

LEAGUE FOOTBALL SURPRISE: GLENELG DOWN STURT AT BAY

SOUTH'S WIN NO FLUKE

Defeat Port in Hard, Vigorous Game

McGregor Succeeds as Coach

BRILLIANT DISPLAY BY MACKAY ON WING

(By O. J. O'GRADY, "The Mail" Football Writer)

There was no fluke about the defeat of Port by South at Adelaide today. The city players have shown great improvement under the coaching of Bruce McGregor, formerly of West.

South again played a hard, vigorous game, and they are likely to make a serious fight for inclusion in the final four.

South were distinctly superior in the air, they played together better as a team and outstayed Port.

The magpies gave a disappointing display, their chief weakness being across the centre. Port have several good players on the injured list, but they must look to their laurels to retain a place in the first four.

THERE is not a keener team in the league. After years of defeats, the three successes that have come their way have infused a great spirit into the side.

| | | | | |
|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| SOUTH | 1-3 | 6-7 | 9-12 | 15-18 |
| PORT | 3-5 | 6-7 | 11-13 | 13-15 |

Goalkeepers.—South—Cornish, Hall, Paech (each 3), Gardner, McKee (each 2), Tully and Ryan. Port—Dayman (4), Quin, McInerney, Waye (each 2), V. Johnson, Donnan, and Gallford.

Best Players.—South—Mackay, Hebbard, Tully, Masters, Hall, Hewitt, and Errey. Port—Quinn, V. Johnson, Waye, McInerney, Maywald (until hurt), and Donnan.

SOUTH NOW FIFTH

League Premiership List

| | P. | W. | L. | Points for agst. | Pts. |
|---------|----|----|----|------------------|------|
| Sturt | 7 | 5 | 2 | 681 | 519 |
| Norwood | 6 | 5 | 1 | 536 | 419 |
| North | 7 | 5 | 2 | 597 | 497 |
| Port | 7 | 4 | 3 | 651 | 593 |
| South | 7 | 3 | 4 | 633 | 654 |
| West | 6 | 3 | 3 | 448 | 542 |
| Torrens | 7 | 1 | 6 | 550 | 664 |
| Glenelg | 7 | 1 | 6 | 508 | 716 |

STURT OUTPLAYED

First Victory for Glenelg

None of the spectators who went to Glenelg anticipated the form that the Bay team showed in the first quarter against Sturt. The home side began in dazzling fashion, and for the last three quarters fought tenaciously to win by 15 points.

It was a surprise for Sturt. Glenelg deserved their victory, for on the day they were the better team. Sturt had an off day, and were weakened by the absence of two of their most prominent players—Whitehead and Dunn.

STURT.—Hawker, Fisher, Wadham, Sims, Simon, Simpson, Johnson, Bateman, Treleaven, Leak, Riley, Green, Martin, Morton, Williams, Rossiter, Aistrup, Barron, Thomas (19).

GLENELG.—Wiese, King, Ball, Dunbar, Handby, Ellis, Lloyd, Coleman, Guiney, Collier, Sallis, Thompson, Drew Owens, Hill, Johnson, K. Oliver, Link, Morrow (19).

Glenelg won the toss and took advantage of a light breeze. A series of passes ended with a fine mark and goal by Drew. Once again Glenelg flashed forward, and a quick snapshot by Link just curled inside the large opening. This was a surprise opening, and the supporters of Glenelg roared their delight.

Going forward again, Glenelg won further success, Owens winning a goal. The same player scored again soon after, and Glenelg were four goals to nil.

Sturt had not made a forward move, but Bateman set them attacking, and Martin goaled.

There were roars of applause when Glenelg, surging forward, won the sixth goal. Drew kicked it. Sturt, pulling themselves together, began to have more of the play. Barron scored a much needed goal, but Morton aroused groans of dismay by missing from right in front after having marked grandly. His was the first behind scored, the game having been in progress 22 minutes.

