

STURT ON TOP

Torrens Spring Surprise on Norwood

NORTH ADELAIDE TOO STRONG FOR WEST

Today's round of league matches produced two surprises. Torrens overwhelmed Norwood in the last quarter of a spirited game at Thebarton, and North Adelaide administered a sound trouncing to West Adelaide at Prospect.

Sturt defeated Port comfortably on their own oval, but the task of the double-blues was made easy by faulty work among the seaside forwards. Glenelg had no difficulty in defeating South.

A feature of the games was that in each instance the home team was victorious.

GLENELG V. SOUTH

Although the turf was rather heavy the Bay Oval was in good condition. Mr. F. S. C. Saxby was in charge of the game. The seashore won the toss and kicked to the railway end, favored by the breeze.

A long shot by Exley resulted in Drew snapping a goal close in. Twice the local men swept goalward, but their forwards were not equal to the occasion. The ball soon became greasy. Lewis and Holmes, and Hoft and Handby were prominent. Drew just failed with a straight kick, but twice Owens was erratic. The centres of both sides were given plenty of work. A. J. Ryan hit a goal post. Owens then came to the rescue of Glenelg with a high mark. He kicked a goal.

Organ played in goal for South in place of P. O'Malley. Sallis, with a long kick down the centre, hit a goal post. Taylor did likewise for South—the third player to do so. Then O'Malley kicked truly for South.

There was little sparkle in the play. The forward work of both sides was poor, although Drew was the exception for Glenelg. Exley was a tower of strength in the ruck.

First Quarter

GLENELG 2-0
SOUTH 1-3

South's stocks rose on the resumption when A. J. Ryan neatly drop-kicked a goal. In spite of an injured leg Handby defended staunchly and showed speed and marking ability.

On several occasions Glenelg men spoiled each other. Eventually Owens marked brilliantly, but his work was wasted with a foolish pass. A remarkably well-judged mark by Owens culminated in an easy goal.

Undaunted, South replied with a quick goal from the foot of O'Malley. Lloyd was shaping effectively on the wing. The game was characterised by much fumbling. The seashore seemed greatly below their recent form.

O'Malley, who was playing forward for South, kicked another goal, and the scores were level. However, in a crush Drew picked up the ball and a goal resulted.

Lewis cleared in fine style. A. J. Ryan was the next to goal, and a minute later the two flags were waved through the agency of Martin. Glenelg had many more shots for goal than South, but kicked deplorably.

L. Leverington made amends with a snaphot goal, and his brother Peter emulated his example immediately afterwards.

Second Quarter

GLENELG 6-14
SOUTH 6-5

From the bounce Glenelg moved forward, and Owens kicked a goal. Spurred to greater effort the Bay men continued to press. A long skimming pass by Murphy was marked by Hoft, who crowned a spectacular run with a goal. Owens brought forth cheers by kicking two more goals in quick succession, and four goals had been added by Glenelg in five minutes. It was a remarkable sequence of inspiring flashes, in which South were left standing.

Yet another major—from an acute angle—came from Owens, and the local men were more than six goals in front.

With a clever shot L. Leverington hoisted the sixth goal for the quarter.

O'Malley, for South, sent the ball between the sticks, and then Owens, with almost uncanny judgment, scored his fifth goal for the term and his seventh for the match. It was Glenelg here, there, and everywhere.

Three-Quarter Time

GLENELG 14-16
SOUTH 8-6

Not disheartened, South attacked, but only a point came. Then from a difficult attempt Owens just failed to raise the two flags, but his kick culminated in a goal by P. Leverington.

More system was shown than in the first half, and the play of Glenelg was a revelation. South rallied momentarily, but could not clinch their efforts with material success. A greater contrast could not be imagined than the forward work of Glenelg in the first half compared with their offensives in the second half.

By way of a change O'Malley (South) kicked his fifth goal. It was a coincidence that the "unlucky" 13 was worn by O'Malley (five goals) and Owens (seven goals). A. J. Ryan, with a pretty shot, kicked his third goal.

Play was now even. Oliver added another major for the city eighteen. Martin put another on the board, and Matters looked slightly better for South.

Final Scores

GLENELG 16-16
SOUTH 12-13

Goalkeepers:—Glenelg—Owens (7), Drew L. Leverington, and P. Leverington (each 2), Hoft, L. Sallis, and Davies. South—O'Malley (5), A. J. Ryan (3), Martin (2), V. Thomas, and Oliver.

