Sturt, North, South, and Norwood Win Today's League Footbal MICNICHT

SIGGINS STAR PERFORMER

Redlegs Adapt Play to Suit Weather Conditions

PORT SHOW DECLINING FORM

(By O. J. O'Grady)



NJORWOOD defeated Port primarily because they adapted themselves to the wet conditions better than their opponents. In addition Siggins played a wonderful game for the home side, giving a faultless display at centre and dominating the game throughout.

Although Port played better today than against South last week, the indications are that the magpies are losing form.

The chief significance of Norwood's victory is that the redlegs have stolen a march on Torrens in the fight for the four, and that Port's defeat gives North a better chance of climbing to second place.

THE Norwood ground could not have assisted in making the play attractive. been in worse condition for the game. Although only light rain fell during the and at the same time amusement. progress of the match the oval was half under water.

It was evident that the correct tactics were marking the ball on the chest and kicking it off the ground when opportunity offered. Generally speaking. Norwood players applied these tactics better than Port.

So bad was the ground that the centre ring could not be found. Umpire Currie and the two captains decided upon another

Norwood's win gives them an excellent chance of getting into the finals. The redlegs are a game shead of Torrens and two in advance of Glenelg. If Norwood can defeat Glenely at the Bay next Saturday opposition from the seaside team will be nipped in the bud. STANDARD GOOD

Considering the game generally, allowing for the conditions under which it was played, the standard was good. Umpire Currie used the whistle judiciously and

The spectators had plenty of excitement.

Norwood, under the coaching of Scott, are improving, but it will be time enough to give them a chance for the premiership after they have met either Sturt or North on a dry ground.

Port are slipping, but the wet weather of today and last Saturday does not suit their style of play. With a dry ball today Norwood would have found the magpies a much tougher proposition. The reappearance of Graves at centre wing has served somewhat to strengthen a midfield weakness.

NORWOOD 4-4 5-5 8-11 10-13 PORT Goalkickers.-Norwood-Krome

Heffernan, Hall, McCallum (each 2), and

Port-Dayman (3), Waye (2), N. Hender, McInerney, and Callier. Best Players.-Norwood-Siggins. rell, Woodroofe, McCallum, Mitchell, Mut-Port-Waye, Mott, Ween, McInerney. V. Johnson, Allingham. Glenelg went forward from the bounce

Final Football Scores Norwood Port

Premiership Table Points Prem. L. for 963 715 Sturt 877 10 18 Port 740 North 10 1010 834 Norwood 825 Torrens . 10 725 811 10 South Glenets 10 West LEADING GOALKICKERS

Farmer (North)	 	 	64 -
Dayman (Port)	 	 	49
Waite (Torrens)		 	47
Owens (Gleneig)		 	42
Morton (Sturt)			33
Gardiner (South)			23
Palmer (Norwood)			20
A. Smith (Sturt)			
Hall (South)			
Waye (Port)			

South Stave Off West

PLAYING strongly in the last quarter. West were defeated by only mix points by South at Wayville. The red-and-blacks made a determined effort in the closing stages of the game, adding 19 points to nine scored by the opposition.

SOUTH

Goalkickers.-South-Hall (4). Tully. Gardiner, Hassett, and Sullivan. West-McGrath, H. Graham (each 2), Medland, Dunne, Hamilton. Players .- South-Errey, Jaffer,

Tully, McEntee, Hall, Ramsay, and Rose. West-Williams, Church, Simons, Hamilton, Shea, Connell,

NORTH TOO GOOD

Outclass Glenelg in Second Half

A DAPTING themselves better to the sodden condition of the oval, North secured a well-deserved victory at the expense of Gleneig at Adelaide Oval. The seasiders held their own for the

first half, but from then onward North were too strong. CONSIDERING the state of the ground

the players handled the ball well, and a number marked with judgment. Umpire Thomas allowed plenty of latitude without losing control of play. Both teams were as published. Munn

was out of the North side owing to a leg injury, and Proud, who New South represented Wales carnival last August. included Ellis, who has recovered from an injury. was in the Glenelg side North were first to attack, and Philli-

a goal from Farmer, who took a fine high rang. mark. Players were finding it difficult to retain their balance. Kicking off the ground was frequent, and the punt was preferred to the dropkick. Glenelg carried the ball into their for-

North took charge again, and of bounds. after McDowall had kicked out of bounds Mangelsdorf and Taylor put on singles. Good work by Murphy and Rosewarne gave Thompson a chance, and one flag was raised. A few minutes later he capped

ward line.

A shot by Sallis went out

a spectacular mark with a goal. It was impossible to bounce the ball. points followed, making the scores nine points all. Steady rain was falling. Farmer marked

cleverly and followed with an easy goal. After some minutes of desultory play round the centre, Rosewarne was awarded a free at half-forward. He goaled with a long punt. Hale slid about 10 yards on the broad of his back. North were attacking when the bell rang.

