

KEEN FIGHT FOR FOOTBALL PREMIERSHIP

LEAGUE TEAMS MEET FOR SECOND TIME

NORWOODS WIN AGAIN.

WESTS NARROWLY DEFEAT PORTS AT ADELAIDE.

STURTS AND SOUTHS ALSO SCORE VICTORIES.

Although the sky bore a threatening appearance throughout the afternoon, rain held off, and permitted the second series of the first round of A Grade league football matches to be contested in dry weather, although the ovals were naturally soft and somewhat slippery as the result of the rain on the previous evening. At the Norwood Oval the undefeated redlegs pursued their winning way, and accounted for Torrens by 16.10 to 6.14, after having led comfortably throughout the contest. The most exciting encounter of the day was that between Ports and Wests, on the Adelaide Oval, where Ports led all the way in the first half, and Wests rallied and held sway by a narrow margin in the second, eventually running out winners amid intense excitement by four points. Sturts made up for last Saturday's defeat at the hands of Norwoods by triumphing Norths on the latter's own ground, although, at half-time, Norths held a two-point lead. Glenelgs created something in the nature of a sensation by holding on tenaciously to Souths up to three-quarter time, when the blue-and-whites held an advantage by 9.7 to 7.12. In the final term, however, the city men ran all over the seashiders, almost doubling their score, and winning easily.

FINAL SCORES.

NORWOODS	16.10	STURTS	8.9
TORRENS	6.14	NORTHS	5.9
WESTS	8.13	SOUTHS	17.13
PORTS	8.9	GLENELGS	8.12

REMARKABLE GAME AT GLENELG.

Seashiders' Sensational Last Quarter Collapse.

These teams met at the Glenelg Oval on Saturday afternoon. It was their second fixture for this season. The weather was fine, and the oval was in good order. Harvey captained the Glenelgs, and Caust led the South Adelaide. Umpire O'Connor had charge of the game. Glenelg's first ruck comprised Hanley and G. and E. Ross. Waye, Sawyer, and Ryan filled similar positions for South Adelaide. Daly and Williams were absent from the ranks of the blue-and-whites, and V. Thomas and A. Downes took their places. South Adelaide attacked on the bounce, and a behind from the boot of Oliver resulted. A second single pointer was scored, after which the Glenelg backs sent the leather well down the centre of the oval. Ross marked, and passed to Murphy, who had a good try for goal, but Spry, near the uprights, failed to take advantage of the opportunity. Then a free in the ruck to Hanley enabled the skipper to score a goal. South Adelaide speedily returned, and Caust tried, but failed, with a long shot. Back again, Clarke made a good attempt, but an effort to mark by Hanley in goal was frustrated. Spry was more successful, and booted straight from a penalty kick. The blue-and-whites worked the ball forward, and Sawyer tried, but got only a minor, and Caust was unable to do better. Glenelg's marking showed improvement on that of the previous Saturday. They also played with a determination which was praiseworthy. E. Ross passed to Moore, but he scored only a single. Vickers made a dashing run, and,

A penalty kick to Moore enabled that player to obtain six points. A strong kick by Murphy followed, but it was stopped in the goal mouth by Smith. Murphy, however, was more successful, and he took full advantage of a try from Hanley. A vigorous onslaught by the Souths gave Caust a penalty shot within a few yards of the goal, but he kicked away. A mark was given to Downes, and that straight shot made no mistake. Back again, Armfield handballed to G. Ross, and a high kick sent the ball between the big sticks. South Adelaide retaliated. Within a few minutes D. Thomas had scored the maximum. Hanley registered a behind. A brilliant high mark by Hanley gave Armfield a chance which he spoiled. The scores at half-time were:—Glenelg, 6.8; South Adelaide, 7.4.

Hard Fighting.

