

# North Surprise West—Norwood Spoil Chances of Sturt Reaching Finals

## REDLEGS LAST BETTER

### Unley Men Lacking in Condition

#### INJURY TO MATTNER HINDERS DOUBLE-BLUES

(By O. J. O'Grady, "The Mail" Football Writer)

Sturt may attribute their defeat today to their lack of condition. For three terms the double-blues appeared to have the upper hand, but toward the finish they faded from the picture.

Norwood had nearly all the play in the final term, but erratic forward play nullified their superiority.

Sturt played their best football in the third quarter, and it was unfortunate for them that for the greater part of the term Mattner was off the ground, suffering from a knee injury.

The defeat of Sturt today has greatly minimized the chances of the double-blues qualifying for the finals.

On the other hand Norwood did not add to their premiership prospects. Once again it was evident that the redlegs are weak in front of goal. In today's game Krome and Mitchell, the spelling ruckmen, alternated as goalsneak. Krome marked well but kicked poorly, only two goals coming from nine scoring shots.

NORWOOD	2-5	7-7	9-11	11-18
STURT	3-4	8-5	11-11	11-13

Goalkeepers.—Norwood—Heffernan (3), Johnson, and Krome (each 2), Appelbee, Mowle, Wait, and Mitchell. Sturt—Green (5), Martin, Mattner, Sims, Warburton, Bauer, and Thomas.

Best Players.—Norwood—Siggins, Krome, Appelbee, Johnson, Heffernan, Pike, Sturt—Simon, Whitehead, Mattner, Greep, Coleman, Treleavan.

#### Premiership Table

	P.	W.	L.	for.	ag.	Pts.
Port	13	11	2	1219	769	22
Norwood	13	10	3	1195	914	20
West	13	8	5	1055	957	16
North	13	6	7	1046	1055	12
Torrens	13	6	7	972	1009	12
Sturt	13	5	8	959	1052	10
Glenelg	13	4	9	1010	1237	8
South	13	2	11	954	1417	4

#### LEADING GOALKICKERS

Margitich (South)	62
Owens (Glenelg)	60
Dayman (Port)	56
Bennetts (West)	51
Troughton (Torrens)	49
Farmer (North)	47
Mutton (Norwood)	34
Logan (Port)	27
Sims (Sturt)	26
Johnson (Norwood)	23
Whitford (West)	23

## EASY VICTORY

### Port Outclass South

#### UNINSPIRING GAME

Port scored an easy victory over South on Alberton Oval today.

As a spectacle the game was poor. This was due mainly to the failure of South forward line. G. F. Margitich, State goalsneak, obtained three kicks for the match—two at the opening of the game and one just before the final bell.

L. C. Dayman headed the goalkicking list for the match, but he should have done better. Six goals from 17 shots was not a good performance.

PORT	0-3	4-11	8-15	13-22
SOUTH	1-4	2-4	3-5	3-6

Goalkickers.—Port—Dayman (6), Waye (3), Ween, P. Quinn, Galliford, Wade. South—A. J. Ryan, Hebbard, and Cornish.

## CLOSE-UPS OF PLAYERS

**J.** Handby played a fine game for Glenelg, getting into the fray with great determination. He cleared many dangerous situations with his typical rushes down the field.

**G.** F. Margitich did not figure in the goalkicking list for South against Port. He was well checked by the opposing backmen, and obtained only three kicks for the match.

**K.** Farmer, the young goalsneak of North, enhanced his reputation today when he kicked six goals for his side. He was seldom defeated in the air, and his shooting for goal was good. The success of North was due in no small measure to his effective play.

**E.** J. Bennetts added to his many fine performances as a goalsneak by recording six goals for West. Most of them were obtained against fierce opposition.

**W.** Hill played one of his best games for the season for Glenelg today. He was prominent in the air, and his ground play was marked by determination. Whether following or placed he was continually in the limelight.

**L.** Griffiths, who fills a back pocket for Glenelg, is a tenacious player, who never admits defeat. His excellent judgment in backing up his team-mates is one of the features of his play. In the match with Torrens today he repeatedly cleared dangerous attacks.

## "ABOVE BOARD"

### Sexton's Resignation

#### FOOTBALLER INDIGNANT

"For Mr. Rugless to insinuate that factors other than the payment for loss of time are concerned in my resignation casts a reflection upon me."

Thus declared J. Sexton, the former Glenelg footballer, when invited to comment upon a statement made by Mr. E. A. Rugless, secretary of Glenelg Football Club during the week.

Mr. Rugless was reported to have said, "Knowing all the facts of the case, I think that the committee should be highly commended for its action in accepting the resignation of J. Sexton."

Sexton takes keen exception to these remarks. "My connection with the Glenelg Football Club has been above board," he said. "I challenge Mr. Rugless to disclose these 'full facts' that he has sought to shelter behind. I think that Mr. Rugless has found it difficult to refute the charge of poor management made against the Glenelg committee in 'The Mail' last Saturday.

