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MAGPIES TOO STRONG

GREAT BURST IN THIRD TERM WINS GAME

Red-and-Blacks Weakened by Absentees

(By "Follower")

Sustained vigorous effort, an electrical display of system in the third quarter, and the fact that West were weakened by the absence of several fine performers, gave Port a convincing victory at Alberton today.

The magpies huffed their opponents off their game, shepherded their men well, and were smart in getting away from the crushes. Nevertheless West, who were handicapped by the strange oval, played pluckily and had they been at full strength would have gone exceedingly close to victory.

Apart from the third-quarter burst by Port there was little to choose between the play of the teams. In the first engagement this season the magpies were always a pace or two behind their opponents, and failed to shepherd their men to the best advantage. These faults they remedied today, and throughout the greater part of the first half of the game it was a stern fight, with Port just keeping a trifle in front.

Although defeated, West were by no means disgraced. Their fine system seen in other games was not so evident today, but this must be attributed to the loss of several star performers.

The magpies on their showing today are a team which must be seriously reckoned with by any side in the league. They have several young, strong men who need only a little more experience to be champions, and since they met West on the Adelaide Oval earlier in the season the whole team has been playing with much more confidence and system.

PORT 2-5 5-8 12-10 15-12
WEST 2-5 4-8 6-12 8-14

Goalkickers.—Port—Galliford (4), Dayman, Quinn, and Conole (each 3), V. Johnson, Wade. West—McGregor (3), Bennetts (2), Mason, Payne, Williams.

Best Players.—Port—R. Johnson, Conole, Galliford, V. Johnson, Quinn, Coldwell. West—Bennett, Snell, Schoff, Williams, Oliver, Payne.

NORWOOD SCRAPE HOME

LAST-MINUTE VICTORY

Torrens Lose by Three Points

In a contest brimful of thrills and incident Norwood scraped home in the match against Torrens at Norwood with a goal in the last minute of the game. That put them three points in the lead. From start to finish play was of a vigorous nature, and at times became rough. Torrens may be considered unlucky to have lost, for in addition to holding the lead until the last minute they were hampered by injuries to several men.

With one minute to go Norwood dashed forward, and a nice pass found Daly in a handy position. His kick sailed truly and Norwood were three points ahead. A few seconds later the bell rang.

NORWOOD 2-2 3-4 7-5 11-8
TORRENS 3-2 6-7 7-14 9-17

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Krome and Bent (each 3), Lawson (2), Symonds, Siggins, Daly. Torrens—Troughton (5), Bastian (2), Kearns, and Lock.

Best Players.—Norwood—Daly, Krome, Johns, Wadham, Lill, Scott, Symonds, and Lawson. Torrens—Karney, Broderick, Hocking, Lampe, Kearns, Hine, Phillips, and Read.

SOUTH SUCCEED

TOO FAST FOR STURT

Unley Team Disappoint

At the expense of a Sturt eighteen weakened by the absence of several regular players, South on Adelaide Oval today scored their second win for the season.

From the bounce of the ball until the final bell South were in the ascendant. Sturt gave a disappointing display.

After the first few minutes of play South played systematically and with determination, and it was these factors, coupled with a brilliant and effective display by Mackay, A. J. Ryan, and Herde across the centre, which brought them victory.

Positions of Clubs

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points for.	Prem. ag.	Pts.
Port	9	8	1	—	780	727	16
West	9	7	2	—	851	663	14
Norwood ..	9	6	3	—	692	619	12
North	9	4	4	1	703	701	9
Sturt	9	4	4	1	690	732	9
Torrens ..	9	3	6	—	623	648	6
South	9	2	7	—	684	809	4
Glenelg ..	9	1	8	—	689	813	2

Leading Goalkickers

Owens (Glenelg)	50
Bennetts (West)	40
Troughton (Torrens)	37
Margitich (South)	27
McGregor (West)	26
G. Scrutton (Sturt)	20
Galliford (Port)	19
Quinn (Port)	16
Hawke (North)	15
Krome (Norwood)	15
Tucker (North)	15

NOTES ON THE GAMES

FORWARDS IN FORM

Match at Prospect

A feature of the match between North and Glenelg at Prospect today was that Owens (Glenelg) and Tucker (North), the opposing goalsneaks, kicked eight goals and six respectively. Final scores were:—North, 14-15; Glenelg, 10-8.

Brilliant football was not seen, although North improved as the game progressed. Glenelg were not at their best, but managed to keep the contest from becoming one-sided. The home team was superior in its marking, but Glenelg proved more adept at footpassing, except in the last quarter.

For usefulness Conrad (half-back) and Tucker (forward) must be singled out as best players in the North ranks. The former returned to his best form, marking and kicking in excellent style, and Tucker led out, well. His marking and kicking were neatly executed.

