

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.

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| WEST | 2-2 | 3-4 | 5-7 | 7-9 |
| PORT | 0-2 | 2-3 | 4-10 | 6-12 |

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.

Premiership Table

| | P. | W. | L. | D. | Points for | Points against | Pts. |
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| Port | 16 | 13 | 3 | — | 1500 | 830 | 28 |
| Norwood | 16 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 1458 | 1166 | 25 |
| West | 16 | 10 | 6 | — | 1226 | 1173 | 20 |
| Torrens | 16 | 8 | 8 | — | 1245 | 1188 | 16 |
| North | 16 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 1242 | 1290 | 15 |
| Sturt | 16 | 5 | 11 | — | 1183 | 1365 | 10 |
| Glenelg | 16 | 5 | 11 | — | 1204 | 1497 | 10 |
| South | 16 | 3 | 13 | — | 1100 | 1600 | 6 |

NINE-POINT WIN

North Defeat Glenelg

POOR SHOOTING FOR GOAL

Inaccurate shooting for goal was a feature of the match at Glenelg, where North defeated Glenelg by nine points. The winners were rather lucky to win. The seaisiders took the lead at one time in the last quarter, despite the fact that they were without the services of J. Handby after half-time.

The standard of play, which was poor in the opening quarters, improved after the long interval. In the third term the work of Glenelg was worthy of a better result.

A small number of spectators witnessed the match. A strong wind blew across the oval. Both teams were as published. Umpire G. F. Rohrig had charge of the game.

Furler won the toss, and North kicked to the northern goal. Frees to Munn and Furler sent North forward, but Olliver drove them out. Barbary transferred the ball to the other end, where Owens called up one flag from a free. Elliot drove the ball into the goalmouth, but combined work by Handby, Link, and Wise eased the situation. Furler was limping as he came out of a scrum. North made a determined attack, and a goal came from Drew.

The wind was keeping play on the eastern wing, and the ball was frequently forced out of bounds. Barbary sent the ball to Owens, but the force of the wind carried it too far. North cleared, and through the agency of Tucker, Farmer secured possession. He goaled with a snapshot.

C. Hill and Lloyd carried the ball to the Glenelg forward line, only to see Foulis and Taylor send it back again. King was kicking off well for Glenelg. The seaisiders were launching an attack as the ball rang.

First Quarter

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| NORTH | 2-4 |
| GLENELG | 0-3 |

North quickly went goalward. Olliver 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 seaisiders had not yet scored a goal.

Munn, after missing an easy mark, passed to Drew, whose shot went out of bounds.

Glenelg 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, Olliver, 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 seaisiders 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

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| NORTH | 3-4 |
| GLENELG | 2-7 |

Olliver 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 seaisiders were having the best of the play, in spite of having only 17 men.

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

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| 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 scrum.

Lloyd, Johnston, and Sallis gave Rosewarne a chance, and a goal came, which placed the seaisiders 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 seaisiders 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.

Final

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| 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.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

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| Margitich (South) | 11 |
| Dayman (Port) | 70 |
| Owens (Glenelg) | 68 |
| Bennetts (West) | 58 |
| Farmer (North) | 58 |
| Troughton (Torrens) | 51 |
| Sturt (Norwood) | 41 |
| Logan (Port) | 38 |
| Johnson (Norwood) | 38 |
| Sims (Sturt) | 27 |

Attendances and Takings

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

LAST-QUARTER EFFORT

Sturt Lose Narrowly to Norwood

DEFEATED AFTER HOLDING GOOD LEAD

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| 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), Wundersitz (2), Martin, and Riley.

Best Players.—Norwood—Ackland, Heffernan, Geary, Scott, Moyle, Siggins, Mutton, and Krome. Sturt—Wadham, Gree, Williams, Bateman, Johnston, Wundersitz, Treleaven, and Fisher.

RUNAWAY VICTORY

Torrens Outclass South

WINNERS' SOUND DEFENCE

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| 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.

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. Olliver 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.

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.

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

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.

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.