

NORTH EASILY DEFEAT NORWOOD :: STURT TOO GOOD FOR GLENELG

INGLORIOUS GAME AT PROSPECT

FOOTBALL OF THE LOWEST STANDARD

Redlegs Impotent; North Forwards Fail

(By O. J. O'Grady)

Today's game at Prospect can well be divided into two distinct phases. In the first half the football exhibited by both North and Norwood was of the lowest standard.

It was featureless except for the shocking kicking and the continual run of errors of the players, who, almost to a man, were at fault.

After half-time, North improved, but Norwood still gave a third-rate display, with the result that the red-and-whites won with ease.

NORTH 2-3 3-12 8-19 12-23
NORWOOD 2-1 5-2 6-4 7-9

Goalkeepers.—North—H. Hawke (3), Townley, Tucker, Williams, Furler (each 2), Thomas. Norwood—Biddell (2), Wadham, Plumsted, Krome, Appelbee, Wilson. Best players for North were B. Hawke, Munn, Williams, Ween, Taylor, Conrad, and Furler; and for Norwood, Ackland, Krome, Geary, Johns, and Lawson.

Positions of Clubs		Points Prem.				
P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Ag.	Pts.
Port	5	5	—	—	427	383
Sturt	6	4	1	1	529	456
West	5	4	1	—	445	374
Norwood	6	3	3	—	435	415
North	6	2	3	1	451	481
Torrens	5	1	4	—	304	348
Glenelg	6	1	5	—	463	532
South	5	1	4	—	377	442

NOTES ON THE GAMES

FEW PLAYERS SHINE

B. Hawke Best of North

(BY O. J. GRADY)

No player was outstanding as the best man on the ground at Prospect in the match between North and Norwood, which the red-and-whites won.

For the winners B. Hawke was perhaps the best. He handled the ball often and effectively at centre wing, yet his display was not faultless, as his tendency to attempt too much running with the ball is detrimental to his side. He looks like being in the State eighteen.

The others all did well at times, yet without exception made ridiculous mistakes on occasions. Munn marked excellently, and with the help of Furler, had a slight call in the ruck.

Taylor defended well, and Williams also was in good form. He is the man who I would have stationed goalsneak, in the place of Hawke, when it was evident that the weak play of the latter was frustrating the efforts of the side.

Tucker, who was entrusted with the task, was not a success, and except for two goals just before the final bell, his display was poor. Ween defended and roved with good results, and Conrad, after half-time, gave glimpses of his best form.

Morris had the call at centre all day, yet his inability to pass the ball accurately to a forward robs his work of a great deal of effectiveness. H. Hawke played well after half-time. Many others did moderately, but North badly need a reliable forward. Unless this weakness is remedied they are likely to be up one Saturday and down the next.

Norwood gave an inglorious display, and there was little of merit in any feature of it. Ackland's work was all right, and he should do well against Victoria. Krome and Lawson were too young followers who were hard triers all day. Geary and Johns were the pick of the hard-worked defence. Both finished their efforts by getting in good kicks.

Apart from these men most of the team were below form, and in particular the following batch were weak:—Whitfield, Lill, Gleeson, Palmer, and Wilson.

Scott was only fair, and his form is only a shadow of that of a few seasons ago. We hope that should he represent the State on June 16 that he will strike some of that formidable form. Upon performances the selectors cannot entrust him with the king position of centre half-back.

Lill, who has been out of the game for some time, failed to get in touch with the play today. In fact, ironical cheers greeted his handling of the ball in the final term. However, I feel sure that by the time a fortnight has elapsed Lill will be in good form again. It certainly cannot be thought that one poor game should outweigh his many brilliant ones, and that his selection for the State be passed over.

STURT KICK BETTER

Plucky Fight by Glenelg

Glenelg encouraged their supporters with remarkably fine play in three quarters today, but a demoralising burst by Sturt in the third term put them a long way in arrears.

Sturt began poorly, and they were no match for Glenelg in the first half so far as passing, marking, and groundwork were concerned. Only in goalkicking were the double-blues superior at this stage. After the long interval Sturt played with great effect and outclassed the Bay team except in portions of the last quarter, when Glenelg added 5-3 to 1-2 by Sturt.

During the match Glenelg had 29 scoring shots and the victors 26. Accurate goalkicking was the influencing factor, and the Unley combination won by two goals. Final scores were:—Sturt, 15-11; Glenelg, 12-17.

Gordon Scrutton was the most useful man on the ground. His seven goals speak for themselves, and were the result of clever leading out and unerring kicking. At times his accuracy was almost uncanny.

Barron was another small player who shined with dash and resourcefulness. He roved well throughout. Both the Whiteheads were solid generally, although not brilliant. Their best work was performed in ruck, where Sturt held the honors on the day. Hutton was good in defence, and Martin was reliable whether following or placed. His marking and kicking were noteworthy.

