

NORWOOD TOO STRONG FOR TORRENS

Injuries Hamper Gold-and-Blue Eighteen

GLENELG WIN AGAINST SOUTH

Only two league games were contested today, and both produced fast, vigorous football.

At Norwood the home side accounted for Torrens after a particularly hard-fought fight, by 15 points. Torrens after half-time were weakened by injuries to two or three of their players.

On the Adelaide Oval Glenelg, after beginning rather poorly, finished strongly to win from South by 10 points.

GLENELG MEET SOUTH

South Adelaide and Glenelg, both of which teams have failed to win a match this season—although the former has a drawn game to its credit—provided the attraction on the Adelaide Oval this afternoon.

In consequence of the postponement of the races at Victoria Park the attendance was considerably augmented.

H. Grove was an absentee from South's ranks on account of injuries, while the seashiders' eighteen was strengthened by the inclusion of Lyne and Hoff.

The oval, despite the heavy rain overnight, was in fair condition, but was inclined to be somewhat slippery.

Umpire J. Quinn had charge of the game.

Winning the toss Oliver attacked at the cathedral end. A penalty kick to Sprigg at the bounce sent the ball down among the forwards, but the yellow-and-black back relieved. Play was then transferred to the river end, and a behind resulted. Thomas marked brilliantly, and Lloyd was prominent on the centre line.

South attacked strongly, and a goal came from C. Ryan. The seashiders were showing a tendency to run too much with the ball, and were thus spoiling their chances of scoring. An easy goal to A. J. Ryan was the sign for renewed onslaughts on the yellow-and-blacks' goal front, and play for several minutes was confined to the cathedral end.

Glenelg moved forward and C. Sallis goalled from a fairly difficult angle. A. J. Ryan replied with a similar score for the blue-and-whites. Another six-pointer from the same player a few moments afterwards won for him the applause of the spectators. South were proving superior in the air, and were also displaying better system than their opponents. Lack of cohesion among the yellow-and-blacks' forward division was also contributing to South's success.

Hoff, Oliver, and Lloyd were showing to advantage for the seashiders, while A. J. Ryan, May, and O'Malley were useful players in South's combination.

Quarter Time

SOUTH	4-3
GLENELG	1-2

Glenelg attacked early in the quarter, and an opportunity to score was frustrated by over-eagerness on the part of the forwards. Owens, however, made amends by piloting through a major, followed the next minute by another sixer from the foot of Hack.

The seashiders were momentarily in charge, and when Owens sent through another goal the stands rang with the applause of supporters of the yellow-and-blacks.

The seashiders were now playing with better co-operation, and their marking also showed an improvement. A fine piece of aerial work by Hack sent the ball among the forwards, but nothing came of the thrust. A free to McKay relieved the tension, and the ball sailed towards the river end, only to be returned again.

Play was now faster and more open, with the advantage in favor of Glenelg. Oliver and Handby came into collision on the centre line, and the latter was momentarily dazed. An effort by Sprigg to score carried wide, but Downs shortly afterward found the big opening. Glenelg were beating their men to the ball, but a tendency to run too much was neutralising their effort. South were in possession when the half-time bell rang.

The quarter was characterised by the effectiveness of Glenelg's play, and this was noticeable in most departments of the game.

Half Time

SOUTH	5-5
GLENELG	4-7

A free to Lloyd sent the ball among the forwards, resulting in scrimmaging play around the goal mouth, from which position Owens snapped a six pointer. Glenelg were now in front for the second time during the afternoon. Handby saved well, but play continued to hover round the centre line.

Glenelg asserted superiority, and Owens, who had proved a reliable forward, put through his fourth goal for the day. South replied with a minor. Handby and O'Malley were playing superbly, and the former's marking was magnificent. The yellow-and-blacks were carrying all before them, and a goal to C. Sallis placed the side in a commanding position.

South, however, were not to be denied, and a six-pointer to Organ raised the hopes of South supporters. Glenelg still hung on tenaciously, but the blue-and-whites system was proving superior. A goal to Gooden placed the team a point in front.