After the long interval Hanley initiated a vigorous attack. Much handballing took place in the neighbourhood of the South Adelaide citadel, but the visitors' defenders gave no opportunity for "a shot." The ball returned, Downes took a magnificent mark, and a splendid long-distance kick reached the objective. Clever short passes by the visitors placed the leather in a dangerous position, but Harold took a brilliant high mark, and cleared the way. Vickers kicked to Ryan, who had a good try, but Hine saved in the goal mouth. Downes had a shot from a difficult angle, but he got only a point, and D. Thomas achieved a similar result. Murphy scored a point from a penalty mark. Glenelg again attacked determinedly. A feature was a brilliant high mark by Sallis (promoted from the B's). He followed up with a fine kick, but it registered only a minor. E. Ross took a clever mark, but he notched only a point. If Glenelg had adopted a policy of kicking instead of attempting to run the team would have scored more. On the whole, their play was excellent, and there was little to choose between the teams. After the ball had remained in the South danger zone for some time the blue-and-whites cleared, and, dashing down the centre of the arena, Kaye kicked a goal. Then Armfield (after having taken a high mark) passed to Moore, and a straight shot from that player caused the two flags to be waved. The quarter ended:—Glenelg, 7.12; South Adelaide, 9.7.

Glenelg Outclassed.

The final term opened with the blue-and-whites kicking south and having the advantage of a moderate breeze. The "Tigers" attacked, and Murphy took a mark, but kicked away. Back again, and a fine piece of work by Gates and Perry saved. The attack, however, was resumed, and Downes dashing in secured and snapped another goal. This was followed shortly afterwards by one from the boot of V. Thomas, from right in front of the sticks. Waye then scored the maximum. Immediately afterwards Sawyer registered full points. The Glenelgs appeared to be over-anxious, and the Souths were marking right over their heads. Then D. Thomas goaled. This meant that 5 goals had been registered by the Souths in succession within a few minutes, not a single behind intervening. Downes was the next to score, punting the ball through from an easy mark. Returned, Murphy took a high mark and did the trick. The Souths kept up the attack, the Glenelg backs appearing quite unable to drive out the attackers, the combats of Downes and Ryan were scored in quick succession, and Vickers almost repeated the performance, but the ball struck a post. The seashiders seemed quite unable to drive out the attackers, the combined play which had characterised their game hitherto disappeared, and when the game finished they had only managed to add one goal for the quarter against Souths' 8 goals 6 behinds. The blue-and-whites thus secured a fine victory, entirely due to their staying powers and brilliant play during the final quarter, the closing figures being:

South Adelaide, 17.13.
Glenelg, 8.12.

Prominent Players.

The best players for the winners were, A. Caust, D. Moriarty, J. F. Scanlon, D. Thomas, J. Vickers, R. D. Waye, J. South, C. Sawyer, and A. Downes. For the losers, the players who did best work were, J. Hanley, P. Perry, F. Gates, H. Hine, F. Marshall, J. Moore, E. Ross, and C. Sallis.

Goalkeepers:—South Adelaide—A. Downes (8), D. Thomas (3), A. Ryan (2), V. Thomas, C. Sawyer, J. Kaye, and R. Waye (1 each). Glenelg—L. Moore and M. Murphy (2 each), J. Hanley, J. Spry, G. Ross, and F. Gotts (1 each).

The pleasure of the afternoon was enhanced by the Holdfast Bay band, which attended and played selections during the intervals.

FIGHT FOR POSITIONS.

The Order Changed.

	Matches.	Points	Prom.
	P. W. L.	For Agst.	Pts.
Norwoods	9 9 —	672 455	18
Souths	9 6 3	632 510	12
Sturts	9 5 4	629 507	10
Norths	9 5 4	545 479	10
Wests	9 4 5	507 518	8
Torrens	9 4 5	598 665	8
Ports	9 3 6	582 591	6
Glenelgs	9 — 9	368 809	—

NORWOODS ACCOUNT FOR TORRENS.

Westerners' Faulty Goal Shooting.

Flushed with their victory over West Adelaide, the West Torrens players entered the field on Saturday full of confidence, against Norwood. When those teams first met this season, Norwood secured an easy victory. There was a big crowd when the game started on Saturday. Owing to a death in the family Marvell did not take the field for West Torrens. Osborne filled that vacancy. Of the 20 chosen for Norwood Potts, who was injured against Sturts, did not take the field. Symonds also stood down.

