

PORT, TORRENS, GELNELG, AND NORTH WIN TODAY'S LEAGUE FOOTBALL

WEST UNLUCKY TO LOSE

Northerners' Five-goal Burst Relieves Drab Display

BURTON AGAIN FAILS AT HALF-BACK

(By O. J. O'Grady)



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Apart from the opening 10 minutes of the final term, when North scored five goals, West were the better side in the game at Wayville. Last season's premiers played disappointingly, and West, vigorous and active on the ground, played much the better game.

Had North persisted in playing Burton at centre half-back I do not think they would have won. In his last four club games Burton has failed lamentably at half-back.

It was surprising to see Furler leave the burly northerner in that position until the final term.

Barrett was the best player in a game that was not attractive. Farmer, suffering from a heavy cold, again failed to get going with weather conditions against him.

The West team, almost entirely lacking in stars, was most even, and every player exerted his utmost throughout.

On the other hand North's usual leaders failed today. Farmer, suffering from a heavy cold, was never in the picture. His indisposition, coupled with the weather conditions, made the North crack a negligible force in the game. He scored only one goal.

The red-and-white wingmen were also defeated. Mackay handled the ball as much as Shea, but his delivery was much at fault. On the other flank Solomon was too good for Drew.

The newcomer to North, Walter, did not do much today. But too much notice cannot be taken of a junior's first appearance, and I think Walter is worth persevering with.

I was surprised to notice that Phillis was not included in North's eighteen. Phillis is worth his place, and if it is decided to use Burton in the ruck, either Munn or May could be omitted to make way for Phillis.

West are a fairly good side and are working on the correct lines. What is required is two or three stars to man the key positions.

NORTH	1-2	5-8	5-11	11-11
WEST	2-1	6-2	8-7	9-10

Goalkeepers.—North—Munn, Hamilton, McDowall (each 2), Taylor, Farmer, Furler, Storer, and Proud. West—H. Graham and Kempster (each 3), Williams (2), and Hill.

Best Players.—North—Barrett, Hamilton, Mangelndorf, Lock, Furler, Proud, and Storer. West—Soloman, J. Graham, Sexton, Shea, Matthews, Mesecke, and Williams.

GLENELG WIN Norwood Defeated Across Centre

FINISHING with greater dash and showing superiority in all departments of the game, Glenelg comfortably accounted for Norwood at Norwood Oval.

Although a cross-wind caused players to misjudge the flight of the ball at times, with resultant scrummaging, the standard of play was satisfactory.

It was across the centre line that Glenelg had their greatest advantage. Sallis dominated the play at centre, and he was well supported by Hill and Shakes on the flanks.

Umpire S. A. D. Hill had control. Both teams were as published. Handby won the toss and chose the northern end, which was favored by a slight breeze.

Edwards started Glenelg forward from the bounce, and Sallis maintained the attack. Biddell held up the move temporarily, but the seaisiders did not relax. A siple by Thompson was quickly followed by a goal from Link. Norwood then took a hand, and Mutton goalied with a running shot.

Chinnery and Biddell coped with a Glenelg advance, and then some brilliant handball by the Norwood forwards enabled Mutton to put on his second goal. A cleverly snapped goal by Owens put Glenelg in front again. Sallis sent to Percy, whose shot almost reached the goal. Griffiths' picked up in a scrum, but kicked across the goalmouth, and the Norwood defenders cleared.

Edwards marked well, and a low shot was taken by Thompson. He could only manage a point from within easy distance. Owens missed an easy shot. The wind appeared to be disconcerting the sharpshooters. Owens made no mistake when Griffiths gave him another chance.

Sorrell and Mutton were prominent in a move that yielded a point from the latter. Edwards and Handby relieved, but Johns held up the seaisiders at the other end. Griffiths to Owens gave Glenelg their fourth goal. Percy was performing well in the ruck, and Sallis was dominating the play at centre.

Johns, Biddell, and Hill held the seaisiders at bay. Siggins and Sorrell created a dangerous situation, and Krome hit a post with the easiest of shots. Glenelg were having most of the play, but were unable to score. A breakaway by Norwood brought a goal from E. A. Johnson just before the quarter ended.

GLENELG	4-7
NORWOOD	3-2

Chinnery turned a Glenelg attack, and McCallum made it possible for Heffernan to snap a goal. The change of ends saw Norwood take control. Heffernan kicked the ball off the ground, but it was touched in transit. Then McCallum dashed in from the half-forward line and goalied. Another goal came from Heffernan as a result of a snap from an acute angle.

