

STURT MINOR PREMIERS

Torrens Vanquished After Thrilling Fight

PORT, NORWOOD, AND NORTH IN FOUR

After a desperate struggle Sturt accounted for West Torrens on the Unley Oval today, and won the coveted minor premiership.

Port defeated North at Alberton, but a slightly better percentage gave the minor premiership to Sturt.

Norwood and West Adelaide defeated Glenelg and South by large margins.

POSITION OF CLUBS					Points Prem.
	P.	W.	L.	D.	for ag. Pts.
Sturt	14	10	4	—	1,051 822 20
Port	14	10	4	—	1,043 851 20
Norwood	14	9	5	—	1,095 935 18
North	14	8	6	—	899 898 16
Torrens	14	7	6	1	1,004 844 15
West	14	7	7	—	1,005 945 14
Glenelg	14	4	10	—	830 1,139 8
South	14	—	13	1	916 1,359 1

Leading Goalkickers	
Owens (Glenelg)	64
Bent (Norwood)	61
A. J. Ryan (South)	53
Fleet (North)	41
Logan (Port)	34
Marvel (Torrens)	33
G. Scrutton (Sturt)	28
Troughton (Torrens)	28
McGregor (West)	25
Smith (Sturt)	23
Conole (Port)	18
C. Whitehead (Sturt)	12
Payne (West)	18

NORWOOD V. GLENELG

Redlegs' Easy Win

At Norwood the local team met Glenelg, who made their final appearance for the season. The home team was as published in "The News" with the exception that Westley was replaced by Siggins, who was stationed at centre half-forward, and Errington took the place of Martin in the ruck. The Glenelg team was unaltered.

A moderate wind blew across the ground, slightly favoring the southern goal. Umpire G. Rohrig had charge of the game.

Scott won the toss and took advantage of the breeze. Schumacher opened the Norwood tally with a point. Bent raised one flag only from an easy shot in front. Glenelg brought the ball round the wing, but Ackland nullified the effort with a fine mark. Whitfield marked a try by Schumacher on the goal line and kicked a goal easily.

Bent was the next to score a goal for the home side. Battling gamely, Glenelg sent the ball to the goal mouth, where C. Drew opened their account with a goal. Combined play by Norwood placed them in possession to finish off a fine effort with a goal. Both teams were playing a fast, open game, with Norwood picking out a comrade more accurately than their opponents.

Schumacher kicked their fourth goal, then Mutton, Schumacher, and Whitfield scored.

Quarter Time	
NORWOOD	7-5
GLENELG	1-2

Daly and Bent each scored goals. Glenelg were temporarily demoralised, and were at a loss how to cope with their dashing opponents.

Schumacher secured the tenth goal for his team, and then Owens revived the drooping spirits of the seariders with a goal. In spite of valiant work by the Glenelg defenders the red-and-blues broke through again, and Siggins kicked a goal.

Exley culminated some fine play with a goal for the "Tigers," but Norwood quickly retaliated through Bent.

Glenelg began to show improved work, and Hofl increased their tally by a goal, but Owens could only manage singles from successive tries. Mutton, and then Bent, increased the Norwood goal tally.

Norwood were playing exceptionally fine football and outlasted their opponents in every part of the game.

Half Time	
NORWOOD	14-6
GLENELG	4-5

SECOND ROUND ENDS

Teams Left In

As a result of today's games Torrens have been eliminated from the premiership.

Sturt and Port have each scored 20 premiership points, but the former's better percentage gives them the minor premiership. Port Adelaide secure second position. Norwood fill the third, and North Adelaide scrape into the four one point ahead of Torrens.

WEST DEFEAT SOUTH

Accurate Passing by Winners

WEST	6-3	11-9	11-11	13-17
SOUTH	2-2	3-6	6-10	8-13

Goalkickers.—West—W. Bishop (3), Thomas, Whitford, Payne, and Solomon (each 2), J. Bishop, and Kearns (1). South—A. J. Ryan (5), O'Malley (2), and Martin (1).

Best Players.—West—J. Bishop, W. Bishop, Thomas, Kearns, McGregor, Chaplin, and Brown. South—A. J. Ryan, Herde, O'Malley, Gooden, Taylor, and Jackson.

