

Port by Defeating North Gain League Football Minor Premiership

MAGPIES UNDERESTIMATED

EASY WIN AFTER BRIGHT FIRST HALF

Accident to Lewis Causes North Collapse

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Although Port always held the upper hand at Alberton today, North for the first half of the game made it an interesting tussle. When Lewis was carried from the ground in the third term suffering from a broken leg the red-and-whites collapsed, and Port ran out easy winners.

Port thus made sure of the minor premiership, and congratulations must be extended to them. They are in the happy position of having confounded their critics, and I, for one, must admit having underestimated their worth earlier in the season.

I think that they owe their success principally to an excellent club spirit, for which those responsible are to be commended.

BEST SCORE FOR SEASON

WEST OVERWHELM GLENELG

Great First Quarter Effort

West provided one of the finest exhibitions of the season in defeating Glenelg at the Bay. The seashiders could not cope with the precision with which the red-and-blacks drove home their attacks.

J. Owens, the brilliant Glenelg goalsneak, received an ovation when he broke his own State record of 80 goals.

Both terms were as published. Umpire L. Whitford had charge of the game.

Winning the toss, McGregor elected to kick to the southern goal, which was favored by a fresh breeze. Glenelg were first to go forward, but the movement was broken by McGregor. He instituted a counter move that brought a goal from Stokes. West sent the ball unerringly from man to man, and in three minutes had recorded three goals.

They continued in similar vein, and attack after attack was launched. Headed by J. Handby, the opposing defenders battled desperately to stem the overwhelming rushes of the red-and-blacks. They could make no impression, however, and with systematic passes West reached 8 goals 1 behind before the seashiders opened their score.

Rosewarne snapped a single from a scrimmage, but the attack was not sustained. The ball was carried to the other end, where two goals came in rapid succession. Glenelg forced the ball round the eastern wing, and Owens raised the maximum. The seashiders hammered away for a time for a couple of singles, and then West took command. Three additional goals were scored by them before the close of the quarter.

With the change of ends Glenelg proved more capable of checking the rushes of their opponents. Connell (West) called up both flags, but after Glenelg had produced a series of singles Winkler broke through with full points. The remainder of the quarter was fairly even, although West were always dangerous.

After the long interval West set about increasing their lead. Snell was doing a great deal of work at centre. Handby defended valiantly, but he had a difficult task in coping with the cool rushes of the city men. A goal from McGregor just prior to the bell left West with an advantage of 13 goals.

A great cheer went up when Owens kicked his eightieth goal for the season, thus equalling his State record. An even

PORT 5-4 8-6 13-9 18-13
NORTH 3-0 5-3 7-5 9-8

Goalkeepers.—Port—Dayman (8), Keal and Coldwell (each 3). Quinn, and Logan (each 2). North—Tucker and H. Hawke (each 3), McDowall (2), and Williams.

Best Players.—Port—Dayman, Hodge, Keal, R. Johnson, Mucklow, Galliford, and Logan. North—McDowall, McInnes, Conrad, Pfitzner, Ramsay, and Taylor.

Missing West Goal

When the first quarter of the match between West and Glenelg ended the scoring board showed West, 13-4; Glenelg, 1-3. These scores tallied with figures kept by pressmen and club timekeepers.

The West score, however, was altered to 12-4 following on instructions from the goal umpires, and for the remainder of the match the tally on the board was one goal behind the figures kept by the press. Official scores at the close of the game were:—West, 29-17; Glenelg, 15-10.

greater ovation greeted him when he added another and established a new record. West rattled on a couple of goals, and then Owens put on two more in rapid succession. The last goal of the day came from the boot of Williams. He was the ninth West player to call up both flags during the afternoon.

Scores:—

First Quarter	
WEST	13-4
GLENELG	1-3
Second Quarter	
WEST	17-7
GLENELG	6-10
Third Quarter	
WEST	23-13
GLENELG	10-13
Final	
WEST	30-17
GLENELG	15-16

Goalkeepers.—West—McGregor (8), Stokes and Batt (each 3), Bennetts (4), Snell, Bishop, and Payne (each 2), Connell, and Williams. Glenelg—Owens (7), Winkler (3), Hack (2), W. Hill, Johnston and Keam.

