

# West Hold Clear Lead in Minor Premiership Struggle

## TORRENS NARROWLY BEATEN

### Sturt Spring Surprise on North

#### PORT AND NORWOOD VICTORIOUS

Sturt sprang a surprise upon North and the football public today by defeating the red-and-whites on the Unley Oval by the substantial margin of 32 points.

West Adelaide defeated Torrens at Wayville after a stubborn contest. Norwood just scraped home by five points against Glenelg. Port easily accounted for South at Alberton.

#### Position of Clubs

	Pts.	Prem.
West	13 10 3 1205	903 20
Port	13 9 4 1012	825 18
Torrens	13 9 4 925	874 18
North	13 8 5 1070	825 16
Sturt	13 8 5 926	898 16
Norwood	13 4 9 1012	1152 8
Glenelg	13 3 10 961	1120 6
South	13 1 12 783	1297 2

#### Leading Goalkickers

Owens (Glenelg)	65
Logan (Port)	47
Ryan, A. J. (South)	42
McCarthy (Torrens)	35
Dayman (Port)	32
Bennetts (West)	31
McGregor (West)	31
Scrutton, G. (Sturt)	27
Payne (West)	26
Taylor (North)	25
Biddell (Norwood)	25
Townley (North)	24
Furler (North)	23
Mutton (Norwood)	20
Thomas (North)	20

## STURT WIN EASILY

### North Show Poor Form

#### BRILLIANT GAME BY RILEY

After beginning confidently against Sturt at Unley today North Adelaide unaccountably lost their fighting spirit, and when Sturt staged a brilliant second half the red-and-whites were outplayed and outplayed. Sturt undoubtedly were the better team on the day.

STURT 3-1 5-3 8-4 11-5  
NORTH 2-7 2-11 3-14 4-15

Goalkickers.—Sturt—G. Scrutton (5), A. Smith (2), C. Whitehead, Brady, Barron, Bullock, North—Taylor (2), Furler and Hyde.

Best Players.—Sturt—Riley, Smith, G. and C. Scrutton, McGaffin, Whitehead, and Richardson. North—Hawke, McDowall, Furler, Thomas, Ween, Hargreaves, and Dillway.

## HIGH-SCORING GAME

### West Outstay Torrens

#### NECK-AND-NECK STRUGGLE

Superior stamina enabled West to defeat Torrens in a stirring tussle at Wayville this afternoon. Both teams were at their top throughout, and the match was replete with thrilling and exciting incidents.

WEST 4-4 8-6 13-7 18-10  
TORRENS 4-2 8-4 12-5 16-7

Best Players.—West—Bennetts, J. Bishop, Bennett, Payne, Thomas, McGregor, Stokes, and Chaplin. Torrens—McCarthy, Geue, Conroy, Ward, Broderick, Floet, and Troughton.

Goalkickers.—West—Bennetts (5), Payne (4), Thomas and Stokes (each 2), Bishop, Solomon, McGregor, Jarvis, and Batt. Torrens—McCarthy (5), Geue (3), Mills, Troughton, and Foote (each 2), Minear, Hoeking.

## PORT ALL THE WAY

### Getting Back to Form

#### VIGOROUS FOOTBALL

Against South at Alberton Port showed glimpses of the form that characterised their play early in the season. Winning comfortably, they always held the upper hand, and in vigorous ground play, aerial work, and kicking were the superior team. South could not combat the determination of the magpies.

PORT 5-2 10-6 13-10 16-12  
SOUTH 2-2 6-2 6-5 7-8

Goalkickers.—Port—Logan and Conole (each 5), Utting (3), Galliford, Wade, and N. McInnes. South—Herde (3), A. J. Ryan (2), Oliver and Robertson.

Best Players.—Port—Maywald, Mucklow, Conole, Johnson, Logan, Utting, Allingham, and Hodge. South—Oliver, Herde, A. J. Ryan, Robertson, C. Ryan, Green, and O'Malley.

## LAST-QUARTER WIN

### Norwood Just Get Home

#### GLENELG UNLUCKY AGAIN

Norwood finished too strongly for Glenelg at Glenelg this afternoon, and converted a 21-point deficit at "lemons" into a 5-point advantage at the final bell.

It was the third meeting this season of the teams. Glenelg was strongly represented, but Norwood were without the services of Whitfield and Conlon. Close and Errington played in their stead.

Umpire F. S. C. Saxby had charge of the match.

There was only a moderate attendance when the game commenced.

