

Port, Norwood, North and Sturt Victorious in Opening Matches

REDLEGS MAKE HISTORY

First Time West Defeated on Home Ground

NORWOOD A VASTLY IMPROVED COMBINATION

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In defeating West Adelaide (premiers of last season) at Wayville West today Norwood made football history, as this reverse constitutes the first that the redoubtable red-and-blacks have sustained at their headquarters in league contests.

Although it is difficult to conjecture how West would have fared but for their heavy injury list, the game today clearly demonstrated that the redlegs are a vastly improved combination, and bid fair to regain their former prestige.

The recent rains had made the Wayville grounds ideal for football, and considering that it was the first match of the season the exhibition was good and provided interesting entertainment.

The feature of the team play of Norwood was their partial return to their former hard bumping game, each player getting right into the play and not sparing himself. The main point of the play of West, as compared with last season, was, in my opinion, the fact that their defence, although good, was not quite up to form.

The feature of the match was the high

standard of football for an opening game, and an improvement as a result of the interpretation by Umpire Hill of the new holding the ball rule. The result of this seems to be that there will be fewer frees for holding the man than formerly, and a consequent tendency toward a go-through game.

NORWOOD	2-2	5-6	9-8	15-13
WEST	1-4	4-8	7-10	8-11

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Johnson (3), Whitfield, Bent, Krome, Siggins, Matton (each 2), Wadhams and Wilson. West—Bennetts (4), McGregor (2), Stokes, Batt.

	POSITION OF CLUBS				Points. Prem.	
	P.	W.	L.	for.	ag.	Pts.
Norwood	1	1	—	103	59	2
North	1	1	—	93	65	2
Sturt	1	1	—	63	47	2
Port	1	1	—	91	84	2
Glenelg	1	—	1	84	91	—
Torrens	1	—	1	47	63	—
South	1	—	1	66	93	—
West	1	—	1	59	103	—

Leading Goalkickers

Bennetts (West)	4
Troughton (Torrens)	4
Bail (Glenelg)	3
Downs (South)	3
Johnson (Norwood)	3
Owens (Glenelg)	3
Robertson (South)	3
A. J. Ryan (South)	3
Rush (North)	3
Townley (North)	3

NORTH DEFEAT SOUTH

STANDARD OF PLAY FAIR

Victors Show Better System

After an interesting contest North defeated South by 27 points at Adelaide Oval today. The red-and-whites registered 13 goals 15 behinds, and South 10 goals 6 behinds.

North began with uncertainty, but improved as the game progressed. After the long interval they instilled more system into their play, which hitherto had been a trifle congested. South appear to be an improved combination. At half-time they were only four points behind their opponents. In the early stages they were slightly superior to North in their marking, but at the finish the tall members in the ranks of the northerners were marking strongly.

NORTH	4-2	7-7	10-10	13-15
SOUTH	3-1	7-3	8-6	10-6

Goalkickers.—North—Townley and Rush (each 3), Taylor (2), Munn, Thomas, Furler, Pätzner, and Hawke. South—A. J. Ryan, Robertson, and Downs (each 3), and Margitich.

STURT VANQUISH TORRENS

Double Blues Superior in Air

VIGOROUS CONTEST

Brilliant marking and long kicking were features of the match between Sturt and West Torrens at Thebarton Oval.

The double-blues led at the end of each term, and won by 16 points.

Recent rains had left the oval in excellent condition. Umpire T. Plew had charge of the game.

Throughout a strenuously fought contest, Sturt retained the advantage gained in the initial minutes of the game. Torrens, however, did not lose heart, and strived hard for supremacy, with the result that onlookers were provided with a vigorous exhibition of football.

Sturt were far superior in the air, and as far as possible kept the ball out of reach of their opponents. Torrens, on the other hand, tried to reach the goal with forceful tactics.

From the outset Torrens' defenders were kept busy repelling attacks for 10 minutes. Hine, their goalkeeper, left the uprights with judgment and was prominent all the afternoon. His kicking off was all that could be desired.

During the past month there has been much discussion on finicky football, and players, as well as umpires, have been criticised for the gentle nature of the game played in South Australia, as compared with that witnessed in the other States. Bearing this in mind, each team used every ounce of weight at its disposal, and hard and frequent bumping was in evidence throughout the match. The game, too, was not altogether free from spite.

The new holding rule allowed plenty of scope for the "come through" type of football, and players secured a good hold on their opponents who were frequently thrown to the ground. This resulted in numerous scrambles. Nevertheless many fine exchanges occurred, and the ball, being accurately handled or foot-passed, travelled quickly from goal to goal.

STURT	3-6	6-7	6-12	7-21
TORRENS	0-2	4-3	6-3	7-5

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Martin, Rose, and C. Whitehead (each 2), Barron, Torrens—Troughton (4), Karney, Franklin, and Williamson.

Schoolboys at Play

Before the Glenelg-Port match at Glenelg Oval this afternoon a match was played between St. Leonards and Brighton Schools. Final scores:—

ST. LEONARDS	14-9
BRIGHTON	5-5

Scott won the trophy for the best player in the St. Leonards team and Chapman for Brighton.