Hill goaled for Glenelg, and then Owens followed with another, his fourth. Before the quarter ended Thompson scored another, making nine for the quarter.

First Quarter

| | |
|---------|-----|
| GLENELG | 9-2 |
| STURT | 2-1 |

Form shown by Glenelg had been a revelation. With the wind in their favor Sturt went forward, but their forwards were out of place.

The double-blues at length managed to break through. Morton missed, but Williams, from a free, scored six points. The same player raised a point soon afterward.

Most of the attacks now came from Sturt, but they were not to be compared with their efficient offensives of the previous week. Williams hit a post from a setimage, but followed with a goal. Glenelg's diminishing effectiveness made the game less attractive as a spectacle, and crashes were frequent.

Sturt initiated a series of attacks which

produced goals from Green and Williams. Glenelg notched a point, and then Sturt came again, Leak goaling. At this stage (Green) Sturt left the field and Thomas took his place.

Second Quarter

| | |
|---------|------|
| GLENELG | 10-3 |
| STURT | 7-4 |

A quick dash forward by Glenelg found Owens waiting, and the result was a goal. In a subsequent Glenelg attack Wadham fell heavily, and the game was held up while he recovered.

Williams flashed out with a clever goal for Sturt, and Glenelg immediately began to hammer at the Sturt goal. Owens could not do the distance, and from the following shot scored a behind. Hard bumps were being exchanged. Umpire Currie was not calling up the play for minor breaches of the rules.

A run of non-scoring was broken by a goal from Owens, his sixth. Not long afterward he bagged another, and the lead of Glenelg began to assume formidable proportions. Just before the end of the term Owens kicked another full-pointer, making his total for the match eight, and for the quarter four.

Third Quarter

| | |
|---------|------|
| GLENELG | 14-6 |
| STURT | 8-6 |

Already six goals ahead, Glenelg made the margin wider early in the last term with a goal from Thompson. Sturt, however, were exerting more determination, and two quick thrusts brought goals from Leak and Thomas. The visitors were now showing better system in attack. Good play paced Martin in possession, and he booted the third Sturt goal for the quarter. Glenelg still had four goals to spare, and a keen battle was being waged. Glenelg were mostly on the defensive.

The game was still ragged and unattractive, with the players crowding the ball. Owens missed a grand chance to goal for Glenelg, and the play went back to the Sturt attacking line, where a vigorous battle was being waged. The ball at length found its way to Morton, who kicked truly.

Glenelg were hanging tenaciously to their lead, but could not bring any of their forward moves to fruition. Williams (Sturt) hit a post from a difficult shot. Sturt combined to press hotly, but the minutes were slipping away, and they still needed 16 points. Sturt were battling hard to break through when the bell rang.

Final

| | |
|---------|-------|
| GLENELG | 15-8 |
| STURT | 12-11 |

Goalkeepers.—Glenelg—Owens (8), Link, Drew, and Thompson (each 2), Hill. Sturt—Williams (4), Martin and Leak (each 2), Morton, Green, Thomas, and Barron.

Best Players.—Glenelg—Handby, Johnson, Wiese, Thompson, Coleman, Owens, Drew, Sallis, and Lloyd. Sturt—Williams, Bateman, Leak, Johnson, Wadham, Sims, and Martin.

Attendances and Takings

| Oval | Attendance | Receipts |
|----------|------------|----------|
| Adelaide | 8,394 | £312 |
| Glenelg | 3,500 | £150 |
| Prospect | 4,630 | £217 |
| | 16,524 | £679 |

BEST GOALKICKER

Owens Leading Geue

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| Owens (Glenelg) | 39 |
| Geue (Torrens) | 38 |
| Dayman (Port) | 37 |
| Farmer (North) | 31 |
| Barron (Sturt) | 18 |
| Hall (South) | 16 |
| Mason (West) | 17 |
| Krome (Norwood) | 17 |
| Ryan (South) | 17 |

ASSOCIATION GOALKICKERS

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Hopgood (North) | 31 |
| Wing (Torrens) | 26 |
| Beatty (Sturt) | 20 |
| Johnson (Norwood) | 20 |
| Thompson (Glenelg) | 19 |

NORTH WIN EASILY

Torrens Give Poor Display

An overwhelming lead obtained by North in the first half at Prospect proved too much for Torrens. By accurate kicking and combined play the home team at half-time had 11-7 on the board to 3-5 by Torrens.

