

NORWOOD AND NORTH STRUGGLING FOR LEAGUE FOOTBALL MINOR PREMIERSHIP

WEST EASILY BEATEN AT NORWOOD

STURT NARROWLY DEFEATED BY NORTH ADELAIDE

Port Adelaide Strengthen Their Hold of Position in Four

WEST TORRENS TOO STRONG FOR GLENELG AT THEBARTON OVAL

League matches played on Saturday provided no surprises. As expected, the game at Unley was closely contested, North Adelaide defeating Sturt in the last quarter by seven points. Port Adelaide, by defeating South Adelaide at the Adelaide Oval, strengthened their position in fourth place, and incidentally weakened the blue-and-white's chances of figuring in the major round. Norwood convincingly defeated West Adelaide at the Norwood Oval, and maintained their position at the head of the premierships list. As a result of their victory over Glenelg at the Thebarton Oval, West Torrens moved up from bottom to seventh place.

The best goal-kicking effort of the day was registered by V. A. Geue, of West Torrens, who scored seven goals against Glenelg. L. C. Dayman (Port Adelaide) scored six, and he is in second place on the goal-kicking list, two behind Geue. J. Owens (Glenelg), whose record of 83 goals is almost certain to be eclipsed this season, is third with 58, the young North Adelaide forward, K. Farmer, being only one goal behind him.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.C.	Pts.
Norwood	12	9	2	1	1,075	866	55.89	19
North	12	9	3	—	1,000	803	55.30	18
Sturt	12	7	5	—	1,026	825	55.42	14
Port	12	6	5	1	1,094	974	52.90	13
South	12	5	7	—	1,056	1,107	48.82	13
West	12	5	7	—	800	957	45.53	10
Torrens	12	3	9	—	800	1,064	45.82	6
Glenelg	12	3	9	—	846	1,159	42.19	6

GAMES AT A GLANCE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final
Port	5	0	8	3
South	3	5	6	6
Norwood	4	5	10	10
West	2	4	5	6
North	3	4	5	8
Sturt	5	1	6	3
Torrens	2	1	7	7
Glenelg	4	4	4	6

LEADING GOALKICKERS

V. A. Geue, West Torrens (7)	65
L. C. Dayman, Port Adelaide (6)	63
J. Owens, Glenelg (3)	58
K. Farmer, North Adelaide (4)	57
A. J. Ryan, South Adelaide (1)	32
H. A. Krome, Norwood (3)	31
C. Hall, South Adelaide (—)	26

Figures in parentheses denote number of goals kicked on Saturday.

GLENELG BEATEN

GEUE KICKS SEVEN GOALS AT THEBARTON

By defeating Glenelg at the Thebarton Oval, West Torrens were saved from the humiliation of retaining the wooden spoon.

Their win was obtained by a margin of nearly three goals, but it was not impressive. Had Glenelg maintained the dash which they showed early in the match West Torrens would have had many anxious moments. As it was, in the third and last quarters the visiting team almost monopolised the play for several minutes, but rarely were the movements productive of goals. West Torrens did not show the same convincing form as when they defeated the seafarers in the first match of the season by about seven goals. Nevertheless it was a concerted effort, which gave them the victory. The team relied not so much on the brilliant individual play of a few for their success, as in the case of Glenelg. Most of the home side players contributed to the win.

Weakness in Attack

Glenelg from the start revealed a weakness in attack, which probably cost them the match. Owens, who broke a blood vessel recently, did not seem at first to justify his inclusion in the team. He was overshadowed by Hine during the first two quarters, and with the other full forwards very little in the picture it was not surprising that many of the Glenelg attacks petered out near the goalmouth. With the advantage of the wind that they possessed in the first quarter their lead of 15 points should have been much greater on form shown in other parts of the field. The lead was obtained by the efforts of the ruckmen and the centre half-forward, Sallis. In this session both Sallis and Johnston showed brilliant form.

