

NORWOOD, PORT, NORTH, AND STURT WIN IN LEAGUE FOOTBALL

TORRENS COLLAPSE AFTER GOOD START

Redlegs' Dazzling Third Term

BOTH TEAMS DISCLOSE WEAKNESS IN DEFENCE LINES



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Half-way through the second term, with the scores in their favor to the tune of 10 goals to 4, it looked any odds on Torrens defeating Norwood at the easterners' ground today.

But from then on the home team dominated the play and ran out comfortable winners by 15 points.

The standard of play could not be compared with that of the North-Sturt game last week, and neither side appears to me to be as good as either North or Sturt.

As the scores indicate the defences of both eighteens were weak, and it was comparatively easy to score goals. When either Norwood or Torrens meet a team with a well-balanced defence their scoring will be checked greatly, while unless they improve their defensive sections it is difficult to see how either Norwood or Torrens will be able to keep their opponents down to a reasonable score.

It was on the half-back lines that weaknesses were most apparent. Osborn was badly defeated by McCallum, whose work at centre half-forward was one of the main factors in Norwoods' victory. Osborn was not anywhere near up to his form of last season. The other Torrens half-backmen, Pontifex and Frogley, were hardly quite up to the necessary standard. A little more experience will improve their play.

Norwood were a little better in this division, although Page was well beaten by Stokes on the day.

The other redleg half-backmen were Williams and Ross, who was later replaced by Mutton. Williams did not show any form, and Ross was only fair at half-back. Mutton, who had been trounced by Parker at centre, did better on the half-back line.

While the half-backs of both teams failed, Sawley, for Norwood, and Conroy, for Torrens, each played well on the goal line.

Sawley had a tough job in watching Waite, the brilliant Torrens goal-sneak. Although Waite got eight goals Sawley performed creditably.

At the other end of the ground Palmer showed surprising ability in the air. He was closely watched and checked by Conroy, but many times the Norwood forward brought the ball down against the strongest opposition.

NORWOOD	2-4	6-8	12-15	19-16
TORRENS	6-5	10-6	13-9	17-13

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Palmer (5), Wadham, McCallum (each 3), McDougall and West (each 2), Heffernan, Biddell, Johnson, and Sorrell. Torrens—Waite (8), Stokes and Bridgman (each 3), Bertram (2), and Phillips.

Best Players.—Norwood—McCallum, Palmer, Woodroffe, Sawley, McDougall, Heffernan, West. Torrens—Bridgman, Fleet, Waite, Stokes, Conroy, Parker, McKenzie.

LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	for.	ag.	pts.
Sturt	2	2	—	216	152	4
Norwood	2	2	—	236	194	4
Port	2	2	—	178	156	4
North	2	1	1	224	142	2
Torrens	2	1	1	205	203	2
South	2	—	2	155	188	—
Glenelg	2	—	2	136	199	—
West	2	—	2	124	240	—

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Waite (Torrens)	15
Palmer (Norwood)	11
Farmer (North)	10
A Smith (Sturt)	10
Dayman (Port)	9
Owens (Glenelg)	8
Gardiner (South)	8
Thompson (Glenelg)	7

SOUTH FORWARDS FAIL

Second Quarter Dash Gives Port Victory

Playing fast, open football, Port and South gave an exhibition on Adelaide Oval this afternoon. Port won by 16 points.

The magpies won the match in the second quarter, when they were masters of the situation. They were all over South in their fast ground work, while they had by far the better of matters in the air. Port were the more balanced side, and it was due to this that they were able to withstand the vigorous play of their opponents in the second half.

South did their best work in flashes, but their defeat was attributable mainly to the inability of the forwards to press home their attacks.

PORT	4-2	7-7	9-11	14-14
SOUTH	3-4	3-8	8-7	12-10

Goalkickers.—Port—Dayman (7), Beer (2), A. Hender, Logan, E. Hender, Callier, and Wayne. South—Gardiner (5), Hall, Sisson, and Buscumb (each 2), Errey.

