

PORT, STURT, NORTH AND SOUTH WIN LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NORWOOD TROUNCED AT ALBERTON

Dayman Kicks Eight Goals

MAGPIES SHOW SUPERIORITY AT EVERY POINT



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Hopelessly outclassed in all departments, Norwood put a sorry spectacle at Alberton today.

Port, in putting up the score of 23-20 to 8-9, clearly indicated that they are a team to be reckoned with in the 1931 premiership struggle.

Norwood suffered heavily from injuries, but this cannot be advanced as an excuse for their drubbing. The redlegs were clearly no match for their opponents.

The magpies were brilliant everywhere, but at half-back they were particularly strong. Norwood found Ween, R. Johnson, and H. Terrell a line too formidable to pierce with any regularity.

TODAY was the first time I had seen Port for the season. Norwood I had seen against Torrens.

Port's success did not surprise me, as I was quite prepared to see Norwood's power of last week lessened. Norwood met a team with a well balanced defence and failed completely in their efforts to pierce it.

Referring to the victory of the redlegs last Saturday my report indicated that when the easterners met a team with sound defenders their scoring would be checked greatly, while unless they improved their own defensive section it was difficult to see how they would be able to keep their opponents down to a reasonable score.

This just about sums up today's game.

Ween, H. Terrell, and R. Johnson, the magpie half-back line, played so well that Norwood attacks were broken down before they were dangerous.

On the other hand, the Norwood defenders were always ineffectively chasing the elusive Port forwards. Port were superior in the rucks and also held sway across the centre.

Port literally dominated the game in every department.

Port, with three victories to their credit, are well on their way to inclusion in the final four. A continuance of today's form is sure to place them high on the list at the close of the season.

Umpire Raven gave a creditable exhibition.

PORT	6-6	13-11	20-17	23-20
NORWOOD	4-1	6-4	6-7	8-9

Goalkeepers.—Port—Dayman (8), V. Johnson (4), E. Hender, McInerney, Waye (each 3), Beer, N. Terrell. Norwood—Palmer (3), Biddell (2), Wadham, McDougall, McCallum.

Best Players.—Port—V. Johnson, Ween, Dayman, H. Terrell, Waye, Beer, Jones. Norwood—Wadham, Heffernan, Sorrell Pike, Sawley, Palmer.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	for	ag.	pts.
Port	3	3	—	336	213	6
Sturt	3	3	—	290	209	6
North	3	2	1	328	216	4
Norwood	3	2	1	293	352	4
South	3	1	2	249	249	2
Torrens	3	1	2	262	277	2
Glenelg	3	—	3	210	303	—
West	3	—	3	185	334	—

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Farmer (North)	18
Dayman (Port)	17
Waite (Torrens)	16
Palmer (Norwood)	14
A. Smith (Sturt)	13
Gardiner (South)	12
Owens (Glenelg)	9
Thompson (Glenelg)	7
Oliver (West)	7
Jantke (Sturt)	7
Whitehead (Sturt)	7

HARD BUMPING

Sturt Back Lines Effective

In a hard bumping and fairly congested contest, in which there were occasional flashes of neat, concerted play, Sturt defeated Torrens at Thebarton by 17 points.

The issue was in doubt until several minutes before time. Torrens suffered from injuries which had an effect on their play in the latter part of the game.

Bateman in the centre, and his tall colleagues in the back lines, did much toward gaining victory for the double-blues. Both sides demonstrated their fitness by finishing strongly.

It was a gruelling struggle.

STURT	1-5	5-8	5-9	10-14
TORRENS	2-0	4-4	5-9	8-9

Goalkeepers.—Sturt—A. G. Smith (3), Payne and Whitehead (each 2), Jantke, Johnston, and Sims. Torrens—Wing (3), Stokes (2), Russell, Bridgman, and Waite.

Best Players.—Sturt—Bateman, Treleven, Whitehead, Parsons, Simon, Leak, Payne, A. G. Smith. Torrens—Osborne, Pontifex, Bridgman, Shepherd, Phillips, McKenzie, Frogley, Russell.

