

FOOTBALL.

PREMIERSHIP LIST.

	Matches.			Points.		Prem.
	W.	L.	D.	W.	L.	Pts.
Port Adelaide	10	2	—	1008	567	20
South Adelaide	8	4	—	931	710	16
Sturt	7	5	—	814	754	14
West Torrens	7	5	—	844	776	14
Norwood	7	6	—	779	813	14
North Adelaide	5	5	1	682	672	11
West Adelaide	3	9	1	735	892	7
Glenelg	—	12	—	518	1156	—

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE.

South Adelaide, 12.8; West Torrens, 3.11.

Port, 15.13; Sturt, 6.11.

West, 3.8; Glenelg, 2.8.

MINOR PREMIERSHIP.

The minor premiership round in connection with the South Australian League is fast drawing to a close. Port Adelaide will certainly be the winners in it, but the competition by the other clubs in the running for the second round promises to continue to be exceptionally keen. The remaining matches in the minor round are:—

Ports—Against Torrens (Hindmarsh), and South (Alberton).

Souths—Sturt (Unley) and Port (Alberton).

Sturts—South (Unley) and West (Unley).

Torrens—North (Adelaide) and Port (Hindmarsh).

Norwoods—Glenelg (Norwood) and North (Adelaide).

Norths—Torrens (Adelaide), Glenelg (Adelaide), and Norwood (Adelaide).

West—Sturt (Unley).

Glenelgs—Norwood (Norwood) and North (Adelaide).

The first and third teams in the minor round will probably meet in the first semi-final on September 10, and the second and fourth clubs will then play in the second semi-final on September 17. The winners of those games will compete on September 24 for the premiership. If the minor premiers are beaten in any of those engagements they will have the right to challenge the winners of the September 24 games to play off for the premiership. The semi-finals and premiership will be decided at the Adelaide Oval. Owing to the matches between Victoria and South Australia, in Adelaide, next Saturday, and in Melbourne on August 13, and the carnival games in Western Australia, on August 6, 10, and 13 between South Australia, Victoria, and Western Australia, the next matches in connection with the Adelaide League will not be played until August 20. Representatives of the B Grade League and the Yorke's Peninsula Association will try conclusions at the Adelaide Oval on August 13. The South Australian and Victorian carnival teams will leave on Tuesday for Perth, and the Victorians to meet the South Australians next Saturday will arrive on Thursday.

SOUTHS V. WEST TORRENS.

Final scores:—South 12.8 Torrens 3.11.

—Best Players.—

Goalkeepers:—South—J. W. Daly (3), J. Tredrea, and R. D. Waye (2). O. Easton, J. Kay, P. N. Hansen, C. Barnes, and S. McKee. Torrens—S. Patten, J. Nicholson, and L. Mills. Best players:—South—McKee, J. W. Daly, J. V. Moriarty, Kay, J. Tredrea, Vickers, Waye, and Barnes. Torrens—Patten, Karney, Jones, Marvell, Nicholson, Brown, Walker, and Mills.

PORT ADELAIDE V. STURT.

Final scores:—Port, 15.13; Sturt, 6.11.

—Best Players.—

Perhaps the most prominent of the Ports were Olds, Allingham, Ford, Hosking, Keal, Maywald, Bampton, L. and G. Beck. Sturt's best were Beatty, Baker, Carthew, Colquhoun, Lyne, Odgers, Probert, and Lingwood-Smith. Goalkeepers:—Port—Congear, Allingham, Keal, and P. Taylor (each 3). L. Beck, Dewar, and S. Robertson (each 1). Sturt—Lyne, Barron (each 2), Sanders, and Nicolle (each 1).

GLENELG V. WEST ADELAIDE.

The above teams measured their skill for the second time this season, on Saturday afternoon. The scene of the encounter was the Glenelg Oval, and local supporters, who rallied up in fine force, had great hopes that their representatives would achieve their initial success in league contests. At the first meeting, which took place on the opening day of the season, Wests gained a decisive victory over their inexperienced opponents. The latter, however, have demonstrated in recent games that they have derived considerable benefit from their engagements with the other senior clubs. The westerners had suffered defeat in each of their last four matches, and in the premiership list stood only one place higher than the seaisiders. The game was under the direction of Mr. Pounsett. Oliver and Thomas were absentees from the home side, and their places were filled by R. Piper and F. Gabb. Peters and J. Brown did not strip for the westerners, and Mills assumed the captaincy in lieu of Peters. At the outset the rucks were:—Glenelg—Hanley, Hillier, and Farrelly. Wests—O'Keefe, Dwyer, and Bishop. The visitors, kicking to the northern end, found their feet first, and quickly drew blood with a behind. Macklin added a like quantity from a scrimmage, but was more successful a moment later, when he caused both flags to go up. The seaisiders made a sortie, but it was quickly repelled. Hillier and F. Marshall were prominent in defence, which was, however, penetrated, and Macklin held a nice mark—a minor. A series of smart exchanges by the visitors placed O'Dea in possession, and his shot for the big opening was true. Smith and Barnett were responsible for good work in the back lines, but Stephens secured the leather, and another six-pointer was registered. Cossey thrice frustrated attempts by the home players to reach their citadel, but the assault was maintained, and at last Murdoch opened their scoring account with a minor. The play hovered between the back lines until Cant held a mark, and his shot produced a single. The home side were very insistent in their attacks, and were generally in front of their opponents in the struggle for the ball. The visitors at last drove them out, and Anstey and Doody enabled Dwyer to have a shot which just failed in its objective, Smith relieving in capital style. The bell rang with the scores at:—West Adelaide, 3.4; Glenelg, 0.2.

