

# FOOTBALL SEASON OPENED

## RESULTS OF TO-DAY'S GAMES.

West	18—10
Glenelg	6—5
South	11—22
Torrens	11—11

## PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points.	Prem.
West	1	1	—	—	118	41
South	1	1	—	—	88	77
Torrens	1	—	1	—	77	88
Glenelg	1	—	1	—	41	118

## SOUTH SQUEEZE HOME.

SOUTH	11—22
TORRENS	11—11

Best Players.—South—D. Moriarty, McKee, Allen, Daly (2), Kay, and Vickers. Torrens—Patten, Karney, Wyld, Strugnall, Marsh, Allen, Marvel.

Goalkeepers.—South—Kay (3), McKee, and J. W. Daly (each 2). D. Moriarty, Setterberg, Vickers, Lucas, Torrens—Wyld (5), Marvel, and Manning (each 2). O'Loughlin, Marsh.

## WEST'S SUBSTANTIAL WIN.

The football season opened in Adelaide to-day in promising circumstances. The weather was delightful, with just the requisite bite in the atmosphere to make it crisp for the game. For weeks past the polishing touches had been put on the players, and now to-day four of the competing eight senior teams met to do battle. Glenelg was new in the league, and it was a compliment to them that in the first game in the new year they were given the premier oval on which to show their mettle.

With every passing year the grand Australian game is getting a firmer grip on the people, and on all sides there is every indication that there will be increased interest in the contests this season.

Peters led the westerners and Hanley skippered Glenelg. Hanley won the toss and selected the Cathedral end, which was favoured by a strong wind, to set his team going. West, however, repelled the seiders' initial rushes until Murdoch opened the scoring with a goal for the new team, and Oliver added a behind. Many of the visitors' attacks proved fruitless, and West pushed home. Cooper was like a live wire in front of the sticks, and he sent up the westerners' first sixer. Stevens came next with the second goal, and the same player repeated the act from a free shortly after.

Hanley had been prominent for the visitors, and through his agency Searle registered their second major. West accounted for 2 behinds, and the seiders rushed through a point as the first bell rang, making the scores:—

WEST	3—2
GLENELG	2—2

Against a strong breeze Glenelg pressed ahead at the opening of the second term, but without success. Chapman scored a point for West, Cooper secured a goal, and Manning called up one flag. O'Keefe raised the fifth goal for West, smartly followed by a behind and a goal from the boot of Macklin. At the southern end Glenelg at length took a turn, and Searle recorded his second major from a beautiful place-kick driven straight in. Farrelly to Murdoch, who contributed Glenelg's fourth and his second six-pointer. Bailey responded with full points for West. An excellent

## MONDAY'S GAMES.

### Strong Battles Promised.

On the holiday on Monday two games will be played, and they should prove sterling contests. On the Adelaide Oval North (last year's premiers) will meet Sturt, and at Norwood the easterners, who finished the past season with great distinction, will try conclusions with Port, their old-time rivals.

At the half-time interval on the Adelaide Oval the chairman of the league (Mr. A. J. McLachlan) will present to North the premiership pennant of 1920, and Ald. Cohen (patron of North Adelaide) will unveil the club's honour roll.

The teams are:—

### NORTH V. STURT.

North (from)—Leahy (captain), Crawford, Currow, Davies, Funn, Fooka, Frost, Gurney, Hamilton, Lewis, Maloney, Penery, Quigley, Reedman, Solomon, Treacowthick, Wallis, Wedger, Spragg, Haines.

Sturt—Golding (captain), Beatty (2), Sharp, Baker, Caldwell, Colquhoun, Sanders, Mayman, Bruce or Osborne, Lyne, Carthew, Odgers, Smith, Whitehead, Nicolle, Sellick, Probert.

### NORWOOD V. PORT.

Norwood—White (captain), Scott (2), Bryant, Close, Grantley, Hart, W. Heinrich, Johns, McNamara, Packham, Sparks, Schumacher, Stephens, Townley, Toovey, von Einem, Weller, Wilson.