"I challenge Mr. Rugless to come out into the open and discuss any factors connected with my resignation other than the payment for time lost from my employment.

"I wish to repeat that when the Glenelg committee arrived at the decision which resulted in my resignation, there were three members of the committee absent. In accepting my resignation the committee had no choice. I clearly indicated that under no circumstances would I reconsider it."

Mr. Rugless was invited by "The Mail" to make clear the purport of his remarks, but he declined to make any further statement.

Following the publication in "The Mail" last Saturday of a statement made by a league official, taking the Glenelg committee to task for the Sexton affair, Mr. Rugless brought the matter up at a meeting of the South Australian National Football League on Monday.

According to a report which appeared in "The News," Mr. Rugless said:—"The article was misleading, as it was supposed to have come from a league official. I want to ask each delegate if he contributed any information to 'The Mail' on the subject. I do not think for one minute that any delegate would rush into print and criticise another club. It is, I think, a reflection on this league."

The report added, "On receiving the assurance of delegates and of Mr. F. Marlow, secretary, that they had not been concerned in the matter, Mr. Rugless said that he would put forward a motion later in the evening. However, up to the time that the league went into committee, no motion was submitted."

An impression has gained ground that some sort of motion against "The Mail" was adopted by the league in committee. This, however, is not so, and it is learned that Mr. Rugless' proposed motion, whatever it might have been, was never submitted. The statement by Mr. Rugless that the article in "The Mail" was misleading is without foundation, for the criticism of the Glenelg team was made by a league official, as stated by "The Mail."

Also this criticism was referred to Mr. Rugless before its publication, but he declined to comment upon it.

**I**n a soundly defeated side, F. Tully was prominent for South in the match against Port. He scouted on the fringe of the packs with good judgment, and often got the ball away after his followers had been defeated.

**P.** Broderick, of Torrens, and R. Coleman, of Glenelg, provided an interesting tussle at centre in the match at Adelaide Oval. Both did much effective work, the Glenelg man being slightly superior on the day.

**P.** Furler and J. McDowall (captain and vice-captain respectively of North) set their men a good example by their play today. They hung to their job tenaciously, and gave pleasing exhibitions.

## TORRENS SUCCEED

### Fast Game at Adelaide

#### SIX GOALS TO OWENS

Torrens won their match with Glenelg at Adelaide Oval in the third quarter, when they turned a deficit of six points into an advantage of 26 points. They failed to score in the last quarter, but succeeded in holding their opponents.

By winning today Torrens registered their fifth successive victory.

On each of the previous occasions the seasideers were successful, and the westerners were anxious to turn the tables today.

F. Olliver, the Glenelg goalkeeper, was absent owing to tonsillitis, and C. Prince appeared for the first time in league football. Torrens were as published. Mr. S. A. D. Hill had charge of the game. A fresh breeze blew across the oval.

Lloyd won the toss, and decided to kick toward the northern end. Torrens were first away, and Fleet sent the ball well in. Johnston marked safely, but followed up with a bad kick. Wise cleared twice, and a free to C. Hill enabled Glenelg to stage a breakaway. Hocking and Osborn defended strongly, but the seasideers were not to be denied, and a chain of marks by Johnston, Symons, and Owens was followed by a goal from the lastnamed.

Torrens made a determined onslaught, and after King had frustrated one attack Troughton marked within easy distance, and goaled with a high punt. The westerners returned to the attack, and this time their efforts culminated in full points from Lampe. Osborn stemmed a Glenelg advance, but Johnston sent the ball back, and a long shot by Owens narrowly missed the big opening. Lock placed Head in possession, and a long shot bounced through the goalposts. Johnston was marking brilliantly. Receiving from him at an acute angle near the goal, Owens kicked truly.

Torrens responded with a goal from Troughton. Barbary sent the ball well in, only to see Lock mark safely and return it. Troughton had another shot, but this time only a behind came. Then Hocking scored a goal. Clever play by Symons gave Owens a chance, and he made the most of it. Handby frustrated a Torrens advance.

#### First Quarter

TORRENS	5-3
GLENELG	3-1

Troughton sent the ball in, and Lampe scored a behind. Broderick secured at centre, and sent to Troughton, whose long shot brought a goal. Hine saved, and the ball was rushed to the other end, where Bastian secured and goaled. Good work by Coleman sent Glenelg forward, and full points came from Sallis. Two additional goals were recorded in rapid succession by Owens, who was scouting and marking well.

Dashing play by Griffiths broke a Torrens attack. Fleet tried wildly to get his boot to a ball, which rolled through the goals off the hands of a Torrens player, but failed. Handby made a spectacular run down the field, and Link, securing the ball, dashed in and goaled. Broderick initiated a Torrens move, and after thrilling play in the goalmouth Bastian recorded the maximum with a difficult angle shot.