—Glenelg's Vigorous Attacks.—

The rucks for the second bout were:—Glenelg—Cant, Gabb, and Murdoch; Wests—Doody, Pryor, and Barnes. The home side attacked strongly at the start, and Grealy, from a try close up, had no difficulty in raising the two flags. The ball travelled up and down the ground for some time, until Anstey shone out with a fine long run and propelled the leather into Wests' forward lines. Piper (in goal) drove the enemy off, and splendid concerted play by the tigers changed the scene of operations into the visitors' territory. Hanley notched a single, and then the Glenelg defenders were called upon to defend their citadel. They rose to the occasion, and at the other end Grealy had a quick snap, which produced a behind. O'Keefe and Stephens initiated a sortie for the red-and-blacks, which was checked by Piper near to goal. Barnett, James, and Hillier were responsible for a hot drive by the home side, which was stemmed only in the goal mouth by Huxtable. Piper was again prominent in arresting an onslaught by the city side, and the yellow-and-blacks were the attacking party. A long shot by James called up one flag. Hillier effected a capital mark in the half-forward division, and passed to James. A magnificent drop kick just failed to go the distance. Hanley placed the same player in possession again, but that time his shot went awry. Hillier secured the leather, and his place-kick was marked by Hanley close up to goal. The latter's kick was touched in transit, and only one flag went up. Martin and Grealy continued to attack for the seaisiders, but the end of the second quarter nullified their efforts. The scores at that stage were:—Wests, 3.4; Glenelg, 1.6.

—Strenuous Efforts.—

The visitors had an advantage of 10 points at the long interval, but each team had had the same number of effective scoring shots. That gives a fair idea of the character of the play. The seaisiders had had quite as much of the game as their opponents, and it was only their lack of accuracy in shooting which placed them in the rear. In the second term they had prevented the westerners from scoring, and in the meanwhile had increased their own tally by 1.4. The climatic conditions were not favourable to a first-class exhibition of the pastime, for a stiff north-westerly wind exerted a considerable influence over the play, and the ground was muddy and slippery, with frequent pools of water also to hinder the players. In the circumstances the game was very fast, and several of the men displayed considerable cleverness and resource in handling the leather. The red-and-blacks attacked first on the resumption of play, but were driven off. A swift thrust by the seaisiders placed Murdoch in possession, and a neat snap shot earned full points. The locals were only 4 points in arrears, and after a sortie by the city side had failed they returned to the attack. Cossey was in the way, however, and at the other end Bishop called up one flag. Hillier and Martin initiated an attack for the home side, which was nullified, but Gabb and James again placed West on the defensive. James assisted the sphere goalwards, and Hillier and Hanley maintained the assault. Farrelly and James were mainly instrumental in giving Murdoch a try which gained a minor. The red-and-blacks at last relieved the pressure, and, after Conlin had temporarily repelled an attack, Dance, with a long drop kick, called up one flag. Conlin and Hanley forced the ball to the centre line, and Kappler held up a drive by the westerners. The latter went in again and added another to their growing list of behinds. Pryor next had a shot, and his place kick produced yet another point. The visitors kept hammering away at their opponents' citadel, but the home side at last reasserted themselves, and Cant, Murdoch, and James were prominent in a forward movement, which culminated in a behind being registered. They were still attacking as the bell rang with the board showing:—Wests, 3.8; Glenelg, 2.8.

—Wests Prove Too Strong.—

With just one goal separating the scores, the last quarter began amid much excitement. The locals were early called upon to defend their citadel, and Kappler stayed off a rush by Wests. Mills performed similar service at the other end, but Marshall and then Gates, kept the city defenders busy. Perry shone out in the back lines at the southern end, and Murdoch and Farrelly took the leather into the danger zone. Smith stood in the way of a West Adelaide charge, but Pryor and Stephens carried the sphere close in, where Perry and Murdoch relieved in fine style. Cooper was left unattended, and, running into the forward lines, gave the attacking division an opportunity, which resulted in Stephens smartly snapping full points. Smith held up a charge by the red-and-blacks, but Pryor penetrated the defence. Cooper was again prominent, and Pryor had a try, which was fruitless. Barnett and Farrelly at last drove the enemy out, but Anstey and Barnes frustrated their attempt to break through the defence. Smith and Grealy were in the way of a drive by the visitors, who persisted, however, until Gates and Murdoch forced the leather over the centre line. At that stage Gates received a severe knock on the head, and was carried off the field. The red-and-blacks next prevailed, and Stephens marked on the southern wing. His shot sailed accurately between the big uprights, and placed his side 17 points to the good. The seaisiders made a determined onslaught, and a try by Hillier went out of bounds. Hanley next secured the leather, and reduced the deficit by six points. There was only half a minute to go, however, and play was still in mid-field as the final gong sounded, leaving the visitors victorious by 11 points. Scores:—Wests, 5.8; Glenelg, 3.9.

—Prominent Workers.—

The losers did not adapt themselves to the heavy conditions as readily as did the red-and-blacks, who owe their victory to their predominance in the initial bout. The best performers for the winners were Cossey, Pryor, O'Keefe, Bishop, Stephens, Barnes, Huxtable, Anstey, and Doody, while those who fought most strenuously for the home side were Hanley, Farrelly, Murdoch, Grealy, James, Piper, Cant, Hillier, and Smith. The goalkeepers were:—Wests—Stephens (3), Macklin and O'Dea (1 each); Glenelg—Grealy, Murdoch, and Hanley (1 each).