

NORWOOD, NORTH, and STURT at HEAD of LEAGUE FOOTBALL PREMIERSHIP LIST

WEST SURPRISE PORT AT WAYVILLE

STURT'S RUNAWAY VICTORY OVER WEST TORRENS

North Defeat South Adelaide by Accurate Kicking

V. A. GEUE KICKS EIGHT OUT OF ELEVEN GOALS FOR WEST TORRENS

The surprise of the fifth series of league football matches played on Saturday was the defeat of Port Adelaide by West Adelaide at the Wayville Showgrounds. As a result of Port's reverse, Norwood, North Adelaide, and Sturt have superseded the black-and-whites on the premiership list. Norwood comfortably defeated Glenelg on the latter's ground; North Adelaide's greater accuracy in front of goal gave them victory over South Adelaide at Adelaide; and Sturt delighted their supporters at Unley by outclassing West Torrens.

The rivalry among the leading forwards is intensified by the fact that J. Owens (Glenelg) scored only one goal. V. A. Geue (West Torrens), who kicked eight of his side's 11 goals at Unley, and L. C. Dayman, who scored six for Port Adelaide, are now ahead of Owens.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.c.	Pts.
Norwood	5	4	1	456	343	57.07	8
North	5	4	1	424	357	54.28	8
Sturt	5	4	1	453	382	54.25	8
Port	5	3	2	481	400	53.54	6
West	5	3	2	409	397	50.74	6
Torrens	5	1	4	405	469	46.33	2
South	5	1	4	391	476	45.09	2
Glenelg	5	—	5	325	495	39.44	—

LEADING GOALKICKERS

L. C. Dayman, Port Adelaide (6)	28
V. A. Geue, West Torrens (8)	27
J. Owens, Glenelg (1)	26
K. Farmer, North Adelaide (5)	22
F. Mason, West Adelaide (4)	16
A. J. Ryan, South Adelaide (3)	15
N. L. Barron, Sturt (3)	13
H. A. Krome, Norwood (2)	13

Figures in parentheses denote number of goals kicked on Saturday.

HEAVY SCORING

STURT OUTCLASS TORRENS

	1st.	2nd.	3rd	Final
Sturt	8.2	13.10	17.14	19.18
Torrens	5.5	6.6	9.7	11.10

Sturt, a vastly improved side, by an overwhelming victory in the match at Unley, gave West Torrens little opportunity of rehabilitating their losses in the two previous games. The double blues were brilliant from the outset, the only occasions on which Torrens showed to advantage being in the opening 15 minutes, and during the final quarter.

As a team Sturt worked with precision and unison throughout. Their attacks were launched with a directness which indicated a thorough understanding, the shortest route to goal always being the objective. The methods of Torrens provided a sharp contrast. Their placed men continually crowded the centre and they kicked aimlessly.

Sturt gave an early indication of a superiority in every part of the field. A re-organised half forward line, which played a prominent part in the success of the side throughout the game, was early in evidence. First to the ball, their pace left the opposing defenders standing, and to a man they turned all opportunities to the best account.

Brilliant Sturt Attacks

By means of a superiority in the crushes Torrens kept within touch for the first quarter of an hour, when Sturt launched a series of paralyzing offensives, which continued to the end of the second quarter. Their defenders functioned intelligently, and showed great kicking ability, the ball frequently travelling with great speed direct to half forward, where it was transferred with lightning thrusts to the players directly in front of goal. The Torrens defenders wilted under the onslaught, and fumbled continually, giving the opposing forwards further opportunities, of which the fullest advantage was taken.

Goalkickers:—Sturt—Morton (5), Riley (4), Barron and Leak (3), Martin and Whitehead (2); West Torrens—Geue (8), Head, Lock, and C. Williamson.

Best players:—Sturt—Whitehead, Martin, Bateman, Barron, Williams, Leak, Riley, and Dunn; West Torrens—Frogley, Geue, Osborn (in second half), Head, Lock, and Brown.

ASSOCIATION

GLENELG'S EASY WIN

Glenelg	2.7	6.10	8.14	13.20
Sturt	1.8	5.10	6.13	8.17

After a promising beginning Sturt petered out against Glenelg, at Norwood and were no match for their opponents in the second half.

Goalkickers:—Glenelg, Thompson (6), Percy (3), Wright (2), Oliver, and Ball; Sturt—L. Filmore (3), Beatty, and Margitich (2), and Hargreaves.

Best players:—Glenelg—Coleman, Ellis, Wright, Thompson, Simons, and Percy; Sturt—Rowlster, Thomas, Morgan, Buckton, Aistrophe, and Margitich.

NORWOOD TOO SYSTEMATIC

GLENELG'S FIFTH DEFEAT

	1st.	2nd.	3rd	Final
Norwood	6.4	8.8	12.8	16.9
Glenelg	1.1	5.6	7.8	9.12

Although Norwood's defeat of Glenelg at the Glenelg Oval was of a decisive character, it was by no means an indication of the play.

Individually the teams were evenly matched, but the better combination and systematic play of the visitors, particularly in the forward lines, played a prominent part in the downfall of the home team.

Glenelg's forwards were not up to the standard of their opponents, and time and again, when the ball was in their area their attacks were nullified by a solid back line. Scott stood in the way of Glenelg gaining any advantage, for he repeatedly turned determined attacks. Glenelg also suffered a disadvantage in the air through having to meet a much taller combination, but under the circumstances they did well. Glenelg were strengthened in the half-forward line and ruck by the reappearance of Johnston, who marked well at times.

In the opening stages of the game Norwood were more confident and were quicker to the ball. In the centre a good fight was put up by Sallis against Lill, and for the most part honors were even. Lloyd, on one of the flanks, was too good for Daly, but Sorrell equalised matters by outclassing Wickham, who was playing his first game for Glenelg. Norwood's ruck, led by Krome, Moyle, and Heffernan, were superior to that of Glenelg.

