STURT DEFEAT NORTH

Torrens Fail to Impress at Alberton

NORWOOD AND WEST ADELAIDE VICTORIOUS

There were no surprises and no thrilling finishes in today's League football matches.

Sturt early gained a lead over North at Unley, and held it until the final bell.

Port rather easily defeated Torrens on their home ground, and much of the interest in the Glenelg-West Adelaide contest went out of the game when an injury to Hack in the first quarter practically robbed the seasiders of his services.

South Adelaide, after holding Norwood for three quarters, faded away in the final term.

Positions of Clubs

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points for	Points agt.	Prem. pts.
Norwood	9	6	3	—	668	575	12
Port	9	6	3	—	624	542	12
North	9	6	3	—	595	578	12
Sturt	9	5	4	—	635	561	10
West	9	5	4	—	653	584	10
Torrens	9	4	4	1	641	514	9
Glenelg	9	3	6	—	498	706	6
South	9	—	8	1	563	818	1

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Owens (Glenelg)	35
Ryan (South)	31
Bent (Norwood)	33
Fleet (North)	29
Logan Port)	25
Marvel (Torrens)	23
Smith (Sturt)	21
McGregor (West)	18
Conole (Port)	18
Troughton (Torrens)	17
Scrutton, G. (Sturt)	16
Moore (West)	12
McDowell (North)	12
Schneider Norwood)	11
Sallis (Glenelg)	11
Whitfield (Norwood)	11

WEST V. GLENELG

West Adelaide and Glenelg met on the Adelaide Oval today in ideal football weather. Victory or defeat meant much to both eighteens, and the teams took the field amid a simmer of excitement. There was a larger attendance than has been usual at other matches in which Glenelg have appeared this year, a sign of added interest in the doings of the seaside team.

Glenelg fielded the same eighteen as defeated West Torrens. West Adelaide also produced its strongest side. Murphy acted as reserve for Glenelg and M. K. Burton and Mason for West.

A fresh breeze favored the river end, and Handby, winning the toss, Glenelg began with the wind behind them. Umpire Raven had charge.

Glenelg went forward at first, only to be turned back by Chaplin. After O'Malley had smashed a red-and-black thrust Owens failed to make the most of an opportunity. C. Sallis, however, marked and kicked the first goal of the game. McGregor marked at half-forward for West and found Payne with a beautiful pass, but only a point resulted.

West's attack persisted, but faulty kicking spoiled several movements, and then, in a trice, the seasiders broke through, and Owens kicked a goal. Handby and L. Sallis marked in defence, and soon quite more Glenelg dashed away, only to see C. Sallis miss with a shot from long range.

West were making the mistake of spoiling one another in the air, but helped by numerous frees, they attacked. Nothing resulted. Eventually Glenelg broke away, and Sexton marked finely. Bennett turned the thrust back, and though the seasiders returned to the attack, the bell put a stop to the movement. Hack, who injured an ankle, had left the half-forward lines, and for the latter part of the quarter occupied a position in the right forward line.

Quarter Time

GLENELG	2—1
WEST ADELAIDE	0—2

McGregor was exerting a distinct influence on the game, and he quickly sent the ball among the forward, Thomas snapping a point. McGregor added a minor, and then Payne recorded the first red-and-black goal. West rushed another point, and then Exley, Hoft, and Lloyd dashed away, and Owens snapped a point at the other end.

After a period of scrambling play, Moore gave West the lead with a goal punted from long range. The standard of play was poor, but L. Sallis was playing brilliantly for the seasiders, and Hoft, assisting, the yellow-and-blacks forced the ball forward, where Owens marked and goaled.

West were playing with little, if any, cohesion, and to make matters worse their kicking for goal was faulty.

McGregor missed from fairly easy range, but then Payne made the most of an opportunity, and W. Bishop kicked another goal. McGregor scored another goal, and West, in a few minutes, had converted a dangerous position into a favorable one.

Half-time

WEST ADELAIDE	5—7
GLENELG	3—2

McGregor and Moore marked in succession, but the latter hit the post. McGregor emulated the feat a moment later, and then Glenelg took a hand, and Owens scored a point. Handicapped by the fact that Hack was forced to play in goal, Glenelg found it hard to make headway, and after incessant attacks West broke through, and Thomas scored full points.

