

STURT, ONLY UNDEFEATED TEAM, HEADS LEAGUE FOOTBALL PREMIERSHIP LIST

EXCITING MATCH AT PROSPECT

NORWOOD PRESSED BY TORRENS AT THEBARTON.

Four Teams Level for Second Place

GLENELG AND SOUTH ADELAIDE LOSE THIRD SUCCESSIVE MATCHES

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A. Pts.	Pts.	Prm.
Sturt	3	3	—	—	253	209	6
Norwood	3	2	1	—	254	209	4
Port Adelaide	3	2	1	—	265	226	4
North Adelaide	3	2	1	—	250	215	4
West Adelaide	3	2	1	—	245	245	4
West Torrens	3	1	2	—	246	245	2
South Adelaide	3	—	3	—	220	294	—
Gleneilg	3	—	3	—	186	275	—

As had been expected, the match between the two previously undefeated league teams, North Adelaide and Sturt, at Prospect Oval on Saturday, proved full of thrills. The standard was comparatively high, and the issue was in the balance until the final bell. Sturt, by winning, preserved their unbeaten record, and now are two points ahead of Norwood, Port Adelaide, North Adelaide, and West Adelaide, who have each lost one match. After their defeat by North Adelaide in the opening match of the season, Norwood have played consistently, and shown a gradual improvement, and they followed their defeat of West Adelaide on May 3 by beating West Torrens on Saturday at Thebarton after the home team had made a gallant last-half effort to snatch the laurels.

The young South Adelaide side gave Port Adelaide an unpleasant shock at Alberton, and the black-and-whites only by dint of an overpowering dash in the last few minutes of the match, managed to draw ahead of the visitors. At the Adelaide Oval, Gleneilg again disappointed their supporters by failing to keep pace with West Adelaide, and ultimately losing an unattractive match by 23 points.

WEST WIN

GLENELG'S THIRD LOSS

West	2	3	6	9	9	14	12	18
Gleneilg	3	2	4	4	7	8	9	13

The match between Gleneilg and West Adelaide at the Adelaide Oval possessed few sparkling moments. The contest, generally, reduced itself to one in which the team whose weaknesses were most marked, was doomed to failure, rather than of the issue being dependent on strength in any particular direction or directions. Gleneilg showed out well in the centre and in the air. They were largely the victims of inexperience. West held the honors in the ruck, in dash, and were more frequently responsible for splashes of effective system.

Counteracting Weaknesses

The opening play was remarkably even. Both teams showed opposite weaknesses, with balancing points of strength which left neither with much advantage. Scoring shots in the first quarter were the same in number, but with the difference that while three Gleneilg shots resulted in major scores, only two of West's obtained goals. West showed better system in annulling attacking thrusts, and used ground play in returning attacking movements to Gleneilg's back line. They were assisted too, by better performance in the ruck. West's half-back line was hard to pass.

As in their game against North Adelaide the previous week, Gleneilg, even so early as in the first quarter, showed a tendency to neglect their opponents, but they did much to balance up that weakness by long kicking and high marking. Neither team, though, showed marked vigor, and gave the impression of holding on to a reserve of strength in case of a close finish. Owens gained the ball from an unusual source for his second goal. From the edge of a scramble in front of West's citadel, he picked the ball out of a fellow forward's hands, swung round and kicked the leather through. The first quarter closed with West attacking along their left flank.

