

# FOOTBALL SEASON OPENED TODAY IN FINE WEATHER

## GLENELG GAIN FIRST VICTORY

### In Stirring Finish North Defeat South

#### STURT WIN NARROWLY FROM PORT

#### NORWOOD OVERWHELM WEST

Football was ushered in this afternoon with the beginning of the 1924 League matches. Although the prolonged absence of rain made the ground hard, the weather was ideal. The majority of players were fit and eager after their long spell from the game. It was not surprising, therefore, that the games were unusually keen. The results of today's matches is early evidence that the season is going to be an extremely lively and entertaining one.

The surprise of the day was the winning of a match by Glenelg against West Torrens, last season's premiers. This is the first victory of Glenelg in A Grade football.

#### Positions of Clubs

Club	P. W. L.			Points Prem.	
	For	Ag.	Pts	For	Ag.
Norwood	1	0	113	39	2
North	1	0	76	65	2
Sturt	1	0	77	67	2
Glenelg	1	0	78	70	2
Torrens	1	0	70	78	—
Port	1	0	67	77	—
South	1	0	65	76	—
West	1	0	39	113	—

## GLENELG OUTCLASS TORRENS

### Seasiders' Dashing Display

Probably the best crowd that has ever attended the Glenelg Oval was there this afternoon, when Torrens (last year's premiers) met Glenelg. Walsh stood down from the seasiders, and O'Malley was not required by Torrens. Umpire J. Quinn had charge of the match.

The opening ruckmen were Mills, Broderick, and Karney for Torrens, and Toms, Sampson, and Gotts for Glenelg. Although the visitors were first away Glenelg quickly recovered, and in a few seconds were pressing at Torrens' goal and drew first blood, Toms having registered a behind. From the kick-off the ball came back again, Owens was interferred with, and taking his kick scored full points.

Torrens momentarily gained control. Fleet sent the ball into the goal mouth. Glenelg, however, came with a rattle and Torpy passed to Jackson, who with a good kick placed Glenelg's second goal on the board.

Torrens again broke loose, and Mills managed a single. After even play Brown passed to Fleet, but the ball was again brought back to the centre. W. Hill, a new man, was defending brilliantly for the seasiders, while Minear was prominent for the blue-and-golds. Adams marking well for Torrens placed the ball, but his shot fell short.

The "Tigers" were still having the better of the encounter. Lyne secured and passed to Toms, who placed the seasiders' another goal ahead. Again Glenelg attacked. C. Hill, with a fine kick from near the boundary, again raised two flags. He recorded Glenelg's fifth goal a minute later, giving them a 32 points' lead. Quarter time scores:—

GLENELG	5-3
TORRENS	0-1

Torrens at the opening of the second quarter set off with determination to reduce the deficit. Almost immediately Karney sent up full points. Play was rough and frees were plentiful. The new rules were working out much better than in practice matches. Torrens, with the help of a slight wind, were pressing hard and raised one flag.

O'Grady received a free within kicking distance and neatly sent the ball through the tall uprights. Hoft forwarded for Glenelg, but Conroy, after saving well, started a Torrens sortie. Adams was given a chance, but he placed the ball and kicked poorly. Brown secured possession near the centre, and running through goaled for

Torrens. Mills sent the ball forward and Marvell managed a behind. He was freed shortly after, and from an angle scored a good goal.

It was Torrens' quarter so far. They had wiped off much of the leeway. Glenelg eventually gained the upper hand. Lyne passed nicely to Owen, who potted a goal.

Half-time scores:—

GLENELG	8-3
TORRENS	5-6

Only three points in favor of Glenelg separated the teams after half time. Torrens led from the bounce and O'Grady raised one flag. With the aid of the wind Glenelg worked the ball forward and Toms raised both flags. The game was fluctuating and with the ball at the other end O'Grady had a shot. Perry saved and Torphy and Lyne sent the leather into the forward line. Jackson had a good chance to score, but only managed a behind. Owens marked well and placed Glenelg further ahead by scoring his third goal. Torrens began to attack fiercely and Mills receiving a free placed the ball. Perry marked and the Bay men rushed the ball to the other end. C. Hill was freed and kicked true.

The seasiders were again well in the lead. Hack gave O'Grady a free and the Torrens rover scored a behind. He quickly added another. Barnett and Toms were fighting hard for Glenelg, but the latter were giving away too many free kicks. Continuing well, the seasiders worked the ball forward. Bail passed finely to Owens and the latter goaled. Marking again, he added his fifth major. O'Grady however retaliated with a sixer for Torrens. Third quarter scores were:—

GLENELG	11-5
TORRENS	6-8

Torrens were 27 points in arrears when the final quarter began. Although Glenelg started off well they were repulsed, and with the ball at the other end Adams scored a behind and followed with a goal. Play ranged all over the field with both teams struggling hard on the wings. Beautiful system by the Torrens men again gave them the ascendancy and a point resulted. Glenelg were not to be denied, and persistence brought the ball into the forward line. Owens marked a place kick from Hoft, and raised one flag. Gotts secured from a scrimmage and scored full points with a snapshot. Adams was one of Torrens' best men, and marking brilliantly he scored his second goal. Each team attacked alternately. It was easily the best match seen at Glenelg.

Glenelg came with a rattle and Jackson had a shot, but missed. However, the Tigers continued to attack. Fleet goaled for Torrens, and Adams added another. Glenelg were attacking when the bell rang, with the Tigers victorious.

#### Final Scores

GLENELG	12-8
WEST TORRENS	10-10

Goalkickers.—Glenelg—Owens (5), C. Hill (3), Toms (2), Gotts, and Jackson. West Torrens—O'Grady (3), Adams (3), Fleet, Brown, Marvell, and Karney.

