

First Day of Football Provides Surprise Results

SOUTH DOWN NORWOOD

North Too Good For Sturt

WEST TORRENS' FINE WIN

Close Contest at Glenelg

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.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For.	Ag.	Pts.
West Torrens	1	1	—	—	94	65	2
North Adelaide	1	—	—	—	65	54	2
South Adelaide	1	—	—	—	66	55	2
West Adelaide	1	—	—	—	90	82	2
Glenelg	1	—	—	—	82	90	—
Norwood	1	—	—	—	55	66	—
Sturt	1	—	—	—	54	65	—
Port	1	—	—	—	65	94	—

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 breakaway 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. To make distinctions among the gold-and-blues is difficult, for there was not a dullard in their ranks.

Oaten, on the centre wing, was perhaps more in the limelight than others. He has struck wonderful form, and although McInnes stood up to him well when they were opposed in the first term, the Torrens man by virtue of better judgment and more experience was able to get away frequently.

Oaten was afterwards placed on Drew, and the pair provided some keen tussles.

It was Oaten's work, however, combined with that of Brown at centre and McCarthy on the opposite wing, that contributed greatly to the home side's success. Brown was the pivot from which many attacks originated, while in marking and kicking he showed fine judgment.

Marvell was true to name both roving and forward. He was fast, elusive, and always in a good position to receive the ball. His six goals were cleverly obtained, showing that he is still a bonafide of exceptional merit.

Pain, at centre half forward, saw much of the play, and his efforts in feeding the sharpshooters were most serviceable. Ungiftedness marked his play throughout, for he never failed to pass to a comrade in a more advantageous position.

Hollis and Barney in the forward line were also continually to the fore, although they missed good chances to score in the first quarter.

Mills and Adams rendered yeoman service in the ruck, and Naylor was a tower of strength on the half-back line. Davies as goalkeeper was reliable, and kicked off well, and when running loose in the last quarter he had much of the play.

Of the Port men L. C. Dayman was one of the best. He injured a leg and slightly ricked his back at practice last Thursday night, but the manner in which he ricked today was of a high order. His kicking was good, although in marking he was not so spectacular as usual.

Cornish, another powerful ruck man, fully justified his inclusion in the team. He repeatedly got the knockout and always made good use of the ball.

Allingham, forward, was in good form. He took several fine marks, and his goalkicking was most creditable. In addition to scoring four goals he twice hit the post.

Maywald and Adams were the pick of the defenders. They were instrumental in turning back attack after attack, while Boney and McDonald also showed out well at times.

Latimer roved successfully, and so did Bayley, while Keal in the half-forward line was also in good form. Hampton at centre was brilliant at times in the second half, accomplishing several spectacular runs down the centre.

TORRENS	2-5	7-11	7-15	13-16
PORT	3-1	4-8	9-9	9-11

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

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

GLENELG v. WEST

Even 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 Conlon 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 5-3 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 Hoff 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.

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.

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), Wayne, 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 Wayne and Downes, Moriarty, Williams, Gibson, Handy, 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.

Time and again the red-and-whites dashed forward mainly with the object of putting the ball in the hand of their captain and crack goalketter, Lewis, at centre forward. In this design they were, in large measure, successful. The northern skipper was in great form both in the air and with the boot, and contrived to pilot the leather between the posts five times in the first half.

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-blues 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.

Shortly, therefore, North had easily the better of matters in the first half, and Sturt to an equal degree were superior in the latter quarters.

The game was played in good part throughout, and no unseemly incident marred it. It was noticeable that the ball was not frequently out of bounds. In furtherance of the apparent fact that the quickest way to the goals is down the centre, the players kept the ball away from the boundaries, so that there was little occasion for the whistle on this account.

Of the winners Lewis (centre forward) was most in the eye of the spectators during the first half, and, as before stated, booted five of the nine goals scored during the opening terms. He manoeuvred cleverly to receive the ball, marked cleanly, and kicked accurately with his attractive skimming drop kicks. An injury which he sustained in his back during the second bout, however, put him considerably off his game after half-time.

Furler, at centre, although facing the redoubtable Richardson, played a valuable game for the side.

Dawe, at centre half-back; Ween, who was in the back line; Thomas and Perryman, either in places or roving; Lock and Lowe, whether following or in stations; and Gun, who was half-forward, were perhaps the pick of the others.

The lastnamed played a really first-class game, and may be regarded as a distinct acquisition among the few new players.

Except by Richardson in the pivotal position and by some of the men in their defences, Sturt were badly served during the first half.

After they had been galvanised into life during the long interval, however, many of the men in blue showed to advantage.

Richardson, although he played a useful game at centre, did not impress one as being equal to the Richardson of previous seasons. On the whole his kicking was not strong, nor was his play as well directed as formerly.

Between the posts or forward during the latter stages of the game, Golding was a tower of strength to the team. He used nice judgment in coming out from goal, marked cleanly, and booted strongly. Not only did he perform splendidly as a goal defender, but by kicking two sixers in the last quarter, he also headed the goalkickers of his side.

The most prominent of the remainder were Sharp, James, and Colquhoun (who defended well), Lyne (at centre half-forward), Whitehead, Nicolle, and S. Scrutton, either with the pack or in places.

Weller, a new man, who previously played with Norwood B, shaped well in the second half, when he was responsible for some good marks and kicked a goal.

Mr. Raven gave a satisfactory exhibition of umpiring to the impartial spectators.

NORTH	0-3	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), Kinneir (2), Perryman, Lowe, Thomas, Sturt—Golding (2), Caldwell, G. Scrutton, Lyne, Weller, Barron.



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