COMMENTS ON THE PLAY

Hard, Strenuous Football

GOOD GOALKICKING

Although in the aggregate there were 78 goals and 94 behinds scored in the league matches this afternoon, the goalkicking was fairly good all round. The best effort was that of Norwood, with 20 goals to 10 behinds, and Glenelg, their opponents, came next with 9 majors to 8 points.

The result of today's games settles the final four in this way—Sturt, Port, Norwood, and North Adelaide.

STURT HARD PRESSED

Desperate Fight at Unley

Though at the finish of the Sturt-Torrens game at Unley the scoring board showed that Sturt had won by 18 points, the figures by no means indicate the desperate nature of the struggle. Until a few minutes before the final bell the teams were level, and it was only in the concluding stages that the double-blues swept through to victory.

For Sturt Weller in defence was one of the most effective workers. Without being brilliant, he always seemed to be in the way, and in the last quarter turned back attack after attack.

C. Scrutton on the centre wing is the acme of consistency, and he was constantly under notice from the initial until the final bell. His brother Gordon was the best Sturt rover, and one goal of his was won by a particularly clever effort.

Golding in goal played soundly and he has not lost any of his judgment. Riley, Martin, and C. Whitehead were three men whom Torrens could not stop in the air, and Cave, Barron, Richardson, and Hutton were all responsible for solid displays.

For Torrens the honor of being the best performer rests between Brown and Hine. Brown was easily the pick of the centre line, and Hine played a dashing game on the last line of defence. He leaves his goal in almost reckless fashion, but seldom makes the mistake which would enable the opposition to take advantage of it.

Troughton kicked three goals and played well all day, while Conroy until injured was a star on the half-back line, where he was ably assisted by Osborn.

Oaten after being beaten in the first half of the game played in his best style, and Fleet, too, gave of his best after half-time.

Muller was one of the most determined players on the field, and Minear, Ashby, and Broderick did fairly well.

NORTH ADELAIDE BEATEN

Port's Dashing Display

Playing forceful football throughout the whole of the afternoon, Port Adelaide had little difficulty in accounting for North Adelaide on the Alberton Oval this afternoon. The magpies by their display showed that they will be a force to be reckoned with in the finals.

On the forward line Dayman gave a dashing exhibition, and his aerial work was a feature of the match. He bagged three goals during the afternoon.

Coffen in his capacity as a defender was sure, and he marked and kicked well throughout the game. He was one of the best men in the Port eighteen.

Philips, Allingham, and Mucklow were a useful trio across the centre, and many of the red-and-white attacks were broken by these players.

Maddern and Coldwell shared equal honors in goalkicking, but both players should have done better. The forward line was the weakest link in Port system. This is emphasized by the fact that only nine goals were kicked as against 16 behinds.

Dewar as goal defender gave a satisfactory display and rarely was he beaten. In the ruck Hoffman was a dominating figure, and even when placed he was equally as effective. He marked and kicked with really good judgment.

Others to do well for Port were Keal, Bampton, Utting, and Hodge.

Though they never had the good fortune to be in front at any of the changes, North Adelaide players fought grimly throughout the afternoon. No one battled more gamely and effectively to stem the home team's advance than Thomas. In the ruck he was clever and elusive, and when in a place he was always to the fore.

Leahy, for a young player, gave a dashing exhibition, and his marking stood out prominently. In the first quarter he notched a goal after bringing down a high flyer.

Conrad in the back line was effective, while at the opposite end Fleet shone out in his endeavors to goal. In the last term, however, he was overshadowed by the Port defenders.

Dillway, Lewis, Townley, and Low all played a useful game.

WEST UNTRoubLED

Good Air Work and Passing

Little interest centred in the game between South and West on Adelaide Oval, as neither team had any chance of inclusion in the final four. Attractive football, however, was witnessed, and the players dashed into the fray with plenty of vigor.

West Adelaide scored an easy victory by reason of superior aerial work and better cohesion. At times they developed great combination, their short passing being excellent. Many successful forward moves were the culmination of their good passing.

South were hard triers throughout the game, but displayed best form in the second half, when they scored more heavily than did West. The red-and-blacks, however, were always the superior team.