Undeterred Glenelg battled on, and Owens from a free heartened them with a goal, and Drew just missed a moment later with a hurried snap. Glenelg gained confidence and attacked continually, but Owens missed a chance, and other opportunities were wasted.

At last West broke away, and though a long shot by McGregor failed Thomas got his foot to the ball as it fell right in front and kicked a goal. Glenelg still put plenty of vigor into their efforts, and Owens, capping one drive with a goal, the seasiders were once more within reasonable distance of their opponents.

L. and C. Sallis, Owens, and Gun then figured in a brilliant combined effort, and the last named player kicked a goal just before the bell signalled the end of the term.

Three-quarter Time.

WEST ADELAIDE	7—11
GLENELG	6—5

Faced with a deficit of 12 points Glenelg had the breeze against them, but straight away they went forward, only to see Jarvis save. Gun, however, dashed the sphere across to Owens, and the resulting goal placed the seasiders six points to the bad.

West rallied and a free to McGregor at half-forward helped them forward, but Glenelg were fighting hard and only a succession of minors came to West. Glenelg threatened danger, but Exley missed with a hurried snap. West, after seeming temporarily rattled, rallied, and a welcome goal came from Payne. When a moment later Bennett kicked yet another goal the issue appeared to be clinched. Continuing their forward movements West attacked, and it was not long before Bennett kicked another goal.

Glenelg fought to the bitter end, but theirs was a hopeless task. In the closing stages West held an undoubted ascendancy.

Final Scores

WEST	10—17
GLENELG	7—7

Goalkickers.—West—Payne (3), Thomas and Bennett (each 2) W. Bishop, McGregor, and Moore. Glenelg—Owens (5), C. Sallis, and Gun.

Best Players.—West—McGregor, J. Bishop, Solomon, Jarvis, Lee, and Stokes. Glenelg—L. Sallis, Hoft, Handby, L. Leverington, Exley, Owens, and Hill.

West Trophy Winners

Bruce McGregor won a trophy presented by Mr. G. Brady for the best player on the West Adelaide side in the match against Glenelg today. Another prize given by Mr. C. Tunney was awarded to J. Bishop.

STURT V. NORTH

STURT	6—4	8—5	8—7	9—12
NORTH	1—2	4—5	7—7	8—10

Goalkickers.—Sturt—G. Scrutton and Smith (each 4), Riley. North—McDowell (5), Fleet (2), and Ween.

Best Players.—Sturt—Golding, G. Scrutton, Riley, Richardson, McLaflin, and Smith. North—Conrad, Townley, Lewis, McDowell, Fleet, Munn, and Ween.

NORWOOD V. SOUTH

NORWOOD	2—3	7—8	9—10	13—17
SOUTH	3—4	5—5	9—7	9—11

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Bent and Daly (each 3), Palmer and Schumacher (each 2), Martin, Mutton, and Lill. South—A. J. Ryan (5), Oliver (2), Sprigg, and Downs.

Best Players.—Norwood—Scott, Bent, Lill, Geary, Schumacher, and Stephens. South—Oliver, A. J. Ryan, Herde, Jackson, Sprigg, and Setterberg.

PORT V. TORRENS

PORT	5—2	5—6	10—8	12—11
TORRENS	2—1	5—2	6—4	9—8

Goalkickers.—Port—Logan (6), Utting (3), Coldwell (2), Robinson. Torrens—Kempster (3), Troughton, Foote, and Marvell (each 2).

Best Players.—Port—Bampton, Logan, Keal, Hodge, Ween, Mott, and Utting. Torrens—Osborn, Brown, Kempster, Foote, Ashby, Hine, Karney.

Attendances and Takings

	Attendance.	Takings.
Alberton Oval (Port v. Torrens)	10,500	£408
Adelaide Oval (Glenelg v. West)	9,500	336
Unley Oval (North v. Sturt)	11,000	296
Norwood Oval (Norwood v. South)	6,000	234
Grand totals	37,000	£1,274

CRITICAL REVIEW OF THE PLAY

McGregor Defeats Glenelg

SEASIDERS HANDICAPPED BY INJURY

By O. J. (Pat) O'Grady

Although defeated by West today, Glenelg fought a good uphill game, and were in touch with their opponents until half-way through the last quarter.

Whereas the injury to Hack reduced Glenelg's effective players to seventeen, it might be said that West had nineteen men.