Riley has not yet struck his best form, but pulled down a few spectacular high marks. Smith, on the half-forward line, was also a power to be reckoned with.

For Glenelg the centre line was outstanding throughout, and each of the trio had a little more of the play than his opponent: Sexton, Barbary, and Lloyd were dashing in this department, although Lloyd was compelled to go forward in the latter stages owing to a leg injury. Sallis and Handby also played well, and O'Malley was another who did his share in defence.

Owens worked valiantly, and in spite of careful watching by opponents bagged five goals. Johnston shaped well following and forward, but all things considered it was the sharpshooters who let the team down.

The match was satisfactorily umpired by A. A. Raven.

Attendances and Takings

	Attendance.	Takings.
Prospect Oval—		
North v. Norwood ..	8,223	£448
Adelaide Oval—		
Glenelg v. Sturt ..	8,000	£383
Grand total ..	16,223	£831

BY TWELVE POINTS

Sturt Win From Glenelg

G. SCRUTTON, 7 GOALS

After an exciting contest, punctuated by thrills and high scoring, particularly in the second half, Sturt defeated Glenelg at Adelaide Oval today by two goals.

Final scores were:—Sturt, 15-11; Glenelg, 12-17.

The Unley men gained their victory solely by better shooting for goal. They made a brilliant effort in the third term. Apart from their forward work, which was faulty at times, Glenelg shaped really well, and at times outclassed their opponents.

Sturt won the toss, but the wind was not strong until half-time. They elected to kick toward the river end. Thrusts were made by both teams before the first goal went on the board. Percy (Glenelg) secured it.

Glenelg were showing form in the air, and for a time outmarked the Unley men. Eventually Martin roused the hopes of double-blue supporters by kicking truly. Owens, who was being well watched, goaled after hitting one of the tall up-rights, and his team was six points in front.

Then Glenelg unfolded a series of pretty hand passes, which for a time nonplussed Sturt. The southerners were not watching their men, and, moreover, were not so effective when they did obtain possession in midfield.

However, the excellent system of Glenelg was wasted to an extent by the inaccuracy in front of goals. Riley, who had not been at his best, at last held the ball, but only a point came.

FINE PLAY BY GLENELG

Glenelg continued to hold sway, dodging and passing in fine style until they neared goals. They were much faster to the ball. Bumps were frequently exchanged. Rau was responsible for the second Sturt sixer, which put them within a goal of Glenelg.

The Bay men added several more singles, and then Sturt gained the lead for the first time with a major from G. Scrutton. In spite of the marked superiority of Glenelg in ground and aerial work Sturt had a credit balance of three points at the first change of ends. Glenelg had had eight scoring shots to six by Sturt.

In the first quarter Sallis and Sexton were prominent for Glenelg and Hutton for Sturt. After attacking fruitlessly for a while on resumption, Glenelg recovered the lead when Hack kicked a two-flagger. Undaunted, Sturt replied with one from C. Whitehead. Then a point made it level pegging, and the crowd became enthusiastic.

Gotts (Glenelg) was the next goalkicker as a result of a long run by Barbary, who was performing well. Riley came to the rescue with one for Sturt, who had again drawn up to their opponents. First one team and then the other forged to the front by spirited play. Owens kicked a clever goal. Still passing neatly, almost every man doing his share, Glenelg should have secured a commanding lead. Their score (5-10) was not a true criterion of their work.

King registered a goal for Sturt, but the seashiders ran out at the long interval one point in front. In the first half Glenelg had made six more scoring shots than the two-blues.

STURT REVIVAL

Evidently Sturt were given good advice during the long interval, for they were a different team. With a fresh breeze behind them they rattled on goal after goal, and Glenelg were practically left standing. The position was reversed, as the southerners were now defeating Glenelg at their own game—passing—incidentally revealing pronounced improvement all over the field in marking and kicking.

Gordon Scrutton was the leading light. Elusive and accurate, his dodging runs and deadly snapshots called forth five goals during this term. Riley, Barron, and Rose also assisted with one each. In the meantime Owens managed a couple for Glenelg, but his colleagues were unable to follow his example. During the quarter Sturt scored 8-5 and Glenelg 2-1. These figures speak for themselves.

At the last change of ends the "tigers" were faced with a deficit of 39 points. Their task looked hopeless. Nevertheless they dashed into the fray with determination and vigor. Owens, Gotts, and Johnston added goals for Glenelg in quick succession, and the leeway was soon reduced. Time was against them, but their burst had given them an undoubted chance of victory.

