

PORT OVERWHELM NORWOOD

Sturt Victorious in Strenuous Struggle

NORTH AND TORRENS WIN COMFORTABLY

Port Adelaide and Sturt by victories over Norwood and West Adelaide respectively, today enhanced their chances of securing the minor premiership.

Port outclassed Norwood at Alberton, winning by 49 points, and Sturt won a stubborn contest against West Adelaide by three goals.

Torrens by defeating South, and North by accounting for Glenelg, retained a chance of inclusion in the final four.

NORTH V. GLENELG

Six Goals to Owens

With inclusion in the first four as their objective, North were all out to defeat Glenelg, whom they met at Prospect. Townley had recovered from an attack of influenza, and although selected originally he was included in the team. Lew could not play, and the knee keeping him out. Lock was not required.

Davies stripped for the Bay team in place of O'Malley, who had not recovered from an injury. Handby won the toss, and elected to kick to the southern end. A light breeze blew across the oval.

At the bounce Glenelg dashed in with vigor, and within a minute Owens had goaled after having manoeuvred cleverly in front of goal.

Going forward again, the seariders had another major within their grasp, but Hark kicked badly. Fast and determined play was a feature, with Glenelg predominating.

Invading the North stronghold, Glenelg kept the home defenders busy. Owens was dragged down a few yards out, and his shot, from a free, called up the second goal.

North at length gathered their forces, and Moyle, working close in, kicked first goal for the red-and-whites. Almost immediately afterward Hawke marked, and goaled in great fashion.

Lewis got the third goal for North from a nice kick. Both sides were showing great pace, and were kicking and marking finely. Before the quarter ended McDowall added another goal for North.

Quarter Time

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. NORTH 4-2, GLENELG 2-1

As in the first quarter, Glenelg opened well. Owens picked up smartly and a left-foot snap found the centre. The seariders were playing enterprising football.

Another attack produced a point, North rallied, but several attacks resulted in the additions of points only. McDowall was responsible for a brilliant run from centre

OWENS BREAKS RECORD

Jack Owens, the Glenelg goal-sneak, added another six goals to his tally against North Adelaide at Prospect today. He has now kicked 58 goals, which is a league record for this State. The highest number of goals previously kicked in South Australian League football in one season was 57 by A. J. Ryan, of South Adelaide.

to the goalmouth, but spoilt his effort by kicking out. The Bay defenders were put on their mettle by the repeated North thrusts, but they held together well. Gates and L. Leverington were prominent in defence.

North were wasting opportunities by indifferent kicking, and singles only came from tries by Leahy, Fleet, and Thomas.

The seariders were giving away too many frees in their anxiety to secure possession. North had kicked five successive behinds, and Fleet got their sixth from an easy shot. Glenelg had scored well with limited opportunities. Maintaining their accuracy Hoyt goaled from a fine place kick, which left the visitors only a goal behind.

STURT'S FINE FINISH

West Adelaide Overwhelmed

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. STURT 4-7 5-9 10-12 13-15, WEST 2-2 7-5 9-6 11-9

Goalkeepers.—Sturt—G. Scrutton and C. Whitehead (each 3), Riley and Martin (each 2), Bauer, Smith and Guiney. West—Thomas (3), Payne, Jarvis, and Whitford (each 2), W. Bishop and McGregor.

Best Players.—Sturt—Martin, C. Whitehead, Barron, Golding, C. Scrutton and Riley. West—Bennett, McGregor, Chaplin, J. Bishop, Jarvis, Lee and Thomas.

PORT V. NORWOOD

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. PORT 2-5 8-10 11-10 17-15, NORWOOD 4-3 5-5 8-6 11-8

Goalkeepers.—Port—Dayman and Logan (each 4), Utting, Maddern, and Coldwell (each 3). Norwood—Bent (4), Wadham (3), Schneider (2), Mutton, and Whitfield.

Best Players.—Port—Mucklow, Johnson, Bampton, Dayman, Utting, Keal, Hodge, and Ween. Norwood—Wadham, Lill, Mutton, Schneider, Schumacher, and Daly.

Table for Half Time: NORTH 4-9, GLENELG 4-3

Spirited defensive tactics by both sides kept scoring to a minimum during the early stages of the quarter. Glenelg at length went forward, and Owens secured within easy distance. A behind only came, however. At the other end Lewis twice secured by marking with judgment, but each time his shot was fruitless. A third attempt raised one flag. Securing again, Lewis hit a post with a fine shot from an angle.

North were now prevailing all over the field, but wretched kicking prevented them from gaining a substantial lead. The red-and-whites were marking brilliantly, handling the ball safely, and coming through well. Lewis and Willshire further added to North's behind tally, which had now reached 15. North had not goaled since the first quarter.

Glenelg were weakened by an injury to Hoyt, who was sent forward. C. Sallis playing on the wing. The Bay men were spoiling their efforts by continually kicking out of bounds, and were timid in the rushes.

