

PORT LOSE TO WEST AND JEOPARDISE MINOR PREMIERSHIP CHANCES

WEST SEE IT OUT

Vigorous Football in Boisterous Weather

MAGPIES SUFFER SEVERE INJURIES

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

There was little to choose between Port and West in their encounter at Wayville today. West lasted a little better, and this factor, combined with greater accuracy in front of goal, enabled them to snatch victory just before time. Port suffered a setback when Logan was rendered useless at the beginning of the final term.

The chief characteristics of the game were the devastating effect of the wind on the play, particularly in the first half, and the all-in nature of the game after half-time. Umpire T. W. Elliott, who gave a consistent exhibition, allowed the players plenty of latitude, and men were bowled over like ninepins.

For the most part players restrained themselves to legitimate hard bumping, but an ugly incident occurred in the third term. Stokes and Wade appeared to come to blows. It was necessary to hold the game up for several minutes on this occasion, and feeling, particularly among the spectators, ran high.

As a result of this game, and the defeat of Sturt by Norwood, the minor premiership is still in the balance. The winner of the Port-Norwood engagement at Norwood next Saturday will carry off the minor premiership, and its double chance in the final. In the circumstances the match rises to the importance of a semi-final.

WEST	3-2	3-4	6-7	7-0
PORT	0-2	0-6	4-10	0-12

Goalkeepers.—West—Bennetts (4), Stokes (2), Payne. Port—Logan (2), Dayman, Hender, Quinn, Galliford.
Best Players.—Port—Mucklow, Mott, Logan, Allingham, Maywald, Wade, and Quinn. West—Snell, Payne, Solomon, McGregor, and Bennett.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Port	16	13	3	—	1,591	939	26
Norwood	16	12	3	1	1,456	1,100	25
West	16	10	6	—	1,226	1,175	20
Torrens	16	8	8	—	1,245	1,100	16
North	16	7	8	1	1,247	1,200	13
Sturt	16	5	11	—	1,163	1,365	10
Glenelg	16	5	11	—	1,205	1,407	10
South	16	3	13	—	1,100	1,670	6

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Margitich (South)	71
Dayman (Port)	70
Owens (Glenelg)	68
Farmer (North)	58
Bennetts (West)	58
Troughton (Torrens)	51
Mutton (Norwood)	41
Logan (Port)	38
Johnson (Norwood)	30
Sims (Sturt)	27

North quickly went goalward. Oliver twice marked brilliantly, and drove them out. Link gave Symons a chance, and a single was registered. The shot was worthy of a better result. Lloyd had a long shot, but again only one flag was raised. The seiders had not yet scored a goal.

Munn, after missing an easy mark, passed to Drew, whose shot went out of bounds. Furler determinedly rushed the ball down the field. Owens secured and had a shot, which appeared to go through. A cry of disappointment went up when one flag was raised. Farmer marked within easy distance, and goaled. A sharp shower of rain fell. North were having the better of the play, but a stubborn defence by Handby, Oliver, King, and Ellis was keeping their score to small limits. Johnston had a shot, but kicked along the ground. Owens secured, and registered the first goal for his side with a clever snapshot.

Furler and Handby collided heavily in the centre of the field. Both lay without moving until trainers came to their aid. Handby was carried from the ground, but after treatment Furler returned to his place in a forward pocket.

The seiders continued to attack, and Rosewarne called up both flags. Owens scored a single with a long shot. The red-and-whites were launching an attack as the bell rang.

Second Quarter

NORTH	3-8
GLENELG	2-7

Oliver filled the position at centre half-back in the absence of Handby. He turned a North advance from the bounce. Griffiths dashed down the stand wing, and Rosewarne secured possession. He could manage only a single with an easy shot. North did better, a goal being snapped by Drew. King and Griffiths turned their next advance. Lloyd and Sallis were prominent in a move that culminated in full points from Owens.

The same player had another shot a few moments later, but this time only one flag was raised. McDowall had a long shot that went out of bounds. Symons sent on to Owens, whose shot put the eleventh single on the board for Glenelg. The standard of play had improved, but the kicking of both sides was affected by the wind. The seiders were having the best of the play, in spite of having only 17 men.

McInnes twice held the seiders at bay. Symons gave Owens another chance, and this time the ball struck the top of a

LAST-QUARTER EFFORT

Sturt Lose Narrowly to Norwood

DEFEATED AFTER HOLDING GOOD LEAD

After having held a handy lead until three-quarter time, when there was a margin of 22 points in their favor, Sturt went down to a determined recovery by Norwood at Norwood Oval.

The redlegs wiped off their deficit in the first half of the last term, and in a stern battle in the last 10 minutes emerged victorious by five points.