Best Players.—West—Snell, McGregor, Stokes, Batt, Connell, Chaplin, Payne, Glenelg.—Handby, W. Hill, Hack, Leverington, Johnston, Rosewarne, and Winkler.

NOTES ON THE GAMES

CONVINCING FORM

Fine Combination of West

Form of West at Glenelg today was most convincing, as the players displayed fine combination rather than brilliant individual efforts.

R. Snell was always under notice at centre, and initiated many successful attacks. He handled the ball with skill, and disposed of it to best advantage. Two goals came from his boot.

B. McGregor was a tower of strength whether rucking or placed. He was the leading goalkicker for the day, eight full-pointers coming from him.

A. Stokes and F. R. Batt were active and elusive forwards. Each contributed five goals.

W. R. Chaplin defended strongly, and was responsible for breaking down a number of Glenelg attacks. He was well supported by J. Church, who was playing his first game with the team. Church gave a cool and clever exhibition.

In kicking seven goals for Glenelg, J. Owens created a new State record. He first gained the record in 1926, when he booted 64 goals. He established another with 80 goals last year.

J. Handby battled gamely in defence throughout the match, but the overwhelming rushes of the red-and-blacks were too persistent. Had it not been for his efforts, however, the West score would have been greater.

G. B. Johnston thrilled the crowd with some brilliant marks, and was always in the thick of the fray.

C. J. Leverington was frequently under notice for effective work roving, and was actively associated with a number of successful Glenelg attacks.

P. Winkler and R. Rosewarne gave a good account of themselves in the forward lines. Both displayed resourcefulness, and drove the ball into the goalmouth with telling kicks.

W. Hill battled hard in the ruck, and defended in rare style when off the ball.

POSITIONS OF CLUBS

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points	Prem.
Port	17	14	3	—	1480	1248 28
West	17	13	4	—	1700	1228 26
Norwood	17	10	7	—	1323	1258 20
North	17	9	7	1	1355	1367 19
Torrens	17	7	8	2	1184	1235 16
Sturt	17	6	9	2	1291	1436 14
Glenelg	17	4	13	—	1397	1658 8
South	17	2	14	1	1257	1557 5

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Owens Breaks Own Record

By kicking seven goals against West today J. Owens, Glenelg goalsneak, broke his own record of 80 for 17 matches which he established last year. The record is now 83.

Owens (Glenelg)	83
Bennetts (West)	70
Margitich (South)	47
McGregor (West)	44
Dayman (Port)	41
Tucker (North)	39
Troughton (Torrens)	37
H. Hawke (North)	35
Krome (Norwood)	32
Galliford (Port)	31

Leading goalkickers today were:—Dayman (Port) and McGregor (West), each 8; Owens (Glenelg), 7; Stokes and Batt (West), each 5; Bennetts (West), Margitich (South), Quinn (Torrens), and Wadham (Norwood), each 4.

NORWOOD DEFEAT SOUTH

Winners Superior in the Air

VICTORY BY 25 POINTS

Except in the last few minutes when Norwood forged ahead with a spirited burst, South kept within easy range of their opponents at Adelaide Oval. Final score:—Norwood, 15-18; South, 12-11.

The redlegs owed their victory to surer handling of the ball and superior high flying, but South proved formidable opponents.

NORWOOD	3-0	8-9	10-14	15-18
SOUTH	1-5	6-7	9-9	12-11

Goalkeepers.—Norwood—Wadham (4), Krome, Mutton (each 3), Heffernan (2), Biddell, Plumstead, and Gleeson. South—Margitich (4), Tully, Herde (each 3), Gardiner, and Oliver.

Best Players.—Norwood—Lill, Applebee, Wadham, Johns, Krome, Mutton, Heffernan, and Sorrell. South—A. J. Ryan, Jaffer, Gardiner, Donaghey, Jackson, Herde, Tully, and Griffin.

ELEVENTH-HOUR RECOVERY

Torrens Draw With Sturt

EXCITING UNLEY GAME

Torrens and Sturt had an interesting tussle at Unley in their last match of the season. Fine football was seen on occasions.