Port—Adams, Allingham, Congear, Dewar, Dayman, Ford, Hosking, Howie, Keal, Lloyd, Mucklow, Maywald, Oliver, Oids, Outey, Robertson, Slade, Taylor, Bampton (19th).

Port's captain will be selected on Monday prior to the match.

bit of play between Cooper and Macklin ended with a goal from the latter. Half-time scores read:—

WEST	8—6
GLENELG	4—2

Glenelg faced a 28-point deficit at the resumption of play. West got off promptly with a single, and Bailey notched the next point. Still the red-and-blacks continued to attack, and Stevens flashed out with his third goal. Glenelg were putting in determinedly, but with little combination. West's tenth goal came from Bailey, and in a trice Stevens had another. So far Glenelg's score remained unchanged, and West were easily holding the upper hand. Ultimately the black-and-golds broke the spell with a point, but West scaled off again. Glenelg managed to raise another single just before third-quarter time. Scores:—

WEST	11—9
GLENELG	4—4

Glenelg's chance of victory was now hopeless, but they battled gamely, and Hawkes piloted a great goal in quick time after the bounce. West, however, could not be stopped, and again Macklin and Manning each pulled off the big points. The game was now mostly all-West. Farrelly reduced the seiders' leeway by a goal, but Macklin replied with yet another sixer for the red-and-blacks, and Manning added West's fifteenth major. Macklin was irrepresible forward, and in rapid succession two six-pointers came from this indomitable player. Stevens was the next goal-getter for the reds, and a point was registered for the visitors. The final scores were:—

WEST	18—10
GLENELG	6—5

Best Players.—West—Peters, Brown, Mills, Macklin, Stevens, Cooper, Dwyer, Gabriel, Huxtable, Scanlon. Glenelg—Hanley, Farrelly, Gates, James, Murdoch, Oliver, Perry, Searle.

Goalkeepers.—West—Macklin (6), Stevens (4), Cooper (3), Bailey and Manning (each 2). O'Keefe. Glenelg—Murdoch and Searle (each 2), Hawkes, Farrelly.

## NOTES ON THE PLAY

### WEST'S EASY VICTORY.

Compared with the inaugural games last year the opening of the football season this afternoon was inauspicious. To a large extent the holiday on Monday may be considered to be responsible for this, because it robbed the opening day of two games—North v. Sturt and Port v. Norwood—which hold the possibilities of more brilliant and finished football than was to be expected of the contestants to-day.

Not that the match between South and Torrens left much room for disappointment, so much as that the outcome of the meeting of West and Glenelg on the city's leading oval might tend to produce a bad impression of the prospective standard of this season's play.

Glenelg were beaten by 77 points by a team that was at the bottom of the premiership list last year with only two wins and a draw to its credit.

Still, it must not be forgotten that the Bay men made their debut to-day, and every allowance must be made for that. That they have promising material in their ranks there is no doubt, but much of it is yet so raw that plenty of hard work lies ahead of Skipper Hanley before the team can acquire that balance and combination which only sound coaching and practical experience can produce.

In the contest to-day Hanley was all over the field, playing great football and leading his men in all directions. But much of his instruction misfired because of the eagerness of some of the younger players to do the very thing he was urging them to guard against.

"Why don't you do what I tell you?" he called out on occasions. Instead, many of his clubmates either left their places or allowed their opponents to get in front of them or get the first dash on to the ball.

All this, of course, did not tend towards good football, and it was regrettable that such a one-sided issue should have marked the launching of the new campaign to-day.

Glenelg, however, should not be dismayed, for they are sure to show improvement as the season advances.

Of the victors, Peters (West's captain) was easily the star performer. He met a worthy adversary in the ruck in Hanley, but he was never daunted, and played solid, forceful football throughout the game.

In the back lines Brown was the predominant stay, and was ably supported by Mills and Huxtable.

Huxtable, too, was a force in the ruck, where O'Keefe, Chapman, and Dwyer also rendered useful service.