They retained the ball in their territory for a time, but only the inevitable singles resulted. Eventually Sturt took the ball out of the danger zone temporarily. In spite of their reliable defenders Sallis goaled for Glenelg, followed by one from the boot of Hack. Only one goal was then needed for victory, and a few minutes remained for play. Then a goal kicked off the ground by G. Scrutton (it was his seventh sixer) settled the issue. Scores:—

STURT 3-3 6-4 14-9 15-11
GLENELG 2-6 5-11 7-12 12-17

Goalkeepers.—Sturt—G. Scrutton (7), Riley (2), Martin, Rau, C. Whitehead, King, Rose, Barron. Glenelg—Owens (5), Hack and Gotts (each 2), Johnston, Ellis, and Percy.

Best Players.—Sturt—G. Scrutton, C. Whitehead, Barron, Smith, Martin, Hutton, R. H. Whitehead. Glenelg—Barbary, Sexton, Sexton, Handby, O'Malley, Sallis, Owens, and Lloyd.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Owens (Glenelg) ..	29
Troughton (Torrens) ..	22
Bennetts (West) ..	16
G. Scrutton (Sturt) ..	16
Margitich (South) ..	15
McGregor (West) ..	13
Hawke (North) ..	12
Ween (Port) ..	11

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

POSITION OF CLUBS

	P.	W.	L.	for.	ag.	Pts.
Glenelg ..	5	4	1	404	291	8
North ..	5	4	1	342	300	8
Port ..	6	4	2	401	383	8
Norwood ..	5	3	2	416	328	6
Torrens ..	5	3	2	352	354	6
Sturt ..	6	1	5	448	511	2
West ..	5	1	4	364	440	2
South ..	5	1	4	294	404	2

Leading Goalkickers

Murphy (Glenelg) ..	16
Guiney (Sturt) ..	14
Munro (West) ..	13
Caust (South) ..	12
Main (Norwood) ..	12
Bent (Norwood) ..	11
Rush (North) ..	11

Forecast of South Australian Team

VICTORIANS HERE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 16

(By O. J. O'GRADY)

Selection of an interstate team is a problem bristling with difficulties.

The trouble lies not in finding suitable players for the various positions but rather in excluding genuine candidates who are worthy of inclusion yet must of necessity be omitted—one man only is wanted for each place.

In my forecast of the team to meet Victoria on Adelaide Oval on Saturday, June 16, I have included representatives of league clubs as follows:—Sturt (4), West, Norwood, and Glenelg (each 3), Port and North (each 2), and South (1).

In endeavoring to give a forecast of the team that Messrs. C. McArthur, E. Tassie, and H. Bruce will select, I am fully aware of the fact that several players of deserving merits have been passed over. This is specially the case with regard to wingmen and backmen.

My suggested team is as follows:—

Owens (G.)		
McDowall (Nth.)	McGregor (W.A.)	
Ryan (S.A.)	Dayman (P.A.)	Snell (W.A.)
Hawke (Nth.)	Lill (Nor.)	Barbary (G.)
Scott (Nor.)	Handby (G.)	Chaplin (W.A.)
Smith (St.)		Johnson (P.)
	Ackland (Nor.)	

First Ruck—Riley (St.), C. Whitehead (St.), Barron (St.).

Second Ruck—McGregor (W.A.), Johnson (P.A.), McDowall (N.A.).

Reserves.—Read (Torrens), defence; Troughton (Torrens), roving and forward; Furler (North), ruck; Hodge (Port), wing; Keal (Port), half-forward.

The selection of two wingmen from such an even lot as Barbary and Lloyd (Glenelg), Daly and Symonds (Norwood), C. Scrutton (Sturt), B. Hawke (North), and Hodge (Port) is in particular a difficult problem. Probably the two most consistent wingsters this season have been Daly and Lloyd, but injuries to both today seem to clear the way for Hawke and Barbary.

Dayman at centre half-forward may, in his present form, be relied upon to hold his own in the air, and although his supporters in Snell and Ryan are not outstanding in the air, I think they more than counteract this deficiency by prowess in other directions.

The combination, Snell, Ryan, and Owens, would, I think, achieve great success. However, if the selectors decide against a "brainy" half-forward line and select tall men, who when in possession will bombard the goalmouth from an excessive distance out, then Owens must be omitted in favor of Troughton, who is better fitted to secure the ball under such difficult conditions.

Owens is immeasurably the more accurate kick, yet his limitations necessitate the selection of a half-forward line that will "feed" him.

With McGregor and Riley stationed alternately at full forward right, the serial work near the goal should be capably looked after. Should the visitors have the call at centre by reason of a fast ground player, outwitting Lill (it has been done before in these matches), Snell and also Ryan could be tried at centre with reasonable chances of combating such a situation.

Regarding the defenders, I have placed Handby at centre half-back, as he is right at the top of his form.

Smith has been the acme of consistency this season, and must be included. Chaplin is developing his best form, and with Hine under a cloud, Ackland must be goal custodian.