

Sturt, Norwood, Torrens, and Glenelg Win Football

PORT EASILY DEFEATED

Double-blues Show Premiership Form

PARSONS AND WHITEHEAD SUPERB

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AT no stage of the game at Unley today did Port have a chance of defeating Sturt.

Too much importance cannot be placed on the result, however, as Sturt had everything to gain by victory and Port had little to lose. Sturt's victory gives them a hold on either first or second place.

Although Port had no real incentive to fight to the last ditch, the play of Sturt was a revelation. In a team that was evenly strong Parsons displayed superb form at centre half-back, and Whitehead played a brilliant game in the ruck.

On their form today Sturt are a definite premiership proposition, and I think the double-blues will annex the 1931 premiership. Port's chances of going top do not appeal.

ALTHOUGH Port had established a grip on either first or second place on the premiership list before today's game, and as a consequence had little to lose by defeat, the play of the magpies must cause their supporters much concern.

Had Port had a powerful driving force behind them in today's game it is difficult to see how they could have defeated the double-blues. The magpies had too many moderates in their ranks.

The Port centre line was outclassed. Mucklow, A. Hender, N. Hender, and later Graves were all below form at midfield, and it is there that Port appear weak.

Other departments were also obviously weak. At half-forward the magpies were never dangerous, Dayman alone showing any form. With Dayman called into the ruck to remedy a weakness in that direction, the Port attacking division was like a ship without a rudder. It floundered.

A big crowd attended, and brilliant sunshine and calm weather made conditions pleasant. The ground, however, was sodden in several places, and players found it difficult to keep their feet.

STURT	3-5	7-8	9-10	13-13
PORT	1-2	2-5	3-5	6-6

Goalkeepers.—Sturt—Morton (5), Payne (5), Martin (2), Mussman, W. Smith, and G. D. Smith. Port—Dayman, Mott, N. Hender, Jones, Curtin, and J. Johnson.

Best Players.—Sturt—Parsons, Whitehead, Fisher, Treleaven, Green, Mussman, Bateman, Dunn. Port—Allingham, Jones, Maywald, Dayman, Mott, R. Johnson, V. Johnson.

PERCENTAGE COUNTS

Port Just Ahead of Sturt

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PORT head the league premiership list on percentage, but had Sturt scored another four points in today's game the double-blues would now be holding the place of honor on the list.

Although Port are in front on percentage, a first glance at the figures seems to favor Sturt.

Port have scored 1,375 points and have had 1,078 scored against them, the corresponding figures for Sturt being 1,472 and 1,157.

It is thus seen that Port have a balance of 297 points in their favor, while the margin in favor of Sturt is 315 points.

Today's Attendances	
Adelaide	2,845
Unley	9,500
Prospect	5,896
Thebarton	2,730
Total	20,971

NORWOOD'S DASH

Great Victory Over North

PLAYING with great dash and determination, Norwood gained a well-deserved victory over North at Prospect. The standard of play was high throughout, and at times the pace was terrific.

Had it not been for a weakness forward the easterners would have won by a substantial margin. Their finishing effort was worthy of a premiership team. North fought valiantly to overhaul them in the last five minutes of the game, but just failed to succeed.

NORWOOD	5-2	5-5	6-14	10-19
NORTH	2-3	5-6	6-7	10-13

Goalkeepers.—Norwood—Mutton (3), Krome and McDougall (each 2), Sawley, Heffernan, and McCallum. North—Farmer (7), Phillis (2), and Proud.

Best Players.—Norwood—Page, Biddell, Mitchell, Plumstead, Krome, Sorrell, and Sawley. North—Mackay, Hamilton, Farmer, Storer, Phillis, Fleet, and Conrad.

POOR SHOOTING

South Defeated by Torrens

EXCEPT in the first quarter, when South led by three points, Torrens proved too good at Thebarton Oval. The westerners showed a marked superiority in the air throughout. South kicking for goal was poor. In the first half they goaled only twice from 11 scoring shots.

Torrens, too, were astray at first, but improved as the game progressed.

TORRENS	2-4	7-8	9-13	13-17
SOUTH	2-7	2-9	5-12	8-16

Best Players.—Torrens—Waite, Bertram, Williamson, Shepherd, Drury, Bridgman, Kinlough, McLoughlin. South—Jeffer, Tully, Ramsay, Ryan, Hebbard, Rose, Croft, and Gardiner.