At centre Kearns showed good form for West in the first half. He marked and passed out with judgment, and his handling of the ball generally was of high standard.

Brown defended ably until he hurt a rib after half-time. He left the field in the last quarter. Chaplin was sound and sure in defence, coming through nicely at times.

McGregor demonstrated his usual superiority in the air, but was not so prominent as usual. Thomas was a hard grafter in the forward lines, where he scouted well.

W. Bishop and J. Bishop were two of the most prominent performers for West. Both were always in the thickest of the fray, and they handled the ball constantly and with good effect.

A. J. Ryan was the best performer for South. He kicked five out of eight goals scored, and in addition did good work when roving.

Herde was determined and fast on the wing, and gives promise of developing into a great footballer next season. Jackson and Taylor were reliable in defence, and in the attacking division O'Malley and Gooden were prominent.

NORWOOD WIN EASILY

Playing for Bent

Although Norwood finished with an advantage of 68 points over Glenelg, they could have increased that number considerably had they made use of each opportunity instead of endeavoring to place Bent at the head of the goalkicking list.

Players with an open goal in front of them turned and passed the ball back to their champion goalseak, and despite the fact that he was closely shadowed he finished the day with 11 goals to his credit.

His display was of the highest order, for he did not sacrifice his usefulness by waiting for the ball to be passed to him, but frequently secured from a crush.

It would be difficult to select the best player for Norwood. The whole team excelled in fast open play, and there was not a weak link in the whole combination.

Scott, Ackland, and Geary were consistently in the limelight for sterling defence work. Attack after attack by the Bay men was broken down by this redoubtable trio.

Schumacher roved in capital style, and Siggins put in plenty of telling work in the half-forward line. In fact, all members of the team performed creditably in their respective spheres of play.

Glenelg battled gamely against hopeless odds, and, in the final quarter, did most of the attacking. Their forward men, however, were not able to cope with the rugged Norwood defence. Owens was the only player of the attacking division to show out, and booted six goals during the day. Considering that he had few opportunities his performance was worthy of special credit.

Handby and O'Malley defended well against overwhelming odds, and others who strove hard to avert defeat were W. Hill, L. and P. Leverington, A. Hack, C. Hofl, Exley, and Draw.

ATTENDANCES AND TAKINGS

	Attendance	Takings
Unley Oval (Sturt v. Torrens)	15,000	£610
Adelaide Oval (South v. West)	2,000	65
Alberton Oval (North v. Port)	4,900	262
Norwood Oval (Glenelg v. Norwood)	6,000	231
	27,900	£1,168

With a deficiency of 61 points, Glenelg were in a seemingly hopeless position when play was resumed after the long interval. Their position was made worse when Bent secured a goal within a minute of the bell. Hofl had a chance close in but kicked out of bounds. Owens, however, made amends from a difficult angle shot. Once more Bent came into prominence and obtained his seventh and his team's sixteenth goal. O'Malley and Hack combined, but a fine effort was saved on the line by Ackland. Norwood were doing everything possible to help Bent top the goalkicking list and his next try brought him on level terms with Owens for the season. Glenelg now took a hand, and placed Owens in possession. He secured full points with a fine kick.

O'Malley made a great run down the field, but Errington marked his kick. Whitfield had the ball in front of an open goal, but passed back to Bent, who made no mistake. Mutton tried to render a similar service, but the Norwood champion was hustled, and could only register a single.

Siggins gave Bent his next opportunity, and this time he registered his tenth goal for the day. The quarter was practically an exhibition of sharpshooting by the red-and-blue goalseak. Scores:—

Three-Quarter Time	
NORWOOD	19-9
GLENELG	6-7

Glenelg attacked, but only a single resulted. Mid-field play predominated for some time with the back lines of both teams showing out to advantage. At last a desperate attempt by the visitors gave Owens a difficult chance, on the mound wing, of which he made full use. Norwood came again and Bent, with a long kick, found the big sticks again.

The spectators were worked up to a high pitch of excitement over the Owens-Bent struggle for supremacy. Owens put on his fifth goal for the day. Scott and Ackland were repeatedly shining out in defence. The Glenelg goalseak brought up the two flags once more. A free to Ackland turned an attack, and then Geary saved. The Bay men were attacking persistently, but the home side defenders rose to the occasion.

