

First Day of Football Provides Surprise Results

SOUTH DOWN NORWOOD

North Too Good For Sturt

WEST TORRENS' FINE WIN

Close Contest at Glenelg

SOUTH SPRING SURPRISE

Norwood Defeated

South Adelaide are a vastly different eighteen to the South Adelaide of last season. They proved that on the Adelaide Oval today by outplaying and outstaying the all-conquering Norwood combination of last year.

For years the blue-and-white team has lacked one great essential—height. It seems that the acquisition of several tall, high-marking juniors, has transformed them from a mediocre to a formidable eighteen. South won on their merits today. There was no semblance of a fluke about their victory. Norwood were unfortunate in the loss of Westley, the new ruckman, at the beginning of the last quarter, but even had this misfortune not befallen them they would still have lost. South Adelaide won because on the day they were a slightly better team. Better in all departments of the game.

Large crowds thronged the ovals to witness the initial football matches. South sprang a surprise on Norwood, last year's premiers, at the Adelaide Oval. In a thrilling game they prevailed by a comfortable margin.

TODAY'S RESULTS.	
SOUTH ADELAIDE	9-12
NORWOOD	7-13
WEST TORRENS	13-16
PORT ADELAIDE	9-11
NORTH ADELAIDE	10-5
STURT	7-12
WEST ADELAIDE	13-12
GLENELG	12-10

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.		Pts.		Pts.	
	P. W. D. L.	For.	Ag.	For.	Ag.
West Torrens	1	1	—	94	65
North Adelaide	1	1	—	65	54
South Adelaide	1	1	—	66	55
West Adelaide	1	1	—	90	82
Glenelg	1	1	—	82	90
Norwood	1	1	—	55	66
Sturt	1	1	—	54	65
Port	1	1	—	65	94

SOUTH	0-4	5-7	9-9	9-12
NORWOOD	2-5	4-8	7-11	7-13

Goalkickers.—South Adelaide—A. J. Ryan (4), Wainwright (2), Waye, J. Daly, and Downes. Norwood—Close (3), White (2), Potts, and B. A. Scott.

BEST PLAYERS.

There was hardly a weak performer on the blue-and-white side. Wainwright, playing his first league game, was responsible for a sterling performance, and A. J. Ryan was a close second in effectiveness. No man battled harder than Waye, and Downes, Moriarty, Williams, Gibson, Handby, and the Daly brothers all did good work.

Only three of the Norwood players showed exceptional form. Lill at centre was one of the sensations of the match. In the first half of the game he marked almost at will, and his long drop kicks were wonderfully effective. W. Scott was brilliant in defence. He has never played a better game. Mutton, at half-forward, was a determined trier, and it was not his fault that his team was defeated. None of the Norwood players were responsible for a really poor display, and Schumacher, Close, Townley, White, Potts, and Hepburn all performed useful service.

NORTH OUTPOINT STURT

Unley Men's Revival

At Prospect when North and Sturt left the field at half-time it looked as though the former would finish the match with a commanding lead.

During the first two quarters the home side had, for an initial match, given a capital exhibition which was characterised by long and accurate kicking, quick decisions, and dash. Sturt, on the other hand, had been slow and indecisive, and had indulged too frequently in handwork and short foot passing.

With the whole team working nicely in unison North easily outdistanced their opponents, and at the long interval with 9-3 to their credit had the practically winning margin of 52 points. Sturt had managed to put on only five points in this time.

During the retirement to the dressing room Captain Richardson tendered to his men some words of advice and exhortation which bore fruit in the subsequent phases of the game.

The southerners took the ground again with a determination to make a game of it, and if possible to achieve a victory. Their changed tactics may be accurately gauged by the scoring. In the third quarter the Unley men augmented their tally by 29 points to the northerners' seven.

The last term was practically a repetition of the third. The double-blides continued to catch up, and a few minutes before the bell closed proceedings they were only 11 points to the bad. Sturt had added 29 points to the red-and-whites' solitary minor.

NORTH	2-3	9-3	10-4	10-5
STURT	0-3	0-5	4-10	7-12

Best players:—North—Lewis, Dawe, Perryman, Furler, Gun, Lock, Thomas, and Ween. Sturt—Richardson, Golding, Colquhoun, James, Whitehead, Lyne, Sharp, and S. Scrutton.