Best Players.—Glenelg—Owens, C. and W. Hill, Fuss, Hoft, Gotts, Toms, Lyne, Jackson, and Lloyd. West Torrens—Adams, O'Grady, Brown, Karney, Mills, Fleet, and Marvell.



JACK OWENS, who kicked five goals for Glenelg, and generally played a brilliant game.

## NORWOOD SCORE FREELY

### Twelve Goals Win Over West

NORWOOD	17-11
WEST	5-8

Best Players.—Norwood—Scott, Schumacher, Ackland, Lee, Mutton, Hepburn, Stephens, Potts. West—Peters, McGregor, Barnes, Martin, Bishop, Moore, Dansie, Chaplin.

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Bent, Lee, Hepburn (each 3), Mutton, Wadham, Potts (each 2), Westley, Errington. West—Barnes, Andrews (each 2), Dansie.

## CLOSE MATCH AT UNLEY

### Sturt Better Than Port

STURT	11-11
PORT	10-7

Best players—Sturt: Gordon, Scrutton, Leak, E. Beatty, Golding, R. Whitehead, Colquhoun, Hutton and S. Scrutton. Port: Bampton, C. Dayman, Dewar, Hodge, McInnes, Bayley, Allingham and Keal.

Goalkickers.—Sturt: Gordon Scrutton (6), Leak (2), R. Whitehead, C. Whitehead and Weller (each 1). Port: Allingham (3), C. Dayman and Logan (each 2), Bayley, Latimer, Keal (each 1).

## NORTH TRIUMPHANT

### Kay Breaks Collarbone

With three minutes of the final quarter remaining the result of the North versus South struggle on the Prospect Oval hung in the balance. Then Morris, the northern defender, smashed a southern offensive, and the ball flew like a flash to the other end. The tall form of Manuel flew into the air near the goal mouth, held the ball, and a titanic battle was over. North won a glorious victory; South went down to glorious defeat.

NORTH	11-10
SOUTH	10-5

Goalkickers.—North—Manuel (4), Fleet (3), Kinneer, East, Townley, and Minn. South—A. J. Ryan (5), Wainwright (3), Kay, and Gibson.

#### Attendance Takings

Adelaide Oval (Norwood v. West)	12,700	£474
Unley (Sturt v. Port)	10,000	374
Glenelg (Glenelg v. Torrens)	5,060	212
Prospect (North v. South)	4,800	187
Totals	32,560	£1,247

#### TEAMS CHOSEN.

WEST TORRENS V. GLENELG. Brown (capt.), Karney (vice-capt.), Adams, Ashby, Broderick, Davies, Hollis, Fleet, Marvell, McCarthy, Naylon, Oaten, O'Grady, Minnear, Mills, Osborne, O'Malley, Conroy, Oehm (reserve). Hoft (capt.), Lloyd (vice-capt.), Bail, Barnett, Fuss, Gotts, W. Hill, C. Hill, Hack, Handby, Jackson, Lyne, Owens, Perry, Sallis, Sampson, Toms, Porty, Walsh (19th).

#### LEADING GOALKICKERS

G. Scrutton (Sturt)	6
Owen (Glenelg)	5
A. J. Ryan (South)	5
Manuel (North)	4
Allingham (Port)	3
Bent (Norwood)	3
Adams (Torrens)	3
Fleet (North)	3
C. Hill (Glenelg)	3
Hepburn (Norwood)	3
Lee (Norwood)	3
O'Grady (Torrens)	3
Wainwright (South)	3

#### NOTES ON GAMES

### Glenelg's Triumph

Glenelg made history this afternoon when they defeated West Torrens, last year's premiers at the Bay. It was a stirring struggle and the "Tigers" undoubtedly won on their merits.

The display of the Glenelg team was not altogether surprising, as they ran Torrens to within a few points when the teams last met on the Glenelg Oval.

When the final bell rang leaving the seasiders victorious by eight points crowds rushed the field and carried off their heroes. In the dressing room there were further scenes of enthusiasm. The "Tigers" were heartily congratulated by the vanquished.

Glenelg fully deserved their success. At no time, except perhaps in the second quarter, did they lose their grip on the game. Thereafter, though Torrens were always dangerous, Glenelg had the upper hand. The Bay men surprised everyone in the last quarter when they held the Torrens team and finished with surprising dash. It was only a spasmodic flash that yielded Torrens two majors just before time.

The first quarter was entirely in favor of Glenelg. Although Torrens battled hard the seasiders were quicker to the ball and their forwards opened out well. They also appeared to be as fast as their opponents.

In the second term, however, last season's premiers got into their stride and were quicker to the ball. Their kicking could have been better, although no fault could be found with O'Grady's and Marvell's shots.

In the third term Glenelg again came with a rattle, while Torrens could only add one goal. The last quarter was even. If anything the visitors combined better than Glenelg. The latter, however, have a wonderful team in the making, and as many new men have stripped, system was naturally not fully developed.

All of the winners played well. Owens with five goals showed that he is still a forward of class. He played with an injured knee.

C. Hill, with three to his credit, also did well. Sharpshooting and roving he was full of energy and dash. Lyne assisted the full forwards in a pleasing manner.

Hoft led his team well, and in the last quarter played exceptionally well. He was well supported by Lloyd (vice-captain).

Fuss on the other wing also played a good game.

In the back lines W. Hill, Barnett, Sallis, and Perry did well.

Others to acquit themselves creditably were Torpy, Bail, Gotts, Jackson, and Handby, while Toms was the mainstay of the ruck. He also kicked two goals.

For the losers Adams and O'Grady were the best. Others who shone at times were Karney, Brown, Marvell, Fleet, and Osborn.