Best Players:—Glenelg—Owens, Exley, Drew, L. Sallis, Handby, Lloyd, and Murphy. South—O'Malley, Lewis, A. J. Ryan, Martin, Holmes, and Setterberg.

TORRENS V. NORWOOD

TORRENS 1-1 6-3 8-8 16-14
NORWOOD 3-0 5-0 10-8 10-8

Best players:—Torrens—Foote, Hine, Hocking, Conroy, Broderick, Marvell, Karney, Minear, Norwood—Scott, Lill, Bent, Symonds, Gleeson, Palmer, and Simmons.

Goalkeepers:—Torrens—Foote (7), Marvell and Minear (each 3), Kempster, Ashby, and Broderick. Norwood—Bent (6), Mutton (2), Wadham, and Dply.

NORTH V. WEST

NORTH 4-7 5-8 8-14 10-10
WEST 0-2 2-4 3-5 6-15

Goalkeepers:—North—Lewis and Fleet (each 2), Townley, Thomas, Munn, Furler, McDowall, and Leahy. West—McGregor (2), Stokes, W. Bishop, and Thomas.

Best players:—North—Conrad, Hyde, Lewis, Thomas, Furler, Dillway, Leahy, and Hawke. West—McGregor, J. Bishop, M. Jarvis, Chaplin, and Scanlon.

STURT V. PORT

STURT 1-1 6-7 7-7 8-10
PORT 3-6 6-7 5-10 5-10

Goalkeepers:—Sturt—Bauer (2), C. Whitehead (2), Martin, Smith, and G. Scrutton. Port—Temby, Logan, Caldwell, Hoffman, and Maddern.

Best players:—Sturt—Golding, Cave, C. Whitehead, Richardson, C. Scrutton, Bauer, and Hutton. Port—Bampton, Keal, Utting, Coffen, Dewar, Hodge, and Temby.

RICHARDSON WINS TROPHY

Mr. George Thomas, a supporter of Sturt, presented a trophy for the best player in the Sturt eighteen in today's contest at Unley. V. Y. Richardson was adjudged the winner.

Position of Clubs

Club	P.	W.	L.	D.	for agst. pts.	Points Prem.	
Sturt	11	7	4	—	828	678	14
Port	11	7	4	—	744	671	14
Norwood	11	7	4	—	819	751	14
North	11	7	4	—	737	706	14
West	11	6	5	—	790	719	12
Torrens	11	5	3	1	810	864	12
Glenelg	11	4	7	—	681	808	8
South	11	—	10	1	722	1,062	1

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Owens (Glenelg)	49
Ryan (South)	41
Bent (Norwood)	41
Fleet (North)	34
Marvell (Torrens)	29
Logan (Port)	28
McGregor (West)	23
Smith (Sturt)	22
Scrutton (Sturt)	22
Troughton (Torrens)	19
Conole (Port)	18
Sallis (Glenelg)	14

COMMENTS ON THE PLAY

All Four Home Teams Victorious

GREAT GOALKICKING BY OWENS, FOOTE, AND BENT

TORRENS ECLIPSE NORWOOD

Dazzling Last Quarter

There was no doubt about the superiority of Torrens against Norwood at Thebarton. Though the strong southerly had lost some of its strength the blue-and-golds with the breeze at their backs dazzled their opponents with their brilliance.

They had little difficulty in wiping off their three-quarter time deficit of 10 points, and when Foote subsequently scored three goals in quick succession the redlegs were in a hopeless position.

They were impotent against the manoeuvres of the home side and could neither check the onslaughts nor gather sufficient momentum to carry the few attacks they engineered to a satisfactory climax.

Torrens had an evenly balanced combination and played their best game for the season. There was a fear among their supporters at half-time that they would fall away toward the close of the game as they had done on the previous Saturday. The reverse happened. The further the last quarter progressed the more brilliant Torrens became.

Foote was carried off shoulder high after the game by supporters. He kicked seven goals, and earned every one of them.

Hine in goal did some fine work. He took risks in leaving the posts, but his judgment did not err.

Conroy, particularly in the early stages, played a great game, and Karney was as solid as ever. Just before the game ended he had to be assisted from the ground. A sprig had injured one of his knees.

