

FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS

Thrilling Win by West Adelaide

NORTH, PORT, AND NORWOOD VICTORIOUS

A feature of the first round of football matches played today was the narrow win by two points of West Adelaide over Sturt at Wayville.

North Adelaide, Norwood, and Port Adelaide scored easy victories in their engagements with West Torrens, Glenelg, and South Adelaide.

NORWOOD V. GLENELG

Football enthusiasts in large numbers attended at Norwood Oval this afternoon to witness the match between Norwood and Glenelg. A southerly breeze blew across the arena. Glenelg were without the services of L. Leverington, who was injured by a fall from his motor cycle this morning. The vacancy was filled by G. B. Johnston. Mr. J. J. Quinn had charge of the game.

Glenelg were first to attack, but it was staved off. Norwood made a determined effort, which brought two goals from the boots of Daly and Mutton. Settling down to their task, Glenelg now took a hand, and by beating their opponents to the ball momentarily overcame the Norwood defenders.

Drew hit a post, and then Barbary and C. Sallis secured goals in quick succession. Play veered to the other end, but the seaside defenders were equal to the task.

The crowd cheered wildly as Wilson cleared brilliantly for the home team. The red and blues stormed their opponents' citadel for some time, and at last Mutton sent the ball through. At the other end Owens secured a goal, and once more Norwood responded, this time from the boot of Lill, who was stationed on Handby.

Glenelg came again, and C. Sallis and Owens added to their goal tallies. The seashiders were showing up well in ground play, and were holding their own in the air. Play was fast and open. Just prior to the close of the quarter O'Malley slipped and fell. He hurt his right ankle, and received attention from the trainers during the interval.

Quarter-Time

GLENELG 5-3
NORWOOD 4-4

O'Malley, who strained the sinews of his right leg behind the ankle, did not reappear with the seashiders.

Mutton had a try soon after the resumption, but hit a post. Norwood were combining better, and kept up a continual attack. A free to Drew placed Hack in possession, but his shot was marked by Ackland, who returned the ball with a long kick down the wing.

Glenelg were now getting into their stride again, but several attempts failed to bring results.

Determined play by the home team put Biddell in possession. He obtained a goal, placing his side in the lead. Continuing the attack, Norwood registered several minors before Schneider secured. Placing the ball on the ground he sent it safely through the central sticks with a fine kick.

The visitors were beginning to leave their men, and Norwood were reaping the benefit of this fault. Biddell and Lill obtained goals, and a number of minors followed in quick succession.

At last Glenelg broke away, and Johnston, running into an open goal, secured the first goal of the seashiders for the quarter.

The play was not as open as in the first quarter, and scrimmaging was frequent. Whitfield was playing a sterling game in defence and cleared repeatedly. Norwood were hot in attack when the bell rang. The quarter was decidedly in favor of Norwood, who had combined better and had infused more dash into their play.

Half-Time

NORWOOD 8-14
GLENELG 6-3

Glenelg took the offensive, but their forwards were out of position. Hoft was applauded for a brilliant run round the wing. Owens marked over Ackland, and from a difficult angle sent the ball through with a screw punt. Biddell fell over while waiting to receive the ball close in, but a few minutes later made amends with a goal from an angle. The game was fast and even, and both teams were fighting like tigers.

Clever play by C. Sallis placed Lloyd in possession, but from a brilliant effort he had the misfortune to hit a post. Then Biddell at the other end had a try close in, but with similar result. Lill was doing well at half-forward, where his high marking was having an important bearing on the game. Biddell secured his fourth, and his team's tenth, goal from a fine running shot. This was followed by another from Schneider. The seashiders' forwards were repeating their fault of coming out too far from the goals, with the result that they could not make full use of their opportunities.

Three-Quarter Time

NORWOOD 11-17
GLENELG 7-7

Norwood attacked from the bounce, but Mutton kicked out of bounds. A try by Lill was marked in the goalmouth by Murphy. Forcing the ball round the wing Glenelg placed Owens in possession, but his kick resulted in a minor. Davies was the next to have a shot, but his kick fell short. Norwood took a hand, and Schumacher cleverly evaded his opponents and brought up two flags. Maintaining the pressure they gave Mutton another chance, of which he made the best use.

Once more the red-and-blues attacked, and Lill capped a fine mark with a goal from well out.

At last the Bays broke away, and after a great deal of hard work their efforts were rewarded by goals from Owens and Drew. Biddell added another to his list of goals, and Schneider followed suit with another. Norwood were overpowering in their attack, and the efforts of the seashiders to turn their thrusts was of little avail.

