely settled the composition of the final four. Today's win was Sturt's eighth successive victory.

They need only to defeat North at Unley next Saturday to establish a record for the club. They have never previously had a sequence of nine wins.

Only in the first term were Sturt superior. They gained their advantage by virtue of superior aerial work, better position play, and outstanding ruck strength. Norwood's rucks could not function evenly. P. McCallum has not regained the high-class form he displayed before his injury.

Schultz was the star of the match. His exhibition at centre half-forward was one of the most polished displays I have seen. Unbeatable in the air he was always giving sterling service to his side, and had Norwood snatched victory it would have been mainly due to his excellence.

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Morton (5), Biggs, Baldock, Longmore (each 2), Booth, Sawatzke, Wundersitz. Norwood—Warhurst (7), Schultz (4), Huxtable, Brown.

Best Players.—Sturt—Biggs, Morton, Day, Jasper, Longmore, Treleaven. Norwood—Schultz, Plunkett, Chinnery Woodroofe, McCallum, Tugwell.

Straighter Kicking By Torrens

SCORES	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	2.1	5.6	10.8	13.9	87
West	1.2	5.5	6.11	9.16	70

(By F. K. M.)

BETTER shooting for goal by Torrens was about the only reason for their win over West at Thebarton. West had 25 shots for goal to Torrens' 22, but 13 of Torrens' shots brought goals, compared with only nine of West's.

It was a poor game, livened only occasionally with bright flashes of individual play, and once or twice with a glimpse of systematic combination by Torrens. The defence lines were the strongest departments in both teams, and for long periods, particularly during the first half, the defenders kept the opposing forward divisions in complete subjection. This in itself made scoring slow and the game unexciting.

West usually won in the air, although Torrens' aerial work improved as the game progressed, while Torrens countered with spoiling tactics and better ground play, which often brought results.

Goalkickers.—Torrens — Waite (3), Kinlough, Theakstone, McLoughlin, Drury (each 2), Conroy, Coulter. West—Bennetts (5), Brady (2), Simons, Stokes.

Best Players.—Torrens—Drury, Coulter, Filsell, Frogley, Hanrahan, Adcock. West—Webber, Brady, Jackson, Simons, Maseeka, Bennetts.

Poor Fight By Glenelg

SCORES	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	6.8	9.9	14.13	22.15	147
Glenelg	0.0	5.2	8.4	11.9	75

(By H. K.)

NORTH won decisively from Glenelg at Adelaide Oval this afternoon, the difference of 72 points in the scores at the end of the game being a fair indication of the respective merits of the teams.

Apart from one period of about 15 minutes in the second quarter, North held the upper hand. They were faster to the ball, more resourceful, and at times carried out their attacks with commendable system. North were also stronger in the air, but when Johnston was in the ruck, he gave the advantage there to Glenelg.

It is unfortunate that North, after their brilliant wins from Norwood and Glenelg last Saturday and today, have no chance of playing in the finals. They impressed today as likely to give strong opposition to any of the teams above them on the premiership list.

Probably the outstanding feature of the game was the 12 goals kicked by Farmer. They were all thoroughly deserved, and most of them were the result of heady play.

An unusual happening, which fortunately did not have any effect on the result of the game, occurred at the close of the second quarter. There was a scrimmage in front of North's goal,

Port in Fine Form To Defeat South

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3.1	8.11	14.12	15.19	109
South	4.5	7.5	8.6	13.6	84

(By "Highflier")

PLAYING fine football in the general exchanges, Port did everything but kick straight for goal in the match against South at Alberton Oval today. The magpies finished with a lead of 25 points, but on their play should have had a much bigger lead.

The strong defence of the blue-and-whites and a brilliant burst in the last quarter, however, kept the game full of interest.

Port showed in this game that they are regaining the finishing power that made them a force early in the season. They withstood South's bid in the last quarter, and were full of running at the finish.

Goalkickers.—Port — Prideaux (8), Hender (4), Hollingworth, Wightman, Whicker. South—Munro (8), Murdy (3), Jack Dawes, Masters.

Best Players.—Port—Jacquier, West, Meers, Reval, Johnson, Prideaux, Quinn, Eden. South—Cockburn, Tully, Cahill, Munro, Rosewarne, Reddaway.