Goalkeepers.—Torrens—Waite (6), McKenzie (3), Bridgman (2), Duthie, and Shepherd. South—Ryan and Gardiner (3), Tully, and Newman.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	Points for	Points against	Pts.
Port	16	13	3	1375	1078	26
Sturt	16	13	3	1472	1157	20
North	16	11	5	1601	1176	22
Norwood	16	8	8	1349	1305	16
Torrens	16	7	9	1306	1367	14
Glenelg	16	6	10	1313	1332	12
South	16	4	12	1162	1348	8
West	16	2	14	1130	1538	4

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Farmer (North)	104
Waite (Torrens)	72
Owens (Glenelg)	72
Morton (Sturt)	64
Dayman (Port)	59
Gardiner (South)	35
Hill (South)	29
H. Graham (West)	29
Ways (Port)	26
Payne (Sturt)	26
Link (Glenelg)	25
Bridgman (Torrens)	25
A. Smith (Sturt)	24

GLENELG WIN

More Accurate Than West

GREATER accuracy in front of goal was responsible for Glenelg's win over West at Adelaide Oval.

Although the city men had as much of the play and more scoring shots than the seasideers they were defeated by 22 points.

A feature of the match was the performance of Owens of kicking 10 goals. Connell, who was leading the red-and-blacks for the first time, won the toss and kicked to the southern goal. Umpire L. Whitford was in charge.

The seasideers attacked from the bounce, but several shots went out of bounds before Owens gathered from the pack and punted a goal. A serious error by Connell again let Glenelg through. A hasty snap by Hill called up one flag.

The Glenelg men had much the better of the play. They kept in front of their opponents and combined well. An excellent mark by Sexton was followed by a useful run and an accurate pass to Kempster. The latter added the maximum. At the other end Bail scored a goal for Glenelg.

An interesting tussle was being provided between Sallis and Sexton at centre. Each was largely responsible for attacks launched by his respective side. A long pass from Sallis was marked by Owens, whose kick narrowly missed the goal.

West gave away several frees in succession. Owens outmarked the opposition and punted a full pointer in characteristic style from a long way out. Glenelg were playing better football than the red-and-blacks, who were too slow.

The efforts of Sallis were having a great influence on the game. The seasideers continued to defeat West in the air. Owens added another goal—his third for the quarter. H. Graham secured a lucky major for West when he kicked the ball along the ground through the unguarded goal.

GLENELG	4-2
WEST	2-2

Glenelg lost no time at the change of ends, Owens, who was in excellent form, kicked a magnificent goal from the south eastern boundary. The seasideers excelled in every department. Fine play by West forwards culminated in full points from Golding. Rosewarne and Owens each scored the maximum for Glenelg.

In 10 scoring shots Glenelg had scored seven goals. Then West took command and added several points. Kempster erred badly when he miskicked close to goal and failed to score.

West aerial work had improved. They were now on equal terms with the opposition in this department. Glenelg defenders had a busy time for five minutes, when the city men kept up incessant attacks. West, however, were unable to break through.

Owens was at his best. So far he had made good use of his opportunities. He had kicked six of the eight goals scored by his side. Again Glenelg returned to the attack, but West defenders held them in check.

Second Quarter

GLENELG	4-1
WEST	3-7

Faced with a deficit of 27 points, West were sent forward by Sexton. A long shot by Dunne at half-forward bounced through. The city men were making a great effort. From a free for out of bounds H. Graham added full points soon after.

Two kicks from the centre then gave Owens possession. His shot was a major. Griffiths added another a few seconds later. Glenelg had re-established their position.

Again West attacked, and from a scramble Williams scored a point. The standard of football was not impressive. It was mostly individual effort. However, a redeeming feature was clever marking by the respective sides.

West continued to have most of the play. When H. Graham goaled he reduced West's deficiency to 18 points.

West forward work was faulty. Several good opportunities were lost. At last Hamilton broke through and got a goal. For several minutes the city men kept the ball at their end, and were unlucky not to score. The battle between Sallis and Sexton was most interesting. Both were doing effective work.

After Thompson had added a major for Glenelg West took up the attack. Several minutes of play in front of goal produced only a point. It was a different story at the other end when Owens kicked his eighth full pointer.

Third Quarter

GLENELG	12-6
WEST	7-13

King (injured) left the field at three-quarter time. He was replaced by Coleman. West were first away, and Dunne goaled. For some time the play was confined to Glenelg's forward area, but West defenders held the upper hand. Then Owens marked and kicked accurately. Of the 13 goals obtained by Glenelg he had kicked nine.

Although apparently defeated, West did not slacken. They used every ounce of weight in an effort to break through. Simons got a goal, which was followed by two points. The same player hit a post.

Another full pointer from H. Graham brought West's score within nine points of Glenelg, who appeared to be tiring. A goal to Thompson improved the Bay team's position. West returned to the offensive, but failed to make use of opportunities. Owens missed with a long shot.