Thomas and McDowall, the rovers, performed a large amount of work in skilful fashion, and both kicked two goals. Ramsay and Dilliway were consistent in defence, and Morris was dashing at centre. Furler and Townley were the pick of the North followers, although Williams also did well at times. Taylor was perhaps the best of the remainder.

Whether at half-back or centre, Sallis was outstanding for Glenelg. He is one of the most consistent players in the team. Handby was equally effective in defence, and was often a thorn in the path of North. He is never responsible for a poor game.

In kicking eight goals Owens followed up a remarkable series of performances in front of the posts. He was well watched, but his safe marking and accurate left-foot kicks were impressive. W. Hill was one of the best members of the team, and Barbary as wingman had the better of matters with his immediate opponent. Lloyd, on the other wing, was also serviceable throughout. F. Olliver was promising.

SOUTH 2-5 8-7 12-11 14-12
STURT 1-1 4-10 6-12 10-15

Goalkickers.—South—Margitich (4), A. J. Ryan, C. Ryan, Griffen, Oliver (each 2), Robertson, Tully. Sturt—Riley (4), G. Scrutton (3), R. H. Whitehead, Weller, Wadham.

Best Players.—South—Mackay, A. J. Ryan, Hebbard, Herde, Tully, Jackson, and May. Sturt—Riley, Martin, Bateman, R. Stuart, Guiney, C. Whitehead, and G. Scrutton.

NORTH DEFEAT GLENELG

Comfortable Win at Prospect

EIGHT GOALS TO OWENS

Weakened teams met at Prospect today, where North (14-15) defeated Glenelg (10-8). Mack was unable to play for the seaisiders owing to a leg injury. Drew filling the vacancy.

North were without the services of several of their best performers, including Lewis, Munn, Ween, and Leahy.

Although the standard of football was not high the home team showed improved form on some of its recent displays, and was easily the better side on the day. Glenelg were not at their best, and would have been in a bad way had it not been for Owens, who kicked eight of their 10 goals in spite of the fact that he was well watched.

After an early Glenelg drive had failed Thomas sent up the first goal of the day for North. The second was also credited to the red-and-whites, McDowall snapping it on the run. North were playing all over their opponents at this stage, but their kicking and passing in midfield left much room for improvement.

Opening out and showing better system, Glenelg then seriously threatened danger for the first time. Bail kicked their first sixer.

Subsequent attacks, twice in quick succession, produced minors, and then Owens, with a high shot, opened his goalkicking account, putting the visitors two points in front. A number of further thrusts by Glenelg came to naught toward the close of the quarter. They should have gained a commanding lead.

NORTH IMPROVE

North crowded the ball, and their onslaughts lacked precision. Several of their men kicked weakly. They were lucky to be faced with a deficit of only three points at the first change of ends. Supporters of both teams were disappointed at the showing by their men.

In the second term the reds outplayed their rivals, registering 30 points while the opposition were managing six. After a period of up-and-down play into which plenty of dash was infused, Thomas and McDowall each gained the maximum by clever work. Tucker received well but kicked three singles in as many minutes. Then he became more accurate and goaled neatly twice. Owens booted the only Glenelg major for the quarter, which ended with the Prospect team 21 points in the lead. In the first half Conrad and McDowall had been prominent for North, and Handby and W. Hill for the visitors.

On resumption two goals were hoisted rapidly, the respective goalsneaks, Owens and Tucker, doing the trick. A systematic rush goalward by North found Williams, and again full points were signalled. There was now less fumbling, particularly in the case of the northerners.

Kearns and Owens added further goals for Glenelg, followed a little later by the fifth from the boot of Owens. Taylor in the meantime did likewise for North, and Tucker put supporters in high spirits with another. It was an even quarter, practically goal for goal, North scoring 4-3 and Glenelg 4-2.

At "lemons" North held a comfortable lead of 22 points and looked like retaining it.

SEXTON INJURED

In the last quarter Sexton, who had been seriously injured, was placed in the forward division, and Sallis occupied the pivotal position.

Furler sent home the eleventh North goal with a kick off the ground, and Tucker was not beyond putting on another a little later. It was his fifth, and revealed him as a forward of promise. Glenelg met their uphill task pluckily, and Owens again caused two flags to be waved. Two more came from him after indomitable battling, and he had kicked his fiftieth for the season.

Tucker also recorded another, his sixth for the day, before the final bell rang with North victors by 31 points. In the final term North scored 4-3, showing their best standard for the match, and Glenelg kicked three goals without registering a minor.

NORTH 2-3 6-9 10-12 14-15
GLENELG 2-6 3-6 7-8 10-8

Goalkickers.—North—Tucker (6), McDowall, Taylor, Thomas (each 2), Furler, and Williams. Glenelg—Owens (8), Bail, and Kearns.

Best Players.—North—Conrad, Tucker, McDowall, Townley, Ramsay, Dilliway, and Thomas. Glenelg—Sallis, Barbary, Handby, W. Hill, Owens, Lloyd, and F. Olliver.