

Football.

PREMIERSHIP LIST.

	P.	W.	L.	For.	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.
West Torrens	5	5	—	344	255	10	
Norwood	5	4	1	494	217	8	
South Adelaide	5	4	1	383	275	8	
Sturt	5	2	3	320	317	4	
West Adelaide	5	2	3	260	302	4	
North Adelaide	5	2	3	296	400	4	
Port Adelaide	5	1	4	206	460	2	
Glenelg	5	—	5	236	450	—	

South 10 — 32	Norwood 17 — 11
West 8 — 11	Port 4 — 6
Sturt 12 — 7	West Torrens 14 — 19
North 7 — 15	Glenelg 9 — 6

STURT IMPROVING.

(By "Spectator.")

The game at Prospect was interesting throughout, but it was not the class of football that quickens the pulses and fires the imagination. The spectators were never driven to the pitch of excitement that makes every other thing in life seem as nought until the game is won or lost, but during the greater part of the contest everybody was kept guessing. The question was whether Sturt's more or less stately, steady game would predominate over the dashing, but less systematic, methods of North. Sturt disappointed many of their supporters in the first quarter, but vindicated themselves long before the game was over. Nevertheless they did not satisfy the keener critics, who looked at the game as a game, and set aside the result. The double blues are an improving team, but it is too early yet to say definitely they are a pennant winning team.

Sturt	1-0	4-5	8-5	12-7	(79)
North	3-2	3-6	4-14	7-15	(57)

Best players:—Sturt—Lyne, Golding, Richardson, E. and O. Beatty, Scrutton, Riley, Jackson (2). North Adelaide—Lewis, Curnow, Zevorn, Ween, Broderick, Kinnear, Trescowthick, Conrad, Jervis.

Goal-kickers:—Sturt—Lyne (6), Barron, K. Jackson, Nicolle, James, Riley, and Whitehead. North Adelaide—Jervis (3), Ween (2), Conrad, and Dawe.

SOUTH ADELAIDE VERSUS WEST ADELAIDE.

On the Adelaide Oval on Saturday afternoon South Adelaide, flushed with their recent big victory over Port Adelaide, tried conclusions with West Adelaide, who in their opening match this season also conquered the magpies. This fact, despite the inability of the westerners to fulfil the expectations of their supporters in the three other matches, added interest to the game, which attracted a large attendance. The weather conditions and the state of the turf made prospects bright for a fast exposition of the game.

South	4-0	6-16	8-25	10-32
West	0-0	1-5	4-6	8-11

Among the most prominent for the winners were Allen, Williams, McKee, Kay, Caust, Oliver, and J. W. Daly; and for West Adelaide, Simmons, Leo, Peters, Barnes, Morgan, Lukeman and Bishop.

Goal-kickers.—For South—McKee (4), J. W. Daly (3), Caust, Barnes and Kay; West Adelaide—Barnes (2), Martin (2), Morgan (2), Bailey, and Simmons.

A feature of the match was the wretched shooting of the winners.

The attendance was 8,700, and the takings £223.

WEST TORRENS DEFEAT GLENELG.

The undefeated West Torrens team opposed Glenelg (who had not won a match) on the Glenelg Oval on Monday. The only alteration in the former's eighteen, which had defeated North Adelaide in their last match, was that Nailen took the place of Oaten on the wing. Glenelg were without the services of Mutton, who was suffering from tonsillitis, and Perry, who has not yet recovered from the injured ankle he received in the match against West Adelaide. The vacancies were filled by G. Barnett and Murdoch. The central umpire (Mr. O'Connor) set the ball rolling in sunshining weather and in the presence of a large attendance. Hanley won the toss and elected that Glenelg should kick towards the northern goal, slightly favored by the breeze. Glenelg were the first to attack and quickly registered a point. West Torrens, with a centre effort, worked the leather in close to their sticks, where Hollis received a penalty award from Thomas and gained full points from an easy shot. There was little to choose between the teams, and the ball was first at one end and then the other. Hillier, from a free in a handy position, placed and registered the maximum. Soon after a mark by McCarthy, who received from Oatey, resulted in a balancing goal for West Torrens. The visitors were showing superiority in handball, and they gained a further advantage from numerous penalty awards. Hollis, in attempting a shot from a free, kicked wide, but Oatey marked and punted the leather through the uprights. A well-concerted attack by Glenelg realised a behind, and then excellent marks by Liebelt and Hanley saw the latter find the centre with a place kick. There was little semblance of open play, and scrimmages were frequent. From a shuffle in front of the Glenelg goal Murdoch, who received from Hillier, snapped the possible. Again Glenelg rushed goalward, but Parrelly, from an opportunity, could manage only a behind. The venue of play was transferred to the visitors' end, and a free to March in front obtained a goal. The quarter ended with the scores:—