As a ruckman Hocking has proved invaluable to Torrens, and his play today was meritorious. Broderick was at his best in the second half.

Norwood showed their greatest strength across the centre, where some interesting tussles took place, Lill excelling in the air, while Brown was skilful in ground play and direction. F. Oaten and Fleet were matched against Simmons and Symonds, and they all deserve mention.

Ackland kicked off wretchedly; he had a day off. Slee and Potts also had off days and were a weakness to their side.

Scott as usual was a capable defender and Bent an elusive and straight-shooting forward. The latter got six goals.

Gleeson and Palmer in the half-forward line frequently came under notice.

and he was the most closely watched man in the side. At times he soared above the heads of his opponents and took some brilliant marks.

Scanlon played with determination and judgment on the centre line and was particularly effective in the first half.

Jarvis gave a creditable exhibition, while others to do well were Chaplin, Lee, and Thomas.

GLENELG AGAIN VICTORIOUS

Effective Forward Play

In the contest between South and Glenelg the latter after an inauspicious start, the outcome of deplorable kicking in the forward lines, eventually piled up a huge score. In the third quarter the seashore by remarkable play, in which the chief factor was Owens, added eight goals to their tally against two goals.

In the early stages of the match fumbling was frequent, but system and cohesion were more in evidence thereafter. South fought a plucky uphill game in the last term when they sent up 4-7 in reply to the two goals of Glenelg.

Owens gave a brilliant exhibition of marking, kicking and leading out, and scored seven goals. He was especially effective in the third quarter, when he scored five times.

Exley played a rattling game in the ruck, and Drew was a tricky and hard-working rover.

L. Sallis, who is usually a defender, was promising at centre half-forward. Handby did fine work despite an injured leg. He is a great battler.

Murphy, Lloyd, and the two Leveringtons were the best of the others.

O'Malley in a new role surprised South supporters with the manner in which he scored five goals. His customary place as custodian was taken by Organ.

A. J. Ryan was quieter than usual, but was responsible for three neat goals.

Lewis was fair in defence, and Holmes, Setterberg, and Martin were frequently serviceable in their respective positions.

Few of the city men showed outstanding merit, although in the second and last quarters they held their own with the seashore.

STRAIGHT SHOOTING PAYS

Sturt Win Comfortably

Once again the value of straight shooting for goal was demonstrated in the Port-Sturt encounter at Unley today. Port had at least as much of the play as Sturt, but wasted opportunities in front of goal gave the scoring balance to the double-blues.

It was a game in which few, if any, men excelled, but for Sturt Golding played a fine game. He marked and kicked well, and it is wonderful how he keeps going. He is probably the best custodian that South Australia has ever had.

C. Whitehead was always in the picture, and if he did not mark the ball an opponent seldom did. He played consistently well all day.

Richardson, at centre, after beginning quietly, warmed to his work, and in the last quarter played with his old-time dash. He has not lost any of his judgment.

Cave played dashing, and generally made good use of the ball when in possession, and C. and G. Scrutton both put up solid games.

Bauer has the makings of a fine forward, and Rau was often under notice for gritty work. R. H. Whitehead, Weller, Hutton, and Barron played solidly.

For Port nobody stood out, the junior Utting, being one of the best men on the side. He is a fine player.

Conole, though like all the Port forwards, he could not kick goals, marked and played with verve.

Bampton played brilliantly at centre, his pace and ground work being as spectacular as ever, and Mucklow and Hodge on the flanks did well.

Keal was, perhaps, the pick of the defenders, though Dewar kept goals in fine style.

Coffen marked well, and Hoffman and Johnson were responsible for solid performances.

B GRADE

Club	P.	W.	L.	D.	for agst. pts.	Points Prem.	
South	12	10	2	—	950	649	20
Torrens	12	9	3	—	877	613	18
Norwood	12	8	3	1	731	566	17
West	12	5	7	—	852	795	10
North	12	4	8	—	689	824	8
Sturt	12	4	8	—	672	819	8
Glenelg	12	4	8	—	790	893	8
Port	12	3	8	1	686	798	7

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Cust (South)	38
Milnein, A. (Glenelg)	37
Noble (Norwood)	37
Bauer (Sturt)	22
Maddern (Port)	21
Walton (Torrens)	19
Thain (North)	17
Madlin (West)	16