

NORWOOD OVERWHELM STURT

Double-Blues Fail Badly

HOME SIDE PLAY FINELY IN WET

Victory meant much to both contesting teams at Norwood today. To Sturt it meant a chance of gaining the coveted minor premiership; to Norwood enhanced prospects of obtaining a place in the final four.

With so much depending on the issue it was reasonable to expect a close and exciting contest. The display of Sturt, however, was inexplicable. From the bounce of the ball until the final bell they never once played with any degree of confidence. Norwood were overwhelmingly superior in every department, and handling the greasy ball surely, went further and further ahead as the game progressed. Sturt after falling far behind in the first few minutes of play never revived hope in the breasts of their supporters. Judged as a team theirs was an inglorious exhibition.

Norwood 8-3 10-8 14-8 14-11
Sturt 0-2 1-4 4-11 5-11

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Bent (4), Wadham (4), Lee (3), Hepburn (2), Potts. Sturt—Barron and Leak (2 each), Jackson.

THE PLAYERS.

It is hard to pick outstanding performers among the uniformly good Norwood combination. Lill, however, was great at centre and Stephens and White showed today that they have regained their best form. Gearey and Schumacher were tricky and elusive, while Potts (especially in the first quarter), Wadham, Lee, Symonds, and Hepburn all performed ably.

Bent was one of the best men on the ground. It is almost uncanny how he anticipates the flight of the ball, and

once in possession he very seldom fails to make the fullest use of an opportunity. It is doubtful if there is a better forward in Australia.

It is as difficult to pick good performers for Sturt as it is to pick outstanding men for Norwood. Barron and Leak were brilliant at times, but the first named often attempted too much. Roesler was dashing in defence, while Donnelly and Lyne, in the second half, struggled hard and effectively.

Hutton, playing his first league game, did fairly well, while Richardson, G. Scrutton, Golding, and Whitehead were responsible for solid performances. Richardson came in for much criticism from the crowd. The Sturt leader, though not brilliant, played a useful game.

TORRENS V. GLENELG

Drenching rain fell prior to the start of the Glenelg and Torrens match at Glenelg. There was a small attendance.

Phillips was given a trial for Torrens, while Ashley was not required, and Ellis was unable to play owing to a broken bone in his foot. Gates did not play for the seaisiders.

Hanley, Toms, and Gotta (roving) did duty in the ruck for Glenelg, and Torrens were represented by Mills, Broderick, and O'Grady (roving).

Lloyd secured at the bounce and passed to Owens. The latter had a long shot, but the ball fell short, and Davies cleared. Owens, however, again obtained possession, and kicked the first goal.

Playing well the seaisiders again rushed forward and Conlon kicked through. Gotta had another snap shot and the ball rolled through, the goal being undefended. Within a minute Harrold was given a free, and he had no difficulty in scoring Glenelg's fourth goal. The seaisiders were having all the play, and so far Torrens had not scored.

McCarthy started Torrens off and Minear from a penalty had a long drop kick but nothing resulted. O'Grady scored from another free kick.

Play was even for some time with free kicks plentiful on both sides. Torrens started off goalward and Adams attempted to score, but Hine cleared. McCarthy returned the ball and Torrens managed a single.

Hoft secured at centre, and passed accurately to Murphy, who scored an excellent goal. Marvel started a Torrens attack, and Broderick raised one flag. Mills soon afterward followed with a good goal.

Torpy started Glenelg off from the bounce and Gotta snapped a behind. He added another soon afterward. Torrens were hard pressed for some time but Davies cleared well. The seaisiders rushed a point. Following good work by Hoft, Gotta kicked a goal from a free given just before the bell rang.

QUARTER TIME.

Glenelg 6-3
Torrens 2-2

Assisted by the wind, Glenelg had secured a 25-points lead at the end of the first quarter. On the change over Torrens dashed forward, and Adams passed to Karney, who raised one flag. Continuing the attack, the Torrens men kept the ball in the danger zone. Fleet forwarded, and Karney goaled from a penalty kick. Torpy helped to put Glenelg on the offensive, and transferred to Hoft, who sent to Murphy. The latter scored a single. But the visitors broke away again. Scrambling play close up resulted in Karney being given a free, and he had no difficulty in scoring full points. Adams had a place shot, but kicked poorly, and Fleet failed from an ankle. A snap shot by Minear, however, found the main opening.