When Owens eventually had a chance it was saved brilliantly by Ackland. It was only a flash in the pan, however, and Norwood were raining in attack after attack when the game closed.

Final Scores

NORWOOD 16-20
GLENELG 9-11

Goalkeepers.—Norwood—Biddell (5), Lill, Mutton, and Schneider (each 3), Daly and Schumacher. Glenelg—Owens (4), C. Sallis (2), Barbary, Johnston, and Drew.

Best Players.—Norwood—Wadham, Ackland, Lill, Biddell, Schneider, Mutton, Parker, and Symonds. Glenelg—Drew, Owens, C. Sallis, Handby, Exley, W. Hill, Johnston, and Hoft.

POSITION OF CLUBS

Club	P.	W.	L.	Points for agst.	Prem. Pts.
Port	1	1	—	99	46
Norwood	1	1	—	116	65
North	1	1	—	106	57
West	1	1	—	71	69
Sturt	1	—	1	69	71
Torrens	1	—	1	57	106
Glenelg	1	—	1	65	116
South	1	—	1	46	99

Leading Goalkickers

Dayman, L. C. (Port)	7
Biddell (Norwood)	5
Owens (Glenelg)	4
McGregor (West)	4
Doyle (North)	3
Lill (Norwood)	3
Logan (Port)	3
Mutton (Norwood)	3
Schumacher (Norwood)	3
Smith (Sturt)	3
Stokes (West)	3
Taylor (North)	3
Thomas (North)	3
Coldwell (Port)	2
Fleet (North)	2
Furler (North)	2
Herde (South)	2
Holton (Torrens)	2
McCarthy (Torrens)	2
Ryan, A. J. (South)	2
Sallis, C. (Glenelg)	2
Scrutton, G. (Sturt)	2
Townley (North)	2
Troughton (Torrens)	2

ATTENDANCES AND TAKINGS

Match	Attendance	Takings
Adelaide Oval—Port v. South	16,000	£614
Showgrounds—Sturt v. West	11,000	450
Prospect Oval—North v. Torrens	11,023	433

WEST V. STURT

A large crowd watched the inauguration of the football season on the Wayville West Showgrounds today, when Sturt and West Adelaide met. It was the first time a league match had been held at the showground.

Both teams fielded strong eighteens, but West Adelaide took the field without Snell, for whom they had been trying to obtain a clearance for some time. He had not recovered from an injury received in a practice match.

Newcomers in the red-and-black ranks were Batt, Schoff, and Elliott, and when the game began Batt occupied the central position. All the Sturt eighteen had had previous league experience with the Unley team, Bullock, who did not play last year, making a reappearance.

WEST 3-1 2-5 9-7 10-11
STURT 2-2 4-5 7-8 10-9

Goalkeepers.—West—McGregor (4), Stokes (3), Payne, Whitford, Solomon. Sturt—Smith (3), G. Scrutton (2), Weller, Martin, Bullock and C. and R. H. Whitehead.

Best players.—West—McGregor, Bishop, Chaplain, Jarvis, Stokes, Payne, Schoff, and Scanlon. Sturt—Richardson, C. Whitehead, Weller, Bullock, Smith, McGaffin, G. Scrutton, and Golding.

SOUTH V PORT

Old rivals in Port and South met at Adelaide Oval in the presence of a large crowd. Both sides were at full strength.

Neither side lacked pace. In defence, however, Port held an advantage by reason of weight and judgment.

PORT .. 3-3 7-7 10-11 14-15
SOUTH 1-1 4-2 5-7 6-10

Goalkeepers.—Port—Dayman (7), Logan (3), Coldwell (2), S. Wade and Galliford (each 1). South—A. J. Ryan and Herde (each 2), Gooden and Holmes (each 1).

Best Players.—Port—Dayman, Coldwell, Conole, Maywald, Bampton, S. Wade, Ween, and Hodge. South—Lewis, Oliver, Herde, Jackson, Gooden, Lingwood-Smith, A. J. Ryan, and Griffiths.

NORTH V. TORRENS

NORTH 1-5 5-10 6-13 15-16
TORRENS 3-3 5-4 6-8 8-9

Goalkeepers.—North—Thomas, Taylor, and Doyle (each 3), Fleet, Townley, and Furler (each 2). Torrens—McCarthy, Holton, and Troughton (2), Mills, and Karney.

Best Players.—North—Hyde, Doyle, Taylor, Moyle, Morris, McDonald, Conrad, and Thomas. Torrens—Hine, Maloney, Broderick, Hocking, McCarthy, Troughton, and Brown.

