

Norwood, Port, and West Victorious in League Football

NORTH AND STURT DRAW

EQUALISING GOAL KICKED AFTER BELL

Red-and-Whites the Better Team

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Although the game between Sturt and North today officially ended in a draw it was actually won by Sturt, as the equalising goal by North was scored as a result of a mark taken almost one second after the sound of the final bell.

At the first ringing of the bell the ball was in the air, travelling toward the goalmouth, but the distance the sound had to travel was about sufficient to make the mark of Leahy and the ringing of the bell synchronise as far as the umpire was concerned.

This factor, coupled with the vociferous excitement among the rival supporters, enabled North to draw level, in a game in which I have no hesitation in saying they were undoubtedly the better team.

Umpire Rohrig gave an unconvincing exhibition, and appeared to me to be subject to the influence of the crowd, which was largely double-blue in its sympathy.

When Sturt began to attack in the final term excitement was intense. For almost 20 minutes they kept pegging away, and eventually equalised the scores about eight minutes before time. Up to this stage North had not scored for the term. They eventually pushed home two attacks, but minors only resulted. With three minutes to go Sturt rushed a point, and a moment later scored a goal, followed in quick time by another point, thus giving them a clear goal lead.

FINAL GOAL

North went forward, however, and after being repulsed twice came a third time, and as related above Leahy marked just after the bell and kicked the equalising goal.

The form of Sturt, compared with the previous week, was much inferior. Their forwards were lacking in that fine combined play of last Saturday, and their rucks were checked to a certain extent by the telling efforts of Leahy. However, I think Sturt will be suited better on the Adelaide Oval, as the cramped play-

ing space at Unley does not give much scope for their smaller forwards to lead out.

After seeing North today for the first time this season, one can hardly understand their poor showing in their previous games. If fortune smiles on them to the extent of restoring such a champion ruck as Moyle, Munn, and Thomas to the side, their prospects are enviable.

NORTH 4-2 8-3 11-6 12-8
STURT 3-2 6-6 8-8 11-14

Goalkeepers.—North—H. Hawke (4), Townley and Pfitzner (each 2), Furler, Fleet, Williams, and Leahy. Sturt—C. Whitehead (3), Rose and G. Scrutton (each 2), R. H. Whitehead, Barron, Cave, and Martin.

Best Players.—Sturt—C. Whitehead (best on ground), Hutton, Smith, King, Barron, G. Scrutton, and R. H. Whitehead. North—McDowall, Furler, Ween, Ramsay, H. Hawke, Taylor, Morris, and Leahy.

continued to kick astray. After some futile attacks the ball was rushed to the other posts, and Payne scored a goal. West were livening up, but the game was still poor, despite the gallant efforts of Stokes and Chaplin. At last Glenelg scored their second goal, although their opponents had six on the board. It came from Owens. Percy and Winkler shone in the air for the visitors. Another goal from Owens was registered by a hurried snapshot practically over his head.

MARKING A FEATURE

For the most part marking was the only redeeming feature of the match before the long interval, when West ran out with a credit balance of four goals. In the third quarter Glenelg played the best football for the match. It was delightful to watch. They passed the ball from man to man with lightning rapidity, leaving West standing temporarily. Many supporters considered it the brightest flash of system shown by Glenelg for the season. Goals were scored in quick succession by Winkler, Thompson, and Perry. All their men displayed vim and initiative during this period, and had it been sustained the seaisiders must have run out easy winners. West could manage only three points during the quarter.

When they began the last quarter the visitors required 10 points for victory. Although they made the first drive goals were not forthcoming, and it was the westerners who next caused two flags to be waved. Mesecke was the forward responsible. Recovering from their third quarter eclipse, West again gained the maximum, this time from the boot of Batt. The home combination was handling the ball surely, and matters looked hopeless for Glenelg.

The visitors had further opportunities, but they had lost their accuracy in the forward lines. Six singles went up without a goal during the quarter.

WEST 5-5 7-6 7-9 9-11
GLENELG 1-2 3-6 6-6 6-12

Goalkeepers.—West—Bennetts (3), Batt (2), Connell, Bennett, Payne, and Mesecke. Glenelg—Owens (2), Gotta, Winkler, Thompson, and Perry.

Best Players.—West—Chaplin, Brown, Bennetts, Batt, Bennett, Schoff. Glenelg—Lloyd, Sexton, Sallis, Gotta, Handby, Barbary, Drew.

thereafter Norwood forged ahead, and finished the game with the substantial lead of 38 points.

NORWOOD 0-5 5-8 8-9 11-14
TORRENS 2-4 3-7 4-8 5-12

Goalkeepers.—Norwood—Wadham (4), Wilson, Lawson, Krome (each 2), Mutton. Torrens—Kinlough, Troughton (each 2), Karney.

Best Players.—Norwood—Wadham, Ackland, Scott, Daly, Siggins, Lawson, Krome, and Symonds. Torrens—Hine, Read, Fleet, Geuc, Phillips, Hocking, Karney, and Ashby.