Goalkickers:—North—Lewis (5), Kinneer (2), Perryman, Lowe, Thomas. Sturt—Golding (2), Caldwell, G. Scrutton, Lyne, Weller, Barron.

TORRENS v. PORT

EXCITING CONTEST

Torrens' Fine Finish

Thrills were numerous in the Port Adelaide v. West Torrens match at Thebarton, for the issue was in doubt until the last quarter had well advanced. The local eighteen then brilliantly asserted themselves and ran out victors with nearly five goals in hand.

After an evenly contested first quarter, followed by a Torrens breakthrough in the second, it was refreshing to the spectators to see Port's brilliant third-quarter recovery. In fact, it appeared as though they would pull off the match; but the wonderful open play of the gold-and-blues in the final bout set aside all doubt as to which was the better side.

Port's team, if anything, was lighter than Torrens. Their 18 were well placed on the field, but the local men had the advantage in height, were faster, and their tactics were infinitely superior.

By keeping the play open and combining well they scored their most striking successes.

Torrens had 15 of last year's players on the field, the three new men being Jones and O'Malley, recruits from the B grade team, and Ellis, a promising half-forward from Yorke Peninsula. Port had several new men.

TORRENS	2-5	7-11	7-15	13-16
PORT	3-1	4-6	9-9	9-11

Goalkickers.—Torrens — Marvell (6), O'Grady (2), Mills (2), Hollis, Oaten, Davless. Port—Allingham (4), Dayman (3), Badcock, and Dewar.

Best Players.—Torrens — Oaten and McCarthy (wings), Brown (centre), Marvell (roving and forward), Davless (goal), O'Grady (roving), Pain (half-forward), Mills (roving), and Naylor (defending). Port—Dayman and Cornish (ruck), Latimer (roving), Allingham (forward), and Adams and Maywald (defending).

GLENELG v. WEST

From the bounce West led off at Glenelg, and within a minute McGregor had snapped a goal. Glenelg then took a hand, but a free to Huxtable resulted in the ball being transferred to the other end, where Crowley scored the second goal for West.

West were playing with great system, and Lukeman, who was prominent in the half forward line, scored a behind. Bishop followed with another. Mills (captain of Glenelg) was saving well.

The seiders were working the ball up to their end, but the free kicks they gave resulted in the ball being returned to centre.

Drew, of Glenelg, took a nice mark within distance, but kicked poorly. On the throw-in Glenelg notched their first point.

The ball went like lightning to the other end, where McGregor, marking well, scored the maximum with an excellent kick.

Glenelg followed immediately, Owens scoring easily after taking a good mark.

The game was fast and vigorous, and ranged all over the field.

Gotts brought the ball back for Glenelg, and Owens, snatching from a scrimmage, snapped another goal. The "tigers" were now playing all over their opponents, and Gates placed their third goal on the board.

There were only three points separating the teams, now. Glenelg again worked the ball up, but O'Dea saved and passed smartly to Lukeman, who forwarded to R. Barnes. With a fine kick he scored a good goal. Barnes obtained a free a minute after, and registered his second goal. Just before the bell Lukeman obtained another for the visitors. The quarter closed with the scores:—

WEST	6-4
GLENELG	3-1

Early in the second quarter Glenelg looked dangerous, but several attacks failed. Finally Owens secured from Tilbrook, but it was a poor kick, and only one point resulted.

West again got their system into working order. Peters is a heavy man, and his weight was proving effective. He had a shot, but scored a single only. After a period of uneventful play, Peters sent to Manuel, who scored a goal.

Tilbrook was one of Glenelg's best, and with a beautiful kick gave Owens possession. This time Owens made no mistake.

Manuel quickly replied with a goal for the visitors. West were predominating in the air, and were playing together better than they did earlier in the game. Peters and McGregor were conspicuous, and Tilbrook stood out for Glenelg.

Peters secured from a throw in, and J. Bishop had an easy shot, but failed to obtain more than a single.

Hanley, from a free, transferred to the other end, and Tilbrook had two shots, which resulted in an addition to the score of one point. Soon afterward Owens took a fine mark and kicked his fourth goal.

Play was strenuous for some time. It ended in Moore scoring the visitors' ninth goal. He had another shot from a place-kick as the bell rang, but missed the tall uprights.

At half-time the scores were:—

WEST	9-9
GLENELG	5-4

With a deficit of 29 points the seiders set out in earnest after the long interval. Lloyd and Owens worked hard to get the ball in position. They succeeded, and Gates had no difficulty in snapping a goal.