Glenelg took the ball out of the danger zone, but a free to Page started the red-and-blues off again. A chain of marks by McCallum, Woodrooffe, and E. A. Johnson brought a goal from the lastnamed. Percy and Olliver at last carried the ball to the other end, where Owens goalied.

Badly directed kicking by players on both sides tended to make the play ragged. After Glenelg had pegged away unsuccessfully for a time Norwood transferred the ball to the other end. McCallum goalied from a free. Hill, Percy, and Griffiths combined to place Wundersitz in possession. He drove the ball well in, but Allington sent it back.

Wundersitz secured again, and this time his shot brought up two flags. With Johns out of goal watching Owens, Thompson produced the maximum with a low shot. The Norwood forwards were not making the best use of their opportunities. They were prone to look for marks that were not forthcoming. Eventually Sorrell goalied with a long shot.

Sheer determination by Glenelg took the ball forward. After a good deal of scrummaging Wundersitz goalied with a shot along the ground. Krome put on a point for Norwood as the bell rang.

NORWOOD	9-5
GLENELG	8-7

Handby was at centre half-back after the long interval. Norwood were first to score, Heffernan marking from Woodrooffe and goaling. Mutton gave him another chance, but this time one flag was raised. Krome hit a post. Link was responsible for a spectacular run down the field. Chinnery took the ball out of danger.

The seaisiders continued to attack, and Hack goalied from a free. Hall left the field and was replaced by Plumstead. Singles from Owens and Wundersitz were followed by a goal from the latter. Glenelg had taken the lead, but should have been in a better position on the opportunities provided. Allington was in the picture in defence. Clever work by Sallis enabled Owens to add a goal.

Norwood dashed forward, but twice Edwards stood in the way. They continued to hold sway, and shots by Heffernan and Mutton fell short.

King, Sallis, and Rosewarne flashed the ball to the other end, where Link evaded several opponents and goalied. A safe mark by Krome used the position for Norwood, and Mutton secured. He rushed in, and a hasty shot yielded a point. Scrambling play ensued, and Glenelg were going forward again as the quarter closed.

GLENELG	12-10
NORWOOD	10-8

Norwood were 14 points in arrears when the final term began. A goal from Krome immediately reduced the number by six. Armstrong and Wundersitz were prominent in a move that culminated in full points from Link. The seaisiders were determined to hold their advantage. Sallis and Wundersitz launched another attack, but Johns marked. His kick was poor, however, and Wundersitz dashed in and goalied.

Plunkett put on a point for Norwood. E. G. Johnson and Woodrooffe drove the ball in, only to see Olliver send it back. Norwood were barely holding their own, and when they did get the ball forward Curnow and King took it back again.

Hill intercepted a pass by Biddell to Plunkett, and launched an attack that culminated in full points from Link. Owens hit the top of the post. The seaisiders now appeared to have the game firmly in hand. When Norwood did stage a breakaway, their forwards became disorganised and missed valuable opportunities.

Mutton kicked across the goalmouth, but shortly afterward was freed on the goal-line. He scored full points. Norwood were now 23 points in arrears, and their supporters were further heartened, when McCallum rushed a goal from out of a scrum. Hill and Hack forwarded, but Krome launched a counter attack. Glenelg were keeping the ball on the eastern wing, so that Norwood were compelled to kick into the wind.

GLENELG	15-13
NORWOOD	13-9

Goalkeepers.—Glenelg—Owens (5), Link, and Wundersitz (each 4), Hack and Thompson. Norwood—Mutton, Heffernan, and McCallum (each 3), E. A. Johnson (2), Krome and Sorrell.

Best Players.—Glenelg—Handby, Edwards, Link, Wundersitz, Sallis, Olliver, and King. Norwood—Page, Heffernan, Chinnery, E. A. Johnson, Sorrell, Woodrooffe, and McCallum.

Player Reported

At the conclusion of the Glenelg-Norwood match at Norwood Oval Umpire S. A. D. Hill intimated to Glenelg officials that he intended to report A. Link for having allegedly attempted to strike L. Mutton.

O'Grady Selects South Australia's Six Best League Footballers

PLAYERS WHO HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT IN CLUB GAMES THIS SEASON

Farmer Outstanding; Sallis Brilliant Half forward



K. Farmer L. Sallis W. J. Mackay N. Drew L. C. Dayman J. Sexton

(By O. J. O'Grady)

WHO are the best six footballers in South Australia? Although the State is lacking in real stars, six players have stood out for consistency and effectiveness in club games. They are K. Farmer (North), L. Sallis (Glenelg), J. Mackay (North), N. Drew (North), L. C. Dayman (Port), and J. Sexton (West).