The visitors were first away, but a free to Dunbar relieved the tension. Handby was prominent in defence, and after repelling two determined attacks the home team was given an opportunity to score. After L. Sallis had kicked out of bounds C. Drew raised a single flag.

Johnson equalised for the red-and-blues, after Lill had starred at the centre. Ackland played well in defence.

Lill and Wadham were prominent in a forward move which culminated in Palmer notching the first goal of the afternoon. In the next thrust Schneider snapped a six-pointer after Palmer had passed to him.

Wadham kicked a minor, and Lill put his side in a scoring position again, but the ball went out. Luck favored the home team at last, and their first goal was notched by Bail. Behinds were added by Palmer and Lloyd, and for the next few minutes play was all the home team's way.

Norwood then took charge, and Wadham broke through and added his side's third major. C. Sallis stopped another scoring shot right in the teeth of the goal, and was instrumental in setting in motion a yellow-and-black attack. Owens, however, kicked wildly, but Exley did better when the ball came his way. The score was instantly supplemented with another six-pointer by Hoff. Schneider added a minor for his side as the bell rang.

#### Quarter Time

NORWOOD 3-4  
GLENELG 3-3

Biddell opened Norwood's account with a minor. The passing of both sides was erratic. The red-and-blues were quicker on the ground than their opponents, and for the first five minutes of the quarter play was all their way. A goal was kicked by Palmer, and a behind was added by Biddell.

L. Sallis replied with a minor, while Thompson, from a free, kicked his side's fourth major. Two behinds now separated the scores, but Owens gave his team the lead with a snap goal.

Lill marked brilliantly, and Leverington did equally as well in defence. After a period of centre play Norwood went ahead, and a try by Wadham hit one of the big posts.

L. Sallis replied with a major, which was increased by another six points by Lloyd. Biddell with a long kick added a minor as the quarter terminated.

#### Half Time

GLENELG 7-4  
NORWOOD 4-9

The home team had an advantage of 13 behinds when the term commenced, and Owens missed an easy chance to score, but he made no mistake when the ball came his way again.

Norwood rallied, and a try by Wadham went through the small opening. The kick off was taken by Exley, but the visitors quickly returned the ball, but Glenelg backs proved too strong. Snatching up the ball from the wing Lloyd dashed goalward, and capped his fine effort by booting



J. OWENS

#### ANOTHER RECORD BY OWENS

By kicking three goals today J. Owens, the Glenelg and State goalsneak, eclipsed his own State record of 64 goals in a season put up last year.

His total this year is 65, and four matches still remain to be played.

a major. Biddell kicked out, and another try for the visitors was staged by Sallis.

Norwood's kicking for goal was shocking, but Biddell heartened supporters by notching a six-pointer. Close did like wise when he marked a yard or so from the big opening. Thompson replied with a minor, and with his next kick he scored another single.

Hoff with a place kick scored the sea-siders' tenth goal, but Norwood were soon in a scoring position again. O'Malley cleared, and as the bell rang Barbary notched a minor.

#### Three-quarter Time

GLENELG 10-7  
NORWOOD 6-10

Norwood were in arrears to the extent of 21 points when the quarter commenced. Cornelius goaled for the visitors after the home team had threatened danger.

Owens replied with a similar score for the yellow-and-blacks, while Wadham added a minor for the visitors.

Owens did likewise for his team. After kicking a minor Close snapped a major.

A flash of system carried the ball Norwood's way, and Wadham snapped a minor. The visitors were away from the kick-off, and goals were added in quick succession by Schneider and Biddell. A point now only separated the scores.

Supporters of the red-and-blues cheered wildly when Palmer goaled, and gave his side an advantage of five points.

In the closing stages behinds were added in favor of both teams.

#### Final Scores

NORWOOD 11-14  
GLENELG 11-9

Goalkickers.—Biddell, Close, Cornelius, Schneider, and Palmer (each 2), Wadham (1), Glenelg—Owens (3), Hoff, Lloyd (each 2), L. Sallis, Bail, Thompson, and Exley (each 1).

Best Players.—Norwood—Lill, Ackland, Schneider, Scott, Wadham, and Simmons. Glenelg—Lloyd, Hoff, Barbary, Handby, Thompson, C. Sallis, and Exley.