KEEN GAME

Glenelg Make North Fight Hard

Keenly fought from the initial bounce to the final bell, the match between North and Glenelg at Prospect Oval provided spectators with plenty of thrills. The pace was on throughout, and apart from the superior goalkicking display of Farmer there was little to choose between the teams.

Glenelg had Owens, their crack goal-smash, at half-forward for the first half of the match, but the experiment was not a success. He was overshadowed by Conrad, and did not reveal his true form until reinstated at full forward.

It was difficult to find a weak link in either team. Defenders showed out to better advantage than attackers, with the one exception of Farmer, who kicked eight goals.

G. R. Allen was umpire. The seariders and Handby, K. Olliver, and Miller out through injury, and Wright was omitted. Their places were filled by Bail, Hack, Ellis, and Shakes. In the absence of Handby, Hill (vice-captain) led Glenelg, and Bail was vice-captain.

Furber won the toss and chose the southern end. He sent North forward from the bounce, but Hale cleared. From a free Furber began another advance, which brought a point from Willshire. Farmer took a good mark, but a low shot was touched as it went through.

Glenelg then took a hand, and combined work in which R. Oliver, Sallis, and Thompson were conspicuous yielded a goal from Bail. Hack added another.

McDowall, Lock, and Mackay then took the ball to the other end, where Farmer put on a single and a fullpointer. Goals for Glenelg by Rosewarne and K. Olliver followed. Fleet was doing great work in goal, and he and Hamilton put North on the move. A free to Barrett brought up a major, and another brilliant flash by Hamilton gave Burns a chance, of which best use was made.

Willshire and Burton drove the ball goalward again, and when a bunch misjudged the flight Hamilton picked it up and snapped a goal.

Hamilton was in great fettle, and again drove the ball into Farmer. The fifth goal of the northerners went up. Barrett, Lock, and McDowall combined to give Farmer another chance. His shot sailed through the goal as the bell rang.

First Quarter

NORTH	6-3
GLENELG	4-1

Glenelg attacked early in the second term, but Foulis and Conrad drove them out. Drew carried the ball round the wing. After both teams had added a single, Hamilton and Willshire put Farmer in possession and the North goal-smash raised his fourth goal for the day.

North then set up a determined attack, but Winkler and Ellis were too strong. The ball travelled up and down the field several times before Farmer marked and put on his fifth goal.

Farmer was being closely watched by Winkler, and deserved all the success he had.

Play was open, with some occasional combined play. Defenders of both teams were showing out to good effect. Owens put on two singles, and then Griffiths capped a run down the centre with a goal from a long shot. Mackay and Hamilton put North in a favorable position, but Barrett could manage only a single.

Glenelg centre line, which had the advantage in the first quarter, did not show up so well in this term. North were having most of the play, but apart from Farmer, who was keenly watched, their forwards could not score.

Second Quarter

NORTH	8-5
GLENELG	5-4

20,325 SPECTATORS

Attendances at Matches

Following were the attendances today:—

Port v. Norwood (Alberton)	6,080
South v. West (Adelaide)	4,283
North v. Glenelg (Prospect)	3,341
Torrens v. Sturt (Thebarton)	6,621

Total 20,325

The aggregate last Saturday was 19,803, and on the opening day 20,758.

Owens had not proved a success at half-forward. After the long interval he went back as goal-smash.

Farmer marked well in a good position only to kick poorly. The ball was transferred to the other end, where Bail received it. He passed to Olliver, who goaled. North were not to be denied, however, and after several fruitless attempts Farmer marked and called up both flags. Receiving a fair distance out Owens passed to Link, who evaded several opponents and kicked truly. The seariders dashed forward again with renewed vigor and another goal came from Rosewarne. They were giving North a hard fight.

The northerners again exerted themselves and Burton and Farmer put on full points. From a free near centre K. Olliver sent well down to Bail, but his shot went out of bounds. Shakes, playing his first league game, was giving Mackay a hard fight on the wing. Fleet was following Owens to the North half-back line.