Best Players.—Port—Johnson, Ween, Dayman, A. Hender, Logan, Wayne, Reinberg, Whicker. South—Jaffer, Ryan, Hebbard, Hewitt, Sanderoock, Hall, Gardiner, Chaplin.

WEST OUTCLASSED

North Faster to Ball—Marking Good

Outclassed in every department, West were decisively defeated by North at Wayville. The visitors combined well and made best use of every opportunity to score. They outmarked the opposition, who were also found wanting in the race to the ball.

Soloman (captain) made drastic changes in the positions of his men after half-time. The move produced good results for one quarter, when the home side more than held its own. However, North got back into their stride in the final term and finished with an advantage of 89 points. Closing stages of the game were uninteresting.

NORTH	5-4	11-10	14-12	20-14
WEST	1-4	2-4	5-9	6-9

Goalkickers.—North—Farmer (5), Burns (4), McDowall and Burton (each 3), Conrad (2), Furler, Barrett, and Munn. West—Oliver (3), Soloman (2), Marrett.

Best Players.—North—McDowall, Look, Conrad, Fleet, Furler, Munn, Burton, Hamilton. West—Connell, Mewecke, Braunsen, Church, Graham, McGrath, Soloman.

CLOSE-UPS OF PLAYERS

IN the attacking division, where Glenelg failed badly against Sturt at Unley, Thompson proved himself an able performer. He battled hard in the early stages. Sallis also played well. Owens was a comparative failure because he was unwilling to "get in and mix it."

ROVING and playing forward, Wright gave a satisfactory exhibition for Glenelg against Sturt. Oliver defended well at times, and Hale battled with tenacity on a wing. Murphy was not Bateman's equal at centre, but occasionally he did good work.

STURT'S defence contributed to the victory of the Unley men against Glenelg. Fisher, Wadham, Simon, and Parsons were a quartet whose combined efforts provided the main essentials of the game—dash, speed, aerial ability, and accurate kicking.

BATEMAN played a valuable game for Sturt against Glenelg. His marking and dashes from centre were typical of his usual good form. Treleven revealed dash and initiative on a wing, and Green was at times one of the most effective men on the side, because of his knack of losing his man.

GLENELG'S best men in the match against Sturt were easy to pick. Handby was the same battler as of V. Bateman in the defence lines, despite an injured left shoulder. Hill, his lieutenant, was also an excellent example to the side.

THERE were two outstanding players on the Sturt side which defeated Glenelg. They were Arnold Smith, whose accurate kicking for goal was a revelation, and Leak. Smith was always in handy position. Leak handled the ball with consummate skill, and his foot passing showed hardly a fault.

SUBSTANTIAL WIN

Sturt Show System to Glenelg

Holding the upper hand throughout the game, Sturt gained a substantial victory over Glenelg at Unley. It was in the forward lines that the play of the double-blues contrasted most with that of the Bay men.

STURT—Jantke, Mussman, Barron, Leak, A. Smith, R. Green, Kip, Bateman, Treleven, Sims, Simon, Parsons, J. Hoades, Wadham, Fisher, C. Whitehead, Roseller, W. Smith, Alstrop (19th).

GLENELG—Miller, Edwards, Winkler, F. Olliver, Handby, R. Oliver, Hill, Murphy, Hale, Thompson, Sallis, Rosewarne, Wright, Griffiths, Owens, K. Olliver, Wiese, Leak, A. Hack (19th).

Sturt were the masters throughout the game. System played a prominent part in their comfortable victory. Sturt players always looked for a clubmate, whereas Glenelg kicked blindly and inaccurately.

The kicking of Arnold Smith was the feature of the match. He kicked 10 goals, seven of them in succession.

Players were lined up to enable L. P. Sandery (umpire) to inspect their boots.

Bateman sent Sturt forward and Mussman scored a point. Leak, scouting stylishly on a left forward wing, gave Jantke two opportunities, and with the second he raised two flags with a nice effort.