Another six-pointer to Organ saw the pendulum swing round in South's favor, and the ball again sailed into dangerous territory, a behind resulting.

Lyne, after a fine run down the centre, snapped a goal just as the bell rang.

Three-quarter time.

SOUTH	8-9
GLENELG	8-7

Congested play round the river end goal marked the opening of the last quarter—from there A. J. Ryan raised the twin flags. South now had an eight-point advantage, but it was reduced to two behinds in almost the next instant by a fine kick by Owens.

A good mark by Downs transferred the play into the yellow-and-black's territory, but Handby relieved. A. J. Ryan added another point to his side's score, and a fairly easy chance was missed by Owens. Glenelg supporters cheered loudly when C. Sallis placed the team in the lead once more. The yellow-and-blacks were now staging a spectacular revival and were carrying all before them. Another goal to Glenelg put them 11 points in the lead, and attack after attack was made on South's citadel, resulting in a major to Owens, his sixth of the afternoon.

Downs replied with a goal for South, but play again turned towards the Cathedral end.

Both sides were playing strongly when the bell rang, leaving the yellow-and-blacks with an advantage of 10 behinds. They had thus won the first game of the season.

Final Scores

GLENELG	12-9
SOUTH	10-11

Goalkeepers.—Glenelg—Owens (6), C. Sallis (3), Lyne, Hack and Gun. South—A. J. Ryan (4), Oliver (3), Downs (3), C. Ryan, and Gooden.
Best Players.—Glenelg—Handby, Owens, O'Malley, Hack, and Gun. South—A. J. Ryan, Oliver, May, Downs and Sprigg.

ATTENDANCE AND TAKINGS

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Norwood Oval (Norwood v. Torrens)	16,000 £637
Adelaide Oval (Glenelg v. South)	7,000 286
Totals	23,000 £923

COMMENTS ON GAMES

NORWOOD WIN COMFORTABLY

Bent to the Fore

Though Norwood had a comfortable margin of 15 points over Torrens at the final bell today, the contest on the Norwood Oval was fast, vigorous, and exciting, and full of good football. It was an even, hotly-contested game.

Lill played a grand game for Norwood. Beginning rather quietly, he marked and kicked beautifully after the first quarter, and several of the red-and-blue goals could be traced directly to his skill and judgment.

Bent was as dangerous as ever up forward. He kicked five goals, and it was largely due to his coolness and accuracy that Norwood won.

Scott and Stephens were brilliant defenders, and single handed and together smashed many promising gold-and-blue attacks.

Potts marked strongly and kicked well, and Schumacher and Schneider roved ably. Schneider seldom fails to pick out a comrade once in possession of the ball.

Murrell, Biddell, Geary, and Symonds until injured, played solidly, and Whitfield was responsible for three goals.

Oaten, if not the best man on the ground, was very nearly so. He showed that his omission from the interstate team was a mistake. All day he was a dominating influence on the central flank.

Osborn, in defence, played well, displaying similar form to that which made him such a good man for Torrens last season. He has earned his inclusion in the State team.

Karney roved well. Fleet was dashing on the wing, and Brown, though beaten on the day by Lill, played a strong, fighting game. The fact that he was hampered by a broken finger enhanced his performance.

Marvell was easily the most effective of the attacking division, and some of his goals were won from long range, rather an unusual thing with him.

Monten did well in the ruck, as did Hine in goal, and Conroy was safe and reliable in the back lines.

FIRST FOR SEASON

Glenelg Overpower South

In a game characterised by spectacular play, Glenelg this afternoon defeated South Adelaide. The yellow-and-blacks hung on tenaciously throughout the first two quarters, but from then onward appeared to have the measure of their opponents. Their success in the main was due to fine play on the part of Handby and Owens, backed up by the good team work of the remainder of the eighteen.

The rain overnight had had its effect on the ground, and players in both teams experienced a difficulty when trying to run with the ball. Glenelg, if anything, were a little too anxious to run, and often a good chance of sending the ball into the forward division was lost because of this fault. Their kicking in the first half was also erratic, but it improved toward the end of the match.