PORT VICTORIOUS

Glenelg Lose by Seven Points

KEEN STRUGGLE

Glenelg Oval was visited by one of the largest crowds in its history today for the match between Glenelg and Port.

The visitors won a keen contest by seven points.

Umpire Quinn had charge of the game.

In the first quarter both teams were finding their feet, and little system was infused into the play. Bad kicking was frequent and passing was faulty. Port won the game in the second quarter, when they overwhelmed the opposition. They predominated in the air, and to take full advantage of this sent the ball forward with long, well-directed kicks. On the ground they shepherded better, and appeared always to be in front of their immediate opponents when the ball was sent their way.

After the long interval Glenelg clapped on the pace, and kept the ball low. Both teams bumped hard and frequently. The gold-and-blacks hustled their opponents throughout, and did not allow them to develop the system which had been so successful in the previous term. Both teams settled down to the last quarter with a will, and there was little advantage either way. Glenelg players, however, did not watch their men as closely as Port.

Port were first to advance, and Terrell placed Ween in possession. His shot produced only a single, but Quinn made amends with full points a few minutes later. Glenelg rushed a point, but the visitors continued to hold sway. Handby and Sallis were prominent in defence. Through the agency of Lloyd and Drew Owens was given a chance, but again one flag was raised. Hack kicked a goal from a penalty kick, and Olliver followed with another.

Continuing to press goalward, Glenelg gave Bail an opportunity of which he made the best use. Rushing the ball to the other end, Port placed K. Johnson in possession. A good try struck a goalpost. Mucklow produced a point with a long kick, that was worthy of better results. Keal registered a goal before the bell rang, leaving Glenelg with an advantage of six points.

Ween sent Port forward, but Johnston and L. Sallis relieved. Cornell and Keal returned the ball, and Dayman had a place shot. His kick fell short, but Wade picked up cleverly and snapped full points.

ALLINGHAM DOMINATES CENTRE

Allingham was dominating the centre at this stage. Another goal came from the boot of Ween before the home team took a hand, and points were added by Hack and Owens.

Their advance was shortlived, and V. Johnson registered a full pointer. Ter-

rell was the next to score a goal, and then a shot by Cornell was touched as it passed through the posts. Port continued to hammer at the goal, and Cornell made amends with a major. Wade added another, putting his team 30 points in the lead.

Glenelg opened determinedly in the third quarter. Hack brought up the two flags, and then Dayman produced similar results for Port. Owens sent the ball through, and then a shot by Percy bounced through an undefended goal. Port retaliated with a goal from K. Johnson, and Bail next added two in succession for the home team. O'Malley, who had been quiet in the early stages of the game, was defending well. Owens put on the ninth goal for Glenelg before the bell rang, leaving his side with a deficit of eight points.

Fighting grimly to maintain their advantage, Port placed K. Johnson in possession, and he added a full pointer. Johnston, who was now playing brilliantly, registered two goals in quick succession for Glenelg, bringing them within a point of their opponents. The crowd was cheering every move. Ween improved the position of his side with a goal, and Dayman made it safe with another. Handby was battling like a tiger in defence. Owens brought up two flags, but the time was too short for the gold-and-blacks to retrieve their position. They had a deficit of seven points when the game closed.

In addition to leading his team well, V. Johnson played good football throughout. M. Allingham had a marked influence on the game by his telling work at centre, and N. Terrell played like a veteran at centre half-forward. A. Cornell showed promise of developing into a champion ruckman.

J. Handby was the outstanding player for Glenelg, turning back attack after attack. Fine support was rendered him by L. Sallis and C. O'Malley in the latter half of the game. A. Hack was outstanding in the first half, and G. B. Johnston did well in the closing stages. His marking and kicking in the last quarter was exceptional.

First Quarter

GLENELG	3-5
PORT	2-5

Second Quarter

PORT	8-7
GLENELG	3-7

Third Quarter

PORT	10-11
GLENELG	9-9

Final

PORT	15-13
GLENELG	12-12

Goalkickers.—Port—Ween, K. Johnson, Dayman, and Wade (each 2), Quinn, Keal, V. Johnson, Terrell, Cornell. Glenelg—Bail and Owens (each 3), G. B. Johnston and Hack (each 2), Olliver and Percy.

LARGE ATTENDANCES

Spectators Number 34,486

Showground	Attendances	Takings
West (Norwood v. Thebarton Oval)	9,950	£507
(Sturt v. Torrens)	9,436	£449
Adelaide Oval (North v. South)	9,100	£351
Glenelg Oval (Glenelg v. Port)	6,000	£295
Grand totals	34,486	£1,602

TIGER FOR L. SALLIS

Gift of Club Supporters

Prior to the Port-Glenelg match at Glenelg Oval this afternoon Mr. H. S. Rugless (Mayor of Glenelg) handed to L. Sallis (captain) a small cloth tiger which had been purchased by his well-wishers. They hoped that it would bring him and the club luck during the coming season.

In response Sallis thanked the donors through the mayor for the gift, and expressed the hope that the team would do well.