

# West, Norwood, Torrens, and Port Win League Football Matches

## STURT UNCONVINCING

### SUSTAIN CRUSHING DEFEAT AT WAYVILLE

#### Red-and-Blacks Superior in Forward Lines

(By O. J. O'Grady)

The two chief factors in the crushing defeat of Sturt by West at Wayville today were the superiority of the red-and-blacks in the forward lines, and the fact that the whole side stood up to the rough nature of the game without flinching.

Sturt were unconvincing. Several of them failed to relish the rough and tumble. There is not a consistent forward of class in the side.

#### POSITIONS OF CLUBS

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points.	Prem.
West	8	7	1	-	789	561 14
Port	8	7	1	-	678	666 14
Norwood	8	5	3	-	618	548 10
Sturt	8	4	3	1	615	636 9
North	8	3	4	1	604	633 7
Torrens	8	3	5	-	552	574 6
Glenelg	8	1	7	-	622	714 2
South	8	1	7	-	588	734 2

#### PORT HARD PRESSED

##### Glenelg Fight to Finish

##### FAIL BY SIX POINTS

Port supporters had many anxious moments this afternoon, when Glenelg ran the magpies to a margin of six points on their home ground.

In a game of varying fortunes the tigers showed out to advantage, and at stages during the final quarter it appeared likely they would be the victors.

Port had some difficulty in fielding a side owing to P. Bampton, W. Chapman, and C. Keal being absentees. Bampton was unable to obtain leave from his employment, Chapman was suffering from ptomaine poisoning, and Keal from a cold in the ears. J. Eden, A. Hender, and A. Cornell were included.

Owing to the late inclusion of players the placings had to be reshuffled. K. Johnson was placed at centre, and Eden went into a forward pocket, replacing Ween, who was moved to half-forward. Hender was also placed on the half-forward line, allowing R. Conole to take the position made vacant on the half-back line by the absence of Bampton.

A. A. Raven was central umpire. Moving like clockwork, Glenelg, who kicked with the wind behind them to the southern end, had three goals on the board in as many minutes. Owens got the first from a clever snap from the boundary, and a few seconds later Johnston followed up a brilliant mark by kicking the possible. The ball had no sooner been bounced than Glenelg had it again in their forward lines, and Owens put it through for full points.

The quick scoring by the visitors roused Port, and led by K. Johnson they went in strongly. Their efforts were fruitless owing to the solid work of the Bay back men.

After continued pressing, Ween was put in possession. He attempted to kick the ball, but missed it. He recovered his balance, however, and snapped a single. Before Glenelg could get the leather away, Port added a goal from Galliford, and singles from the same player and Dayman.

#### FAST, OPEN PLAY

Play was resultless for a time, until Owens obtained two singles with long shots, and Johnston got their fourth goal. A goal came to Port from Eden, but the home team changed over with a deficit of 11 points.

#### TORRENS MEET NORTH

##### Rough Game at Thebarton

##### VICTORY TO HOME TEAM

Scrambling football was seen at Thebarton Oval today, when Torrens defeated North by 25 points.

The home team was undeniably superior on the day, although North carried two "cripples" (Leahy and Ween) in the forward lines in the second half.

TORRENS	3-2	6-8	7-11	11-11
NORTH	2-4	5-5	6-8	7-9

Goalkeepers.—Torrens—Kearns (3), Karney (2), Fleet, Lock, McCarthy, Troughton, Read, and Bertman. North—Townley, Thomas, and Furler (each 2), and Leahy.

Best Players.—Torrens—Osborne, Phillips, Hine, Karney, Ashby, and Hocking. North—Furler, Morris, Townley, Munn, Conrad, and Pitzner.

WEST	1-3	5-8	8-11	12-15
STURT	2-5	3-7	5-9	6-11

Goalkeepers.—West—Bennetts (5), Connell (2), McGregor, Payne, Whitford, Williams, and Batt. Sturt—Martin (2), Barre, Riley, C. Whitehead, and King. Best Players.—West—Payne, Bennetts, Snell, Whitford, Connell, and Batt. Sturt—Bateman, Martin, Sturt, C. Whitehead, and Smith.

Fast, open play marked the opening of the second quarter. The tigers were fast to the attack, Owens putting them further ahead with a goal.

Solid defensive work by Glenelg kept Port at bay from this score.

Port were working doggedly, but their forwards were straying too far at this stage. Dayman, Coldwell, and Quinn called up the two flags.

Port were only three points in front at half-time. They were first to score on resuming, Quinn getting a major.

Faster to the ball, and having slightly the better of matters in the air at this stage, Glenelg well deserved the goal snapped by C. Hill.

From the bounce the magpies quickly had the ball at their goals, and Quinn, who was scouting well, got a good goal. This put Port in good heart, and they went in strongly again, only to see a placed shot from Dayman sail across the sticks.

