

Port, North, West and South Win Football T

RED AND WHITES EASILY SUPERIOR

Norwood's Premiership Prospects Dimmed by Poor Forwards

DREW'S AMAZING GAME



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Although the play of North was by no means perfect, last season's premiers out-classed Norwood in the game at Norwood.

Features of the game were the remarkable accuracy of North forwards and the polished exhibition of football given by Drew, North and State wingman.

Drew handled the ball with consummate ease throughout, and rose to heights that he has probably never achieved before.

In the first half Drew defeated E. G. Johnson pointless, and although opposed by Sorrell in the second half he still dominated the play.

In fine weather North are a genuine premiership proposition, while Norwood appear to have little chance.

NORTH	3-2	12-5	14-6	21-10
NORWOOD	3-7	5-13	8-18	12-19

Goalkickers.—North—Farmer (9), Burton (4), Taylor (3), Proud (2), Storer, Phillis, and Munn. Norwood—Krome (4), Mutton (2), Heffernan, E. A. Johnson, Appelbee, Woodroffe, McCallum and Wadham.

Best Players.—North—Drew, Mangelsdorf, Fleet, Taylor, Mackay, Storer, Phillis, Farmer. Norwood—Woodroffe, Cbinery, Siggins, McCallum, Krome, Page.

Today's Attendances

Attendances at the various ovals this afternoon were:—

Albion	9,300
Norwood	8,700
Adelaide	3,211
Wayville	2,330
Total	23,541

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	A GRADE				Points Prom.	
	P.	W.	L.	For Agst.		
Port	13	11	2	1143	870	22
Sturt	13	11	2	1234	972	22
North	13	7	6	1320	962	18
Norwood	13	7	6	1112	1258	14
Torrens	13	5	8	1063	1112	10
South	13	4	9	983	1051	8
Glenelg	13	3	10	987	1273	6
West	13	2	11	894	1238	4

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Farmer (North)	86
Waite (Torrens)	58
Dayman (Port)	54
Owens (Glenelg)	52
Morton (Sturt)	49
Gardiner (South)	30
Hall (South)	25
Ways (Port)	24
A. Smith (Sturt)	23
Bridgman (Torrens)	23
Johnson (Norwood)	21
Whitehead (Sturt)	21
M. Graham (West)	20
Palmer (Norwood)	20
Payne (Sturt)	20

BY TWO POINTS

West Defeat Torrens at Wayville

A DAZZLING burst which produced four goals in the last 10 minutes of the game almost saved the day for Torrens against West at Wayville.

Apart from a superiority by Torrens in the second quarter, West had played more convincing football up to that stage, but the final burst of the Thebarton men left them only two points behind at the finish.

The winners played rugged but effective football, and deserved the victory, which came as a surprise to most supporters. Waite (seven goals) and Golding (five) were in brilliant goalgetting form for Torrens and West respectively.

WEST	4-4	8-5	12-9	14-12
TORRENS	1-1	6-7	8-9	14-10

Goalkickers.—West—Golding (5), Kempster (4), H. Graham (3), Hill, and McGrath. Torrens—Waite (7), Bridgman (3), Bertram, Williamson, Head, and Drury.

Best Players.—West—Sexton, Hamilton, Golding, Connell, Kempster, Dunne, and Shea. Torrens—McLoughlin, Waite, Bridgman, Harris, Pontifex, and Quinn.

PORT WIN

Victory in First Half

PORTS first-half supremacy, in which they showed greater pace and better aerial ability, won them the game against Sturt at Albion.

The Unley men finished well, but the nearest they could get was within two goals. It was an excellent game throughout.

There were several fine individual performances. While Sturt had several star players, notably Wadham, Simon, and Morton, Port's play was marked by the consistent contribution of practically every member of the team.

PORT	5-2	10-6	13-8	16-11
STURT	1-2	4-5	9-9	13-9

Goalkickers.—Port—J. Johnson (6), Whicker (3), Utting, Curtin (each 2), McInerney, Mucklow, and Ways (1). Sturt—Morton (7), Whitehead (3), R. Green (2), A. G. Smith (1).

Best Players.—Port—Jones, Mott, J. Johnson, N. Hender, Mucklow, Ween, Dayman, Thompson. Sturt—Wadham, Simon, Morton, Fisher, A. G. Smith, Payne, Whitehead, Martin.

CLOSE-UPS OF PLAYERS

JAFFER and Hill, who captained South and Glenelg respectively, were opposed on a centre wing at Adelaide Oval. There was little to choose between them on the day.

ROSE was one of the most consistent of the South defence. He marked well and kicked off with direction. He was well supported by Ramsay in a back pocket.

