

West Adelaide Head Football Premiership List

TORRENS WIN BY A POINT

Port Defeated in Thrilling Contest

WEST, STURT, AND NORTH VICTORIOUS

West Torrens provided a surprise in league football matches today by defeating Port Adelaide by a point.

Sturt were all out to defeat Glenelg by four points, but West Adelaide and North Adelaide had easy victories over Norwood and South respectively.

LAST HALF-MINUTE

Sturt Defeat Glenelg

SEASIDERS AGAIN UNLUCKY

With the issue in doubt until half a minute before time, Sturt managed to scrape home against unlucky Glenelg on the seashiders' oval this afternoon. Both teams were fully extended, and the even scoring from quarter to quarter indicated that there was little to choose between the eighteens.

It was Sturt's second trip of the season to Glenelg. On the previous occasion, after an exciting last quarter, the double-blues scraped home by a behind.

Glenelg, however, have improved considerably since then, and the seashiders took the field confident that they would overwhelm the visitors.

The only alteration in the Sturt eighteen was the inclusion of Guiney in the place of Bullock, who is on the injured list. On the other hand Glenelg relied on the same team which met Port Adelaide last Saturday.

Umpire R. T. R. Currie had charge of the game.

Seating and standing accommodation was fully occupied when the captains tossed. Favored by the spin of the coin, Handby took advantage of the breeze, which was blowing toward the southern goal. The match opened auspiciously, so far as the home team was concerned, and 20 seconds after play started Owens had scored full points. Another rush forward was frustrated by Golding, who was playing his 200th game, and the double-blues then had a turn at attacking.

Glenelg's backs, however, cleared, and soon had the ball their way. After Hack had kicked a minor Owens from a penalty added a goal.

Sturt showed a glimpse of form and a long kick by Riley sent the ball well in. After a period of scrambling work the same player secured again, and his effort was productive of a behind.

Riley marked brilliantly, and with a long kick pierced the big opening.

Two shots by Owens only scored minors. Sturt persistently attacked, and combined play between C. Whitehead and Guiney gave Richardson an opportunity. He registered the visitors' second major. Against the wind the double-blues were holding their opponents, and a goal to Guiney gave them a lead of four behinds.

Owens, however, with a snap kick once more put the yellow-and-blacks in front. Martin replied with a minor, but Glenelg were attacking when the term ended.

Quarter Time

GLENELG 3-4
STURT 3-2

A free to Hill carried play forward, but the ball was immediately returned. A flash of system again put the home team in a scoring position, and a behind was registered.

Handby marked well, and a quick move up the centre gave Hill a chance, and the first goal of the quarter was recorded. Richardson, from an easy scoring position, replied with a minor, but Guiney, who had an uninterrupted run from the eastern wing, booted a major and brought his side's score within two behinds of the home team.

The game up to date had not been productive of polished football, as both sides persisted in crowding the ball. On the ground the home side was if anything faster than their opponents, but in the air the double-blues had the better of the encounters.

Minors were added in the closing stages of the quarter by Rau, Barron, and G. Scrutton for Sturt, and Exley for the home team. Richardson was disappointing to the forward lines, and just as the bell rang he missed a particularly easy chance to kick a goal.

Half Time

GLENELG 4-7
STURT 4-6

Glenelg were first away, and after a couple of fruitless attempts to score Hoff was successful in piercing the big opening. C. Sallis saved well at the opposite end, but the double-blues immediately returned the ball. A try by Barron struck an opponent, and the home team was given a chance to clear.

Riley marking over the heads of his opponents forwarded. Martin secured, and with a fast run took the ball right in and registered a minor.

Riley in the next move supplemented the score with another behind. Points were added in reply by Owens and Hoff.

Glenelg were indulging in too much kicking out of bounds. Riley marked finely and Sexton did equally as well. Owens goaled from a penalty, and when Bail did likewise supporters of the yellow-and-blacks cheered wildly.

Glenelg were keeping a continual fire on Sturt's citadel, but numerous frees to the double-blue defenders were keeping down the scoring.

In the last minute of the quarter goals were added by Johnson and C. Whitehead.

Three-quarter Time

GLENELG 8-9
STURT 5-8

Glenelg were in the happy position at the last change in having a handy lead of 19 behinds, and right from the bounce the yellow-and-blacks instituted a number of determined thrusts. Golding marked right in the teeth of the goal, and in the next instant the ball was travelling toward Sturt goal, where Richardson capped the thrust, with full points.

Behinds in reply were kicked by Owens and Hill, and after play had travelled first from one end and then to the other Guiney scored a minor, and followed in the next thrust with a goal by C. Whitehead.

Three minutes before the end of the quarter Richardson goaled, and brought the scores within two points of each other. Martin, with a long kick, gave to Sturt, what appeared to be a winning lead, and though the yellow-and-blacks fought hard to gain victory the bell rang leaving them with a deficit of four points.

Final Scores

STURT 9-11
GLENELG 8-13

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Richardson (3), C. Whitehead, and Guiney (each 2), Riley, and Martin (each 1). Glenelg—Owens (4), Hoff, Hill, Johnson, and Bail (each 1).

Best Players.—Sturt—Wadham, Martin, Richardson, Guiney, Golding, C. Whitehead, and Barron. Glenelg—Handby, Hoff, L. and C. Sallis, Sexton, Johnson, Dunbar, and Thomson.

THRILLING FINISH

Torrens Snatch Victory

GALLANT FIGHT BY PORT

After one of the most thrilling finishes seen for years Torrens defeated Port by a point at Thebarton this afternoon.