Oliver started the Bay men off at last, and Hoft, running in, scored a beautiful goal. Owens was fouled near the goal mouth, and he had no difficulty in scoring his second goal.

Torrens, however, again worked the ball forward, and Minear retaliated with a goal. The seaisiders again appeared dangerous, but Davies saved the situation.

O'Grady, scouting, passed the ball on to Marvel, and a behind resulted. The Torrens men continued to attack, but the Glenelg backmen were defending

well. The tigers temporarily assumed control, and Bradley scored the possible. With the ball at the other end, Torrens looked like scoring, but Perry saved.

The visitors returned to the attack, and Phillips snapped a goal.

HALF TIME.

Glenelg 9-4
Torrens 7-4

At the opening of the third quarter Glenelg set out to increase their lead. Murphy had a long shot, but the visitors cleared. Playing carefully, they worked the ball along the wing. Fleet forwarded, and a point was scored. Hoft marked brilliantly and passed to Gotta. Torrens' back men were too strong, and Marvel scored. Owens later rushed a behind.

Although the wind had died down the play deteriorated. Neither side was showing much form. For a moment Torrens with good handball flashed out, and they rushed goalwards. Marvel, however, only hoisted one flag.

Quinn was causing much amusement by continually slipping on the wet turf and falling. Hanley took a fine mark in the back line and kicked to Hoft, who also shone in the air. Oliver passed excellently to Owens, and the champion goal-sneak, with a fine kick, raised both flags.

Gotta secured and again passed to Owens, who from a long way out scored a behind. Torrens again got a run, and Fleet retaliated with a six-pointer. The scores were at

THREE-QUARTER TIME.

Glenelg 16-6
Torrens 9-6

Torrens set out with a dash at the beginning of the final term, and O'Grady kicked a fine goal. Adams, who had received a kick on the jaw and had several stitches inserted, returned to the field. Both teams were battling hard, the scores being even.

Broderick received a free, and with a good kick placed Torrens in the lead by a point for the first time during the match. Still attacking, Torrens kept the ball in the danger zone, and Karney with a beautiful snap shot scored full points. Soon afterwards he hit the post with another snap. Perry started Glenelg on the offensive, and Owens was given a chance, but Torrens cleared and quickly transferred to the other end.

Karney had a shot from an acute angle and placed his fourth goal on the board.

Gotta and O'Grady, the opposing rovers, were having some great tussles, and both sides were battling hard. Glenelg were spoiling their chances by giving away too many frees. Torpy sent the ball forward, and Owens, securing from a scrimmage, scored a good goal. Good work by O'Grady gave Minear a chance, but the latter had the misfortune to hit the post. O'Grady and Karney followed with two more, and then the bell rang.

FINAL SCORES.

Torrens 12-11
Glenelg 11-6

Best players were:—Torrens—Karney, Adams, Marvel, McCarthy, O'Grady, Minear, and Fleet. Glenelg—Hoft, Gotta, Owens, Hine, Torpy, Spry, Perry, and Lloyd.

Goalkickers.—West Torrens—Karney (4), O'Grady (2), Minear (2), Phillips, Fleet, Mills, Marvel. Glenelg—Owens (4), Gotta (2), Hoft, Bradley, Conlon, Harrold, Murphy.

Position of Clubs

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Ag.	Pts.	Prem.
West Torrens	12	10	1	1	1,013	755	21	
Sturt	12	9	3	—	1,083	808	18	
Port	12	8	4	—	968	812	16	
Norwood	12	7	4	1	990	748	15	
South	12	7	5	—	836	860	14	
North	12	3	9	—	708	945	6	
West	12	3	9	—	739	1,001	6	
Glenelg	12	—	12	—	688	1,146	—	

LEADING GOALKICKERS.

OWENS, Glenelg	43
RYAN, South	42
JACKSON, Sturt	37
MUTTON, Norwood	34
ALLIGHAM, Port	28
BENT, Norwood	28
KARNEY, Torrens	24
LEAK, Sturt	24
BARRON, Sturt	22
SCRUTTON, G., Sturt	22
MARVEL, Torrens	21
O'GRADY, Torrens	20
LEWIS, North	18
MILLS, Torrens	18
BARNES, West	17
HOTTIF, Torrens	17
DAYMAN, L. C., Port	16
HEPBURN, Norwood	15

SOUTH V NORTH

Although North Adelaide had no chance of getting in the big four, the fact that South Adelaide must win in order to have any chance of reaching the finals, lent great interest to the game between North Adelaide and South Adelaide at Prospect this afternoon.