Of these Farmer is outstanding. It is doubtful whether this State has had a better high-marking forward.

SOME followers of football contend that Farmer is not accurate, but if he is not perfect he is far better than the average.

Others argue that he does not go far from goal to get the ball. This is actually one of his strong points. He is such a good mark that he can afford to wait for the ball to come close to goal and secure it against almost any opposition.

The full forward who scouts to receive a pass and then finds himself out of distance of goal is not of much use. For consistency and effectiveness Farmer is without doubt the outstanding player in the league.

Sallis is a great player. He began the season quietly, but during the past two months has given consistent service to his team. In a recent article I stated that of the present State eighteen Sallis alone was worthy of selection in a team chosen from the best players who have been in league football since the war.

Two players who have been outstanding are Drew and Mackay the North Adelaide wingmen. These two have contrasting styles of play. Drew is brilliant. I did not see him at his best until I wit-

nessed his fine game against Norwood recently. Mackay is vigorous, and his example keys up a team to a high pitch of performance.

Dayman has had a good season. He is the dominating player of Port, and influences the game wherever he is stationed. His marking, kicking, and ground play have been of high standard. He intends to play for Footscray (Victoria) next season, but it seems that he is making a change rather late in his career.

Sexton has been in fine form throughout the season, and is the popular tip for the Magarey Medal.

I should like to have found room in my chosen six for T. Waye, the Port rover. He is a tireless player.

Last year I chose W. Scott (Norwood), V. Bateman (Sturt), V. Johnson (Port), T. Quinn (Port), F. Tully (South), and K. Farmer (North) as the leading six players, and in 1929 R. Snell (West), A. J. Ryan (South), L. C. Dayman (Port), R. Osborn (Torrens), J. Wade (Port), and L. Mutton (Norwood).

In the latter season a public vote placed Bert Hawke (North) and J. Handby (Glenelg) in the first six to the exclusion of Wade and Mutton.

STURT SURPRISED

Exciting Game Won by Torrens

IN an exciting game, in which fortunes changed frequently, Torrens defeated Sturt by five points at Adelaide Oval.

Except for the third quarter, when the Unley men developed system and outclassed the opposition, the westerners had the better of the game. The issue was in doubt until the final bell, when Sturt were attacking strongly.

TORRENS	2-4	5-11	6-13	11-15
STURT	2-4	2-6	8-10	10-16

Goalkeepers.—Torrens—McKenzie, Thornton (3), Waite (2), Pontifex, Bertram, Drury.

Sturt—Morton (5), Payne (2), Wakefield, A. G. Smith, and Green.

Best Players.—Torrens—Pontifex, Quinn, Williamson, Conroy, Drury, and Head. Sturt—Bateman, Sims, King, Leak, Martin, and A. G. Smith.

PORT TOO STRONG

South Defeated at Alberton

PLAYING strong, determined football in the second and last quarters, Port defeated South on Alberton Oval this afternoon.

The magpies opened sluggishly, but they improved as the game progressed. South failed to score in the second term, and except for a behind early in the last quarter did not score after the last change until a minute before the bell.

South staged a great rally in the third session, but the effort slowed the team up for the remainder of the game.

PORT	1-2	6-4	8-5	10-11
SOUTH	1-2	1-2	6-5	7-6

Goalkeepers.—Port—J. Johnson (6), V. Johnson, Jones (each 2), Mott, and McInerney. South—Hebbard (2), Ryan, Hall, Gardiner, Croft, and Shugg.

Best Players.—Port—Jones, V. Johnson, N. Hender, J. Johnson, Callier, Ween, and Maywald. South—Jaffer, Rose, Ramsay, McEntee, Masters, Munro, and Hall.

CLOSE-UPS OF PLAYERS

LINK and Wundersitz, the Glenelg rovers, were in great fettle, and the defeat of Norwood was in no small measure due to their efforts. Each kicked four goals, the direct result of resourceful play.

SALLIS again demonstrated his ability as a centre man by outclassing Siggins pointlessly at Norwood. The Glenelg and State player showed marked anticipation and handled the ball with surety. His ability to worm his way out of the most difficult position stood him in good stead.

SHAKES gave one of his best displays on the wing for Glenelg, and for most of the game outclassed his immediate opponent. He received a severe knock toward the end.

EDWARDS has developed into an ideal ruckman for Glenelg, and with the benefit of this year's experience he should make a bold bid for State honors next year. He is also invaluable in defence when resting. Percy played his first game for the season, and was repeatedly prominent in the first half.