ATTENDANCES

Attendances at league fixtures today aggregated 15,340. The crowds at the ovals were:—

Norwood (Sturt v. Norwood)	6,100
Alberton (Port v. South)	4,500
Adelaide (North v. Glenelg)	3,040
Thebarton (Torrens v. West)	1,700
	15,340

Close-Ups from Ovals

IN Strauss, North have a potential champion if he is taken in hand and coached on the right lines. His brilliant marking was the downfall of numerous Glenelg attacks this afternoon, and if his ruck work was not polished, it caused the opposition considerable worry.

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TAKING into account his comparative lack of opportunities, Birrell did well to secure six goals for Glenelg. His first three came in spectacular manner in the second quarter, all being obtained in the space of about three minutes. Until then Glenelg had not scored. The first and second followed nice marks, and the third came from a free.

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JOHNSTON dominated the ruck for Glenelg while functioning in that department against North today. He made it the one strong post for his side. In addition, Johnston was prominent in the air, and was one of the few Glenelg men who used their weight to best effect.

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PRIDEAUX put up new goalkicking figures for Port by carrying his total for the season past 74 in the game against South at Alberton. The record was put up by L. C. Dayman in 1929, and Prideaux has now 77 to his credit. He was in brilliant form at the goalfront, kicking eight goals from nine scoring shots.

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FARMER was in great fettle against Glenelg, and his 12 goals came from 15 scoring shots. He frequently outwitted the Glenelg full back—Elsdon—in the battle for position to receive the ball. The North champion often went as far as the half-forward line to seek opportunities.

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ROSEWARNE (South) and Johnston (Port) did well at centre for their teams at Alberton without clashing to any extent. Rosewarne played a very clever game, and gave the forwards many opportunities. Johnston's position play was the main feature of his work.

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COCKBURN was in brilliant form for South in the game against Port at Alberton. He stopped Port time after time in the first quarter, and then led the blue-and-whites from the ruck in the last-quarter bid for victory. His long kicking and fast ground work made him an outstanding figure of the game.

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MUNRO did everything asked of him for South today. He missed with only one shot for goal, and in the last quarter, when he kicked four goals in about five minutes.

and the time bell had been ringing for more than a second before Batt kicked the ball through for a goal.

The shouting of the spectators clustered round the goal prevented the umpire from hearing the bell, and the goal was duly recorded.

It was the third time this season that North had been mixed up with a difficulty over scores. At Prospect early in the season they were given a goal after the ball had been out of bounds, and at Wayville a goal they scored was credited to West.

Failure to score in the first quarter would have discouraged some teams, but Glenelg fought valiantly to the end. Even in the closing stages, when their position was hopeless, they threw all their energy into the play.

The game was fast, but was marred by a good deal of scrimmaging. The cross breeze was not conducive to accurate foot passing, and this probably was responsible for the early breakdown of most systematic moves by both teams.

NORTH.—Backs—Foulis, Fleet, Strauss. Half-backs—Manuel, S. Burton, Oatway. Centres—Rush, Knuckey, Pash. Half-forwards—Batt, Martin, Carvosso. Forwards—K. Burns, Farmer, Maseeka, Ruck—Hayden, McInnes, Warhurst. Shaw (19th).

Carvosso (injured knee) replaced by Shaw in last quarter.

GLENELG.—Backs—Harford, Elsdon, Corbett. Half-backs—Cox, Brock, Richter. Centres—Ahrendt, Sallis, McCarthy. Half-forwards—Bailey, Hannam, Curnow. Forwards—Percy, Birrell, Colyer. Ruck—Johnston, Aikman, Link. G. King (19th) King replaced Colyer (torn leg ligaments) after half-time.

Umpire, F. K. Ford.

Goalkickers. — North — Farmer (12), Knuckey (3), Warhurst (2), McInnes, Rush, Batt, K. Burns, Strauss, Glenelg—Birrell (6), Bailey (2), Percy, Link, Curnow.

Best Players. — North — Farmer, Warhurst, McInnes, Fleet, Strauss, S. Burns, S. Burton. Glenelg—Johnston, Link, Elsdon, McCarthy, Birrell, Bailey, Brock.

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