# THRILLING FINISHES IN LEAGUE FOOTBALL

## SMALL MARGINS IN THREE MATCHES

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| South Adelaide | 8—9 |
| Sturt | 8—6 |
| West Torrens | 9—13 |
| Port Adelaide | 9—9 |
| West Adelaide | 9—12 |
| North Adelaide | 8—10 |
| Norwood | 14—18 |
| Glenelg | 6—16 |

### PREMIERSHIP LIST.

| | P. | W. | L. | Points For. | Points Agst. | Pts. |
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| Norwood | 4 | 4 | — | 360 | 221 | 8 |
| South Adelaide | 4 | 3 | 1 | 290 | 215 | 6 |
| North Adelaide | 4 | 3 | 1 | 279 | 221 | 6 |
| Port Adelaide | 4 | 2 | 2 | 247 | 277 | 4 |
| West Torrens | 4 | 2 | 2 | 241 | 319 | 4 |
| Sturt | 4 | 1 | 3 | 275 | 262 | 2 |
| West Adelaide | 4 | 1 | 3 | 222 | 273 | 2 |
| Glenelg | 4 | — | 4 | 163 | 348 | — |

### GLENELG AGAIN DEFEATED.

The result of the Norwood-Glenelg match on the seaside oval on Saturday afternoon was a foregone conclusion. The redoubtable red-legs, who at the end of the previous week's contests were at the head of the premiership list, were not expected to have to extend themselves against Glenelg, and so it proved. They took things easily in the first, third, and fourth quarters, and when they did "open out" in the second quarter they quite paralysed the Glenelg men, and put on no fewer than seven goals to their opposition's one. Their kicking was of the long, telling kind, their supremacy in the air was unquestioned, the way they used handball most effective, and their combination was unapproachable. It is true that Glenelg in two of the quarters had the ball quite as much in their territory as did their opponents, but it is also equally true that the redlegs were far from extended. The seasiders, however, displayed an admirable sporting spirit in fighting strenuously even when faced with certain defeat. The kicking of both sides left much to be desired, but a fairly strong breeze, which blew across the ground, together with the difficulty always experienced in the handling of a new ball, were prominent, contributing factors in this regard. The wind at times caught the ball and carried it right out of its course. Out of 32 scoring shots Norwood managed 14 goals, and Glenelg from 22 such shots kicked six full pointers. The teams were the same as published in "The Advertiser" on Saturday, Symonds being Norwood's 19th man, and Hillier Glenelg's emergency. The Norwood men were much the taller team, but what Glenelg lacked in height they made up for in weight. Mr. O'Connor was central umpire.

Leading the attack in the opening stage of the game, Norwood moved straight up the centre, but on three occasions when the ball was in proximity to the visitors' goal Spry, marking excellently, relieved. With a series of quick marks Glenelg carried the leather straight down the ground, but only to see a good chance to a forward missed by overanxiety. Norwood seemed to be taking the seasiders too easily, whereas the Glenelg men were "all out" from the outset. A free in Norwood's forward line resulted in Bent opening the redlegs' tally with a goal. Harrold from a free in a handy position, had an equally good chance for Glenelg, but kicked out of bounds. Potts, with Grantley assisting him, was invariably getting the knock out in the ruck, and Schumacher made good use of every opportunity. Opposed to them on the ball were Hanley, Mills, and Ross. Although Norwood were showing flashes of brilliancy in the air, Glenelg up to this time were holding their own. Moore and Spry in the home team's back line were defending stalwartly, while White and Scott were repeatedly frustrating the Glenelg attacks. The visitors used handball more effectively, and played more consistently to the centre, but their shooting for goal was poor. The home team's back men were out of position when the ball again reached them, and Lee got an open run, and from close up kicked another goal. Harrold from a kick off the ground hit a post just before the quarter ended, leaving Norwood with a lead of 2 goals 1 behind.

The change over saw the redlegs exert themselves in a marked degree, and with long kicks and high marks Glenelg could not hold them. Schumacher, in the forward division, did yeoman service, and from two snaps and a well-considered kick he succeeded in landing three full pointers. Close and Wadham, with high punts, contributed two more, which made five goals for Norwood within about the same number of minutes. When Glenelg started an offensive it seldom got past White at half-back. Norwood persisted in keeping the ball high, and their tactics were proving most successful. The home team, although fighting hard, nullified their efforts by handling their opponents too much. Spry, following, marked from a bunch near the goal and gave Glenelg their first goal for the quarter. It was only a "flash in the pan," however, as Norwood soon again assumed the role of attackers, and before the quarter ended Bent and Lee had added two more goals. Norwood had a lead of 6 goals 1 behind when the half-time bell rang.

