

Sturt and Port, Still Undefeated, Remain at Head of League

REDLEGS OUTCLASSED

Double-blues Prove Team of Class

RUCKS GREATLY ASSISTED VISITORS

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Sturt strongly enhanced their prospects of getting into the finals by soundly defeating the redoubtable redlegs on Norwood Oval this afternoon.

Apart from a brilliant revival in the third term, Norwood were outclassed, and the double-blues clearly exhibited the qualities of a team of class.

The powerful rucks of Sturt were of great assistance to them throughout the game.

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| STURT .. | 2-4 | 6-8 | 8-9 | 13-11 |
| NORWOOD | 1-4 | 2-9 | 7-14 | 7-18 |

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Rau (5), G. Scrutton, Barron, Rose (each 2), Martin, and Riley. Norwood—Johnson (3), Mutton (2), Lawson, and Main.

Best Players.—Sturt—Smith, R. H. Whitehead, Bateman, Rau, Hutton, McGaffin, Martin, Barron, G. Scrutton, and Rose. Norwood—Scott, Lill, Ackland, Mutton, Johnson, and Siggins.

Attendances and Takings

| | Attendance | Takings |
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| Norwood Oval (Norwood v. Sturt) | 11,300 | £561 |
| Thebarton Oval (Port v. Torrens) | 9,858 | 488 |
| Prospect Oval (North v. West) | 5,138 | 252 |
| Adelaide Oval (Glenelg v. South) | 5,240 | 188 |
| Grand totals | 31,536 | £1,489 |

Leading Goalkickers

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| Owens (Glenelg) | 16 |
| Troughton (Torrens) | 14 |
| Bennetts (West) | 13 |
| Rau (Sturt) | 10 |
| McGregor (West) | 9 |
| Downs (South) | 8 |
| Johnson (Norwood) | 8 |
| Margitich (South) | 7 |
| Quinn (Port) | 6 |
| Rose (Sturt) | 6 |
| Ween (Port) | 6 |
| Barron (Sturt) | 5 |
| K. Johnson (Port) | 5 |
| Mutton (Norwood) | 5 |
| Robertson (South) | 5 |
| A. J. Ryan (South) | 5 |
| Wade (Port) | 5 |

SOUTH DEFEAT GLENELG

OWENS KICKS SIX GOALS

Play Fast and Open

South and Glenelg, who met at Adelaide Oval today, were the only teams in the league which had sustained defeats in their first two encounters.

After a close and exciting game the blue-and-whites came with a burst of speed in the last quarter, and finished with an advantage of 17 points.

In an endeavor to strengthen their attack, Glenelg rearranged the placing of their team. Sallis (captain) went full forward, and his place at half-back was taken by Percy. Thompson was moved to the half-forward line, and Winkler took up a position at centre half-forward.

In the second quarter Sallis resumed his place at half-back, and later took over the pivotal position, Sexton being transferred to the half-forward line. Owing to an injury to his left leg, Hebbard, of South, was sent forward for the greater part of the game.

Play was fast and open, with numerous excellent exhibitions of combined play by both teams. It was not until the last quarter, when only a few points separated the teams, that the players showed a tendency to crowd the ball.

Probably the most important factor in the success of South was the faultless display by Lingwood-Smith as goal custodian. Time after time he broke down attacks that appeared certain to succeed. At times he went out more than 40 yards to stop an advance.

Umpire S. A. D. Hill had charge of the game.

OPENING GOAL

The first goal of the day came from the boot of Downs, who received from Herde. Owens retaliated with full points for Glenelg. Combined play, in which Sexton, Thompson, and Sallis figured, gave Owens another chance, and again both flags were raised.

A rush by South brought a goal from Downs, after which Elliott and C. H. Ryan both had the misfortune to hit a tall upright. Handby was prominent in an advance by the seaiders, but Lingwood-Smith rose to the occasion. Receiving from A. J. Ryan, Herde placed the ball. A well-merited goal resulted.