Symons unselfishly pamed the ball to Owens, who kicked his sixth goal for the day. Then C. Hill put Glenelg four points in front with another. Torrens defenders were fighting valiantly, but the seasideers were momentarily overwhelming them. Troughton and Hocking at last got the ball away, only to see Griffiths send it back. Play centred round mid field for a time, and Torrens were attacking as the bell rang.

#### Second Quarter

GLENELG	9-4
TORRENS	8-4

Glenelg were first to assume the offensive, and after Ward had twice driven them out a single was rushed. Players of both teams were putting in with a will, and weight was being used freely. Osborn and Hine defended well. Lock was penalised for apparently interfering with Owens, but the decision met with strong disapproval from spectators in the vicinity.

Play was transferred to the other end, where goals were recorded in rapid succession by Troughton, Sinecock, and Lampe. C. Hill gave Glenelg a chance. Sallis kicked across the goals, and in a flash the ball was carried to the other end, where Lampe marked in a crush and goaled. Wise and C. Hill took the ball to the goalmouth, where Ward proved safe in defence.

In Torrens' forward line Bastian was limping badly. Troughton increased the advantage of the westerners by a goal. The blue-and-golds were playing with great dash, and seemed intent on establishing a useful lead. Troughton kicked to an open goal, but the ball fell short, and bounced through the behind posts.

Torrens had amassed 33 points to one point scored by Glenelg during the quarter. They had a good grip of the game, and seemed likely to break their series of defeats by the seasideers.

#### Third Quarter

TORRENS	13-7
GLENELG	9-8

Play centred round midfield for several minutes, with Glenelg slightly in the ascendancy. A single came from Symons, and then Guiney called up both flags. Head took a lucky mark from Hocking, and for a moment things looked dangerous. Handby cleared with a determined rush.

Glenelg supporters roared their delight, as Rosewarne goaled. Guiney rushed down the field, but was going too fast to kick accurately, and the ball fell into the hands of Osborn. Johnston marked well in a bunch, only to spoil his work by a poor kick.

A single came from Guiney. Glenelg were battling hard to reduce their deficit. Sallis had a shot that went out of bounds. Glenelg were pressing the attack, and only eight players remained on the other half of the field. When Torrens broke away Wise marked and drove them out. Troughton kicked across the goalmouth.

Play was congested, and scrimmages were now the order of the day. Torrens were attacking, but could not score. Lampe predominated in the air. The bell rang with Torrens having failed to score in the quarter, but their achieved their object in preventing Glenelg from overtaking their lead.

#### Final

TORRENS	13-7
GLENELG	11-9

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Troughton (5), Lampe (3), Bastian (2), Head, Hocking, and Sinecock. Glenelg—Owens (6), C. Hill, Link, Sallis, Rosewarne, and Guiney.

Best Players.—Torrens—Troughton, Osborn, Hine, Lock, Lampe, Hocking, and Ward. Glenelg—Handby, Guiney, Johnston, Barbary, Symons, Griffiths, and W. Hill.

## GAME WON ON BELL

### WEST UNABLE TO RETAIN EARLY ADVANTAGE

#### Red-and-whites Still in First Four

After an exciting finish at Wayville, North defeated West by five points. The last goal was kicked a second before the final bell. Up to half-time it looked as if the westerners would win, but a fine goal-kicking feat by Farmer and Ween in the last three-quarters enabled North to clinch victory.

The winners did not score a goal in the opening term, but in each of the succeeding quarters they registered more than their opponents. It was a strenuous encounter, with little between the teams. North still hold fourth position from Torrens by a small percentage margin.

NORTH	0-2	4-9	7-12	12-12
WEST	3-4	5-5	7-10	11-13

Goalkickers.—North—Farmer (6), Ween (5), Thomas. West—Bennetts (6), Munro (2), McGregor, Whitford, and Mason.

Best players.—North—Farmer, Conrad, Ween, Munn, Tucker, Ramsay, Taylor, McDowall. West—Snell, Bennett, Payne, Mason, Connell, Medlin, Oliver, and Bennetts.

#### Attendances and Takings

	Attendance	Receipts
Adelaide Oval	8,001	£341
Unley Oval	6,800	316
Showgrounds	3,800	185
Alberton Oval	4,001	211
	21,802	£1,053

**A**T centre half-back J. Mott played an excellent game in defence for Port today. His fast ground play was sound. He was well supported by C. Maywald (goalkeeper) and M. Allingham (back).

**D.** Conrad came into prominence frequently against West by his capital defence and strong kicking. The same remarks apply to A. Oliver, on the opposing side.

**L.** Simon was the best man on the ground at Unley today. At centre half-back he marked safely and cleared effectively.

**A**S usual, R. Snell, the brilliant centre-man, was a powerful force for West. He and A. Payne combine well, and both were responsible for excellent exhibitions. The former headed many attacks.

**E.** A. Johnson and H. C. Heffernan did well when roving for Norwood. The latter with three, and the former with two goals, were the leading goalkickers for Norwood. Krome also scored two goals.

**H.** A. Krome was in good form in the air for Norwood today. Had his kicking been accurate he would have doubled his value to Norwood.