Sturt were making direct attacks, and with successive rushes goals were raised by Green and Leak. On each occasion the Bay goalkeeper was out of place.

When Sturt sped down the field and A. Smith goaled the score might have been saved if Miller had been between the sticks. Sturt's great combination and polished tactics contrasted strongly with the faulty work of Glenelg.

There was a patch of excellent play by the seashiders which resulted in Owens scoring full points. The Glenelg goal-sneak just saved the ball from going out of bounds and scored from a difficult angle. Beating Glenelg to the ball and flying too high for them, Sturt were immeasurably superior at this stage. Jantke landed one too short, but soon after Whitehead after receiving a hand pass shot truly.

STURT	6-3
GLENELG	3-5

Glenelg at the opening of the second quarter launched a series of attacks. Owens marked and goaled.

Glenelg were now attacking continuously. Barron, standing a mark in the Glenelg forward line, was twice called to order for running over the mark. After Glenelg had wasted chance after chance Sturt changed the venue of play and convincingly demonstrated the value of combined play. Carefully placed passes gave Arnold Smith possession and he shot truly.

Leak's perfect handling of the ball and accurate passing were largely instrumental in posting Sturt's next goal. He passed to Arnold Smith, who was prominent at half-forward. The play was full of vigorous exchanges, and Sturt were winning back their first quarter superiority.

Glenelg had to battle hard to break through, and when they did Griffiths won them a point. The pace was hard, with both teams mixing it in the crushes. Another lightning thrust and Arnold Smith posted the ninth goal. The whole Sturt attack was centred round him. At this stage Hack (nineteenth man for Glenelg) came on the field in place of F. Olliver.

STURT	10-6
GLENELG	4-9

It was ascertained during the interval that F. Olliver had ricked an ankle. Handby took the field with his left shoulder, which was hurt last week, heavily bandaged.

Glenelg added to their faults by hanging on to the ball too long. Pressing forward Sturt travelled direct to goal, and Arnold Smith marked well. A goal was the result. Coming again Sturt were overpowering, and once again the unbeatable Smith goaled. He had kicked eight



A. G. SMITH, who kicked 10 goals for Sturt against Glenelg at Unley today.

of the 12 goals scored by Sturt, and seven of them were in succession.

Hale, whose vigorous play on a wing for Glenelg was a feature, opened up a cohesive attack which Sallis capped with six points. Glenelg were playing more strongly, but still with little effect.

After Thompson had missed from a good position K. Olliver goaled for Glenelg. At the other end Sturt forced their way through and majors came rapidly from Arnold Smith (his tenth) and Jantke (his third).

Sturt's speed, dash, and accurate handling of the ball were too much for Glenelg who, however, were showing pace and determination. A goal from Mussman made the double-blues' nearly double the Glenelg score.

Glenelg were beginning to match it with the Sturt men on the ground, but they still lagged behind in air and foot passing. A determined thrust by Glenelg, however, enabled Thompson to goal. Owens followed soon after with another from a free.

STURT	14-9
GLENELG	7-11

Glenelg were powerless to hold the Unley men. Leak made a brilliant run down the field before booting the eighteenth goal. The Glenelg reply was a point from Owens, who was freed a few yards out.

The game passed through the concluding stages at a hard pace, with Sturt still shining in the air and holding mastery of the game. Glenelg made a number of attacks, but Fisher, Wadham, and Parsons were too strong a trio.

STURT	18-11
GLENELG	8-14

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Arnold Smith (10), Jantke (3), Leak (2), Mussman, Green, and Whitehead. Glenelg—Owens and Thompson (each 3), Sallis and K. Olliver.

Best Players.—Sturt—Arnold Smith, Leak, Treleven, Bateman, Wadham, Fisher, Green, and Simon. Glenelg—Hill, Handby, Thompson, Sallis, K. Olliver, Wright, and Murphy.