NORWOOD	4-1	5-3	7-4	12-8
STURT	4-1	7-4	10-8	11-9

Goalkeepers.—Norwood—Krome and Mutton (each 4), Heffernan, Johnson, Wait, and McDougall. Sturt—Green (7), Wunderwitz (2), Martin, and Riley.
Best Players.—Norwood—Ackland, Heffernan, Geary, Scott, Moyle, Siggins, Mutton, and Krome. Sturt—Wadhams, Gree-Williams, Bateman, Johnston, Wunderwitz-Treleaven, and Fisher.

RUNAWAY VICTORY

Torrens Outclass South

WINNERS' SOUND DEFENCE

Torrens at Thebarton scored a runaway victory over South, whose three goals were obtained in the last 15 minutes of play. The winners played a good combined game, and again adapted themselves to the wintry conditions.

W. Lampe enhanced his reputation as a goalsneak by registering five goals. G. F. Margitich, South goalkicker, who was injured toward the close of the game, did not score a goal.

TORRENS	7-4	8-4	14-8	14-9
SOUTH	0-0	0-5	0-5	3-9

Goalkeepers.—Torrens—Lampe (5), Head (3), Lock (2), Bridgman, Bertram, Fleet, and Read. South—Dunne (2), and Hebbard.

Best Players.—Torrens—Bertram, Lampe, Hocking, Venning, Head, Lock, Phillips, and Hine. South—Jackson, MacKay, Jaffer, Tully, Hewitt, Ryan, Fulwood, and O'Connell.

goalpost. Lloyd and Coleman began the next move. This time Guiney had a shot, and another single was recorded. Owens was being treated by the trainers as the bell rang. He had collided with two opponents when endeavoring to break through with the ball.

Third Quarter

NORTH	4-8
GLENELG	3-14

Only one point separated the teams when the last quarter started. North holding the advantage. Elliot recorded a single, and then Griffiths and King drove them out. Furler executed a dashing run down the field, and another point was rushed from a scrimmage.

Lloyd, Johnston, and Sallis gave Rosewarne a chance, and a goal came, which placed the seiders in the lead for the first time during the match. Their advantage was shortlived, as Hardwick, hard-pressed, kicked a goal off the ground a few moments later.

The northerners had temporary charge of the game. It was only the determined work of the Glenelg defenders that prevented them from establishing a safe lead. Their persistence was at last rewarded by a goal from Farmer. The seiders were feeling the loss of Handby. Lloyd and Sallis began an onslaught. Owens kicked across the goal, but Symons gathered up the ball and kicked it through. Furler cleared, and Conrad passed to Farmer, who goaled. The result was now beyond doubt.

NORTH	7-11
GLENELG	5-14

Goalkeepers.—North—Farmer (4), Drew (2), and Hardwick. Glenelg—Owens and Rosewarne (each 2), and Symons.

Best Players.—North—Furler, Munn, Farmer, Drew, Taylor, Conrad, and McInnes. Glenelg—Lloyd, Handby (until hurt), Barbary, Griffiths, C. Hill, Link, and Coleman.

INJURED PLAYERS

Logan Badly Hurt

Two Port players were severely injured in the match against West at Wayville today. H. Logan, centre half-forward, as a result of knocks was practically useless in the last quarter. At the conclusion of the game it was ascertained that he had torn the ligaments of his right shoulder. This may keep him out of the game for some weeks.

R. Conole, at the beginning of the third term, received a blow on the bridge of the nose. Examination later disclosed that the bone was broken.

W. R. Chaplin, West centre half-back, received an injury to a leg, but he stated after the game that it was only slight.

In the last quarter of the game at Thebarton against Torrens G. F. Margitich, the South goalsneak, received an injury to a knee. He was bumped against a goalpost. The injury may debar him from training on Tuesday.

J. Handby, Glenelg half-back, who was injured in a collision with P. Furler in the second quarter of the Glenelg-North match today, was examined by Dr. W. H. Carden during the half-time interval.

Dr. Carden stated subsequently that the muscle of the left shoulder appeared to be torn. There did not appear to be anything broken, but it would be necessary for an X-ray examination to be made to discover the actual extent of the injury.

Attendances and Takings

	Attendance	Receipts
Norwood Oval	4,100	£217
Showgrounds	5,300	326
Thebarton Oval	3,100	157
Glenelg Oval	1,500	68
	14,000	£768

FOOTBALL LAWS

SUGGESTED ALTERATIONS

Improvements Certain

(By O. J. O'Grady)

Football executives in all States have been busy in the last week drafting suggested alterations to the laws of the game. So that the question may be dealt with by the meeting of the Australian National Football Council in Melbourne on November 4 notice of motion must be lodged with the secretary by next Wednesday.

The executive of the South Australian league met during the week and decided upon certain recommendations, but these have not been published.

While I am not in a position to state officially what the league has recommended I am positive that one thing it will advocate is the substitution of the "flick."