SALLIS was the outstanding player for Glenelg. Had it not been for his work at centre half-back it is difficult to estimate how great the difference would have been between the teams at the end of the game. He was supported by a comparatively inexperienced defence, of whom Armstrong and Curnow were the best.

ALTHOUGH Shakes could do little that was right for Glenelg when opposed to Jaffer in the first quarter, he found his feet against Sisson, and was responsible for launching many attacks in the second half of the game.

RYAN showed a welcome return to his best form for South. He led out well, marked surely, and was elusive in the scrimmages. Five goals came from his boot, in addition to which he assisted in securing a number of others.

SOUTH have two rovers of real merit in Tully and Hall. Both were in great fettle today, and in addition to excellent work scouting round the packs each contributed three goals.

South did moderately well in the early period under review, but for the past six seasons has been weak. Glenelg, of course, have fared badly since their inclusion in the league, and with Handby losing form, they are slipping back again.

The league could very well give the question given to the weaker sides will reaction consideration, as any encouragement to the benefit of the game in general.

It must not be thought that the only qualifications for a team's football success is for it to have a large population from which to draw. Of course, all other things being equal, a team from a large district should have the best record, but such intangible factors as team spirit and traditions count.

This is particularly exemplified in the case of Norwood. Irrespective of whatever setbacks the eastern team encounters, it seems that the redlegs can never be passed over lightly. I think that the fine traditions of Norwood have inspired the players more than is the case in many of the other teams.

Therefore the teams that are consistently lower on the list must concentrate on developing the team spirit if they wish to be successful.

SOUTH

Glenelg Easily Defeated

COMBINING well and showing greater accuracy than usual in front of goal, South overwhelmed Glenelg at Adelaide Oval. It was the best exhibition South have given this season, and their win was well merited.

The seaisiders were unlucky in that they had a comparatively young and inexperienced defence.

Ron. Edwards was the reserve for Glenelg, and Williams for South. Umpire L. Whitford had charge of the game. Hill won the toss and elected to kick to the river goal. The centre of the oval was in bad condition and the ball was bounced about 50 yards from the stand boundary. South were first to attack, but could not break through.

Glenelg exerted themselves, and after Wundersitz had called up one flag Rosewarne marked brilliantly and goaled. Coleman and Hack were prominent in the next move by the seaisiders. Sallis was awarded a free and called up both flags.

Masters put South on their offensive, and a long shot by Ryan yielded a single. The city men maintained the pressure, and when Gardiner took a lucky mark from Ryan he had little difficulty in recording full points. Jaffer dashed down the centre of the field, and a powerful kick was marked close in by Tully. His goal made the scores equal. South continued to hold command, and goals came in quick succession from Hebbard and Gardiner. Coleman, Rosewarne and Wundersitz drove the ball to the goalmouth, where Shugg relieved.

The seaisiders redoubled their efforts, and two singles were followed by a goal from Owens. Play was transferred to the other end and a point was scored. Hassett set well in and Gardiner marked in a bunch on the goal line. He goaled, and a few minutes later Hebbard called up both flags.

SOUTH	7-2
GLENELG	3-4

South were quick to go forward. Hall kicked a point with a shot which deserved better results, and then after the ball had travelled up and down the field Hebbard goaled. Whitford and Coleman got the ball out of the danger zone, but Jaffer intercepted a pass and set it back. Tully secured and once again the two flags were raised. A point came from a scrumage.

In an endeavor to "stop the rot" Glenelg had sent Sallis to centre half-back and Thompson was at half-forward, his usual position. The seaisiders had temporary charge of the play, but a point from Thompson was the only result of the effort.

Thompson marked brilliantly. His shot seemed a certain goal, but Rose, the South custodian, was awarded a free. Rose cleverly outpointed Owens and again eased the tension. Jaffer, who had overwhelmed Shakes in the first quarter, was now opposed to Hill.

A goal from Rosewarne heartened Glenelg supporters. Curnow stemmed a South attack. Chaplin sent to Hebbard whose shot was touched by Ray Edwards as it went through the posts. Gardiner placed the ball, but his effort brought only a single.

At last Glenelg took a hand, and after a good deal of scrumming at forward Owens goaled. Wundersitz was frequently

conspicuous for Glenelg. He initiated a move that brought full points from Link. The seaisiders were gradually exerting themselves, and more forceful methods were keeping the city men in check. Glenelg were in possession when the quarter closed.