Taylor and Munn forwarded, but Weiss and Hale sent them back again. Mackay put North on the move again and Ellis, running back, carried the ball through the opposition goal. The game continued to be fast in patches.

Third Quarter

NORTH	11-11
GLENELG	8-4

Ron Edwards, Glenelg reserve, came on in place of Bail when the last quarter began. Bail had injured a knee. Burns and Hamilton quickly gave Farmer the ball and the crack forward added his eighth goal. Taylor and Lock forwarded and Farmer marked from Furber. This time, however, he kicked a single.

The northerners still maintained the pressure and additional goals came from Burns and Burton. Fleet cleared brilliantly, only to see Link run in and goal from a difficult angle. Hack was given a free well in, and had no difficulty in producing full points.

Conrad cleared the next advance, and Taylor sent on to Munn, whose goal came from a running shot. Both teams were tiring, and play was becoming congested. Rosewarne put on a single, the first scored by the seariders since half-time.

Owens marked over Fleet and kicked his first goal for the day. North kept the ball in their forward lines for some minutes, but could not score. Hale staged a breakaway for the seariders and Thompson put up a single. K. Olliver added another. Hack had a shot, but it went out of bounds. Fleet sent to Burton, and Hamilton had a running shot, which yielded a point. The players had nearly run themselves to a standstill.

Final

NORTH	15-14
GLENELG	11-8

Goalkeepers.—North—Farmer (8), Burton, Burns (each 2), Munn, Hamilton, and Barrett. Glenelg—Hack, K. Olliver, Link, and Rosewarne (each 2), Bail, Griffiths, and Owens.

Best Players.—North—Farmer, Conrad, Hamilton, Burton, Fleet, Drew, and Furber. Glenelg—Sallis, Murphy, R. Oliver, K. Olliver, Hill, Griffiths, and Hale.

SOUTH WIN

West Show Great Improvement

In an uninspiring game, spoilt by players crowding the ball, South defeated West by 33 points at Adelaide Oval. Form of West was much better than in previous games, but their tactics in the forward division still leave room for improvement.

Only occasionally did South reveal glimpses of combination. When they were able to follow a system they provided some excellent exchanges, in which accurate hand and foot passing were exploited.

South had the upper hand for most of the last quarter, during which they added more than five goals. West made a valiant effort in the closing stages, and scored a couple of fullpointers in quick succession.

SOUTH	1-2	6-5	9-7	14-10
WEST	4-6	4-8	6-11	8-13

Goalkeepers.—South—Gardiner (4), Tully, Hall, Errey, and Newman (2), Buscombe, and Mulcahy. West—Oliver and Hill (3), Scarman, and McGrath.

Best Players.—South—Tully, Masters, Gardiner, C. Rose, and Hurst. West—Sexton, Solomon, Connell, Shea, Hill, and Church.

CLOSE-UPS OF PLAYERS



L. Sallis

last quarter. Sexton marked surely and forwarded the ball with well-directed kicks.

FARMER was in excellent form for North, and kicked eight goals and four behinds from 12 scoring shots. He was closely watched by Winkler throughout the match, and obtained most of his success through sound marking.

DREW, Lock, and Mackay, the North centre line, had a keen tussle with the Glenelg trio, Hill, Murphy, and Shakes. Fortune favored first one and then another, but on the day honors were even.

FLEET was a thorn in the side of Glenelg, and many attacks broke down under his heady defence. When watching Owens he at times came out to the half-back line, and was rarely at fault in his judgment.

SHAKES, playing his first game for Glenelg, did extremely well on the wing, where he was always equal to the opposition. R. Oliver, who is in his first season, is developing into a defender of class. His work was of a high order.

HILL led Glenelg for the first time, and acquitted himself well. He handled the team with judgment and did not allow the extra responsibility to mar his own play. A severe kick on a hand caused him some concern.