

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 .. 3-3 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. Geary 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. Roessler was dabbling 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.

PORT V. WEST

Port 5-5 6-7 9-11 13-14
West 2 2-4 6-8 6-7

Best Players.—For Port—L. C. Dayman, C. Dayman and Badcock (ruck), Keal and Maddern (half forward), Allingham (centre), Ford (in goal), Sugey and McDonald (half back), McInnes (wing), and Latimer (roving). For West—McGregor and Doyle (rucking), Wright (in goal), Chaplin and O'Don (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).

SOUTH V NORTH

South 3-3 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, Aistroy, Berg, Cook. North—Lewis (2), Fleet, Sprigg, McDonald, Conrad, Effick.

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 seashiders.

Hanley, Toms, and Gotts (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 seashiders again rushed forward and Conlon kicked through. Gotts had another snap shot and the ball rolled through.

Harrold was given a free, and he had no difficulty in scoring Glenelg's fourth goal. The seashiders 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.

Fly 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 Gotts snapped a behind. He added another soon afterward. Torrens were hard pressed for some time but Davies cleared well. The seashiders rushed a point. Following good work by Hoft, Gotts 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 goalied 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 seashiders 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 Gotts. 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 goalsneak, with a fine kick, raised both flags.

Gotts 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. Gotts 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, Gotts, Owens, Hine, Torpy, Spry, Perry, and Lloyd.

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

Position of Clubs

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts. Prem.	
					For	Ag. Pts.
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	—	886	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
HOLIF, Torrens	17
DAYMAN, L. C., Port	16
HEPBURN, Norwood	15

Attendances and Takings

Norwood Oval (Norwood v. Sturt)	14,500	£506
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	964

COMMENTS ON THE GAMES

Glenelg Almost Dethrone Top Team

CONVINCING FINISH BY SOUTH

PORT ADELAIDE OUTCLASS WEST MEN

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 seashiders 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 seashiders 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.

Gotts, 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 seashiders whose play was above the average were Conlon, Harrold, Oliver, and Walsh.

Ports' 49-Point Win

In the first half of today's match between Port and West at Alberton the standard of play was of a poor order. The rain, combined with a heavy ball, made the conditions most difficult, and the players found it difficult to keep their feet, while spectacular work, so far as marking and kicking were concerned, was out of the question. The seashiders, however, handled the ball well in the circumstances.

After half-time, when the rain had ceased, and the ball was dry, the teams were able to give a far better exposition. The home team showed their superiority in practically every department, and finishing strongly had 49 points to spare when the final bell rang.

In the Port ranks there was not a dullard. L. C. Dayman was in his characteristic good form, and when not rucking he was seen in action as goalsneak. Three goals came from him. He pulled down some fine marks in the second half of the game, and despite the heavy ball kicked well.

Clem Dayman was also a tower of strength in the ruck, but when playing forward he was too closely guarded to put on many goals. He, however, did good work in assisting his clubmates to score.

Allingham at centre again showed that he is well suited for the position. He more than held his own against Lukeman

when they clashed, and in driving the ball always put it to the best advantage.

In the defending lines Sugey on the half-back line put up his best performance of the season. He and McDonald (centre half back) were rarely beaten, while Ford (in goal) saved the situation time after time, exercising good judgment in meeting the ball and kicking off with good result.

McInnes was brilliant on the wing, and in the second half he put much dash into his work.

Badcock showed great improvement as a ruckman, and Bilsborow roved well in the second half.

Latimer, however, was the best of the Port rovers. He was repeatedly in the limelight, and in advancing the play he always put the ball to good advantage.

Maddern and Keal were two live-wires on the Port half-forward line, where they consistently outplayed their opponents. Maddern accounted for three good goals, and Keal was responsible for two.

Of the West men McGregor was the star. He was a tower of strength in the ruck, and when placed was always reliable. His kicking was accurate and his marking good.

Chaplin was the best of the West defenders, and put in much hard work, while Wright, in goal, also rose well to the occasion.

J. Bishop roved brilliantly, and Lennie rendered good service on the wing.

Doyle, rucking and forward, also figured among the red-and-blacks' most useful men.

Souths Too Good

What promised to be a good display of football was marred by the rain, which in the first half made the ball too slippery to hold and the ground too treacherous for the players.

In spite of the adverse conditions the football at times was excellent.

In the earlier stages of the game North accommodated themselves to the conditions much better than their rivals, but were always behind in the scores, because they had no method or system in the forward lines. South, on the other hand, picked out their men quickly and pressed home their attacks effectively.

Moriarty placed himself in the centre and held the position in a creditable manner, but was not at home there to the extent expected from a player of his calibre.

Handy in the back lines quite justified his selection in the carnival team.

C. Daly on the wing was a shining light, and more than a fair proportion of the South attacks came from his efforts.

Ryan, as usual, was in the forefront of the goalkickers, and but for the slippery ball in the first half would probably have done better. Still, five goals is a fair record for one match.

Of the Norths, Ween would have been easily the best if he had got his kick each time he handled the ball. When he manages to do this he will be a top-notch.

Lewis worked very hard and got two goals, but he has played better.

Morris is a great battler, and was prominent all the afternoon.

Effick on the wing was frequently in the limelight and kicked one nice goal.

Fleet worked hard in front of goal, but the lack of system in the forward division does not give a goalkicker too many chances of scoring.

The North rucks until the last quarter had much the better of their opponents, but after lemons, although against a strong breeze, South dominated the game in every part of the field.

B GRADE

Position of Clubs

	P.	W.	L.	For	Points. Prem.	
					Ag.	Pts.
West Torrens	12	10	2	808	529	20
Glenelg	12	8	4	812	759	16
Ports	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
OATEN, Torrens	16
THOMAS, South	16
TAYLOR, Norwood	15
CALDWELL, Sturt	14
DAVIS, Port	13
BARNES, South	13
PARRY, Torrens	13
NELSON, West	11