West Torrens	4-0
Glenelg	3-3

Glenelg were showing a great improvement on previous matches, but their failure lay in giving away frees usually when the leather was close up to their opponent's goal. The opening phases of the second term saw an alteration in the West Torrens tactics from centre attacks to wing play. The change proved effective. Although their first four shots realised only minors, Hollis with a beautiful punt added six points. The visitors' followers, Ashby, Hollis, and Oatey were gaining the better of affairs against Oliver Liebelt and Gotta, and consistently led the attack. It was not until more than half the term had gone that Glenelg worked the leather into their territory, and then they managed only a behind. West Torrens soon cleared and rushed goalwards, scoring the possible from the boot of Marvel. The yellow and blues were proving superior in the air and

showing the better judgment in kicking to the men. Their long kicks, too, were more effective than the Glenelg attempts at short passing. Jones again goaled for West Torrens with a fine angle shot, and Marvel followed with another full pointer. The visitors were now showing superiority in every department, but the standard of play was not particularly high. At half-time the scores were:—

West Torrens	8-9
Glenelg	3-4

Although McCarthy was suffering from an injured knee, he was able to take his place forward after the long interval. West Torrens again opened the attack, and straightway Mills, who marked a shot by Marvel, which fell short, scored a goal. Wing play followed, but Torrens again rushed goalwards, and Marvel from a run around the wing registered a major. Glenelg rallied, and a well-directed centre attack culminated in full points from the boot of Percival. The visitors were showing superiority in pace and ground work, and gained by keeping in front of opponents. After a couple of attempts Glenelg succeeded by a direct attack in penetrating their opponent's defence line, and from a mark Hillier placed and found the centre. West Torrens replied with the possible, Ashby notching from a scrimmage. Play became much faster, but there was too much crowding of the ball to allow of good football. The third quarter closed with the scores:—

West Torrens	11-10
Glenelg	5-6

Pace and handball were the features of West Torrens' rush goalwards in the opening stages of the final term. But after they had scored two points, Glenelg cleared, and a centre attack ended in Hanley marking and goaling. West Torrens quickly replied, Jones scoring the possible from a scrimmage. Straightway Glenelg rushed down the centre again and Hillier added two goals in quick succession. The marking and passing of the seashiders had improved considerably. West Torrens, however, temporarily took charge, and Marvel goaled. But Glenelg rallied again and, amid keen excitement Hanley landed the possible. Back to the West Torrens end travelled the leather, and Pain passed to Mills, who had been standing with an injured foot near the goal, and he had no trouble in kicking it through the unguarded uprights. West Torrens maintained the advantage to the sound of the bell, when the board showed:—

West Torrens	14-10	(103)
Glenelg	9-6	(60)

The best players for the winners were—Davies, Karney, Brown, Jones, Marvel, Pain, Strugnell, and Mills; and the losers were best represented by Hanley, Gates, Hillier, Liebelt, Marshall, Smith, Kappler, and Moore.

The goal-kickers for the winners were—Marvel (4), Jones, Hollis, Mills (2), McCarthy, Oatey, Ashby, and Marsh; and for the losers, Hillier (4), Hanley (3), Murdoch, and Percival.

TRIUMPHANT NORWOOD.

A LESSON IN GOAL-KICKING.

Norwood are the heroes of the hour in the football world. West Torrens may be at the head of the list and may, indeed, be the best team in the league, but, nevertheless, the name of the Norwood team is on every lip. There is so much in tradition that when it was known that Port Adelaide and Norwood were to meet on the Adelaide Oval on the holiday, a large attendance at the match was assured. Port Adelaide are next to last on the list, yet the glorious traditions of the magpies made the public still feel, as in years past, that a Port Adelaide-Norwood encounter must never be missed. Therefore, in teeming rain, 23,500 people left their homes and wended their way to the Adelaide Oval on Monday to see the classic engagement. Happily the rain ceased before the game began, but not until it had so soddened the

already wet ground that the spring was taken out of the turf and little else but a mud scramble seemed in prospect. For two hours the crowd watched the traditional rivals battling for supremacy, and then the thousands went homeward again wondering at the prowess of Norwood and thoroughly satisfied that any team that can beat the redlegs from now on will have a claim to be looked upon as potential premiers.

Norwood	4-1	8-6	10-9	17-11
Port	1-4	2-5	3-5	4-6

Best players:—Norwood—Bent, White, Bryant, Hart, Sibley, Stephens, Dobson, Clapson, Hepburn, and Fowler; Port Adelaide—C. Dayman, L. C. Dayman, Mucklow, Oliver, Bower, Adams, J. Taylor, Congear, and Beck.

Goal-kickers:—Norwood—Bent (7), Hart, Schumacher, Hepburn, Close (each 2), B. A. Scott, and Sibley; Port Adelaide—Allingham, Bower, C. Dayman, and Congear.