South 3-5 3-8 6-15 11-20
North 1-2 3-5 6-9 7-11

Best Players.—South—Daly, Hanby, Ryan (A. J.), Waye, Scanlon, and Moriarty. North—Ween, Kinnear, Morris, Conrad, Lewis, Lock, and Lowe.

Goalkickers.—South—Ryan (5), Waye (2), Vickers, Aistrop, Berg, Cook. North—Lewis (2), Fleet, Sprigg, McDonald, Conrad, Effick.

PORT V. WEST

Port 5-5 6-7 9-11 13-14
West 2 2-4 6-6 6-7

Best Players.—For Port—L. C. Dayman, C. Dayman and Badcock (ruck), Keal and Maddern (half forward), Alligham (centre), Ford (in goal), Sweeney and McDonald (half back), McInnes (wing), and Latimer (roving). For West—McGregor and Doyle (ruck), Wright (in goal), Chaplin and O'Dea (defending), J. Bishop (roving), and Lennie (wing).

Goalkickers.—For Port—Maddern (3), L. C. Dayman (3), Keal (2), McInnes, Hampton, Latimer, Mayne, and C. Dayman (1 each). For West—Doyle (3), McGregor (2), and Barnes (1).

COMMENTS ON THE GAMES

Glenelg Almost Dethrone Top Team

Glenelg nearly made football history this afternoon when they finished within 11 points of Torrens, the leading team.

After playing a brilliant first quarter, in which they kicked four goals in the first five minutes and added two more before the bell, the seaisiders kept their lead until halfway through the final term. Meanwhile the Torrens men had been gradually overhauling their opponents, and managed to add three majors to the score in the fourth quarter.

Torrens were materially assisted by the number of trees which Glenelg gave away at critical moments. The seaisiders also played disappointingly in the second half.

Owing to the inclement weather good football was out of the question, although the play was interesting throughout.

Hoft showed a return to form by out-pointing Brown, the Torrens skipper, at centre. Hoft's groundwork was excellent, and there was a distinct improvement in his kicking, despite the wet ball.

Brown was inconspicuous after the first quarter, during which he put in much good work.

Karney, who scored four goals, was one of the best for Torrens. All of his goals were excellent ones, and his marking was very good.

O'Grady, who roved beautifully, also assisted in the goalkicking with two full-pointers.

Minear was conspicuous in the forward line, and was responsible for two goals. Other Torrens men to do well were Adams, Broderick, Davies, McCarthy, and Fleet.

For Glenelg Owens showed his mettle by snapping four goals.

Gotta, who contributed two goals, was one of the best men on his side. His roving was in direct contrast to his ineffective display last Saturday.

Glenelg's defenders did well, including Spry, who marked safely, and Perry and Hine in goal.

Lloyd and Torpy did well on the wings. The latter made his first appearance in A grade football, and created a good impression. Other seaisiders whose play was above the average were Conlon, Harrold, Oliver, and Walsh.

Attendances and Takings

Norwood Oval (Norwood v. Sturt)	14,500	£586
Alberton Oval (Port v. West)		
Adelaide	5,000	190
Prospect Oval (South v. North)	2,670	124
Glenelg Oval (Glenelg v. Torrens)	1,850	84
Grand totals	24,020	984
Adelaide Oval (St. Peters v. Prince Alfred)	4,500	180

B GRADE

Position of Clubs

	P.	W.	L.	For.	Ag.	Pts.	Prem.
West Torrens	12	10	2	808	529	20	
Glenelg	12	8	4	812	759	16	
Port	12	8	4	694	722	16	
Norwood	12	6	6	756	723	12	
Sturt	12	5	7	805	728	10	
North	12	5	7	690	889	10	
South	12	3	9	732	745	6	
West	12	3	9	661	863	6	

LEADING GOALKICKERS.

MILLHINCH, Glenelg	36
JOHNSON, Norwood	32
LOGAN, Port	31
FLEET, North	27
SMITH, West	26
SOUTHON, Sturt	25
OATHEN, Torrens	16
THOMAS, South	16
TAYLOR, Norwood	15