Wild cheers greeted the first goal registered by North since the first quarter. It came from Fleet, who snapped it smartly from a crush in the goalmouth. North had kicked wretchedly, only one goal coming from 10 effective shots.

Three-quarter Time

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. NORTH 5-10, GLENELG 4-5

North immediately assumed the offensive, and after behinds had been registered by Townley and Thomas, the sixth goal came from Fleet.

At the other end Owens marked finely. His kick posted Glenelg's fifth goal, of which he had obtained four. Roars of approval greeted a fine piece of play by Conrad, who marked brilliantly near the centre, and, running in, goaled with a prodigious kick. Glenelg continued to play gamely, and Davies reduced their leeway by six points. When Hoyt added another major Glenelg were 14 points in arrears.

Battling grimly, Glenelg again went forward. When Owens kicked a magnificent goal from an acute angle, the excitement became intense. Realising their danger, North began to exert themselves. Rushing goalwards, Fleet was placed in possession, and he kicked accurately.

Glenelg continued to press the home side, and a goal from Owens gave them a fighting chance. The bell rang, however, with Glenelg nine points in arrears.

Final Scores.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. NORTH 8-21, GLENELG 8-6

Goalkeepers.—North—Fleet (3), Moyle, Hawke, Lewis, McDowall, and Conrad. Glenelg—Owens (6), Hoyt (2), and Davies.

Best Players.—North—Thomas, Conrad, Leahy, McDonald, McDowall, Fleet, and Hawke. Glenelg—L. Sallis, Handby, L. Leverington, C. Sallis, Hill, Owens, C. Drew, and Hoyt.

Tooth Knocked Out

In a collision with a North player at Prospect Oval today during the first half of the Glenelg-North match, J. Owens, the Bay goalsneak, had a tooth knocked out of his lower jaw. His bottom lip was gashed.

Owens filled out with his team when play was resumed.

TORRENS V. SOUTH

Fine Open Game

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. TORRENS 1-4 2-6 9-12 12-18, SOUTH 2-2 5-7 7-8 10-9

Goalkeepers.—Torrens—Troughton (4), Hocking and Kempster (each 2), Marvell, Broderick, McCarthy, and Minear. South—A. J. Ryan (3), Oliver, V. Thomas, O'Malley, May, Gooden, Mackay, and Sprigg.

Best Players.—Torrens—Hine, Troughton, McCarthy, Fleet, Brown, Karney, Hocking, Kempster, Ashby. South—Herde, Sprigg, Organ, Oliver, Mackay, C. Thomas, A. J. and C. Ryan, and Jackson.

POSITION OF CLUBS

Table with columns: Club, P, W, L, D, For, Agst, Pt.s. Lists standings for Start, Port, Norwood, North, Torrens, West, Glenelg, South.

Leading Goalkickers

Table with 2 columns: Club, Goals. Lists leading goalkickers for Owens, Bent, Ryan, Fleet, Logan, Marvell, McGregor, Scrutton, Troughton, Smith, Conole.

COMMENTS ON THE GAMES

Weak Links in Norwood Eighteen

MUCKLOW, JOHNSON, OWENS, MARTIN, AND HOCKING SHINE

STURT'S STRENGTH TELLS

NORTH'S POOR KICKING

West Adelaide Failure

Glenelg Finish Well

Sturt and West Adelaide provided a thrilling game on the Adelaide Oval this afternoon, but the strength of the double-blues was demonstrated in the final quarter, when, kicking against the breeze, they held the home side in check and at the same time supplemented their own score.

West fought doggedly and their defeat means that they are now definitely out of the final four.

Martin played a sterling game for the double-blues, and his marking was a feature of the match. Whether in the ruck or in a place he rose to the occasion. A couple of goals came his way.

Golding, as usual, was sure in defence, and age does not appear to make any appreciable difference to the ability of the Sturt skipper. He kicked and marked well and repeatedly beat off vigorous western attacks.

Riley's display was good, especially during the latter part of the match, though McGregor overshadowed him when opposed to that player. Smaller members of the West team had little chance against Riley when it came to aerial work.

Wadham, C. Scrutton, and Richardson were a useful trio across the centre line, though the latter did not play as well as usual.

Barron was an effective rover, and showed commendable skill and initiative in going for the ball.

C. Whitehead marked and kicked well in the forward lines and secured three goals, and with G. Scrutton carried off the goal-kicking honors for the day. His height stood him in good stead when sailing for the ball, and rarely was he beaten in the air.

Smith and Bauer were also useful units in the double-blue eighteen.

McGregor was the shining light in the red-and-black side, and his sure and spectacular flights for the ball thrilled the spectators. He fought hard throughout to give his side victory.

Lee played a dashing game, and his display in the centre was extremely good. He was one of the most effective members in the West side.