Final Scores	
NORWOOD	20-10
GLENELG	9-8

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Bent (11), Schumacher (3), Whitfield and Mutton (each 2), Daly and Siggins. Glenelg—Owens (6), Drew, Exley, and Hofl.

Best Players.—Norwood—Scott, Bent, Ackland, Geary, Daly, Siggins, and Schumacher. Glenelg—Handby, Hofl, Drew, Hill, Owens, O'Malley, and L. Leverington.

STURT V. TORRENS

Strenuous Game at Unley

STURT	2-2	4-9	5-12	7-18
TORRENS	4-1	4-4	6-6	6-6

Goalkickers.—Sturt—G. Scrutton (3), C. Whitehead, Riley, Cave, and Bauer. Torrens—Troughton (3), Broderick, Marvel, and Hocking.

Best Players.—Sturt—C. and G. Scrutton, Weller, Golding, Martin, C. Whitehead, Barron, and Cave. Torrens—Brown, Hine, Conroy, Oaten, Fleet, Muller, Broderick, and Osborn.

Trophy Winners

For brilliant play in the Sturt-Torrens engagement at Unley today C. Scrutton and Weller, of Sturt, and Brown, of Torrens, were awarded trophies.

PORT V. NORTH

Stirring Struggle

PORT	3-5	5-8	7-14	9-16
NORTH	2-1	4-3	4-3	6-8

Goalkickers.—Port—Dayman (3), Maddern and Coldwell (each 2), Coffen and Hoffman.

North—Fleet (3), Townley, McDowall, and Leahy. Best Players.—Port—Dayman, Coffen, Hoffman, Coldwell, Allingham, and Keal. North—Thomas, Conrad, Lewis, Leahy, and Dillway.

POSITIONS OF THE CLUBS.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points for	Prem. agst. pts.
Sturt	14	10	4	—	1,032	822 20
Port	14	10	4	—	1,043	851 20
Norwood	14	9	5	—	1,035	985 18
North	14	8	6	—	899	899 16
Out of the Running.						
Torrens	14	7	6	—	1,004	844 15
West	14	7	7	—	1,004	943 14
Glenelg	14	4	10	—	830	1,139 8
South	14	—	13	1	916	1,350 1

THE SEMI-FINALS.

The semi-finals will be entered upon next Saturday, when, in accordance with the league rules, the first team on the list will meet the third team. On the following Saturday, the second and fourth teams will be opposed. The winners of the first semi-final will then meet the winners of the second semi-final. Should Sturt be defeated in any of these games, they will have the right, as minor premiers, of challenging the winners of the play-off to a concluding test. All the matches will take place on the Adelaide Oval, and will be as follows:—

- September 11.—Sturt v. Norwood.
- September 18.—Port v. North.
- September 25.—Winners on September 11 against winners on September 18.
- October 2.—Possible challenge match.

LEADING GOALKICKERS.

With the closing of the minor premiership round, the competition for pride of place on the goalkicking list also ended. Owens, of Glenelg, who had been eight ahead of Bent (Norwood) seemed certain to win, but the support given Bent by his colleagues on Saturday caused him to score 11 goals, and he strongly challenged Owens for the honours. The latter, however, ended the day with another meritorious tally of six, thus enabling him to finish the season at the top of the list—a position which he well deserved. The list thus closes as follows (figures in parenthesis denoting the number of goals kicked last Saturday):—

Owens (Glenelg)	(6)	64
Bent (Norwood)	(11)	61
A. J. Ryan (South)	(5)	53
Fleet (North)	(3)	41
Logan (Port)	(nil)	34
Marvell (Torrens)	(1)	33
Scrutton (Sturt)	(3)	28
Troughton (Torrens)	(3)	28

NORWOOD OVERWHELM GLENELG.

Goalkicking Rivalry.

Norwood rushed Glenelg off their feet in the opening stages of the match at Norwood. After half-time the game developed into a goalkicking competition between the rival marksmen, Bent and Owens. Bent finished with 11, and Owens with six. No one else, excepting Schumacher, who almost unwittingly kicked a behind, scored in the last half of the match. The final scores, which appeared to become a secondary consideration with players and spectators, were Norwood, 20.10; and Glenelg, 9.8.