NORTH GLENELG

in the second quarter, and a point came from Thompson. Then Griffiths hit the top of a goalpost with a snap. Wundersitz secured in a scrimmage and passed to Rosewarne, who had an open goal ahead He dashed in and goaled. A determined move by North was smothered by Glenelg defenders after Farmer had added The ball travelled up and down the field

several times without either team being R. Oliver and able to break through. Rosewarne created a dangerous situation, but Fleet marked safely and cleared. miskick by Taylor saw the end of North offensive. Phillis marked well in a bunch, and Storer securing from his kick in a scrimmage ran into an unguarded goal, and raised two flags. Hill and Bail started a move which culminated in full points from Wundersitz. Sound defence work by Burton and Fur-

ler broke the next Glenelg move. Storer put on a point for North and then kicked out of bounds. McDowall then brought North to within a point for the seasiders with a goal. Barrett put on full points with a shot from a difficult angle. Furler was giving North the advantage in the ruck. R. Oliver and Wiese had just snapped a point. This was followed by coped with a North attack when the beli Second Quarter

NORTH GLENELG

Ellis and then King held North at Bay Lock was marking well at centre. Willshire had taken the field for North in place of Hardwick after the long interval. After hammering away for several minutes North were rewarded with a goal from

Link started Glenelg goalward, and Rosewarne hit a post. They continued with the pressure, their persistency re-sulting in a goal from K. Olliver, North took a hand, and some wild scrimmaging occurred in front of goal. Farmer put on two points before Proud called up two flags.

North were now dominating the play. Proud passed to Farmer and another goal resulted. R. Oliver and Shakes carried the ball round the stand wing. Thompson had a shot, but the ball was touched in transit. Shakes and McDowell slid along together 'in the central mud patch. When Gleneig at last got the ball for-

ward Thompson was awarded a free. It was his off day, and his sixth single

resulted. North were showing greater dash than their opponents, and backed up well. A concerted move yielded a goal from Mangelsdorf. Mackay came to grief in the mud patch and was hardly recognisable. Third Quarter

NORTH GLENELG

Glenelg were first away in the last quarter, and Barrett marked a shot by Thompson on the goal-line. Link gave Sallis a chance, and one flag was raised. Ron Edwards had replaced Griffithe in the Glenelg side. The seasiders were now doing better than in the third term. Sallis and Wundersitz were prominent

in a move which brought a goal from Bail. Steady rain began to fall, driving apectators to shelter. North asserted their strength. Farmer marked close in but a kick that went through was touched by the opponent standing his mark. Store: then marked within easy distance. A single was the result of his effort. Less than a minute later he made amends with a goal. A goal by Sallis heartened the Glenely

supporters. North had control of the game, however, and attacked time after Proud marked a kick off the ground by a Glenelg player, and put North 25 points ahead with a goal. Lock at centre was having an important influence on the game. Proud further consolidated the chances

of North with a goal snapped on the line. Two singles followed. North in a quarter of an hour had rarely allowed the ball to go over the centre line. Wedged between two opponents Farmer goaled by kicking the ball off the ground between their legs. At last Glenelg broke away and took

the ball to the goalmouth, where Barrett marked and cleared. Although their task was now hopeless Glenelg continued to throw themselves into the game with great dash. North were hammering away at the close. Final

NORTH 13—16 GLENELG Goalkickers.-North-Farmer (4). Proud

and Storer (each 3), Mangelsdorf, Barrett, and McDowall. Glenelg-Rosewarne (2), Thompson, K. Olliver, Wundersitz, Bail, and Sallis. Best Players.-North-Lock, Mangels-

dorf, Burton, Furler, Mackay, Taylor, Storer, and Farmer. Glenelg-R. Oliver. Hale, Rosewarne, Link, Bail, K. Olliver,

STURT MAY BE TOP TEAM

North Have Not Yet Shown Their Best Football Form

GLENELG TIPPED FOR FOURTH (By O. J. O'GRADY)

Before the season began I ventured the opinion that

Sturt would win the 1931 premiership. I see no reason to alter this opinion, although I fancy that North have not yet shown their best form. Glenelg may surprise by ousting Torrens and Norwood from the finals.

OF the eight teams in the league com-If North struck their best form a succession of victories would not surprise.

petition only two can be regarded as having no hope of annexing the premiership. These are South and West. Of the others, Glenelg. Torrens, and Norwood have only slender chances. Port. Sturt. and North are most likely to fight out the final. Before today's series of games Port

and Sturt held pride of place on the premiership list, each with only one loss out of nine games. It looks as if these two will finish the minor round of games ahead of North, which side has suffered two more defeats than either Sturt or Port. A glance at the games of Port and Sturt yet to be played is interesting.