Whitford with his fine marking and accurate kicking won for himself a place among the best players. His display today was easily his best up to date. He snapped a couple of fine goals.

J. Bishop worked hard to avert defeat, and when roving was particularly effective.

Thomas was another to give a good exhibition, and was easily the best forward in the red-and-black team. He kicked three goals.

Others to do well were Payne, Chaplin, Jarvis, and Stokes.

PORT TOO STRONG

Norwood Easily Beaten

Port Adelaide not only defeated Norwood at Alberton today, but showed that the red-and-blues as a combination possessed several weak links. Four or five of the Norwood players were responsible for poor performances.

For Port, Mucklow was probably the most useful. He flashed along the wing in quite his old style, and his kicking was as strong and as sure as ever.

Johnson, a rugged ruckman, played a grand game, and in the second half was probably the best man on the ground.

Utting showed remarkable courage and tenacity, and in this junior Port appear to have unearthed a budding champion. Ween, though he lacks polish, handled the ball as much as any man on the ground and was one of the most useful members of a well-balanced side.

Bampton, Keal, Hodge, Dayman, and, in fact, every Port player with the possible exception of Maywald was responsible for a solid game.

Norwood did not have a single star. Wadham was perhaps the best of a mediocre lot, and two of his goals were won by great punts from the half-forward line.

Lill at centre, though inclined to be patchy, was one of the best workers for his side, and it was no fault of his that many of the attacks initiated from centre fizzled out tamely in the forward lines.

Palmer was one of the few Norwood men who beat his man on the day, and Mutton, Daly, Schneider, and Schumacher all played fairly well.

Scott and Bent were only fair, and Symonds was obviously off color. Potts does not seem able to regain a semblance of his old form.

Straight kicking by North Adelaide would have given them a substantial victory over Glenelg. As it was North were closely pressed by the Bay men in the last quarter, and emerged victors by only nine points.

In all departments, except kicking for goal, North were superior. Brilliant high marking, safe handling of the ball, and the straight-through policy were features of their play.

Glenelg showed timidity in dashing for the leather. Nevertheless, their play was marked by plenty of dash, and at times they combined with great success.

The Bay men directed their attacks with precision, and made the most of limited opportunities. For their successful goalkicking credit must go to Owens, their goalsneak. He dashed in with great vigor, and on only one occasion missed the central opening.

With a deficit of over three goals at the beginning of the last quarter, Glenelg made a gallant effort to win. North, however, rallied in time, and a goal from Fleet made them safe.

Through the incompetency of the forwards, grand work done by the remainder of the team often came to naught. Thomas played a fine game on the ball, and often tricked his opponents with his pace and dodging tactics.

McDonald was fast and sure on the wing, directing the ball forward with precision. In defence Conrad played his usual solid game. He marked and kicked brilliantly. Fleet and Hawke frequently secured with nice judgment.

Lewis was the worst offender in the forward division. He handled the ball a great deal in the forward lines, but could do nothing right in kicking the ball.

L. Sallis was probably the best of the Glenelg men. At centre half-back he repeatedly drove the northerners out. He was ably assisted by Handby and L. Leverington.

Hill marked well, and battled solidly all day, and C. Drew, C. Sallis and Exley were hard triers. Though roughly handled, Owens was the star forward. He got six out of the nine goals scored by Glenelg.

TORRENS DOWN SOUTH

Third Quarter Rally

Torrens eclipsed South at Thebarton by 21 points after an invigorating third-quarter rally, in which the blue-and-gold turned a half-time deficit of 17 points into a credit of 16 points. In the other terms there was little to choose between the two teams.

In a drab first half the southerners showed equal speed, were more accurate in their passing than their opponents, and more than held their own in the air. Torrens were sluggish, and with Hine, a notable exception, their kicking and passing were below standard.

Torrens came out fresh from the long spell, and behaved like a new team. The contest developed sparkle and became interesting. They got into their best stride quickly, and in the third term rattled out seven goals four behinds to two goals one. It saved them, for their opponents possessed much stamina, and not a little dash. They looked like making a fierce tussle until the last. Two salices, by Torrens, yielding maximum results, several minutes before time, put the issue beyond doubt. South made a valiant and creditable effort, and at half-time it looked as if the game was theirs.

Hocking was a valuable asset to Torrens in the ruck and in the air, his knocking-out being first class.

Hine was at his best in goal, displaying wonderful judgment in leaving the citadel. His marking and kicking were of the best. Troughton was the most prominent of the forward line, and accounted for four goals.

McCarthy was always in evidence, and Brown and Karney were an inspiration to their side. Fleet was a master on the central flank.

Among the South highfliers who excelled today were Sprigg, Jackson, and Taylor. Herde was a shining light on the wing, and Mackay, whether roving or placed, strove hard to avert defeat.

A. J. Ryan, as usual, was the most effective forward, and scored three goals. Oliver and Organ led their men well, both men putting up dashing displays.