POSITION OF CLUBS

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points for agst.	Prem. Pts.
Port	4	4	—	—	337	296 8
Sturt	4	3	—	1	347	269 7
West	4	3	1	—	347	293 6
Norwood	4	2	2	—	303	256 4
North	4	1	2	1	269	340 3
South	4	1	3	—	313	360 2
Torrens	4	1	3	—	229	257 2
Glenelg	4	—	4	—	262	356 —

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Owens (Glenelg)	18
Bennetts (West)	16
Troughton (Torrens)	16
Margitich (South)	10
Rau (Sturt)	10
Ween (Port)	10
McGregor (West)	9
Downs (South)	8
Rose (Sturt)	8
Wadham (Norwood)	8
Johnson (Norwood)	8
K. Johnson (Port)	7
Robertson (South)	7
C. Whitehead (Sturt)	7

NOTES ON THE GAMES

GLENELG DEFEATED

Make Third Quarter Burst

For three quarters West held the upper hand at Wayville today. In one term the honors undoubtedly went to Glenelg, who at this stage were as a different team. It was in the third quarter that the seaisiders made their burst, registering three goals in a few minutes. Their form at this stage was superior to any shown by West during the match.

Systematic football was seldom displayed, but the game was always interesting. The seaisiders must attribute their defeat to the unbroken sequence of six singles in the last quarter. They were 17 points in arrears when the final bell rang.

For West the half-back line was consistently reliable. In turn Chaplin, Brown, and Schoff threw back attacks. Whether placed or following, Stokes was a useful member of the team.

Bennetts was elusive and usually accurate in front of the goalposts. He raised two flags on three occasions.

Batt, at half-forward, and Bennett, in ruck and at forward, were easily worth their place in the side.

Connell and Lee were also well in the limelight on occasions.

Lloyd (wing) was one of the most effective wearers of the yellow-and-black uniform. Pacy and resourceful, he is going well for interstate honors.

Sexton and Barbary were also in good fettle on the centre line, which on the day outclassed its three West opponents.

Sallis and Handby were strong in defence, particularly in the latter stages of the contest.

Drew (roving) and Gotta (forward) were among the most outstanding of the others.

Owens was suffering slightly from influenza, but kicked two goals. Winkler, who was tried as goalsneak after half-time, and Percy showed promise at times in attack.

SECOND QUARTER WIN

PORT OUTSTAY SOUTH

Victory by 24 Points

Brilliant football interspersed with periods of scrambling play was witnessed at Alberton Oval this afternoon, when South Adelaide met Port Adelaide.

The seaisiders gained their victory in the second quarter, when they added nine goals five behinds to two goals.

South had as much of the play during the remaining quarters of the match, but although they finished strongly and had the measure of Port in the final term they were unable to make up the deficiency created by their lack of system in the second quarter.

PORT 1-5 10-10 14-15 14-19
SOUTH 2-4 4-4 6-5 12-7

Goalkeepers.—Port—Ween (4), Conole (3), Dayman (3), K. Johnson (2), Coldwell (2).

South—Margitich (6), Robertson (2), May, A. J. Ryan, C. H. Ryan, Whitford.

Best Players.—Port—V. Johnson, Dayman, Hodge, Keal, Terrell, Ween, Conole. South—A. J. Ryan, Mackay, Hebbard, Tully, C. H. Ryan, Jaffer, Margitich.

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WEST V. GLENELG

SCRIMMAGES FREQUENT

Seaisiders Defeated

At Wayville Showgrounds today West defeated Glenelg by 17 points. Apart from a brilliant burst by the seaisiders in the third quarter the home team held the upper hand. Final scores were:—West 9-11; Glenelg, 6-12.

Scrimmages were frequent in the first half of the game, and system was seldom seen by the small attendance of spectators. West showed slightly better form. Later the standard of play improved, and the contest became fast and interesting.

West began by winning the toss. Aided by a strong wind (which died down after half-time) they soon showed themselves to be in scoring vein. Bennetts was well in the picture as goalsneak, and soon had three goals to his credit. They were smartly gathered. The second was the result of a fine running shot from a fairly acute angle.

At the other end Owens was well watched by the western defenders, and could not open his goal-kicking account in this term.

The Bay men could do little in the face of the breeze, which affected their kicking both in midfield and in front of goal.

ONE GOAL FOR QUARTER

Gotta secured the only Glenelg sixer for the quarter. Other goalkickers during the term were Bennett and Connell. The lastnamed took his kick from a mark, and the bell rang with the ball in mid-air. It seemed as if it would be stopped in time, but was marked behind the goal line. At the first change of ends the home combination was in front by 27 points.

Apart from the advantage obtained from the wind, the red-and-blacks had shaped more effectively so far.

On resumption, West increased their lead by an early goal from Batt. Lloyd (Glenelg) was showing pace and resourcefulness as a wingman. Then Glenelg con-

NORWOOD TOO STRONG

VICTORY BY 38 POINTS

Torrens Fail Forward

Norwood proved superior to Torrens today. The redlegs held their opponents down to a moderate advantage in the first quarter, when the blue-and-golds had the wind, but