West Forwards Inaccurate

West held the balance of power in the second quarter by means of greater dash, but good shooting was plainly not their strong point. Of ten scoring shots only four realised goals. Gleneilg broke through the West defence, successfully, on only three occasions. One goal resulted. When they were able to make an opportunity, Gleneilg used it to better advantage than their opponents so far as shooting was concerned, but their command over the game was too slight to give their forwards much chance of exhibiting their accuracy. Working their left-flank, West opened up the quarter with a brace of goals. In their efforts to drive the play from their danger zone and to equalise, Gleneilg again showed a tendency to hunt in packs. The tendency minimised the effectiveness of their back lines tremendously. Their first successful drive towards West's goal

for the quarter was based on long kicking. Dash helped West in turning the tide in that and in following scoring thrusts. Whereas the Gleneilg forwards showed a suspicion of slowness in bearing into action when the ball was moving within their reach the western backs shot into the play without a moment of hesitation, and got rid of the sphere; fumbling accuracy to some degree against the effectiveness of rapid movement. It was West's quarter. Gleneilg, however, preserved their supremacy in the air, and particularly across the centre line. Their centre line produced a standard of play which their other departments failed to attain.

An Even Term

The third quarter was a session of changing fortunes. The ball changed ends of the ground in three closely defined patches—with advantage to West, then to Gleneilg, and with a closing swing, once more to West. The westerners again had the advantage in scoring shots, but their kicking had not improved in accuracy. After an opening dash by West, Gleneilg's play became more assertive. The right flank gave greater support to success in the centre. In attacking skirmishes the Gleneilg full forwards overwhelmed the West defences. The play became more open, and Gleneilg again scored with long kicking. Faulty passing gave West a number of opportunities of breaking the play away from their back lines, but the Gleneilg centre line offered rugged resistance. Snell and Solomon were mainly responsible for breaking down the barrier, and West began using a centre to left flank attacking system.

Uninteresting Finish

Facing an eighteen-point advantage, Gleneilg made a spirited attempt at the opening of the final quarter, but West's superior combination and snappier movements turned the scales. Neither team produced the final burst of strength which the restraint in the early play seemed to forecast. On the contrary, they were both tiring perceptibly. Gleneilg produced a tardy patch of attacking system, but their effort was too late to have a decisive effect upon the scores.

In the West team A. Lawn was played full forward in place of E. Hill, who sustained a knee injury at practice on Thursday night. F. Mesecke was played, and N. Collins was nineteenth man. R. Edwards filled the place of D. Harris in the Gleneilg side. P. Winkler was nineteenth man. Neither of the teams had reason to call on their first reserve. The only incident of the match which came close to causing a casualty was towards the end of the last quarter, when H. Solomon and R. Snell collided in running from opposite directions for a mark. Both men had their eyes "glued" on the ball, and neither noticed the other take off. Solomon was down for two or three minutes, but resumed play again. S. A. D. Hill was central umpire.

Goalkeepers.—West Adelaide—Whitford (3), Lawn, Mesecke, Williams, and Jarvis (2), and Mason. Gleneilg—Owens (4), Collier (3), Hill and Guiney.

Best Players.—West Adelaide—Whitford, Bennett, Hale, Connell, Elliott, Mason, and Snell. Gleneilg—Lloyd, Handby, Sallis, Link, Collier, Guiney, and Morrow.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

V. A. Geue, West Torrens (5)	15
J. Owens, Gleneilg (4)	15
L. C. Dayman, Port Adelaide (—)	12
K. Farmer, North Adelaide (4)	12
G. J. R. Green, Sturt (4)	9
N. L. Barron, Sturt (3)	8
F. Mason, West Adelaide (1)	8
A. J. Ryan, South Adelaide (—)	8
T. Wave, Port Adelaide (4)	8
A. J. Williams, Sturt (1)	8

Figures in parentheses denote number of goals kicked on Saturday.

STURT'S DASH

TOO SPIRITED FOR NORTH

By W. R. CHAPLIN (former West Adelaide and State half-back)

Sturt	5	6	5	12	10	15	11	15
North	4		8	2	9	2	11	8

Sturt deserved their victory, invariably keeping in front, showing a good turn of speed, and combining well all over the ground. Their centre line exerted a big influence on the game. North finished better than did their opponents, but had one or two weak links all day.