SOUTH	9-6
GLENELG	6-5

Sisson secured at the bounce. Olliver marked his shot and launched a counter-offensive. Marking cleverly from Link, Owens kicked a goal, but South were not to be denied. After vainly trying to pick up the ball, Gardiner kicked it along the ground to Ryan, who had an open goal in front of him. A goal resulted. Page gave Ryan another chance, and again he made no mistake.

Scrimmages were becoming more frequent. Although South were having most of the play, they were finding it difficult to score. Hebbard and Gardiner added singles.

Hack, Olliver, and Link were seen to good effect in a chain of passes, but when Chapman marked over opposition the move collapsed. The seaisiders fought hard to improve their position, and eventually Link broke through with full points.

Hall and Jaffer started South goalward. By sheer tenacity Ryan carried the ball on and snapped a goal. It was his third for the quarter. A pretty piece of combined play by Chaplin, Jaffer, Hall, Masters, and Gardiner took the ball down the length of the field. It culminated in full points from Gardiner.

SOUTH	13-9
GLENELG	8-8

With a deficit of 31 points Glenelg had what appeared a hopeless task when the last quarter began. Callary, of South, who had injured a shoulder, had been replaced by Williams. Thompson marked within reasonable distance but scored a point. Ramsay relieved at the other end. Ryan snapped a goal from a scrumage. The city men further increased their lead when Jaffer dashed down the field and sent to Hall, who goaled.

All the sparkle was gone from Glenelg. Tully and Ryan headed a South advance which yielded full points from Hall. Then Ryan kicked another goal. Midfield play occurred for some time.

Munro was attended by trainers for a blow on the side, and nursed the injury from then onward. Owens goaled from a free. South had eased up. A point from Thompson was followed by a goal from Griffiths. South retaliated with a single from Gardiner.

With only a few minutes to go and South in a good position the play lacked animation.

The seaisiders had the ball in their forward lines, but could not score. Chaplin, Sisson, Jaffer, and Ryan took it to the other end. Curnow cleared, but when the ball reached the centre Chaplin sent it back.

Hall added a goal, and South were attacking when the bell rang.

SOUTH	16-11
GLENELG	10-13

Goalkickers.—South—Ryan (5), Gardiner (4), Hebbard, Tully, and Hall (each 3). Glenelg—Owens (4), Link and Rosewarne (each 2), Sallis and Griffiths.

Best Players.—South—Jaffer, Tully, Ryan, Hebbard, Chaplin, Hall, and Rose. Glenelg—Wundersitz, Link, Sallis, Hill, Edwards, Curnow, and Armstrong.

Should Football Club Territories be Revised?

PROBLEM FOR LEAGUE

South, Glenelg and West Need Assistance

RECORDS SINCE 1919

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A keen follower of football recently expressed the opinion that best results would not be achieved in the South Australian league competition until additional territory was given to the weaker clubs.

He mentioned Glenelg, South, and West as the three teams needing additional territory.

The results of games since the war point in this direction and the prospects of the three teams named cannot be regarded as bright.

TO GET an idea of the general positions of the teams since 1920 I have compiled the following table. This shows the place on the premiership list of each team:—

Year	Port	Adelaide	Norwood	North	Adelaide	Sturt	West	Torrens	West	Adelaide	South	Adelaide	Glenelg
1919	4	2	7	1	5	4	7	6	7	3	8	8	8
1920	3	1	2	1	5	4	7	6	7	3	8	8	8
1921	1	2	5	4	6	7	3	8	8	8	8	8	8
1922	5	1	6	7	3	2	4	8	8	8	8	8	8
1923	7	1	4	2	5	6	3	8	8	8	8	8	8
1924	4	3	6	2	1	7	5	8	8	8	8	8	8
1925	2	1	6	3	4	5	7	8	8	8	8	8	8
1926	2	3	4	1	5	6	8	7	7	7	7	7	7
1927	3	6	2	5	4	1	8	7	7	7	7	7	7
1928	1	2	4	6	5	3	8	7	7	7	7	7	7
1929	2	1	5	6	4	3	8	7	7	7	7	7	7
1930	2	3	1	4	8	5	6	7	7	7	7	7	7

Averaged out, Norwood have done better than any other team, their average position on the list is a little better than third, being 2.6. Port are next, their average position being third. North and Sturt are equal with an average of 3.8. Next come Torrens with 4.3, West 4.8, South with 5.9, and Glenelg 7.5.

West, South, and Glenelg have fared worse than any of the other sides, and the present position of the premiership list shows these three teams occupying the last three places. I think that over the period mentioned West would not have done as well as they did, but for the number of star footballers imported from other States.

To mention Barnes, McGregor, Snell, and Solomon is to name but a few. If West had relief upon local talent, the record would have probably been worse.