Owens Closely Watched

Owens was closely watched by Ackland, who gave the champion goal sneak little or no opportunity to secure the ball. He had one or two shots, but could do little with his opportunities. Pike, who was stationed in a back pocket, sustained an eye injury. He had to retire from the game, and his place was taken by Pitkin.

After the change over Glenelg attacked with determination. The forwards missed several opportunities, however. Glenelg's centre line stood in the way of many Norwood offensives. This was Glenelg's outstanding term, and the visitors' lead was gradually and surely being reduced. Several opportunities were missed through over-anxiety and the weakness in the forward lines lost whatever chance Glenelg had of equalising the score.

Glenelg played with more assurance in the third term. Johnston was sent to keep Scott quiet, and although he did not fully succeed in his mission, he was instrumental in nullifying many of the Norwood captain's efforts. Glenelg were now only seven points in arrears, and appeared to be holding Norwood well in hand. However, the visitors were by no means finished with. A strong attack was successfully launched, and thereafter they held a good grip on the game.

Norwood Win Easily

Handby brought Owens to the half-forward line, and placed Collier full forward, with the object of reducing the lee-way of 30 points. The change seemed to be fully justified, as within half a minute of the start of the last term Collier goal. That was a flash in the pan, however, as from then onwards Norwood asserted themselves in no uncertain measure. They finished strongly, while Glenelg were a palpably tired side. Toward the close of the game Winkler retired with a leg injury, and Griffiths was sent out to replace him.

Both Scott and Handby played their usual fine games. The efforts of Geary, Heffernan, Johnson, Sorrell, and Ackland were fine. Lloyd played one of the best games of his career.

Best players:—Norwood—Scott, Ackland, Sorrell, Lill, Heffernan, Geary, Johns, Krome, West, Johnson; Glenelg—Lloyd, Handby, Morrow, Link, Johnstone, Sallis, C. Hill, King, Collier, Guiney.

Goalkickers:—Norwood—West, Johnson, Heffernan (3), Wadham, Krome (2), Bidwell, Sorrell, and Moyle; Glenelg—Winkler, Collier, Rosewarne (2), Owens, Link, Morrow.

WEST TOO FAST

PORT BEATEN AT WAYVILLE

	1st.	2nd.	3rd	Final
West	3.0	8.4	10.7	15.11
Port	3.2	4.5	6.8	11.11

West Adelaide defeated Port Adelaide at Wayville on Saturday in the first half of the match.

They held Port in the first term, and then, with the wind in their favor during the second quarter, they played all over the visitors, and added five goals to their opponents' one. In the second half play was even, the home team scoring only one point more than Port Adelaide.

The game was vigorous from the outset, and heavy bumps were freely and fairly exchanged. Stokes at half-back was prominent, and held up many promising attacks by Port Adelaide. It was apparent that Logan was no match for Stokes, and he should have been moved early in the game. In the packs, Connell, Bennett, and Williams were proving superior, Williams being particularly elusive. Port forced the ball down among their forwards many times, but their kicking was without direction, and the opposing back-men had little difficulty in clearing.

With the wind in their favor, West Adelaide opened the second term with dazzling pace. They were in front of their opponents all the time, and more than held their own in the air. Solomon, Lawn, and Hale were functioning well, and kept the ball among their forwards, where only the absence of a reliable goalkicker prevented them from obtaining a commanding lead.

Williams goal for West Adelaide soon after the opening of the final term, and when he added another half a minute later West Adelaide had a lead of four goals. The lead was a fair indication of the strength of the teams on the day. The red and blacks were faster to the ball and were scouting and leading out far better than the visitors. They also held their own in the air. With fifteen minutes left for play, Williams injured his right ankle and had to leave the ground, Jones taking his place. Graves and R. Johnson, who had each been quiet, sparked towards the close and took some nice marks and cleared well. The Port forwards were disorganised and wasted numerous opportunities in the final term, whereas West Adelaide made good use of their chances.

Best players:—West Adelaide—Soloman, Stokes, Lawn, Elliott, Mason, Connell, Bennett, Hale, and Williams. Port Adelaide—V. Johnson, McInerney, Dayman, Mott, Maywald, Donnan, H. Terrell, Mucklow, and Chapman.

Goalkickers:—West Adelaide—Hill and Mason (each 4), Williams (3), Whitford (2), Goiding, and Jarvis. Port Adelaide—Dayman (6), Quinn (2), N. Terrell, McInerney, and Waye.

NORTH ACCURATE

SOUTH'S FORWARDS FAIL

	1st.	2nd.	3rd	Final
North	0.3	6.5	13.7	15.9
South	2.4	6.5	9.8	11.13

Although North Adelaide had clinched the game at the Adelaide Oval at the end of the third quarter, South Adelaide fought out the finish with unflagging energy and spirit.

It was a swan song of hard knocks, and the final score did nothing to damage the increasing prestige of the blue and whites. They played a hard, tenacious game, brightened liberally with highlights of speed, excellent marking, and solid ground work.

North won on a third-quarter exhibition of brilliant long kicking, high marking, and accurate shooting.

Goalkickers:—North Adelaide—Farmer (5), Taylor and Barrett (2), McDowall, Furler, Munn, Conrad, Drew, and Thomas. South Adelaide—Ryan (3), Hall and McEntee (2), Masters, Tully, Hebbard, and Mackay.

Best players:—North Adelaide—Furler, Bruce, Fleet, Mangeldorf, Drew, Conrad, and Farmer. South Adelaide—Jaffer, Tully, Mackay, Masters, Erey, Jackson, and Sandercock.