The matches, including today's series. are as follow:-

Norwood (Norwood) West (Wayville) North (Alberton) Sturt (Alberton) Torrens (Adelaide) South (Alberton) Sturt (Unley)

PORT

West (Unley) Pert (Alberton) Torrens (Adelaide)

Torrens (Unley)

South (Adelaide)

STURT

Norwood (Unley) Port (Unley) Torrens (Alberton) South (Adelaide) On present form the programmes appear even. As the teams will play each other twice the leadership will probably depend upon the result of these two games. Apart from the match at Alberton, all Sturt's

games are at either Unley or Adelaide. I

think that Sturt will head the list after the seventeenth series of games. CAN THEY DEFEAT PORT North should do well from now on, but for the red-and-whites to gain either of the coveted two leading positions there will have to be a loss of form by either Port or Sturt. North's best chance of getting into the more favorable second posi-

tion is a victory over Port at Alberton a fortnight hence. This victory would give North a great advantage, as their other games do not appear as difficult. North have yet to play.

Glenelg (Adelnide), Torrens (Prospect),

Port (Alberton), Norwood (Norwood), South Prospect), West (Wayville), Nor-

wood (Prespect), and Glenely (Glenely).

Great interest is centring in the fight for fourth place. Norwood and Torrens have each won four games. Should either team score a victory against its strong opponents today its chances will be enhanced. Comparing the future games of each side it is seen that many hard fights are listed. It may be that both Norwood and

Torrens will win only three games each. leaving their position on the list to be The Norwood decided on percentage. and Torrens programmes read:-NORWOOD TORRENS Sturt (Unley) Port (Norwood) Gleneig (Gleneig) North (Prospect)

South (Norwood) North (Norwood)

Glenelg (Thebarton) West (Wayville)

Sturt (Unley) Gleneig (Norwood) North (Prospect) West (Norwood) to let up.

Port (Adelaide) Sturt (Adelaide) South (Thebarton) Port (Alberton) It is obvious that neither side can afford

GLENELG MAY SURPRISE Although Norwood and Torrens are in

the public eye for fourth place, there is a team that, in my opinion, will make a

great fight for inclusion in the finals. That team is Glenelg. The seasiders have to concede both Torrens and Norwood an advantage, as they have won only three Glenelg, however, have lost by narrow margins in several matches, and their coming games do not seem so difficult as

thoes of their rivals. Glenelg met North at Adelaide today and have yet to play:-Norwood (Gienelg), Torrens (Thebar-

ton), South (Adelaide), West (Gleneig). Norwood (Norwood), West (Adelaide), and North (Glenela). It would not be surprising to see fourth place determined by percentages. If this happens Torrens have an undeniable

chance of being the fortunate team, as before today's games the gold-and-blues had a credit of 22 points, compared with a deficit of 196 points to Norwood and 148 points to Glenelg. The chances of either South or West

coming into the calculations are too re-

mote for consideration.

STURT DO Torrens No Match in Mud

MARKING and handling the sod-

den ball well, and generally adapting themselves better to the conditions, Sturt scored a comfortable victory over Torrens at Unley. Bateman (Sturt skipper) said, after the

game, that the Unley men surprised themselves by their play in the mud.

The oval was covered with pools Supporters of the two-blues of water. had seldom seen the arena so wet.

STURT 8-12 15-19 TORRENS 2-3 2-6 6-6 8-6 Goalkickers.-Sturt-Morton, Whitehead

(4). Payne (3), Parsons (2), R. Green, and G. Green. Torrens-Waite (5). Stokes, Bridgman, aud Bertram. Best Players.-Sturt-R. Green, G.

Green, Leak, Wadham, Parsons, Morton, S. Headon, and Whitehead. Torrens-Osborn, Conroy. Bertram, Shepherd. N Head, Waite, Fleet, and Harris,

Weather Affects Attendances

719 AT WAYVILLE

The continual rain this afternoon caused a slump in football attendances. Although

there were closely contested games only 9,922 ventured out to watch them. The lowest attendance was at Wayville, where only 719 people paid for admission. Mr. Frank Marlow (secretary of South Australian National Football League)

said that he thought today's attendances were the worst for several years. Attendances at the ovals were:-Adelaide 3,275 2.202

Norwood 3.726 Wayville NEXT SATURDAY'S

GAMES

Critical Match at Glenelg

(By O. J. O'Grady)

CHIEF interest in the eleventh series of games will be in the Norwood-Glenels game at the seaside next Saturday. Not too much account should be taken

of today's results, as such weather con-

ditions are exceptional. Defeat will mean almost certain exclusion of Glenelg from the final four. Glenelg are a difficult side to defeat at home, and

taking their form against Sturt a week ago rather than relying on the results of today's play, I tip Glenelg to defeat Nor-The other games appear to be soft snaps

for the three leading teams in the com-

petition. North should defeat Torrens at Prospect. South have little chance of pacing it with Sturt at Adelaide. Port at Alberton have a chance to settle down again at the expense of West.