

NORWOOD DEFEAT PORT AND SECURE MINOR PREMIERSHIP

MAGPIES UNLUCKY

Best Team on Season's Play

GRIT GIVES REDLEGS VICTORY

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By defeating Port today Norwood have annexed the minor premiership of the league. On the season's play, and in view of the weak team that they fielded today, I have no hesitation in saying that Port are unfortunate in not having secured this tangible honor.

Nevertheless the magpies went down fighting in a game that thrilled the large crowd through and through.

Norwood are to be congratulated upon achieving the distinction that is theirs. Since the retirement of Lill the redlegs cannot be classed a brilliant team. They have won through by sheer determination and grit. As a team Norwood never recognises defeat.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points	Prem.
Norwood	17	13	3	1	1521	1160 27
Port	17	13	4	—	1568	1004 26
West	17	10	7	—	1313	1282 20
Torrens	17	9	8	—	1352	1275 18
North	17	7	9	1	1328	1367 15
Sturt	17	6	11	—	1228	1435 12
Glenelg	17	5	12	—	1274	1572 10
South	17	3	14	—	1257	1746 6

NORWOOD	2-1	7-4	8-6	9-11
PORT	2-5	5-5	7-10	8-12

Best Players.—Norwood—Daly, Scott, Krome, Wait, Siggins, Ackland. Port—Allingham, Mucklow, D. Eden, Maywald, Ween, Keal, Graves.

Goalkeepers.—Norwood—Wait (3), Biddell and Johnson (each 2), Wadham, and Krome. Port—Dayman (4), Quinn, Galliford, D. Eden, Betts.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Margitich (South)	74
Dayman (Port)	74
Owens (Glenelg)	72
Bennetts (West)	61
Farmer (North)	61
Troughton (Torrens)	51
Mutton (Norwood)	41
Logan (Port)	38
Johnson (Norwood)	32
Lampe (Torrens)	29
Sims (Sturt)	27

VICTORY FOR NORTH

South Miss Chances

OVERFEED MARGITICH

Although North defeated South by nine points at Adelaide Oval, the standard of play of the northerners throughout the greater part of the match was poor. South threw away their chance of winning the match by persistently playing to G. Margitich, their goalsneak, in an effort to place him at the head of the league goalkicking list.

Both teams were over eager, and inaccurate kicking was a feature of the game.

NORTH	2-5	3-11	7-16	11-20
SOUTH	1-4	4-9	6-13	10-17

Goalkickers.—North—Adelaide—Hardwick (4), Farmer (3), Hawke and Conrad (2). South—Adelaide—Tully (4), Margitich (3), Hewitt, Errey, and Oliver.

Best Players.—North—Furler, Fleet, Conrad, Tucker, Hardwick, McDowall, Hawke. South—Tully, Mackay, Jaffer, Cornish, Masters, A.J. Rylands, and Oliver.

POOR FOOTBALL

Sturt in Sixth Place

FIVE-POINT VICTORY

Spectators saw poor football and a mildly interesting finish at Unley, where Sturt fought for and won sixth position on the premiership list from Glenelg by five points.

Sturt played better football on the day, and but for the excellent performances of a few Glenelg men they probably would have won comfortably.

Sturt had to call on both reserves. H. Riley was unable to play owing to an attack of ptomaine poisoning, and R. Treleaven had not recovered sufficiently from a hip injury sustained against Norwood. A. A. Smith and R. Stuart filled the vacancies. J. Wadham played on a wing.

G. B. Johnston was omitted from the Glenelg eighteen because of an injured knee, and K. Olliver filled his place. The Bay men kicked first with a light breeze, and the opening 10 minutes saw Glenelg having the better of play, but doing little with their opportunities.

Lloyd was sending the ball to the forwards frequently, and Owens opened the scoring with a point. Another rush, in which Thomas was temporarily put out of action with an injured leg, resulted in Link snapping a goal.

Martin was the guiding force in the first successful Sturt attack. Green marked from his skipper, and kicked truly. Glenelg returned to the attack, but a couple of points was their only reward.

Thomas, who was limping in the forward line, played a part in securing the second Sturt goal, which A. A. Smith kicked from a crush near the sticks.

Owens, who had been battling eagerly for the ball, booted the second Glenelg goal with a clever snap. A couple of chances to score had been wasted because of the persistent efforts of Glenelg forwards to place Owens in possession.

Speed and vigor characterised the play, and the teams at this stage seemed to be evenly matched. A feature was the superiority of the Glenelg wingmen, Lloyd and Barbary. The forwards, however, were constantly out of position.

First Quarter

GLENELG	2-6
STURT	2-1

Umpire G. F. Rohrig allowed players plenty of latitude, and the result was hard football. Sturt showed improvement in attack. Martin gave the double-blues the lead with a goal, and Green, sharking the ball near the sticks, followed with another.