Three Players Prominent

The bulk of the attacking was done by Sallis, and he was effective throughout the larger portion of the match. His excellent ground play and long, accurate punts were features of a performance which was generally reliable. Sallis was well supported in the first quarter by Johnston and Lloyd. The latter outclassed Russell on the wing during the first half, and though he was not as conspicuous later when opposed to Bertram, he still rendered good service to his side. With the forwards on his wing being beaten, Lloyd was compelled to send the ball across to Sallis, and the pair, with similar styles of play, made a spectacular as well as an effective combination. Johnston assisted very materially in Glenelg's first quarter success. He seldom if ever marked better. On the day he was almost unbeatable in the air. Most of his sensational marks were taken in the Glenelg forward division, which he strengthened when not on the ball. Torrens' players were unable to compete seriously with him, and at first resorted to obstruction tactics, which were severely penalised by the umpire.

Torrens Juniors Show Form

West Torrens won the game with their second quarter burst, in which they scored 36 points to Glenelg's two. In this term Wing, at centre, and Webber, at centre half-forward, produced good form, and with Geue were responsible for carrying the attacks to success along the centre. Geue was not very prominent in the first quarter, his one scoring opportunity being unselfishly given to Webber, who turned it to good account. In the second session he had six scoring shots, which produced an equal number of goals and behinds. Generally the home side showed better system, and picked their team-mates with greater accuracy than during any other time during the match, and the Glenelg backs were not strong enough to keep them back.

Local Players Injured

When the teams reappeared after half-time Frogley, who had hurt his hip, was not among the West Torrens players, his place having been taken by Bastian. A few minutes after the resumption of play Russell was also injured, and had to leave the field. West Torrens playing with 17 men.

This acted as a temporary setback, and for a few minutes it looked as though Glenelg would forge ahead and win. Bertram was shifted to Russell's place on the wing, and when the latter pluckily resumed playing, though his shoulder was obviously affected, he was stationed in the forward line. The move had the effect of bringing Bertram into the limelight. His play had been disappointing until that juncture, but his showing improved to such an extent that he proved more than a match for Lloyd.

Owens as Half-Forward

Glenelg made a determined effort during the third quarter to gain the lead, but without success. Owens was shifted from the position where he has been so futile and was placed at half-forward. Winkler was made goalsneak, but he, too, was eclipsed by Hine, and with Quinn also playing excellently in the pocket many promising thrusts were frustrated. Sallis, who was playing his 98th game, was again to the fore, and did most of the scoring. But with 16 shots Glenelg could manage only three goals, which contrasted to three kicks and three goals for West Torrens by Geue. The Torrens goalsneak improved as the match progressed, and finished with a tally of seven goals.

Owens played better after being shifted, and in the last quarter specially showed glimpses of his old form. He marked well, several times in bunches, and kicked two goals. But the men who had carried Glenelg on their shoulders were obviously fatigued, and without them playing at their top form Glenelg gave little indication of being able to retrieve the situation.

Scores:—
West Torrens, 12 goals 10 behinds.

Goalkickers—Geue (7), Bridgeman (2), Bertram, Lock, and Webber. Glenelg—Owens and Sallis (3), Johnston, Winkler, and K. Olliver.

Best Players—West Torrens, Quinn, Hine, Bertram, Bridgeman, Kinlough, Wing, and Webber. Glenelg—Lloyd, Sallis, Johnston, Griffiths, and Hill.

PORT ADELAIDE

BRILLIANT

SOUTH SLIP BACK

Port Adelaide strengthened their claim on fourth position, and gave further evidence of their improvement by brilliantly defeating South Adelaide at the Adelaide Oval.

The black and whites played resolute cohesive football, to which South could not muster any prolonged resistance, and during the second half the play was confined almost continuously to the area in front of the Port Adelaide goal.