Although the spectators had virtually lost interest in the match, Glenelg showed commendable grit in an uphill fight when the last half was entered upon. That they were hard up against it was quickly revealed, for once Norwood started a forward move the seasiders were powerless to stop them. The long punting of the visitors, combined with judicious handball and effective marking, sent them time and again on the offensive. But Norwood could not, in the opening stages of the third term, find the goal opening and had to be content with behinds. As it was, Glenelg were the first to find the desired objective, and with clever left foot screw shots Harrold reduced their deficit by two goals. Then, however, Norwood swooped down on the opposition, and from a chance given him by White, Bent place-kicked a full pointer, which he soon afterwards followed with another. The "tigers," nevertheless, were displaying remarkable grit, and although they could not materially alter the scores they kept the redlegs hard at it. Just as the bell sounded Potts drop-kicked another goal for Norwood, giving the redlegs a 9 goals 1 behind lead.

In the last quarter Sibley goaled for the redlegs, but afterwards the contest resolved itself into a veritable scramble. With the quarter about half way through there was hardly a man from either side in the Glenelg forward half. The result was that when Glenelg came with a run round the wing they met with little opposition, and Smith managed to goal for them. Play went up and down the ground, with little advantage to either side, and after Glenelg had added a behind Bent received from the kick-off and augmented Norwood's big score with a further goal. Hine, who allowed Spry, with an injured leg, to mind the goal, came out and was soon seen in the forward line, where he registered a goal. Tilbrook, the centre man, followed with another for Glenelg.

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| Norwood | 2—5 | 9—8 | 12—13 | 14—18 |
| Glenelg | 0—4 | 1—7 | 3—12 | 6—16 |

Best players:—Norwood, White, Bent, Scott, Schumacher, Scott, Sibley, Heinrichs, Wadham, Potts. Glenelg, Hanley, Barnett, Harrold, Hine, Oliver, Ross, Tilbrooks, and Gotts.

Goalkickers:—Norwood, Bent (5), Schumacher (3), Lee (2), Close, Wadham, Potts, and Sibley. Glenelg, Harrold (2), Spry, Smith, Hine, and Tilbrook.

Best Players & Goalkickers from 'The Mail' at: http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-page5317053

**Best Players.** — **Glenelg** — **Hanley, Barnett, Hine, Harrold, Tilbrook, Ross. Norwood**— White, R. A. Scott, W. Scott, Schumacher, Heinrichs, Bent, Potts.

**Goalkickers.**—**Bent** (5), Schumacher (3), Lee (3), Close, Wadham, Sibley. **Glenelg**—**Harrold** (2), Smith, Spry, Hine, Tilbrook.

### STURT BEATEN BY THREE POINTS.

Few people, except club partisans, were prepared to forecast the result of the Sturt-South Adelaide encounter on the Adelaide Oval on Saturday. As it happened, there was no telling how the game would end until, half a minute before the finish, with the ball in South's forward lines, the timekeepers sat up and agreed that the blue and white team had won. It was a contest influenced a good deal by the wind, which blew cold and fresh from the north-east. The breeze was not so strong that it hampered the midfield kicking of the team, which, for the time being, had to contend with its opposition. A diagonal wind, however, almost invariably makes goal-shooting difficult, for there is only one point on the ground from which a shot for the big sticks is aided by such a breeze. On Saturday this line was from the gate wing to the southern goal, and a ball driven from that quarter had the breeze to help it. At the other end, in kicking for goal, the ball had to be driven across the wind, or else in the teeth of it. The shelter of the trees and the scoring-board at the northern extremity of the ground often leads the players at that end to think the breeze has died down, but once the ball is kicked into the air it comes under the influence of any northerly wind there may be, and is so diverted as to make the kicker look foolish.

It was a splendid game to watch, the teams being particularly well matched, and the players eager and clever. Sustained combination was not as evident as one would like to see it, even early in the season, but for pace and spectacular individual achievement this game probably has not been excelled this year.

