

Port Regain League Football Lead by Defeating Sturt

MAGPIES BATTLE THROUGH EVEN MATCH

Sturt Fade Away in Last Term

WEAKNESS IN FRONT OF GOAL DISCLOSED

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The best feature of the Port v. Sturt match at Adelaide Oval was the even nature of the game. Although little separated the scores throughout, Port were definitely the better side on the day, their players getting into the game more than their opponents.

Sturt showed weaknesses principally in the forward lines, where they were impotent in front of goal, while Bateman was much below form at centre. The Sturt captain, apart from a burst of form in the last term, was generally defeated by A. Hender.

Hender's exhibition at centre was typical of the play of Port. He mixed matters with Bateman throughout, and with marking difficult because of a greasy ball, the Port player had much the better of Bateman on the ground.

Similarly Port provided the best of the ground play and excelled in the congested crushes.

PORT	1-4	3-7	6-8	8-13
STURT	1-2	3-7	6-9	7-12

Goalkickers—Port—Dayman (2), V. Johnson, Logan, N. Hender, McInerney, Beer, and Jones. Sturt—A. G. Smith (3), Whitehead (2), W. Smith, and Musman.

Best Players.—Port—Maywald, V. Johnson, Jones, A. Hender, McInerney, and Ween. Sturt—Whitehead, Wadham, Payne, Simon, Parsons, Treleaven, and W. Smith.

Play hovered between the half-back lines after the resumption. Hack was awarded a free. His kick was marked by Hall, who goaled. After Glenelg had rushed a point, Hall marked close in and put on the eighth goal for his side. Maintaining the pressure, the city men gave Hall another chance, and once more the two flags were raised. South were a point behind their opponents.

A determined thrust by the seaiders brought a goal by Owens. South were not to be denied, however, and a point by Hassett followed by a goal by Ryan made the score 64 points all. Sandercock delighted the spectators with a brilliant run down the field, and the move culminated in a point by Ryan.

South were again showing the dash that characterised their play in the opening stages. They were showing more anticipation than their opponents, and were using their weight to good effect.

Sandercock sent them forward again, and Hassett goaled. The seaiders were frequently out of position, and with a few exceptions seemed rattled by the turn of events. When Glenelg did break away Owens had a shot, which was marked on the goal line by Chaplin. The ball was flashed straight down the centre of the field, and Gardiner called up one flag. Owens marked from K. Olliver and the crowd roared its disapproval when he was penalised for interfering with an opponent. He made up for it by picking up cleverly and snapping the maximum a few moments later.

SOUTH	11-6
GLENELG	10-10

South were first away, but Edwards and K. Olliver drove them out. At the other end Rose saved with a brilliant mark. Plenty of vim was being imparted into the play. The ball passed rapidly up and down the field with the defenders of both teams in the ascendant.

It was eight minutes before scoring for the quarter opened, and then Rosewarne snapped a point. Glenelg were still a point behind. Link was repeatedly in the picture as rover. Owens marked a long way out and called up one flag. The scores were level. Sallis marked the kick off, and Hebbard marked his shot on the goal line.

Glenelg forwards were shockingly out of position. Edwards and Weise at last combined to place Rosewarne in possession, and a goal resulted. O'Connell marked the next shot by Rosewarne. The crowd roared its joy when Weise ran in and punted a goal. Then Link put on a point and Rosewarne added another goal. The seaiders were now in winning vein, and were finishing with rare dash.

Jaffer temporarily stemmed the advance, but Glenelg were not to be denied. K. Olliver marked in a crowd, and goaled with a difficult angle shot. Jaffer and Chaplin again drove the seaiders out, and a free to Ellis placed Glenelg in control. All hope of success had left South, but they battled with grim determination. Their persistence was rewarded by a goal from Ryan. The ball had just been returned to the centre when the bell rang.

GLENELG	14-13
SOUTH	12-6

Goalkickers.—Glenelg—Owens (7), K. Olliver and Rosewarne (2), Bail, Hack, and Weise. South—Hall (4), Ryan (3), McEntee and Gardiner (each 2), and Hassett.

Best Players.—Glenelg—Sallis, Hale, Link, Handby, K. Olliver, Rosewarne, and Weise. South—Chaplin, Rose, Ramsay, Sandercock, Masters, Jaffer, and Hassett.

GLENELG WIN Last Quarter Rally Against South

Until Glenelg assumed command half-way through the last quarter of their match with South at Glenelg Oval, there was little to choose between the two teams. The defenders of both teams showed out to better effect than the attacking division.

South staged a brilliant effort in the third quarter, when they put on 33 points to seven scored by the seaiders. In the final term the positions were reversed, Glenelg compiling 27 points to six by South.

Apart from occasional bursts of combined play, the game was not of a high standard. Players of both teams kicked with little direction, and Glenelg particularly showed a tendency to wander from their allotted positions.

King had his first run with the seaiders this season, and K. Olliver and Bail were back after having missed two matches through injuries. Forrester and O'Connell played their first game for South, and McEntee, who broke his nose in the first match, reappeared.