Fortune alternated from this, for after Owens goaled for Glenelg, Galliford did likewise for Port. This was the last score for Port for the quarter, but the tigers were right on their game. They secured goals from Owens (3) and Johnston.

Glenelg changed over for the last time with 15 points to the good, which, considering the even nature of the game, was rather a handy lead.

#### TENSE FINAL TERM

Port set out hard to wipe off the deficit, and from the early play it appeared as though they would do it with ease. Galliford goaled, and this, being followed by another from V. Johnson in quick time, put Port only four points behind.

Hard play followed, but after a single had been scored on each side, Winkler marked well and called up the two flags. This roused Port to greater effort, and when Eden goaled the excitement was intense.

Glenelg were unable to score when they got the ball within kicking distance, but Port forced through to the lead with a goal from Quinn.

The tenseness of the situation had been transferred to the players, for Port missed many good opportunities by hurried kicking. Singles came from Coldwell, Hender, and Dayman, and then Ween clinched the victory with a goal.

The tigers were not defeated then, for they attacked with vigor, and their thirteenth goal came on the board from Owens a few seconds before the game ended.

PORT	2-4	5-7	8-8	13-15
GLENELG	4-3	8-4	11-5	13-9

Goalkeepers.—Port—Quinn (4), Galliford (3), Eden (2), Dayman, Coldwell, V. Johnson, and Ween. Glenelg—Owens (8), Johnston (3), C. Hill, Winkler.

Best Players.—Port—Hodge, Quinn, Conole, R. Johnson, K. Johnson, Maywald, Glenelg—Sallis, Sexton, O'Malley, Lloyd, Owens, C. Hill, and Johnston.

#### LAST QUARTER BURST

##### Norwood Defeat South

##### 33-POINT MARGIN

After holding their own for three quarters South faded away in the match at Adelaide Oval today, and the redlegs recorded an easy victory, having 33 points to spare.

Norwood appeared to have much more in reserve than their opponents, and spectators were impressed with their strong finish. Slippery conditions, which were particularly in evidence in the centre, affected the play, and the football as a result was not impressive.

NORWOOD	3-2	4-7	8-8	14-10
SOUTH	2-1	4-5	6-6	9-7

Goalkeepers.—Norwood—Bent (4), Siggins (3), E. G. Johnson (2), Symonds, Wadham, E. A. Johnson, Krome, Daly. South—May, Oliver (each 3), Margitich, Griffen, Tully.

Best Players.—Norwood—Daly, Lill, Scott, Ackland, Siggins, Appelbee, Johns, and Plumstead. South—Ryan, Mackay, Jackson, Oliver, Tully, Jaffer, Herde, and Martin.

## NOTES ON THE GAMES

### WEST VIGOROUS

#### Bateman Effective for Sturt

(By O. J. O'Grady)

No player stood out for an individual performance in the match between West and Sturt at Wayville. The best asset of West was applied vigor, not one of their men lacking in this respect.

Payne was an elusive scout, and his work was most effective. He certainly has claims to be considered by the interstate selectors.

Bennetts was a source of strength to West, and his accurate kicking, coupled with his tricky ground play, make him a valuable and necessary unit of the red-and-black combination.

Snell, although probably defeated by Bateman on the day, was nevertheless of great assistance to his side.

Whitford, the tall ruckman, and Connell were conspicuous for sustained aerial efforts.

Batt played his usual clever game at half-forward.

Brown and Stokes defended well, and McGregor was useful although not quite in his best form.

Williams is a game rover, and C. Bennett a consistent ruckman. All the others were fair, not one of them being entirely out of the picture.

For Sturt I think Bateman played a capital game, especially in view of the strong opponent he had to contend with in Snell. The Unley junior played his best game for the season, and was particularly strong in the air.

Martin again played a great game. There was no harder trier on the field, and few players exceeded him in vigor. Moreover, he was scrupulously fair.

Stuart, as goal custodian, performed creditably. He marked effectively, and but for him Bennetts would have goaled more often.

C. Whitehead marked well, although he has done better.

Smith was the pick of the defenders, and should, on form, be the centre half-back of the side.

Sharp, at half-back, played better than for some time.

Barron and the Scrutton brothers, although doing fairly well, did not appear to relish the heavy, congested phases of the play.

Riley was unsuited by the conditions.

Simpson, for a first performance, defended with credit to himself.

Wadham, in defence and later on the wing, pulled his weight. The rest of the double-blues were only fair.

### CONGESTED GAME

#### Torrens Outplay North

Expecting to see a fine contest, the moderate crowd which assembled at Thebarton Oval was disappointed. Torrens won from North by 26 points on their merits, but displayed far from brilliant football in a congested game.

On the day they proved superior to North in every department, although North kept within easy winning distance until the last quarter. Long kicking was rarely seen. Geue and Adams were unable to play for Torrens, and Leahy and Ween were badly injured in the North ranks in the second quarter.