Soon afterward Owens added a behind. West then took a turn, and Lukeman kicked a goal.

Playing well together, Glenelg again obtained the upper hand. Owens and Toms added singles. The play was up and down the field, and Lukeman with a beautiful kick scored his third goal. Conlon West were again playing with their machine-like system.

O'Dea sent on to Bishop, and the visitors obtained another goal. Lukeman was invincible in the air, and he gave Peters a chance to score, but the champion failed. Conlon gave Tilbrook an easy chance, and he accepted it.

Play became rough, and neither side was making much headway. A free was given to Gotts within kicking distance, but the ball went astray. Conlon missed another easy one. Glenelg were knocking at the door repeatedly, but their kicking was faulty. They were still 5-5 in the rear when the bell went. The scores at three-quarter time were:—

WEST	12-12
GLENELG	7-7

The final term started with West in a comparatively safe position. The play was even from the bounce, Sallis and Spry doing well for the home team. The play was ragged and ineffective. Owens had a shot, but secured a behind only. Glenelg was not to be denied another, and Perry gave a chance to Billy Gotts, who found the big opening. Tilbrook quickly secured possession, and passed to Gates, who made no mistake. The Glenelg men were playing the better football. Drew soon gave Owens an opportunity, and he secured a major with a magnificent kick.

The game became exciting and rough with Glenelg only two goals behind. Peters battled hard, and Doyle securing scored a major. Owens was in his element and with a beautiful kick scored his sixth goal. Glenelg was making a fine last-quarter rally and pressed hard. Hanley marked well and placed the ball. The shot landed short, with McGregor saving. Lloyd gave Owens another shot, but nothing resulted. Hanley then marked well from Tilbrook and made no mistake. The difference was 1-2. The bell rang a minute later with the scores:—

WEST	13-12
GLENELG	12-10

Goalkickers.—West Adelaide—Lukeman (3), Barnes, Manuel, McGregor (each 2), J. Bishop, Doyle, Crowley, and Moore. Glenelg—Owens (6), Gates (3), Gotts, Hanley, and Tilbrook.

GLENELG FIGHT HARD

Thrilling Final Quarter

Never has Glenelg played with more dash at the end of a game than the team did against West Adelaide at the Glenelg Oval this afternoon. At three-quarter time the Bay men were 5 goals 5 behinds in arrears, and appeared to be well beaten. Determination, however, kept them going at their top, and playing all over the opponents added 5 goals 3 behinds against a single goal.

It was a thrilling finish, and shows that Glenelg will have to be reckoned with. Today the side was without the services of Hoyt and Beck, both carnival players.

Throughout the game the Westerners played with much better system than their opponents, and generally had the best of matters in the air. Glenelg, however, always battled hard and played together really well in the final term. Their system in the earlier part of the game was negligible, and they will need to pay more attention to that department. The condition of the West Adelaide players seemed to give out in the last quarter.

Toward the end several players nearly came to blows, and two or three scuffles occurred.

Tilbrook stood out as a player of class for Glenelg. Always there when wanted, he was great in the air. He also kicked exceptionally well, and was one of the few in the Glenelg combination who tried to introduce some system into his play. If kept in the centre half-forward line he is sure to do well.

Owens played up to expectations. A fine mark, he manoeuvred into position well and never fumbled the ball. His kicking was excellent, and he secured four out of the five goals scored by Glenelg in the first half. A couple more came from his foot in the second half, and he played really well.

Gates did well to secure three majors. He played good football.

The form shown by Vic Peters surprised many, who surmised that he would be out of condition. Peters battled well in the ruck, using his weight to the best advantage. He is as hard as ever to beat in the air, and his height makes him formidable in the ruck.

McGregor was in excellent form, and in the first half dominated the ruck. McGregor's kicking and marking were surprisingly good.

Lukeman rendered good service for West Adelaide, marking as well as anyone on the field, and he secured three goals.

Other players who did well for the visitors were Barnes (who kicked two beautiful goals), Kearns, J. Bishop, Huxtable, Crowley, and Manuel.

Glenelg were best represented by Tilbrook, Owens, Conlon (who greatly distinguished himself in the centre), Sallis, and Harrold.



NORTH V. STURT AT PROSPECT: THE RUCK AT WORK.