Then Glenelg forced their way through, and Owens, marking well, recorded six points. For some time a close battle was waged between Sturt forwards and Glenelg defenders, but the wretched kicking of Sims brought the Sturt efforts to nought.

Players were crowding the ball and straying from their places. Sturt could not drive many of their attacks home, but accurate kicking placed them ahead. Green scored the next goal for Sturt.

Rushing forward, Glenelg for several minutes were close to the goal, but their methods were too crude to be effective. A goal by Ash and another soon afterward by the same player gave Sturt a handy lead. Sturt were now attacking through the centre, where Bateman held the advantage. Glenelg were being defeated in the air, but they obtained a much-needed goal from Guiney following a series of frees.

Second Quarter

STURT	7-4
GLENELG	4-8

Glenelg had suffered through making too many mistakes in handling and passing the ball. Slipshod work by their defenders was directly responsible for the next Sturt goal, which Thomas kicked from close in. Owens just previously had hit a post.

Play was a series of scrambles. Sallis heartened Glenelg with a goal, but Unley men were holding their opponents safely. A forward drive by Sturt was capped by a goal from Williams. Glenelg made several ragged and unimpressive attempts to break through.

When they did a straight kick by Guiney earned only a behind, because it was touched in transit. One of the best flashes of play for the day was seen when King cleared a Sturt attack, and in three kicks the ball travelled to the Glenelg objective.

Link registered a goal. Long kicks and direct methods caused Glenelg to shine for a while, but another major from Link left Sturt six points ahead. Martin was freed just on the bell, but his kick brought nothing.

Third Quarter

STURT	9-5
GLENELG	7-12

Glenelg displayed a determined front, and Owens won them a point. It was a case of "all in," with no semblance of co-ordinated effort.

Thomas missed a simple chance for Sturt and A. A. Smith missed an easy chance. Superior aerial work enabled Sturt to maintain the attack, but their kicking was wretched.

A. A. Smith broke the run of misses with a goal. Poor handling of the ball continued to render Glenelg ineffective. Time and again they had failed through allowing the ball to slip through their fingers.

A. A. Smith placed Sturt 20 points ahead with a major, and after much hard battling Owens registered a similar score for Glenelg. The game was lifeless and with few attractive features. Glenelg were attacking during the major part of the closing stages, and a goal to Owens with a few minutes to go left five points between the scores.

Final

STURT	11-9
GLENELG	9-16

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Green and A. A. Smith (each 3), Ash (2), Martin, Thomas, Williams. Glenelg—Owens (4), Link (3), Sallis, Guiney.

Best Players.—Sturt—Wundersitz, Fisher, A. G. Smith, Martin, Williams, Stuart, Sims, and Bateman. Glenelg—Lloyd, Barbary, Olliver, Owens, Hill, Link, Sallis, and Griffiths.

TORRENS IN FOUR

Defeat West in Good Game

BOTH SIDES OCCASIONALLY SPECTACULAR

TORRENS	4-6	7-6	14-9	16-11
WEST	1-2	5-10	8-11	12-15

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Lampe (4), Oaten, Head, and Geue (each 3), Broderick, Sincok, and Lock. West—McGregor (4), Bennetts (3), Payne, and Williams (each 2), Jarvis.

Best Players.—Torrens—Osborn, Fleet, Venning, Head, Phillips, Lock, Broderick, and Geue. West—Snell, McGregor, Payne, Church, Oliver, Bennetts, Median, and Collins.

Attendances and Takings

Attendances and gate takings at league football matches today were as follow:—

	Attendances	Receipts
Adelaide Oval	4,118	£141
Norwood Oval	17,550	981
Unley Oval	2,000	89
Thebarton Oval	6,448	303
	30,116	£1,514

CLOSE-UPS OF PLAYERS

GLENELG were best represented at Unley today by J. Lloyd and G. Barbary, their wingmen. The former was undefeated, and there was not a more effective player on the ground. Barbary was little his inferior. J. Wadham and H. W. Johnston, of Sturt, their immediate opponents, were hard triers.

L. Sallis and C. Hill were a pair of hard-working forwards for Glenelg against Sturt. In defence the side was best served by F. Olliver, L. Griffiths, and G. King.

V. Wundersitz was one of the best for Sturt against Glenelg. He handled the ball with effect on numerous occasions, and in his new station at half-forward, in place of Riley, did well. W. Martin and E. W. Sims marked well at half-forward, but the latter spoilt his display by wretched kicking.

Glenelg players were looking for J. Owens throughout the game against Sturt, but the Bay goalsneak was closely watched. He kicked four goals, but missed many other shots. A. Link did well in attack, in addition to roving capably.

E. Fisher (goalkeeper) was one of the best Sturt defenders against Glenelg. R. Stuart and A. G. Smith also did fine work in this department. V. Bateman was moderately successful at centre.