The game was far from brilliant. Scrambles and frequent spoiling of opportunities through indifferent kicking were conspicuous features.

| | | | | |
|---------|-----|------|------|------|
| NORTH | 5-9 | 11-7 | 14-7 | 15-8 |
| TORRENS | 0-3 | 3-5 | 6-7 | 8-12 |

Goalkeepers.—North—Furler, Thomas, Farmer, and Bruce (each 3), Wiltshire (2), McDowall. Torrens—Geue (5), Bertram, Williamson, and Maddern.

Best Players.—North—Fleet, Furler, Farmer, Thomas, Barrett, Bruce, and Wiltshire. Torrens—Brown, Kean, Bertram, Sincock, Maddern, Geue, and Osborn.

ASSOCIATION TABLE

| | P. | W. | L. | D. | Points for agst. | Pts. |
|---------|----|----|----|----|------------------|------|
| Glenelg | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 525 | 416 |
| Torrens | 6 | 4 | 2 | — | 509 | 418 |
| Sturt | 6 | 4 | 2 | — | 464 | 481 |
| Norwood | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 588 | 541 |
| West | 7 | 3 | 4 | — | 521 | 467 |
| Port | 6 | 3 | 3 | — | 535 | 538 |
| North | 6 | 3 | 3 | — | 455 | 499 |
| South | 6 | — | 6 | — | 295 | 532 |

CLOSE-UPS OF PLAYERS

EVERY Glenelg player did his bit toward the victory scored over Sturt. It was in attack, however, that the Bay team did its best work. J. Owens was again in grand form, and his eight goals were the result of clever and resourceful play.

HEAVY work fell on the shoulders of W. Martin in the ruck against Glenelg because of the absence of C. Whitehead and W. K. Dunn. Martin performed in solid fashion, and was a force in attack.

THERE was no player more pleased at the Glenelg victory against Sturt than J. Handby (captain), and no player who contributed more to it. Whether in the crushes or in open play, he was always effective. He blocked Sturt attacks time and again.

G. B. Johnston was a conspicuous figure in the Glenelg team which defeated Sturt. His ruck work was effective, and he marked brilliantly. Another outstanding player was F. Wiese, who smashed many promising Sturt attacks.

AT half-forward Glenelg were well represented by E. Thompson and Sallis, who did good work in passing the ball on. C. Drew and C. Hill were also efficient in the forward pockets. R. Collier, who came into the team at the last moment because H. Morrow was late in arriving, was well worth his place.

GLENELG were well represented across the centre, where J. Lloyd and E. Guiney had a great battle with their immediate opponents. R. Coleman also showed form at centre. V. Bateman (Sturt pivot) did not exercise such an influence over the game as usual.

AGAIN an outstanding player for Sturt was L. Leak, whose dashing work against Glenelg on a half-forward flank earned much applause. H. Riley, at centre half-forward, was noticed occasionally.

IN a back pocket J. Wadham was the star of the Sturt defence against Glenelg. Even after a heavy fall, which laid him out, he did fine work in relieving. E. W. Sims and L. Simon lent good support.

ALTHOUGH not as effective as usual, V. Bateman performed solidly for Sturt. He is a consistent star. The crowded nature of the play affected his game. H. W. Johnston was often under notice on a central flank.

SO well is A. J. Williams (Sturt) playing this season that it is thought that he has claims for carnival honors. His play against Glenelg was a revelation of cleverness in eluding opponents.