It was a game of hard knocks and several players received injuries.

TORRENS 1-3 2-8 5-8 9-12
PORT 2-2 4-5 6-7 9-11

Best Players.—Torrens—Brown, Mills, Phillips, Kempster, Ashby, Ward, Broderick, Malloney. Port—Bampton, Ween, Wilkins, Mucklow, Hodge, and Dayman.

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Phillips (3), Kempster, and Mills (each 2), Conroy and Mincar. Port—Wilkins (3), Dayman (2), Galliford, Logan, Ween, and Allingham.

WERE SCORES CORRECT?

Officials Say Torrens Won

Hundreds of people remained outside the stand at Thebarton after the game between Port and Torrens, because they were doubtful regarding the final scores. The board indicated that the scores were:—Torrens, 9-12; Port, 9-11.

However, it was maintained that a point kicked by Dayman for Port near the end of the second quarter had not been registered, and that the result was a draw. It was officially stated later that the scores as shown were correct, and that Torrens had won by a point.

POSITION OF CLUBS

	P.	W.	L.	Pts. for agst.	Pts. Prem.
West	19	8	2	925	691
Port	10	8	2	823	626
Torrens	10	7	3	647	614
North	10	6	4	863	614
Sturt	10	6	4	714	722
Glenelg	10	2	8	767	896
Norwood	10	2	8	766	901
South	10	1	9	594	1035

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Owens (Glenelg)	57
Lozan (Port)	38
Ryan, A. J. (South)	33
Dayman (Port)	31
McGregor (West)	30
McCarthy (Torrens)	24
Biddell (Norwood)	23
Taylor (North)	20
Townley (North)	20
Bennetts (West)	19
Payne (West)	19
Scrutton (Sturt)	19
Mutton (Norwood)	17
Furler (North)	16
Thomas (North)	16
Bishop (West)	14
Kempster (Torrens)	14

ATTENDANCES AND TAKINGS

	Attendance	Takings
Thebarton Oval—		
Port v. Torrens	15,148	£398
Norwood Oval—		
Norwood v. West	8,400	327
Glenelg Oval—		
Glenelg v. Sturt	7,500	300
Adelaide Oval—		
North v. South	7,000	228
Grand totals	33,048	£1,463

NOTES ON THE PLAY

STURT SCRAPE HOME

Hard Fought Game

The fates were against Glenelg again today. After a keenly contested game against Sturt, when victory appeared almost certain, supporters of the yellow-and-blacks saw the visitors sweep through half a minute before the end of the final term and achieve success by the narrow margin of four points.

For the winners Wadham was one of the outstanding men, and his exhibition on the back line was that of a finished player. Repeatedly he repelled Glenelg onslaughts and his kicking and marking were almost faultless.

Riley, as usual, played a useful game, and at times delighted spectators with his fine aerial feats. However, he was not so prominent as when playing against Norwood, but on the whole his display was good.

In the goalmouth Golding was sure and rarely was he beaten when endeavoring to clear. During the afternoon he took some exceptionally fine marks.

Martin, whether following or in a position, was always in the thick of the game, and the goal kicked by him in the last half-minute of the match brought victory.

Richardson, though disappointing at times, played solidly, and his tally of three goals gave him goalkicking honors of the afternoon so far as his side was concerned.

For the losers Sexton, who occupied a post across the centre line, was one of the best. He displayed rare skill and judgment in going for the ball and getting rid of it. He was given a trophy in recognition of his sterling display.

Barbary and C. Scrutton had duel after duel across the wing, but the former was a little too good for his opponent.

Handby, though suffering from a severe cold, was constantly to the fore, and his nippiness on the ground stood him in good stead.

Owens, though he kicked four goals, did not play as well as usual.

WEST WIN WELL

Too Brilliant for Norwood

HIGH SCORING GAME

Establishing a big lead almost from the bounce of the ball at Norwood today West Adelaide led the home team a hopeless chase. Thrice Norwood threatened to get within reasonable distance of their opponents, but every time they rose to the occasion and soon drew away from the red-and-blues.

WEST 6-3 8-3 15-3 17-9
NORWOOD 1-2 5-5 9-7 13-7

Goalkickers:—West—Bennetts (7), McGregor (6), Payne (2), Bennett and Batt. Norwood—Mutton (4), Biddell (3), Johnson (2), Wadham, Conlon, Main, and Whitfield.

Best Players:—West—McGregor, Bennetts, Suell, Schoff, Solomon, Chaplin, and Bishop. Norwood—Lill, Scott, Biddell, Mutton, Simmons, Wadham, Daly, and Johnson.

SEVEN GOALS MARGIN

North Overpower South

INACCURATE KICKING

Though North won by a comfortable margin the game at Adelaide this afternoon was not uninteresting. At times South held the upper hand, and it was only inaccurate shooting which kept the southerners' score so low.

NORTH 5-2 8-5 13-10 14-16
SOUTH 3-4 3-8 6-11 7-14

Goalkickers:—North—Townley, Thomas, Taylor (3 each), Furler, Williams (2 each), Moyle. South—A. J. Ryan (4), Oliver (2), Tally.

Best players:—North—Thomas, Ween, Hawke, Townley, Taylor, Morris, Conrad, Munn. South—Jackson, Lingwood-Smith, Oliver, A. J. Ryan, Lewis, May, Mackay, Griffiths.



BRUCE MCGREGOR, captain of West Adelaide, who has been suggested for the captaincy of the interstate team.