Norwood,	5.1	9.5	11.6	16.10
West Torrens,	0.6	3.8	5.12	6.14

Prominent Performers.

Among a team of good performers, the best for Norwoods were, Schumacher, Lill, W. Scott, Ackland, Heinrichs, Close, Wadham, and Bent. Torrens chief players were, O'Grady, Pain, Strugnell, Ashby, Osborne, Broderick. Goalkeepers:—Bent, (6), Wadham (3), B. A. Scott (2), Sibley (2), Schumacher, Burns, and Packham (1 each). Torrens:—O'Grady (4), Adams (2).

NORTHS BEATEN AT HOME.

Double - Blues Avenge Previous Defeat.

The Prospect Oval match was the attraction for a large number of people on Saturday afternoon, when the above teams met for the second time this winter. When they tried conclusions earlier in the season at Unley the double-blues lost by 13 points. They were bent on turning the tables on this occasion, and another incentive was the improvement a victory would effect in their premiership possibilities. The northerners were just as anxious for success, for a reverse would cause them to be ousted from second position on the list.

Sturt,	3.1	3.2	6.4	8.8
North Adelaide,	1.2	3.4	5.6	5.9

Prominent Performers.

Looseness in the forward lines was again a primary factor in the northerner's defeat. Many golden opportunities were being wasted. Nevertheless, the red-and-whites would still probably have triumphed, but for Golding's presence in the Sturt rearguard division. The veterans' defence was an outstanding feature of the contest. Other good workers in the ranks of the Unleyites were Nicolle, Hale, Leak, C. Scrutton, Whitehead, Jackson, Riley, and S. Scrutton. There were some capital achievements by members of the losing side, notably Furler, Dawe, Burt, Morris, Fuss, Quigley, Thomas, Curnow, and Lowe. The goalkeepers were:—Sturt—Jackson (3), Waters (2), S. Scrutton, Roebli, and Whitehead. North Adelaide—Lewis (3), Lowe, and Stennett.

WEST'S BARELY DEFEAT PORTS.

Exciting Game at Adelaide Oval.

There were 10,000 spectators at the Adelaide Oval to witness the contest between Ports and Wests.

WESTS,	1.4	5.8	7.10	8.13.
PORTS,	3.3	6.5	7.5	8.9.

Prominent Players.

Those who were chiefly responsible for West's success were Jack Bishop, Barnes, Kearns, Huxtable, Whitford, McGregor, Manuel, Dunc, Lee, and Harding. Port's best were Mucklow, L. C. Dayman, Bungey, Bayley Allingham, Mayne, Hoffman, Kuhl, and Harrison. The goalkeepers were:—Winners—Whitford (5), Jack Bishop (2), and Manuel (1); losers—Allingham (4), Dewar, L. C. Dayman, Mayne, and Bayley (each 1).



A. CAUST

Captain of Souths. He played a splendid game himself against Glenelg on Saturday, and had the pleasure of seeing his side romp away from the seashiders and register no less than 8.12 in the last quarter.

passing to Ryan, the latter raised the two flags. Another brilliant attack by the Souths enabled Downes to mark, and a fine screw kick placed the second goal to the credit of the visitors. D. Thomas, from a free, was equally successful. Forwarded by Glenelg, Waye marked the ball in goal, but his kick gave Hanley a mark. Moore collared the sphere, but he got only a point. G. Ross passed to Hanley, who in turn booted to Gotts, and the latter made no mistake. The quarter ended:—Glenelg, 3.3; South Adelaide, 4.4.

An Even Quarter.

Glenelg's second ruck comprised Moore, Spry, and Gotts, while D. Thomas, Caust, and Oliver officiated for South Adelaide in that respect. The blue and whites attacked at the bounce, and, working the ball forward, Downes was successful in snapping a goal. Returned, Armfield passed to Spry, but his kick went astray. Moore also had an easy shot, but he could manage only a point. Fine marking and quick passing on the part of the Souths changed the venue. Ross passed to Stanley, who gave Murphy a chance, but the kick proved a disappointment. Armfield, after having taken a fine mark, also tried, but he could raise only one flag.