The usual interpretation of nineteen men is eighten players and the umpire, but today McGregor performed the work of two men, and was the main factor in his team's success. He carried West to victory.

The game may well be divided into two phases. In the first half play was of a low standard, but after the long interval considerable improvement was made. But for the early injury to Hack, Glenelg's centre half-forward, the seaside team would probably have made a close and exciting finish. Today's defeat probably dashed to the ground Glenelg's hopes of contesting the finals this year, but they certainly look like being in the picture next season.

To my mind the low standard of the first half was largely due to the ball in use. It appeared to be too tightly inflated, and as a result was difficult to mark and more often than not tricked the players by its lively and eccentric movements on the ground.

Against a strong breeze, West did well to hold Glenelg down to two goals in the first term. The disablement of Hack seemed to disorganise the seasiders, and as a result West were usually able to overcome Glenelg's forward movements. It was evident early in the afternoon that McGregor was right on his game. In the early stages he was not supported too well by his team mates, although Lee handled the ball frequently at centre. The latter player, however, kicked rather weakly. For Glenelg Handby and L. Sallis played well at half-back, while Hoft was frequently doing good work, but, like Lee, kicked indifferently.

Rarely was the second term, until a few minutes before half-time, when West rattled on three goals in quick succession. It was no fault of L. Sallis that his team were 16 points behind at this stage. Throughout the afternoon this player was the stumbling-block in the path of many western advances. With the use of a different ball after half-time the game improved.

Hack, who was little better than a cripple, was placed in goal for Glenelg. This was not good tactics, as the position of custodian is one of the most important on the field, and requires an exceptionally fit and able player to do justice to it.

Although West won by a fairly substantial margin it was only in the latter part of the last quarter that they could have considered themselves safe. Glenelg lost heart in the final stages and West were enabled to win comfortably.

McGregor was the star of the match. Besides taking some spectacular marks his ruck work was of the best. Twice in the final term he knocked the ball to half-forward from the bounce at centre. Besides getting the ball brilliantly he disposed of it to consummate advantage. He was fair and clean in all his play. McGregor defeated Glenelg.

J. Bishop played a good game rovine, but few of the other westerners did anything noteworthy. Jarvis, Bennett, and Lee were useful, but Chaplin and Scanlon were below form.

Glenelg's best man was L. Sallis, who played a great game at half-back right. He never made the mistake of attempting too much and rarely missed his kick. Hoft was dashing at centre wing and marked exceptionally well but kicked poorly.

Handby was safe and sure at half-back, while Owens was a live wire up forward. Exley marked well and was far too good for Chaplin in the air. Gun and Sexton were prominent at times, but O'Malley and Lloyd were not at their best.

Umpire Raven's decisions were not altogether approved by a section of the crowd, particularly in the first half. Although I have often seen him to better advantage, it should be remembered that a game is difficult to umpire when the players are fumbling and mishandling the ball as they did today. No umpire can make a success of a game that is nothing but a series of scrimmages, as was the case in the first half. It was noteworthy that as the game improved in standard the decisions of the umpire were less frequently questioned.

COMMENTS ON THE GAMES

McGregor Carries West to Victory

V. Y. RICHARDSON SHOWS FINE FORM

WEST WIN COMFORTABLY

Glenelg Fight Against Odds

The result of the West Adelaide-Glenelg contest on the Adelaide Oval today was undoubtedly influenced by an injury to Hack, the Glenelg half-forward, in the first quarter. After the initial term Hack, nursing a sprained ankle, played in goal, and he was of little use to his side.

McGregor stood out for the winners. He played one of his best games, which is saying a lot, and if it had not been for his superb display West would have been in serious trouble. Many of the red-and-black players were below form.

J. Bishop was dashing and brilliant, and considering his size and weight, the way that he comes through the hottest scrimmage unscathed is remarkable.

The game as a whole was of a scrambling nature, and it is difficult to pick out star players, but Stokes, Solomon, Jarvis, Bennett, and Chaplin all did fairly well for the red-and-blacks.

For Glenelg L. Sallis was the best performer. He played with judgment and determination and is undoubtedly a defender of class. More should be heard of him later.

Hoft was the best wingman of the match, and if it had not been for indifferent kicking he could be credited with a superb display.