Handby was the hero of the day, and his marking on the back line was magnificent. He also kicked well.

The goalkeeping honors went to Owens, who bagged six majors during the afternoon. He displayed initiative and was not afraid to go into the crushes after the ball. He played full forward.

C. Sallis and P. Leverington were also useful on the forward line, the former kicking three goals. Over-eagerness on their part in getting rid of the ball spoilt several opportunities to score.

O'Malley in defence gave a first-class exhibition, while others who did well were Gun, Perry, Davies, Lyne, and L. Sallis.

A. J. Ryan was somewhat unlucky in his kicking, but nevertheless he was successful in raising the twin flags on four occasions for South. He was closely watched throughout the afternoon, and few openings were left him.

South's centre line—Griffiths, May, and Herde—were a strong trio, but they were overpowered in the latter stages of the game.

Oliver, Organ, Downs, C. Ryan, and Gooden played a useful game for the blue-and-whites, and their exhibition on the whole was good.

POSITION OF CLUB

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts. for.	Pts. ag.
Sturt	5	4	1	—	417	291
North	5	4	1	—	338	320
Norwood	6	4	2	—	437	381
Torrens	6	3	2	1	439	312
Port	5	3	2	—	355	327
West	5	2	3	—	297	300
Glenelg	6	1	5	—	324	513
South	6	—	5	1	377	535

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Bent (Norwood)	26
Ryan, A. J. (South)	26
Owens (Glenelg)	22
Marvell (Torrens)	17
Fleet (North)	16
Smith (Sturt)	13
Conole (Port)	11
Logan (Port)	10
McGregor (West)	10
Fitzgerald (Port)	9
Schneider (Norwood)	9
Minear (Torrens)	8
Whitfield (Norwood)	8
Barron (Sturt)	7
Scrutton, G. (Sturt)	7
Troughton (Torrens)	7
McDowell (North)	6
Sallis (Glenelg)	6
Whitehead, C. (Sturt)	6

GLENELG ELATED

Congratulatory Speeches

FAITH IN THE FUTURE

In their career as a league team Glenelg this afternoon won their first match on the Adelaide Oval, and incidentally their first game of the 1926 season.

Since the season opened the team has been showing improved form in every game, and those who witnessed their stand against North last Saturday felt confident that the yellow-and-blacks would score a win before long.

Supporters and players were alike elated at today's victory over South, and the captain, J. Handby, received hearty congratulations at the close of the match. The other players were not forgotten, and among the first to offer congratulations was Mr. Frank Smith, an ex-mayor of Glenelg, and a former president of the club.

The team, he said, had played a wonderful game, and he was certain that further successes would come their way. At his instance cheers were given for Handby and his men.

Mr. C. F. Young, secretary of North Adelaide, also extended his congratulations, and said that after the team's exhibition against his club last Saturday he had felt convinced that the yellow-and-blacks would be to the fore in their next engagement. (Cheers.)

In replying Handby praised the side for the way they had played together and expressed the hope that more victories would come to the team.

"I will not be here next Saturday," said Handby, "but for my sake, boys, I hope you will place me top in the Charity Carnival." (Cheers.)

NORWOOD DEFEAT TORRENS

Fast, Vigorous Football

The Norwood-Torrens encounter on the Norwood Oval today attracted an unusually large crowd.

Torrens were deprived of the services of Lock and Read on account of sickness, and Conroy and Kean filled the vacancies. Norwood fielded a strong eighteen—Lill, Potts, Schneider, Westley, and Murrell reappearing.

NORWOOD	3-0	7-3	9-7	10-14
TORRENS	2-1	4-3	8-4	9-5

Goalkeepers.—Norwood—Bent (5), Whitfield (3), Westley, and Schumacher. Torrens—Marvell (5), Broderick (2), Kempster, and Minear.

Best Players.—Norwood—Lill, Scott, Stephens, Schneider, Potts, Schumacher, Bent, and Murrell. Torrens—Oaten, Karney, Osborn, Fleet, Marvell, Hine, Monten, and Conroy.