On the wings Gabriel, who played for Norwood in 1919, outmatched Hine, and Scanlon on the day had the better of the tussle with Grealy, though the latter played gamely.

Both roving and forward Macklin was brilliant, and his six goals were cleverly got.

Stevens, Cooper, Bailey, and Manning also proved a fine battery of accurate sharpshooters in the forward division.

Among Glenelg Hanley was the outstanding giant. He revealed superb form as a follower, and as the general of the new team battled against big odds.

Gates shone out as a back man, resisting many of the attacks with great judgment and stubbornness.

Following Hillier worked hard and pluckily against such a finished opponent as Peters, and Oliver was prominent at intervals.

James had the better of his opponent at centre, though little of the play gravitated that way.

Perry, the Yorke's Peninsula recruit, showed excellent promise, and with more league experience he should develop into a sterling back.

Kappler, late of Sturt, showed poor form on Dwyer.

Farrelly was a tenacious and clever little rover who played with considerable dash and brilliance.

In the forward lines Murdoch, Hawkes, and Searle were fair.

The field kicking of both sides, except in rare instances, was wretched, a winding high punt being almost invariably resorted to instead of a long skimming drop-kick.

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## OPENING OF SEASON

### MATCHES TO-MORROW.

### PROSPECTS BRIGHTER THAN EVER.

The season will open to-morrow, and the public are promised two very interesting fights for a start. The newcomers—Glenelg—will meet the West Adelaide on the Adelaide Oval, and West Torrens will engage South Adelaide on the Hindmarsh Oval. South Adelaide claim to be a 50 per cent. better team than last season, and West Torrens have lost nothing of their old strength. One or two colts who have displayed great form are expected to more than counterbalance any loss the team has sustained by the standing down or removal of one or two of last season's stalwarts. The Glenelg team is a vastly superior combination to what it was last year, and as the red and blacks have not been able to secure permits for several acknowledged top-notchers from the country and from Broken Hill, the seiders may prove victorious.

On Monday North Adelaide and Sturt will meet on the Adelaide Oval and Norwood will meet Port Adelaide on the latter's ground. Sturt, on practice form and individual displays, look to have the better chance. The northerners generally take a lot of knocking into shape in the early part of the season, and some of their players have showed decided sluggishness so far. North, however, have the right stuff, if they can only wake up.

### SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

West Adelaide v. Glenelg, Adelaide Oval.

W. Torrens v. South Adl., Hindmarsh.

### MONDAY'S MATCHES.

North Adelaide v. Sturt, Adelaide Oval.

Norwood v. Port Adelaide, Norwood Oval.

### THE TEAMS.

### TO-MORROW'S TEAMS.

West Torrens—Patten, S. (captain); Karney, J. (vice-captain); Allen, W.; Brown; Currow, G.; Davies, E.; Jones, S.; Mani, G.; Manning, D. R.; Marsh, G. H.; Marvel, L.; Nicholson, J.; Oaten, F.; O'Loughlin, C.; Pain, R.; Richmond, G.; Strugnall, J.; Wyld, N.; Kilmartin, (19th).

South Adelaide—McKee, S. M. (captain); Tredrea, J. J. (vice-captain); Oliver, W. G.; Kay, J.; Euston, O.; Setterberg, B.; Tredrea, C.; Daly, J.; Daly, L.; Vickers, J.; Allen, W.; Moriarty, D.; Moriarty, J. V.; Antonio, J.; Williams, B.; Lucas, W.; Ryan, J.; Hansen, J.; Barnes, Cusack, and Breen.

West Adelaide—J. Brown, Jack Bishop, F. Bailey, G. Cooper, L. Cooney, T. Elliott, H. Gabriel, M. Huxtable, N. Macklin, W. Mills (vice-captain), W. McConnell, J. O'Keefe, J. O'Dea, T. Pierce, V. Peters (captain), R. Manning, F. Stevens, J. Scanlon, 19th man, R. Chapman.