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| South | 3—1 | 5—4 | 5—6 | 8—9 |
| Sturt | 5—2 | 6—2 | 8—4 | 8—6 |

Best players: South Adelaide—Moriarty, J. W. Daly, Canet, Williams, Vickers, Scanlon, C. Daly, and Waye. Sturt—Riley, Sharp, Golding, Lyne, Nicolle, Whitehead, Richardson, and Colquhoun.

Goalkickers: South Adelaide—J. W. Daly (4), Ryan, and Waye (each 2); Sturt—Riley (3), K. Jackson (2), Barron, S. Scrutton, and Whitehead.

### WEST ADELAIDE STRIKE FORM.

North Adelaide at Prospect on Saturday were fighting desperately within measurable kicking distance of their objective to reduce a deficit of 8 points, when the bell sounded their first defeat for the season, given by West Adelaide, who previously had not won a match. It appeared as if West had let the game slip from their grasp in the opening term, at the end of which, after having the assistance of a fairly strong north-easterly, they could only show a margin of 8 points in their favor. However, they proved themselves capable battlers under adverse conditions, and were only two points in arrears at the big interval. It was in the third quarter that West, profiting by their mistakes forward in the opening term, drove in from the eastern wing. The wind favoring such tactics, they registered 4 goals 5 behinds to their opponents' 1 point. The red and whites were caught napping at the first bounce in the final term, the red and black forces overwhelming the opposing defence, and Wests went six points further ahead with the breeze against them. That movement was fatal to North, who, although coming in with plenty of dash at later stages in the game, found time against them.

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| West | 2—3 | 4—6 | 8—11 | 9—12 |
| North | 1—1 | 5—2 | 5—3 | 8—10 |

Goalkickers:—West, Jim Bishop (2), Martin (2), Manuel (2), Jack Bishop, Dance, and McGregor; North, Lewis (6), Forgan, and Thomas.

Best players:—West, Manuel, Martin, McGregor, Bishop (2), Huxtable, Dance, Barnes, and O'Dea; North, Ween, Lewis, Thomas, Kinnear, Curnow, Burt, Dawe, and Furler.

The attendance was approximately 4,000, and the takings £133.

### THE TORRENS-PORT MATCH

It was keen, clean, and open football, which made approximately 8,000 spectators who witnessed the West Torrens-Port Adelaide match at Alberton on Saturday hoarse and excited. Rarely do two teams meet showing such even form. All the bright elements of the popular Australian game were brought out. Players were quick to get their kick and systematic drives were made by both sides.

Port Adelaide started the match with one win more than their opponents, they had the assistance of their champion goal-sneak, Allingham, and they were playing at home. These facts led their supporters to believe they would account for West Torrens. The visitors, however, had been training hard, and although Wyld was not included in the team, they were confident that they could keep up a rattling good pace for four quarters. They did. Furthermore, they found Marvell, who had distinguished himself in past seasons, a match-winner. Small but wiry, a past-master at snatching the ball, and an excellent snapshot, he was the biggest thorn in the side of the "magpies" in the last quarter, after tallies had been evened. Great credit must also be given to Mills, Brown, and Pain, amongst others, for in that last critical 15 minutes of play they relentlessly strove to get a lead which would give them victory. It was a battle of giants, for Port were strong in their back division and worked like Trojans to stem the tide. The fact that Torrens secured their four-point win by singles registered in the last quarter of an hour struggle is evidence that the goal opening was jealously guarded. When at last Port did break away and L. C. Dayman kicked forward, the blue and golds momentarily arrested the rush and the bell went. An exciting game, with a cracking pace from start to finish, had ended in favor of the Torrens by a small margin.

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| Torrens | 2—1 | 5—4 | 7—6 | 9—13 |
| Port | 4—1 | 7—4 | 8—7 | 9—9 |

Best players—West Torrens, Brown, Mills, Adams, Marvell, McCarthy, Pain, O'Grady, and Phillips; Port Adelaide, Allingham, L. C. and C. Dayman, Drew, Bampton, Keal, Adams, and Mucklow.

Goal-kickers—West Torrens, Marvell (4), Adams and O'Grady (each 2), and Jones; Port Adelaide, Allingham (4), Latimer, Barker, C. Dayman, Johnson, and Keal.

### ATTENDANCE AND TAKINGS.

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| Adelaide Oval | 12,000 | £334 |
| Alberton Oval | 8,000 | 240 |
| Prospect Oval | 4,000 | 133 |
| Glenelg Oval | 3,000 | 91 |

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