The second quarter opened with a Glenelg advance, but the South captain again proved equal to the occasion. Page and Handby cleared, but the ball was returned, and Tully produced full points. South had too much dash for their opponents. Robertson, receiving through the agency of Mackay, added another goal. Handby cleared well, the move culminating in a goal from the boot of Owens.

Two more goals came from the Glenelg champion before the city team took a hand, Margitich registering the maximum. The blue-and-whites had a lead of 10 points at the long interval.

Pressing the attack, South hammered at the citadel of their opponents. Several singles were followed by a goal from Downs. The seaiders stuck grimly to their task, and reward came in successive goals from Sexton, Hill, and Drew. The ball travelled rapidly to all parts of the field, but neither team could break through.

Three points separated the teams when the last quarter began. Margitich produced the maximum, and then Owens, receiving from Winkler, rendered similar service for his side. The next goal came from Downs. Although injured, Hebbard was doing good work forward. He gave Margitich a chance, of which the best use was made.

Thompson revived the hopes of Glenelg supporters with full points, but time was short. Two goals in quick succession by Tully placed the result beyond doubt. The seaiders tried hard to break through, but without avail. They were attacking at the close.

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| SOUTH .. | 3-5 | 6-8 | 7-13 | 12-13 |
| GLENELG | 2-1 | 5-4 | 8-4 | 10-8 |

Goalkickers.—South—Downs (4), Tully and Margitich (each 3), Herde, and Robertson. Glenelg—Owens (6), Sexton, Hill, Drew, and Thompson.

Best Players.—South—Lingwood-Smith, A. J. Ryan, May, Tabe, Downs, Jaffer, and Mackay. Glenelg—Handby, Owens, Olliver, Barbary, Lloyd, Sallis, and Drew.

POSITIONS OF CLUBS

| | P. | W. | L. | for agst. | Pts. | |
|---------|----|----|----|-----------|------|---|
| Sturt | 3 | 3 | — | 267 | 189 | 6 |
| Port | 3 | 3 | — | 233 | 217 | 6 |
| West | 3 | 2 | 1 | 302 | 245 | 4 |
| Torrens | 3 | 1 | 2 | 187 | 176 | 2 |
| Norwood | 3 | 1 | 2 | 223 | 214 | 2 |
| South | 3 | 1 | 2 | 234 | 257 | 2 |
| North | 3 | 1 | 2 | 189 | 200 | 2 |
| Glenelg | 3 | — | 3 | 234 | 291 | — |

FOUR-POINT WIN

PORT FINISH STRONGLY

Torrens Outstayed

Although a strong and choppy wind marred to a certain extent the first half of the game between West Torrens and Port Adelaide at Thebarton, spectators were treated to a brilliant display of football in the second half, and an exciting finish.

Port proved victorious by four points.

With a lead of four goals at three-quarter time Torrens fought desperately against the fresh breeze blowing practically straight to the Port goal. With perfect system they paralysed the seaiders for the first 10 minutes of the final term, but were unable to drive home the numerous attacks originating from the centre line.

Torrens had more of the play during this period, but the strength of the wind was too great for the forwards.

Port, on the other hand, made full use of their opportunities, their kicking improved wonderfully during the final term. The magpies certainly had the advantage when kicking with the wind in the second quarter, but their shooting for goal was faulty.

Out of 11 scoring shots they could manage only two goals.

Throwing themselves into the fray they played doggedly and resorted to more forceful tactics than Torrens, who at times led out brilliantly and passed with judgment.

There was not much between the teams, and onlookers were kept on tiptoe with excitement during the closing minutes. Port were gradually decreasing the margin between them and victory. Time after time they attacked determinedly, only to be repulsed by the home side defenders.

The ball travelled quickly from end to end, and it was a question of whether Torrens could hold out for another few minutes.

With four minutes to go K. Johnson received a free some distance out, and with a long and accurate kick scored a goal, giving his side an advantage of three points.