The home team outclassed the visitors from the initial bounce. During the first term the Glenelg players handled the ball but rarely. Low, skimming passes, quick dashes, and nippy kicking left the seiders standing. They improved their system in the second term, but were still unable to hold their ground. Norwood, with the game safe—having a lead of more than 10 goals—set out to feed Bent in earnest after half-time, with the object of adding to his goal tally. No other player thought of scoring, except Schumacher, who was forced into it once. Time after time a Norwood man practically stood in the open goal mouth, ball in hands, and, turning round, passed out to Bent, who was almost invariably dancing about excitedly a few yards off. During the third quarter the cry, "Where is Bent?" rang out above all other shouts. Glenelg, all the while, fought for Owens, who, however, was well watched by Ackland and others, and in this stage of the duel he got only two majors to Bent's five. The Glenelg men were much fresher in the last quarter, and had Norwood fighting hard until the final bell. The honours then went to Owens. Flying, scouting, and squirming in bunches of opponents, he managed to kick three goals out of five shots. Norwood were so hard pressed that Bent was left begging for kicks. Once he wandered down the field to get into the play, and at that moment a forward thrust placed Schneider in possession close in. Still slavishly feeding Bent, he had to turn to pass back to him. Bent dashed forward, and missed. That was his last chance. Three goals to Owens, and one goal to Bent was the tally in the final term, and there was no other scoring.

The Play.

Of the general play, little need be said. Glenelg were at a loss to answer the swinging attacks with which Norwood began. Bent's first goal—within a few minutes of the opening—brought his club total to 300. The home team's passing was exceptionally fast and clever. Opening out quickly, a chain was established along Daly's wing, which nonplussed Glenelg, and low, running passes, directed with unerring aim, kept the ball in the danger zone. At the other end, Geary aroused applause by twice leaving Owens standing while he cleared. The Norwood forwards literally ran rings around the Glenelg backs, and only once did the seiders penetrate the solid defence of Scott's line, and in a scrimmage Drew booted a goal. Changing ends, Norwood kept up the attack, and nippy forward work gave them three more goals before Glenelg settled down. Owens got his first goal from a beautifully judged punt from the boundary line. A few of the Glenelg side began to match Norwood in dash, and W. Hill made his weight felt, although the visitors were still outclassed in the air. Prolific scoring continued, no fewer than 10 goals being "put on" during this term—namely, Norwood 7, Glenelg 3. After the long interval, every effort by both teams was concentrated to give the respective goalkeepers chances to score. Before the match Owens led in the league competition by 58 to 50, but Bent's phenomenal success—and in the early stages no one worked harder than he—encouraged his supporters to give him a hope of forging ahead. At times he had as many as four opponents clustering around him, but he flitted from position to position, puzzling all by his dexterity. Twice Whitfield, actually standing on the goal line, turned around to pass back to Bent. Once Mutton nearly ran right between the posts before he behought himself. Whipping around, he passed, but Bent's snapshot was touched. Bent kicked five goals during the quarter and Owens three. The Glenelg player had the harder task, as he was not fed so well as the other. The totals then were Owens 61 to 60. Owens scored first in the last term, and, with Glenelg holding the upper hand, increased his lead. A chain of passes gave Bent his only goal for the term. The final tallies of the rivals for the season were:—Owens, 64; Bent, 61.

Progressive Scores.

Norwood	7-5	14-6	19-9	26-10
Glenelg	1-2	4-5	6-7	9-8

Best players:—Winners—Bent, Ackland, Daly, Symonds, Scott, Schumacher, and Geary. Losers—Owens, W. Hill, Handby, C. Drew, O'Malley, L. Leverington, and Hoft. Goalkickers:—Winners—Bent (11), Schumacher (3), Mutton, Whitfield (2), Siggins, and Daly (1). Losers—Owens (6), C. Drew, Exley, and Hoft (1).

GOALKICKING CHAMPIONS.



J. OWENS.



R. BENT.

Owens (Glenelg) has won the season's goalkicking competition, with a total of 64, or an average of more than four goals a match. He kicked six on Saturday. Bent (Norwood) scored 11 in the same game, which is a record for the season. This brings his total up to 61.