Outstanding Players

The winners were a well-balanced side, practically every man having his share of the play. Bateman dominated the centre, and was ably supported by Treleaven and Johnston. Wadham relieved in grand style all through, and Simon, Sims, and Dunn were a solid trio on the back line, always clearing with long kicks. Green kicked four goals, and delighted with brilliant aerial feats, and the rovers, Barron and Williams, were always to the fore, the latter invariably placing to advantage.

Of North, Conrad was in brilliant form, marking neatly and clearing with long driving kicks. A pleasing feature in his play was that he dropped his old fault of turning his back on the play. Mangelsdorf defended capably, and a continuance of this form will take him a long way. Furler and Munn battled tirelessly all day in the rucks, and Thomas was always in the thick of it. Farmer kicked four goals, and delighted the crowd with beautifully judged marks. Drew and Bruce, who were quiet early, showed up in the final term. Taylor (half-forward) and Lock (centre) were overshadowed by their opponents. Ramsay and Fleet were brilliant at times. Umpire Currie, after a good exhibition in the first half, allowed a little too much latitude in the closing stages.

Goalkeepers.—Sturt—Green (4), Barron (3), Riley, Leak, Williams, and Whitehead; North Adelaide—Farmer (4), Bruce and Willshire (2), Tucker, Taylor, and Thomas.

SOUTH AGAIN LOSE

PORT'S EXPERIENCE TELLS

Port	1	4	4	9	9	12	14	15
South	2	1	5	4	9	6	10	7

The game at Alberton on Saturday between Port Adelaide and South Adelaide was brimful of interest and excitement, and until the last seven minutes the result was in doubt. South players, after their fine performance against Sturt the previous week, were in the thick of the fray all the time, with the exception of the closing minutes, when inexperience told against them, and they became disorganised.

Goalkeepers.—Port Adelaide—Johnson and Waye (4), Quinn and Logan (2), Salvemini, and Donan. South Adelaide—Hall (5), McEntee (2), Gardiner, Tully, and Hubbard.

Best players.—Port Adelaide—Johnson, Quinn, Waye, Chapman, Graves, O'Regan, Donnan, and Mucklow; South Adelaide—Hall, Mackay, Errey, Tully, Jaffer, Jackson, McEntee, Hubbard, and Masters.

NORWOOD'S SECOND VICTORY

FINE GAME AT THEBARTON

Norwood	2	1	8	7	10	10	14	14
Torrens	1	4	3	4	8	4	12	9

Norwood had a comparatively easy win over West Torrens at Thebarton. The game was for the most part more than usually open.

Evenly Fought Last Quarter

Torrens were given an immediate setback when Heffernan scored the 11th goal for Norwood shortly after the bounce of the ball in the closing term. A determined rush by Torrens ended in Geue scoring full points, which score, however, was neutralised by West for Norwood. Both sides were fighting determinedly, and when Geue scored the 10th goal for Torrens the excitement became intense. The play was fast, and both teams stood up to it well. The visitors forced the pace, and Heffernan and Krome scored, which placed the result of the game beyond doubt, although Murphy and Geue scored for West Torrens before the finish.

Best Players.—Norwood—Scott, McDougall, Heffernan, Sorrell, Biddell, and Krome; West, Daly, Geary; West Torrens—Osborn, Ward, Phillips, Oaten, Sinecock, Brown, Geue, Hocking, and Head.

Goalkeepers.—Norwood—Heffernan (4), Moyle, West, Johnson (2), Mutton, and Biddell; West Torrens—Geue (5), Williams (2), Adair (2), Sinecock, Head, and Murphy.

ATTENDANCES AND TAKINGS

	Attendance	Takings
ADELAIDE OVAL		
West Adelaide v. Gleneilg	4,697	£152
PROSPECT OVAL		
Sturt v. North Adelaide	6,942	£344
THEBARTON OVAL		
Norwood v. West Torrens	6,989	£324
ALBERTON OVAL		
Port Adelaide v. South Adelaide	3,300	£152
Totals	21,928	£972