South are definitely slipping down the ladder. The side contains several players palpably below league standard, and their leaden-footed play is a distinct contrast to the sparkling movements which characterised the attacks of the blue and whites earlier in the season.

The lustre of Port's performance after half-time was dimmed by a deplorable display when kicking for goal. Dayman was the worst offender, scoring only six goals from 13 shots. Scores:—

Port Adelaide, 15 goals 19 behinds.
South Adelaide, 10 goals 8 behinds.
Goalkickers:—Port Adelaide—Dayman (6), Quinn and Way (3), Hender (2), and McInerney; South Adelaide—Gardiner (4), Cornish, and McEntee (2), Ryan and Jaffer.

Best Players:—Port Adelaide—Waye, Quinn, Maywald, Graves, Betts, Mucklow, V. Johnson, R. Johnson, Dayman, and Allingham; South Adelaide—Mulcahy, Jaffer, Tully, Hewitt, Hall, and Sandercock.

FIGHTING FINISH

NORTH DEFEAT STURT

In a fighting finish, only approached for sheer determination and courage by their closing effort against Norwood the previous week, North Adelaide defeated Sturt at the Unley Oval by seven points. The issue was in doubt until the final bell.

But the game was not like that all the time. For the first half, and particularly in the opening quarter, the red and whites were deplorably off form. Hardly a man played his usual game. Every movement seemed to lack fire. Team sense was noticeable only by its entire absence. The North men played in the opening stages like a team without a purpose. Even when they were working up to their smashing victory of the last quarter they did not have matters all their own way. In addition to the persistent resistance of the double blues, they were dogged by an element of ill luck until it seemed that, despite the fine character of their effort, they were doomed to failure. The win was a tribute to team morale.

Exciting Struggle

With eleven minutes to go Sturt reduced North's lead to a point. A minute later Sturt drew level. There was a spirited battle in the centre. The players went down like ninepins. The tension was electric. The ball was cleared to North's half-forward line. Melvin passed to Farmer, who goaled. A point from Hoppood followed. North were seven points in the lead, with five minutes to go. Whitehead punched a point through from a bounce in front of North's goal, but it was Sturt's last effort. The bell found North still attacking hotly. In a quarter crammed with action, North scored two goals three behinds to Sturt's four points. Final scores:—

North Adelaide, 8 goals 17 behinds.
Sturt, 4 goals 10 behinds.
Goalkickers—North Adelaide, Farmer (4), May, Bruce, McDowall, and Thomas; Sturt, O. J. R. Green (2), Wunderwitz, Williams, Johnston, Martin, R. Green, and Whitehead.

Best players—North Adelaide, Fleet, Mangelsdorf, Taylor, Conrad, Poulis, and Furrier; Sturt, Bateman, Martin, Leak, Whitehead, Simon, and Williams.

EASY VICTORY

WEST FAIL AT NORWOOD

Norwood, by defeating West Adelaide in every department of the game at Norwood, scored a decisive victory, winning by eight goals.

West Adelaide crowded the play after half-time, and thereby broke down the systematic play of the home team, but without result as Norwood continued in the ascendant.

With a lead of 35 points, Norwood were assured of victory when the final term opened. They did not slacken their hold on the game, however, and were still pressing home attack after attack when the final bell sounded. Halfway through the term, Church, who had played a fine game in defence, had to leave the ground, having broken his nose, and Jones took his place. Scores:—

Norwood, 16 goals 16 behinds.
West Adelaide, 8 goals 17 behinds.
Best players:—Norwood—Daly, Johns, Scott, Lill, Mutton, Sorrell, Pike, McCallum, and West. West Adelaide—Ralph, Stokes, Forster, Jarvis, Lawn, Hill, Church, Connell, and Hale.
Goalkickers:—Norwood—Mutton (5), Krome (3), Sorrell and McDougall (2), Biddell, Johnson, Heffernan, and West. West Adelaide—Hill (3), Hannam and Jarvis (2), and Snell.