Umpire T. W. Elliott had charge of the game. Jaffer won the toss and chose to kick toward the northern goal, which was favored by a slight breeze. The ball was bounced promptly on time. A long kick by Ryan sent the ball to the goal-mouth, and within 40 seconds of the initial bounce, Gardiner goaled with a kick off the ground.

Olliver turned the next attack, and Murphy and Griffiths combined to give Owens a chance. He scored with an easy shot. South came again, and McEntee, marking from Tully, produced a goal.

Endeavoring to clear the next South advance, Edwards kicked the ball into the arms of Ryan, who put on the third goal for the city team. Marking cleverly, McEntee put on their fourth. Play was fast and open, and the ball was travelling quickly to all parts of the field. Owens had a snap, which put on a point, and then Bail goaled with a long shot.

Glenelg then took a hand. Griffiths broke through with a point, and then Hack sent on to Owens, who made no mistake. Owens marked again as the bell rang. He booted a goal, making the scores level.

First Quarter	
GLENELG	4-2
SOUTH	4-2

Glenelg opened the attack. Rosewarne called up one flag with a hasty shot from a scrimmage. The seaiders maintained the pressure, and when K. Olliver was given a free close in he added a sixer. Hack, who was having the better of Chaplin, marked over the South defender, and goaled with a beautiful shot.

South had lost their first-quarter sparkle and were being kept on the defensive.

Jaffer and Hassett broke away, but Ellis marked and sent the ball back. Glenelg were keeping the ball in their forward lines. Determined work by the South backmen, however, kept the score to a minimum. Successive singles came from Bail, Sallis, Bail, and Griffiths. At last Bail, Hack, and Link combined to place Owens in possession, and a goal came.

Owens came into prominence again when he marked in a bunch, and followed with a well-judged goal. Glenelg had put on 31 points in this quarter, while South had failed to score. Eventually the city men carried the ball into their forward lines and Hall snapped a goal. A few minutes later Gardiner marked at half-forward and placed the ball. He called up both flags with a perfect place kick.

Second Quarter	
GLENELG	8-9
SOUTH	6-3

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	Pts. for.	Pts. ag.	Prem.
Port	6	5	1	597	432	10
Sturt	6	5	1	540	413	10
North	5	4	1	530	386	8
Norwood	5	3	2	462	523	6
Torrens	6	3	3	534	493	6
Glenelg	6	2	4	505	581	4
South	6	1	5	457	516	2
West	6	—	6	355	631	—

Leading Goalkickers

Farmer (North)	34
Waite (Torrens)	33
Dayman (Port)	28
Owens (Glenelg)	26
Gardner (South)	20
Palmer (Norwood)	19
A. Smith (Sturt)	16
Bridgman (Torrens)	13
Link (Glenelg)	12
Oliver (West)	12
Hall (South)	12
Whitehead (Sturt)	11
Waye (Port)	10
Thompson (Glenelg)	10

ATTENDANCES INCREASE

15,429 at Adelaide Oval

Although only three football matches were played this afternoon, 21,123 people paid to see them. This is only 91 fewer than the largest attendance for the current season when four matches have been played. Compared with last year's figures for the same day the attendances show an increase of 4,599.

Figures for the various ovals are as follows:

Adelaide	15,429
Glenelg	1,850
Thebarton	3,844

Total 21,123

WEST DOWNED

Torrens Excellent in Defence

Excellent work in defence was mainly responsible for a substantial victory by Torrens over West at Thebarton. The visitors gave a lamentable display of goalkicking.

TORRENS	2-2	5-6	7-8	11-12
WEST	0-5	1-10	2-14	2-16

Best Players.—Torrens—N. Head, Osborn, Pontifex, W. Williamson, Shepherd, Bertram, Quinn. West—Golding, Sexton, Connell, Williams, Forster, Elliott, Shea.

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Waite (4), Bridgman and Harris (each 2), Bertram, Stokes, McKenzie. West—Elliott, Hill.

CLOSE-UPS OF PLAYERS

FOR West Sexton, who found Pontifex a formidable foe, played a good game in the central position. He was continually in the limelight for excellent service.



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stood him in good stead. On the ground, however, the Glenelg vice-captain had the advantage.

HALE was in his element against South, and repeatedly broke down South advances. He is still fast, and often gets past the centre line before getting rid of the ball with a telling kick. He, Handby, and R. Oliver formed a stout line of defence.

SANDERCOCK, of South, and Hill, of Glenelg, had a keen tussle on the wing. The South man had the advantage in the air, where his height stood him in good stead. On the ground, however, the Glenelg vice-captain had the advantage.

REAPPEARANCE of K. Olliver and Bail had a marked effect on the rucking strength of Glenelg. In addition they were constantly in the picture when placed. Olliver is playing better football this season than at any other time in his career. Bail is of the forceful type, and was in great fettle today.

ROSEWARNE is one of the most resourceful players for Glenelg, and was at the top of his form against South. He kicked two goals in the last quarter when the team was in dire need of them. His work on a half-forward wing was far more valuable than these goals indicate.

SOUTH have an ideal back pocket man in Ramsay. He shows marked resource in getting the ball out of a difficult position. He marks well, and is always in position in goal if Rose (goalkeeper) goes out.