Handby battled doggedly in defence and was never beaten, but O'Malley, though he did a lot of work, was off colour.

The fact that Owens kicked five goals reflects his worth in the forward lines, and there is no doubt that he has a deadly left foot.

With one or two exceptions the Glenelg men all played fairly well, and L. Leverington, Hill, and Exley were the best of an even lot. Gun did serviceable work in unobtrusive fashion.

NORWOOD V. SOUTH

Red-and-blues Too Good

Despite the fact that they were playing with only 17 men after half-time, Norwood defeated South convincingly at the Norwood Oval. There was a lack of combined play on both sides, but the southern team carried a number of young players, who lacked the polish and determination of the Norwood players.

W. Gotts, who was playing his first game for Norwood, twisted a knee early in the contest. He endeavored to remain on the field, but eventually had to be assisted to the dressing room. He did not reappear after half-time.

Scott played a sterling game in defence, and was ably assisted by Stephens. Another who put in effective work in the back lines was Geary, who is showing a welcome return to his best form.

Bent played a prominent part in Norwood's success. He had a roving commission for a great part of the game, and was unerring in picking out a comrade.

A. J. Ryan was in fine fettle, and fully deserved the five goals that came from his boot. Always in the thick of the fray, he was a wonderful example to the younger players of the team.

Jackson was particularly effective in the last quarter, when his coolness and judgment saved South from a much more severe defeat. Setterberg took his fair share of work in the half-back line, and was instrumental in turning a number of Norwood attacks.

Sprigg played his usual consistent game in the ruck, where he is one of the mainstays of the southerners. Lewis, who was taken out of goal and stationed in the half-back line, was frequently in the limelight for good play. He was not spectacular, but did much valuable work.

STURT JUST WIN

North's Fine Recovery

Only after a determined effort were Sturt able to achieve victory in their match against North Adelaide today. Though the home team had a fairly easy task in the first half, the visitors gradually increased the pressure until the double-blues were compelled to fight to the utmost every move of their opponents.

North appeared to have a winning chance in the third quarter and at the change were only six points behind. A goal from McDowell equalised in the beginning of the last term, but try how they might the red-and-whites could not gain the ascendancy.

A feature of the game was the good exhibition of marking, and in this department Riley, Conrad, Golding, Richardson, Munn, and Townley figured prominently.

One of the double-blues most useful men was V. Richardson. He was sure in the air and in the last quarter was particularly effective in breaking down the visitors' attacks.

Riley thrilled the crowd with his fine aerial work and long kicking in the third quarter. When on the back line he was seen to advantage.

G. Scrutton and Smith divided honors in goal kicking, and of the side's nine players eight were kicked by these two players.

Golding gave a dashing exhibition in goal, while of the other members of the team the outstanding men were C. Whitehead, Martin, McGaffin, S. Scrutton, and Barron.

Conrad played a fine game for North. His marking was a feature of the match.

McDowell was a sure forward, and of the team's eight goals five were kicked by him.

Others to play well were Lewis, Townley, Fleet, Thomas, Hyde, and Moyle.

North were somewhat unfortunate in so far as injured players were concerned, and in a critical portion of the match Thomas, Townley, and Low suffered mishaps.

PORT WIN AT HOME

Torrens Outplayed

The game between Port and Torrens at Alberton was fast throughout, and though after the first quarter the visitors displayed some good combination they lacked the pace and dash of the seasiders.

The magpies have learned the lesson of previous matches, and kept in front of their men. Torrens showed themselves experts in handballing, but Port depended on the safer foot passing. Port gave away many frees through hanging on to their opponents.

The outstanding performers for Port were Bampton and Logan. The first named was still suffering from ankle injuries received in the match against the West Australians, but he was here, there and everywhere all day.

Logan rehabilitated himself as a goalgetter, and kicked half of Port's goals.

Dewar, in goal, repeatedly saved, and in the second half, in addition to his duties of custodian captained the team. He proved capable.

Maywald appeared in his first league game for the season. He played well throughout.

Osborn displayed his usual dash in the half-back lines, while his colleagues, Ashby and Conroy, played fast and telling football.

Hine is an able defender. He kicked off well, and staved off several Port rushes. Like the Port custodian, he knows how and when to come out.

Karney and Marvell today stripped for their hundredth games, and the blue-and-gold veterans received numerous congratulations.

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