Glenelg—J. Hanley, V. Hillier, H. Farrelly, H. Searle, L. Hawkes, W. Murdoch, W. Oliver, W. Thomas, H. Rice, S. V. James, F. Grealy, H. Hines, J. Kappler, P. Perry, T. Taylor, F. Gates, Ern Haddrick, H. Thompson; 19th man, F. Marshall.



Jack Hanley, Glenelg's skipper.

### GLENELG NOTE.

Football followers are curious as to the chances of the new league club on Saturday next.

It is difficult to advance an opinion. The Glenelg committee have been to no end of trouble to secure the best team possible for the district. The first eighteen were chosen on Tuesday night, and contains only seven of last year's players, although the whole of them were available, so it is unsafe to judge them on last season's performances.

It remains to be seen how the team plays together, but they should do fairly well in the ruck, as Jack Hanley, though suffering from a cold, appears to be in good form, and Oliver, of Murray Bridge, seems a likely sort. Hillier will assist Oliver, while Thompson will partner Hanley. The ruck, however, is by no means Glenelg's strongest point.

They expect a great deal from their two rovers, Farrelly and Murdoch, and, judging on the form displayed in the recent Battalion matches, these two smart players should do well.

The seiders will probably be a trifle weak half-forward, although their sharpshooters in the front line may help to make up for this deficiency, for Hawkes and Searle, assisted by the resting rover, are experienced men, who play with plenty of dash.

Another weakness will be the centre line. James will occupy the centre position. He is a good footballer, but appears to be a little below form, while in this important position it is necessary for a man to be right on top. Hine and Grealy will carry on the flank work. They are both promising players, but will possibly be not quite up to standard.

The back line should be fairly strong. They will comprise Kappler, Perry, Taylor, Gates, Haddrick, and Hillier.

The ex-Moonta player, Perry, shows splendid form at practice, and will most likely develop into a first-class league man.

Taylor, of Peterborough, who is one of the "Sage's" foremost sprinters, is not doing as well as was expected. This is no doubt due to lack of training. He will come on later.

Glenelg's misfortune in being without the services of Harvey in their first encounter. He injured his back in the Battalion match on Anzac Day, when he was considered one of the best men on the ground.

Another who must have been chosen in the first team but for being called away on business is Jack Rowlands. This sturdy ruck man had a lot to do with the B team doing so well last Saturday. He will be away from the district for about three weeks.

Jack Hanley, who has been coaching the new team so enthusiastically, is a quietly confident of giving his old club a slight shock on Saturday.

The Glenelg team went for a charabanc trip through the hills last Saturday. An enjoyable time was spent.

Persons who have not watched the progress of the Glenelg Oval will be surprised at its advanced appearance. The stand (which will be handed over to the Oval Association by the contractors this week) is superior to any of the present suburban oval structures, while an up-to-date scoring board, which is being erected, will be appreciated by patrons.

Mr. Frank Squires, who has been secretary of the Glenelg Oval Association for nearly six years, has resigned, owing to his removal from the district. Mr. Squires has been responsible to a great extent for the improvements of the oval. Mr. B. Kendall is his successor.

The three Murray Bridge players, Oliver, Rice, and Harvey, were left out of the Glenelg team last Saturday, but two (Oliver and Rice) will be available for Saturday's match, and are expected to make good. Farrelly is another player who had a spell last Saturday. Haddrick, in goals, played for the S.A.R. last Saturday and put up a good fight. He will make a good name for himself this season in goals. In Saturday's practice match Jack Kappler, at centre half-back was marking in the surest fashion and using good judgment. Perry, late of Moonta, half-back on the wing, was also in good form. Hine, a recruit from West Adelaide Juniors, was also a good man in the defence lines for the seiders. Searle kicked several "full pointers" in the forward division.

During the progress of last Saturday's match the Glenelg players were back armbands out of respect for their viceroy, the late Mr. Horace G. Young. He was a valued supporter of the Glenelg club, and his untimely end will be a sad loss for the club.