Victoria has ranged itself on the reform side. A reversion to the old "flick" handball has been definitely recommended, and with Tasmania also favoring this reform it is felt that the 1929 football season will see the last of the present unpopular style.

I think the unsatisfactory "out of bounds" law is doomed. Both Western Australia and Victoria have declared against it, and I will be surprised if the South Australian League decides to persevere with it in its present form.

My forecast, and it is more than an opinion, is that the out of bounds law will be altered. It is probable that the new law will prescribe that the ball shall be thrown in from 10 to 20 yards in the style of the old "throw-in."

Both Tasmania and Victoria have definitely declared themselves to be in favor of the substitution of injured players. This is sound legislation, and I do not think it will be seriously opposed.

The adoption of these reforms should result in a noticeable increase in public support of football.

CLOSE-UPS OF PLAYERS IN LEAGUE GAMES

R. Snell was the best performer for West today. He was too dashing for his immediate opponent, R. Conole. The latter, however, suffered from a broken nose in the second half of the game.

A. Link, the Glenelg rover, received a cut on a cheek, and F. Oliver suffered a severe blow on a cheekbone. The injuries did not affect the play of either, however, and they were among the most able members of the team.

AFTER a quiet beginning H. Krome (Norwood) was prominent in the last half of the game against Sturt today. In the last quarter he figured prominently in the Norwood recovery, his marking being valuable. He kicked four goals.

IN unfavorable conditions G. J. R. Green was chiefly responsible for the accurate scoring of Sturt against Norwood today. He kicked well and earned his seven goals.

W. J. Mackay was continually in the limelight for South. The same can be said of F. Tully and F. R. Jaffer. The lastnamed effected many commendable saves.

H. Solomon was next to Snell for West today. Solomon was generally too good for L. Hodge, although the latter was by no means outclassed.

C. Maywald did well in goals for Port today. His kicking in the early part of the game was poor.

J. Wadhams, one of the most consistent players for Sturt, was an outstanding defender for the Unity team against Norwood today. His fine judgment and rapid clearing of the ball broke up many Norwood attacks. E. Fisher and A. G. Smith were occasionally under notice for good work in defence.

ALTHOUGH not so effective as usual, L. Mutton was a useful performer for Norwood against Sturt today. He kicked four goals. A. Moyle also did well on the full forward line.

FOUR goals came from the boot of K. Farmer during the day, and had it not been for his work North probably would have suffered defeat. He was not unduly prominent, but was one of the few players in the team who made good use of the ball in the forward lines.

ON a flank J. H. Phillips played a great game, and T. Head was an indefatigable and effective worker. In goal E. Hine was again at top form.

C. Kcal, at half-back, and D. Eden, ruck, were serviceable for Port today.

M. Allingham gave a dashing display at full back left for Port. His marking was well judged.

J. Mott played a great game for Port at centre half-back. His pace and go-through style make his game attractive. He invariably makes the ball his objective.

J. Lloyd had the call over Bert Hawke throughout the match at Glenelg. Lloyd did not allow the responsibility of leading his side weigh upon him as on previous occasions, and played one of his best games of the season.

STURT were well served across the centre against Norwood today. H. W. Johnston and R. Treleaven were effective on the wings. V. Bateman played well at centre.

H. Fleet was in good form for North, and defended his goal in great style. His marking ability and sound ground play saved many serious situations.

A. Payne, West rover, gave his usual finished display at Wayville today. Payne understands position play as no other player in the league understands it.

W. H. Jackson (South) played one of his customary games in defence. Many times he marked brilliantly, and extricated his side from dangerous situations.

A. J. Williams, the smallest Sturt player, made an effective showing against Norwood today. His play was featured by resourceful work when in possession of the ball. V. Wunderwitz also did well as rover and forward.

A. Hender, playing at half-forward left, was of value to Port throughout the game. His goal from the boundary in the second term left the crowd gasping.

FOR Torrens O. M. Bertram played with great dash, skill, and determination. He played at the end of the game as though his side needed all his effort for victory. Frequently he was warmly applauded for clever marking.

B. McGregor, West captain, threw his full energies into the game today. His passing under the difficult prevailing conditions was excellent.

USEFUL displays were given for Norwood against Sturt today by H. C. Heffernan, who roved effectively, and G. O. R. Wait and A. S. Biddell, who did well on occasions on the half-forward line.

NORTH were well represented at Glenelg by P. Furler, their captain. He was a tower of strength in the ruck, and when placed he repeatedly cleared Glenelg attacks by dashing runs down the field.

THERE were not many outstanding players for Norwood against Sturt today. In defence, probably they were best served, where W. Scott, S. Ackland, J. M. Siggins, and A. Geary all played solid football.

P. Brodric must have been pleased with the combined effort of his team when conditions did not make for fast, open play. Every man played well, W. M. Venning, R. S. Hocking, and J. Lock being great battlers in the pack.