The closing stages of the game were uninteresting. The ball travelled from end to end. When Owens got his tenth goal and Griffiths another West's fate was sealed.

GLENELG	Final	16-10
WEST		11-18

Goalkeepers.—Glenelg—Owens (10), Griffiths, Thompson (each 2), Bail and Rosewarne. West—H. Graham (4), Kempster, Dunne (each 2), Simons, Golding, and Hamilton.

Best Players.—Glenelg—Owens, Handby, Curnow, Edwards, Shakes, and Hill. West—Sexton, Simons, Mason, Shea, Hamilton, Hill, and Bennett.

CLOSE-UPS OF PLAYERS IN LEAGUE GAMES TODAY

ACCURACY was a feature of Owens' play for Glenelg. His 10 goals were a match-winning effort. The Glenelg forward has scored 10, 12, 5, and 10 goals in the last four matches against West.

FARMER secured seven goals against Norwood, but with a little luck he would have had several more. He marked well, but at times his kicking was not accurate. Johns, who had the task of keeping him in check, did comparatively well.

AT half-back left Mason was a tower of strength for West. Features of ground play. He was ably supported by his play were sure marking and safe Church and Matthews.



M. G. Waite

WAITE was in goal shooting form for Torrens against South at Thebarton. Six of the goals of the home team came from his boot. Waite scored smartly.

RAMSAY was often an obstacle in the path of Torrens. His left-foot kicks sent the ball out of danger many times. Hebbard adopted a "go-through" policy with success. Rose kicked off from goals remarkably well.

JONES roved well for Port, but received little support. Mott battled gamely, but Sturt's ruck was far too strong for Port.

ALLINGHAM showed dash for Port in their last line of defence. Maywald, goalkeeper, played his usual effective game.

WEEN was out of touch in the first half at Unley. Later on he improved, but at no stage was he at his best. R. Johnson defended fairly well.

JAFFER was one of South's most outstanding men. After a turn on the wing he subdued Pontifex at centre. Tully was one of the most dashing rovers on the ground.

RYAN, in addition to leading out cleverly for South against Torrens scored three goals. Gardiner, with a similar number, was also in form at forward.

NORWOOD made a wise move when they put Plumstead in a back pocket. His pace, determination, and anticipation enabled him to extricate his side from many difficult positions.

PAGE was solid in defence for Norwood. His play was too rugged for Taylor, who was never seen to advantage against him. Siggins and Chinnery, on the flanks, rendered excellent support.

SIMONS was the pick of the ruckmen for West. He played a solid game, also when placed. Another who did his share in the pack for the red-and-blacks was Hamilton.



J. Owens

WITH Owens, Hill was one of the best for Glenelg. Many of the seasideers' attacks started from the vice-captain, who forwarded the ball to advantage. After a quiet start, Shakes was prominent in the second half.

RAY Edwards did well in ruck for Glenelg. He is a greatly improved player. As a rover, Rosewarne did his share.

THE outstanding player in the West-Glenelg match was Sexton. Although evenly matched by Sallis in the first half, he was never defeated after half-time. His marking was safe, and his passing accurate.

MORTON marked well to secure his five goals. A heavy jar in the third term took much of the dash out of him. At half-forward Leak was not as prominent as usual, but Mussman played effectively. G. Green, until he had to leave the field in the third term because of an injured knee, had the call over Ween.

PAYNE marred his effort at Unley by faulty goalkicking. He scored three goals from eight scoring shots. Payne will probably do well for Sturt in the final. A firmer ground will be in his favor.

VALUABLE support was lent to Parsons at half-back, by Sims and Aistrop. Sturt were well served in defence, as Fisher gave an excellent display of intelligent goalkeeping, and Wadham was, as usual, safe and reliable in a back pocket. Fisher's marking was first class.

WILLIAMSON, Kinlough, and Quinn defended safely for Torrens against South. Quinn won the trophy for the most useful unemployed player.

NEXT to Parsons at Unley was Whitehead. His return to form in the ruck means more to Sturt in the coming premiership fight than anything else. He dominated the rucks today and also took many fine marks. He received good support from Martin and Dunn.

BENNETT ably succeeded Solomon on a centre wing for West. In the first half he was on even terms with Hill, who was transferred to the other flank after half-time. Shea was prominent throughout the match.

A WELCOME return to form was shown by Handby, who played forcefully. Curnow (goalkeeper) and King (half-back) ably assisted in turning many West attacks.

MACKAY was the most effective player for North. Many attacks were launched through him. His wing was always a safe avenue for transferring the ball down the field.

BOTH when rucking and placed Phillis was in great fettle for North. He handled the ball well and was never at a loss to dispose of it to the best advantage. Two goals came from his boot.