Sturt began with a brilliant first quarter, when, aided by the wind, they secured a substantial lead. For the rest of the game Torrens were hard on their heels. A draw was obtained in the last five minutes of the game.

STURT	7-4	7-6	9-10	12-10
TORRENS	1-2	4-8	7-11	11-16

Goalkeepers.—Sturt—Dunn (3), Barron, Chapman, N. Faulds (each 2), Bateman, Martin, and James. Torrens—Quinn (4), Geo (3), Broderick, Madden, C. Williams, and Kearns.

Best Players.—Sturt—Stuart, Barron, Bateman, Dunn, C. Scrutton, Martin, Chapman, and Simpson. Torrens—Glen, Osborn, Read, Hocking, Knight, Hine, Broderick, and Quinn.

ATTENDANCES DECLINE

Falling Off of 91,521

Attendance at football matches today brought the total attendances for the season to 510,845, and takings to £24,068.

The total attendance last year was 602,366, and receipts were £23,460.

Attendances and revenue figures today were as follow:—

	Attendance	Takings
Alberton Oval (North v. Port)	8,000	£408
Adelaide Oval (Norwood v. South)	6,700	283
Glenelg Oval (Glenelg v. West)	2,750	130
Unley Oval (Sturt v. Torrens)	2,500	110
Grand Totals	19,950	£931

STALWARTS OF THE FOUR TEAMS OUT OF THE FOUR.

In our opinion the following players have been among the most efficient performers in the respective clubs, which fill the last four positions on the premiership list, and have now put their guernseys away for the season:—

TORRENS



E. J. HINE.



V. GEUE.



P. BRODERICK.

STURT



C. SCRUTTON.



V. BATEMAN.



N. BARROV.



W. MARTIN.

GLENELG



J. HANDBY.



G. B. JOHNSTONE.



J. LLOYD.



J. OWENS.

SOUTH



F. TULLY.



"BULLA" RYAN.



W. H. GUTHRIE.

Each side has several other champions who have rendered excellent service, and on running through the teams one is inclined to think an eighteen could be selected from the last four teams to defeat one chosen from the four finalists.

There has been a suggestion that the premiers this year should meet an eighteen from "the rest" or the interstate eighteen, but perhaps a game which would stimulate greater interest would be a contest as suggested—the pick of the first four teams against the best in the second four. However, usually it is difficult to get any enthusiasm about football when once the premiership is decided.

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306 GOALS

Record of J. Owens

FIGURES FOR FIVE YEARS

South Australia has never had a goalsneak with a record like that of J. Owens, the brilliant Glenelg full forward. In five seasons he has kicked 306 goals, and in so doing has established a State record in three successive years.

Owens favors the screw punt when shooting for goal, and is undoubtedly the finest exponent of that method of kicking in this State. His performances have been particularly meritorious when it is considered that Glenelg have never been higher than seventh on the premiership list, and have never won more than five games in a season.

Ability to mark against any opposition and excellent judgment in working into position are two of the main features of his success. From what have appeared to be impossible angles he has registered goals with ease.

He first appeared in league football in Adelaide in 1924, when he was second on the goalkicking list. In the following year he was out of the game for a number of matches through injury, and finished sixth on the list. In each of the subsequent years he has established a State record.

His figures for the past five years are as follow:—

	Goals
1924	49
1925	30
1926	64
1927	80
1928	83
Total	306

In the first three seasons only 14 matches were played, but in 1927 and 1928 the round comprised 17 contests.

WAS IT A RECORD?

West Score Against Glenelg

Whether the score of 29—17 recorded against Glenelg by West on Saturday was a record is in doubt.

Information in possession of Mr. F. Marlow (secretary of the South Australian National Football League, Limited), does not go farther back than 1913.

The score of West is a record since that year, the previous best being 25—9, registered by Sturt against Glenelg in May, 1924.

MAGAREY MEDALLIST



J. HANDBY

who has been adjudged the fairest and best player in the South Australian National Football League for the 1928 season. He formerly played for South, but for four seasons has been with Glenelg, of which team he was captain in 1926 and 1927. Handby has worthily represented South Australia in many interstate games.

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