Torrens rallied, but could make no impression against the magpies, who now felt that victory was assured. The latter added another behind simultaneously with the ringing of the bell.

SCRAMBLES FREQUENT

Bampton, who was suffering from a poisoned leg, was unable to strip for Port, his place being taken by Galliford. Halliday, who had originally been selected as reserve for the visitors, was absent on military duty.

Both sides had a tendency to handle the man, with a result that scrambles were frequent, and players fumbled badly.

When Torrens were kicking with the wind Port endeavored to keep the play on the eastern wing, which made the shooting for goal awkward.

Umpire Raven had charge of the game. While keeping firm control, he gave players sufficient latitude to allow the continuity of play. His decisions were good and met with general approval.

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| PORT .. | 1-4 | 3-13 | 5-13 | 10-17 |
| TORRENS | 3-4 | 3-5 | 9-13 | 10-13 |

Goalkickers.—Port—Quinn (5), Wade and Ween (each 2), K. Johnson. Torrens—Troughton (4), Karney (3), Fleet, McCarthy, and Phillips.

Best Players.—Port—V. Johnson, Hodge, Keal, Quinn, Ween, and Dayman. Torrens—Karney, McCarthy, Broderick, Hine, Troughton, Fleet, and Hocking.

NOTES ON THE GAMES

SOUTH V. GLENELG
Olliver Best Ruckman

H. Lingwood-Smith was the most effective player for South. Stationed in goal, he repulsed attack after attack, and was never at fault when going out to check an advance. He kicked off with powerful and well-directed shots.

A. J. Ryan was strong at centre, and started many of the South forward moves. L. Sallis, however, also played a useful game in this position.

W. M. Hebbard is believed to have strained a ligament at the back of his left leg. The extent of the injury will not be known until after an examination, but he will probably be out of the game for several weeks. He was transferred to the forward lines after sustaining the injury.

A. R. May and S. Jaffer defended soundly, and W. Tabe was continually in the limelight, whether rucking or placed.

A. J. Downs obtained his four goals by good play.

G. Margitich gave a satisfactory showing as goalsneak. He kicked three goals, and assisted in securing others.

J. Handby was prominent in defence for Glenelg. He is playing exceptionally good football, and appears to revel in the rugged type of game.

J. Owens fully deserved the six goals which came from his boot. He was severely handled during the afternoon, and on two occasions needed the attention of the trainers. He received a severe blow under the left eye.

C. Bail wrenched his left ankle soon after the long interval. The injury was painful, but is not likely to keep him out of the game.

L. Leverington sustained a severe kick just above the left elbow in the last quarter, and could not bend the arm after the match.

H. Percy played his best game for the seaiders. He is rapidly gaining the experience which will make him a player of outstanding ability.

P. Winkler played his first match. He did useful work, his passing being an object lesson for many players.

K. Olliver was the best of the ruckmen, and promises to be an invaluable member of the team. He has speed.

C. O'Malley worked hard in the half-back line, and G. Drew was continual under notice when roving.

HIGH SCORING

WEST OUTCLASS NORTH

Sixty-eight Point Victory

At Prospect Oval today West defeated North by the surprisingly large margin of 68 points. Although the football was not of a high standard, the visitors adopted go-through, busting tactics to good effect.

After the first quarter North had no chance of victory. They could manage only 2-14, while their opponents piled on 18-6 by overpowering rushes.

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| WEST .. | 2-1 | 11-6 | 12-6 | 20-7 |
| NORTH | 5-3 | 5-4 | 7-15 | 7-17 |

Goalkickers.—West—Bennetts (6), Mesecke (3), McGregor, Solomon, Connell, Batt (each 2), Ryder, Payne, and Williams. North—Fleet and Taylor (2), Williams, Townley, and Ramsay.

Best Players.—West—Bennetts, Snell, Solomon, Batt, Williams, Mesecke, and Stokes. North—Conrad, B. Hawke, Lewis, Morris, McDowall, Taylor.