Few players showed league form, and it was apparently an off day, particularly in the case of North, who carried a number of "passengers." They were again unconvincing in attack.

One of the most useful performers for Torrens was Osborn, who rendered sterling service at half-back. He appears to have regained his best form. As a wingman Phillips was a success and had the call over his opponent.

Karney came to light with a couple of timely goals. Hine was reliable as custodian, and Ashby and Hocking (following). Kearns (forward), and Broderick were perhaps the pick of the remainder.

It is difficult to select the best players for North. Not a single member of the team was brilliant. For usefulness Furler and Morris were outstanding. Furler made many clearing runs in good style, chiefly while rucking, and Morris was a power in defence. His tactics were rugged rather than finished, but he almost invariably got his kick.

The rovers McDowall and Thomas were fair, but not at their best. The same applies to Townley, Pitzner, and a number of others.

Until hurt Ween was dashing. Tucker and H. Hawke were surprisingly quiet at forward.

#### Leading Goalkickers

Owens (Glenelg)	42
Bennetts (West)	38
Troughton (Torrens)	32
Margitich (South)	23
McGregor (West)	23
G. Scrutton (Sturt)	17
Galliford (Port)	15
H. Hawke (North)	15
Quinn (Port)	13

### DETERMINATION WINS

#### Port Outlast Glenelg

Port had nothing to spare when they ran out victors against Glenelg at Alberton Oval today. The game was not decided until the last few minutes, and then a last rush by the visitors carried them closer than would have been comfortable for Port had there been a minute or two longer to play.

Although the two points for the win will be credited to Port, the honors were undoubtedly with Glenelg, who showed better football than the magpies.

Port won by reason of their dogged determination to succeed, and through using their weight in the crushes.

Glenelg had the better of the argument in the air, where their men were prominent all day.

The game was not a good exhibition of football. There was too much crowded play to make it spectacular, while the uncertain nature of the open play often robbed good moves on either side of their true reward.

Hodge stood out as the best man on the ground. Early in the piece he was opposed to Barbary, but he had the better of the play. Later when Lloyd was changed on to him he was still superior.

Conole adapted himself readily to the half-back position, and brought off many good saves. K. Johnson was to the fore at centre in the first half, and in covering a great deal of ground did much good work.

R. Johnson (centre half-back) and Quinn (forward) were others to show up prominently.

The two custodians, Maywald and O'Malley, were responsible for solid displays. Both repeatedly saved their sides from awkward situations.

After half-time Sexton was a power at centre. He marked well and saw to it that his forwards were well fed.

Sallis played a fine game in defence, while Johnston was prominent all day with his high marking.

Lloyd was at his top on the centre wing and overshadowed Mucklow.

C. Hill and Gotts were a pair of hard-working rovers.

Owens kicked eight goals, but the credit for the scoring had to be shared with the forward line, which kept him in mind whenever in possession of the ball.

### NORWOOD WIN EASILY

#### South Nippy on Ground

Norwood held too much in reserve for South at Adelaide Oval. Coming with a burst in the last quarter the redlegs added 6-2 to 3-1 by South, and ran out easy winners.

Until half-way through the final term the game was even, and both sides showed to advantage almost alternately. Norwood and South both proved that their strength lies mostly in defence. As a result, much of the play was confined to mid-field.

On occasions South showed system, but there was not enough of it. Norwood adopted the right tactics for slippery conditions, but the nippiness of South on the ground counteracted their long kicking and vigorous play.

Many interesting tussles were seen between the players of both teams. Daly (Norwood) and Mackay (South), who were matched on a wing, strove to outclass each other all day, and both did great work. Perhaps Daly was the better man because of the use he made of the ball.

Ryan (South) and Lill (Norwood) at centre both figured prominently. Whereas Ryan generally won on the ground, Lill was superlative in the air, bringing down some great marks, specially toward the closing stages of the game.

Siggins showed himself as a polished footballer at half-forward, and in that position Symonds was also an energetic worker. Ackland saved repeatedly in good style, and Applebee was a fast worker on a wing.

Scott played dashing at half-back, and Johns and Plumstead were hard triers.

Playing his first game after figuring with the association side for several matches, Bent (Norwood) was watched with interest. He justified his inclusion by booting four goals, which were from about double as many tries.

Jackson was the king-pin of the South defence, and his fine clearing work and marking often frustrated a Norwood attack.

Jaffer was another good defender. Tully showed unusual agility when roving, and was one of the hardest tries on the field. Olliver and Martin came under notice for good work.

#### Attendances and Takings

Showgrounds—	Attendances.	Takings
(Sturt v. West)	8,300	£393
Adelaide Oval—		
(Norwood v. South)	6,900	298
Thebarton Oval—		
(North v. Torrens)	6,066	283
Alberton Oval—		
(Glenelg v. Port)	5,508	271
Totals	26,768	£1,245