#### Attendances and Takings

Showground—	Attendance.	Takings.
(Torrens v. West)	14,950	£627
Unley Oval—		
(North v. Sturt)	9,000	371
Alberton Oval—		
(Port v. South)	6,400	242
Glenelg Oval—		
(Glenelg v. Norwood)	4,100	185
Grand totals	34,450	£1,405

#### Matches for Next Saturday

A GRADE  
Adelaide Oval—Norwood v. Torrens.  
Alberton Oval—North v. Port.  
Glenelg Oval—Glenelg v. South.  
Unley Oval—Sturt v. West.

## NOTES ON THE PLAY

### GREAT STURT VICTORY

#### Red-and-Whites Outplayed

After beginning well against Sturt today, but kicking poorly, North fell right away. Playing a brilliant second half, Sturt overwhelmed the red-and-whites and won easily by 32 points.

Riley, of Sturt, was the best man on the ground. He was hardly beaten in the air all day, and in the third quarter it was his dazzling play which enabled his team to establish an ascendancy which they never lost until the final bell.

G. Scrutton was responsible for five goals, and he was always dangerous. Today's performance was his best for the year.

C. Whitehead, with Riley, shouldered the bulk of the ruck work, and in this department Sturt more than held their own. There is no doubt about Whitehead being a greatly improved footballer.

Smith was under notice with brilliant work in the forward lines, and he appears to be equally at home either in attack or defence.

C. Scrutton played a good second half on the wing, and Hawker, McGaffin, Wadham, and Golding were all reliable in defence.

Barron, without being brilliant, played a useful game, and so did Sharp and Richardson. Brady was not a success as goalsneak.

For North Hawke and Hargreaves on the centre line were probably the best performers. Unlike many of the wearers of the red-and-white, they battled the game out until the bitter end.

Ween was another northerner who fought with determination, and Furler and Thomas in the first half played brilliantly.

McDonnell had a lot of the ball, and Dillway, McDowall, Munn, and Moyle played solid games. Morris, though he took one or two sensational marks, had a quiet day.

### STAMINA TELLS

#### Norwood's Fine Finish

In a thrilling last quarter Norwood snatched victory from Glenelg by the narrow margin of five points. At the change previous to the final term the home team had a lead of 21 behinds, and seemed to have the game in their keeping.

However, the superior system and better staying powers of the red-and-blues told their tale, and within 10 minutes of the termination of the game the visitors had victory within reach.

For the winners Schneider played a sterling game, and as a rover he had no equal. An injury in the last half weakened his display considerably, but until the bell rang he battled on gamely, and rendered good service to his side.

Lill across the centre was at his best, and his was carnival form. He marked brilliantly, and his long kicks toward goal gave his side numerous opportunities to score.

Whether following or in a place, Wadham was always prominent, while Scott played a sterling game in defence.

Others who did well for the visitors were Simmons and Ackland.

As a side, Glenelg played well, but the team tired toward the end of the game. Barbary gave a dashing exhibition on the wing, and Handby played a solid game in defence.

Lloyd, Exley, and Sexton were a trio who acquitted themselves well, while as a goalkeeper C. Sallis was almost unbeatable.

Thompson was another Glenelg man whose performance was full of merit.

Though Owens kicked three goals, his display was not as good as usual. To an extent this is accountable to the fact that he was closely watched by the opposing backs.

### PORT TOO STRONG

#### South Defeated Comfortably

Port supporters were pleased with the display of the side against South at Alberton. Determination marked their play throughout, and in the air they were supreme. One of the most pleasing features to Port supporters was the improved forward work shown by the magpies.

South were not in the form displayed by the side in recent games. From the first quarter Port gradually widened the margin between the scores, and superior play gave them a comfortable victory.

Conole and Logan performed in grand fashion, and in contributing five goals each they aided greatly in the victory. Logan scouted well in the first half, but toward the end of the game his clubmates did not find him so frequently. Conole marked and kicked strongly.

Maywald performed in able style at half-back, using good judgment and passing well. Mucklow on a wing handled the ball a great deal, and was much too good for his opponent. Utting was a solid grafter, but poor kicking marred his efforts. Johnson, Allingham, and Hodge were the best of the others.

Some of the South players did not perform up to usual standard. Oliver was probably the most useful. Whenever in possession he opened up play with a good kick or pass, but many of the others blundered by kicking high punts.

Robertson and O'Malley were frequently noticed for good play, and Green and C. Ryan flashed out occasionally. A. J. Ryan was not so prominent as usual, but he strove hard for his side. Herde tried hard in attack, but he had few opportunities. Bushman and Howard, the new men, were not impressive.