NOTES ON THE PLAY

WEST VICTORIOUS

Sturt Narrowly Beaten

In a breath-taking finish West Adelaide defeated Sturt within 20 seconds of time on the Showgrounds today by two points. Sturt were four goals behind at half-time, and played a great fighting game in the second half.

For West McGregor played like the champion he is. He kicked four goals, and it was an effort by him that enabled Stokes to kick the winning goal. In addition to playing a great game McGregor handled his side well.

Bishop, until injured in the third quarter, was responsible for a brilliant exhibition. Once in possession of the ball he sent it on to advantage, and his pace and dash were a feature.

Chaplin in the back lines marked brilliantly, and he had able assistants in Jarvis, Schoff, and Elliott.

Batt, playing his first game, did well at centre in the first half, but was subsequently overshadowed by Richardson.

Stokes, Payne, Thomas, Scanlon, and Bennett all showed good form, and Whitford until injured in the third quarter shaped well at half-forward.

For Sturt Richardson, who began badly, was perhaps the best, the Sturt revival after half-time being largely due to his dashing and effective play.

C. Whitehead was one of the best for Sturt, and he marked as well as any man on the ground.

McGaffin played well until he received an unusually heavy fall, and Bullock showed that a year's absence from the game has not taken away his ability.

Many of the Sturt men played in patches, Golding, Barron, G. and C. Scrutton, Riley, Martin, and R. H. Whitehead all being brilliant at times, without being consistent.

Sharp was one of the hardest workers in defence, and Smith was probably the pick of the forward division.

NIPPY PORT ADELAIDE

Sturt in Form

Dash, determination, and vigor characterized the play of Port Adelaide, who gained an easy victory over South Adelaide at the city oval. The magnies were always in the ascendancy, and promise to develop into a formidable combination.

South had not enough weight to counteract the vigorous methods adopted by the seashiders, and were robbed of frequent opportunities by the dash and nip of Port. South gave little evidence of combination, and must improve greatly if they are to get near the top.

Dayman gave supporters evidence of his marking ability. In the last half he was particularly effective in the air, and during the match converted seven shots into goals. He aided in securing others. Dayman was probably the best of the seashiders.

Across the centre Port held sway, Conole and Hodge being a dashing and determined pair. Both marked well and handled the ball with precision. Coldwell roved effectively and did good work in the forward lines.

In defence Port were solid and sure, their big men holding too many guns for the South attack. Bampton and Maywald displayed judgment and came through in fine fashion. S. Wade, one of the new men, gave promise. Others who did well were Ween, Galliford, and Melnes.

No player battled harder for South than Oliver. He covered a lot of ground and took much rough handling. Several times he started South goalward, but received little assistance.

Herde showed a determination lacking in many of his colleagues, and showed form on a wing. He kicked two fine place goals. Lewis was sure in defence, invariably clearing with a good kick, and Jackson lent able assistance. Others worthy of mention were Gooden, Lingwood-Smith (who marked well), A. J. Ryan, and Griffiths.

NORWOOD VICTORIOUS

Glenelg Player Injured

For the first match of the season the play at Norwood was highly satisfactory. It was fast, for the most part open, and the players displayed rare determination and dash. Right to the final bell the pace did not slacken. The play on both sides was unmarred by any untoward incidents.

Glenelg were unfortunate in losing the services of C. O'Malley, their vice-captain, just before the end of the first quarter. In endeavoring to turn quickly he strained the sinews of his right leg and was forced to leave the field. He was attended by Dr. L. J. Fellow, who anticipates that he will be fit to play again in a week.

A. S. Biddell showed remarkably good form in the Norwood forward division, and his five goals were the result of a fine effort. He is able to secure the ball for himself and does not hesitate to put his boot to it.

Keen interest was taken in the duel between Lill and Handby, and on the day the advantage was slightly in favor of the tall Norwood man. Lill was an important factor of the Norwood attack, and his marking and long, telling kicks were indirectly responsible for many of the goals secured.

S. E. Ackland was a tower of strength in the back line, where he was the means of breaking many Glenelg attacks. In addition he saved several goals in a spectacular manner.

C. Drew was one of the most active and useful men for the Glenelg team. Whether roving or placed he did everything required of him, and was the means of starting many of the seashiders' forward movements.

G. B. Johnston gave an impressive display for his first appearance in senior games. He has much to learn in the tricks of the game, but his determination and grit more than balanced that matter.

J. Owens secured four goals, all of which were well earned, and others who performed well were A. Exley, W. Hill, C. Sallis, and S. Gates.