

Port, Sturt, North and Norwood Win League Football Games

POOR EXHIBITION

South Play Better Than Magpies for Three Terms

FADE AWAY IN LAST QUARTER

(By O. J. O'GRADY)

Although South played better football than Port in the first three terms of the game at Adelaide, weakness in front of goal prevented them from establishing a scoring advantage. Conditions did not suit Sullivan, the small goalsneak, and he should have been moved from the position.

Port played disappointingly throughout, but prevailed in the final 10 minutes of play.

Umpiring below par helped to make the game the worst for the season.



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THE chief feature of the game was the number of scrambles that occurred. Both sides seemed to play the ball to the mud patch at centre, and consequently good football was out of the question. The ball was heavy and difficult to handle for most of the time.

Port won by the comfortable margin of 22 points, but added little to their laurels in doing so. A problem that must cause Port uneasiness is the form of the centre line. Today each member was defeated. Errey had too many guns for A. Hender, although the mud may have been a factor in this. Mulcahy outclassed Mucklow, and Jaffer gave N. Hender a lean time. In other directions the magpies appear well balanced, Logan showing better form at half forward.

South have the material for a good side, but were let down today by their attack. It will surprise me if so short a player as Sullivan successfully can hold down the goalsneak job.

PORT . . . 2-6 2-7 4-10 6-14
SOUTH . . . 2-4 2-7 3-8 3-10

Best Players.—Port—R. Johnson, Allingham, Logan, Waye, Thompson, Utting. South—Errey, Mulcahy, Munro, Gardiner, Jaffer, Chaplin.

Goalkickers.—Port—Dayman (3), Curtin, McInerney, and Waye. South—Jaffer, Errey, and Hall.

Premiership Table

	P.	W.	L.	for ag.	pts.
Port	9	8	1	823	57 16
Sturt	9	8	1	854	661 16
North	9	6	3	916	636 12
Torrens	9	4	5	771	749 8
Norwood	9	4	5	761	935 8
Glenelg	9	3	6	726	852 6
South	9	2	7	664	756 4
West	9	1	8	612	915 2

Leading Goalkickers

Farmer (North)	60
Dayman (Port)	46
Owens (Glenelg)	42
Waite (Torrens)	42
Morton (Sturt)	29
Gardiner (South)	22
Palmer (Norwood)	20
A. Smith (Sturt)	20
Bridgman (Torrens)	13
Waye (Port)	18
Hall (South)	16
Johnson (Norwood)	16

RAGGED GAME

Sturt Hard Pressed by Glenelg

STURT had the better of the game against Glenelg in the last 15 minutes of the match when they developed system. Before that the seashiders more than counteracted the efforts of the double-blues to open up the play.

By crowding the ball Glenelg cramped the style of the visitors. Roughness and frequent scrimmages marred the football, which was not up to standard.

Because of a knee injury sustained against Victoria, Simon was omitted from Sturt, and Johnston included in the side. Aistrophe was reserve.

Umpire T. W. Elliott had charge. Handby won the toss for Glenelg, and kicked to the northern goal. The visitors dashed forward, but Weise turned them back. Glenelg attacked, and from a free K. Olliver kicked an angle goal.

Sturt returned to the offensive and scored two behinds. An exchange, in which Handby and Sallis figured prominently, culminated in another goal from K. Olliver for the home team. Glenelg were having more than their share of the play.

Then Sturt took a hand. A long shot by G. Green was marked a few yards in front of goal by Morton. His kick was accurate.

Play was scrambling. Too many men were on the ball. Only occasionally was accurate passing witnessed. Sturt kept in front of their men, and were slightly better in the air, but Glenelg made up for it by kicking straight for goal.

The seashiders' third goal was posted by Ron Edwards, with a hasty punt from a pocket. It was followed quickly by another from Rosewarne.

Playing a determined, rugged game, Glenelg prevented Sturt from developing system. From a free W Smith scored a much-needed goal for the Unley side.

For about the last 10 minutes of the quarter play was confined to the area between the respective half-back lines. The standard of football was poor, there being few thrilling exchanges. Sturt obtained a point just before the bell.

First Quarter

GLENELG 4-3
STURT 2-4

Glenelg quickly rushed a point. Their defenders fought valiantly and successfully. Several times the visitors went forward, only to see the ball returned. Martin (Sturt) hit a post from a long way out.

There was no system in the efforts of either team.

With a snapshot goal Whitehead brought his side within three points of Glenelg. Although Glenelg's aerial work had improved they lost opportunities by blind kicking.

Ron Edwards brightened a patch of uninteresting play with a goal for Glenelg. Attempts by Sturt to open up the game were frustrated by the rugged efforts of Glenelg, who crowded the ball and controlled the game by sheer force. Morton followed up a nice mark with six points for the double-blues.

Sturt's offensive was short-lived. Play was transferred to the other end, where Sallis, who was playing a great game, kicked truly.

Glenelg still had a lead of 10 points, and were playing determined football.

The visitors were attacking when the quarter ended.

Second Quarter

GLENELG 6-5
STURT 4-7

Glenelg did not attempt to mark with Sturt. They adopted spoiling tactics, and were active in gathering the ball. There was much manhandling, with the result that frees were frequent.

Amusement was caused when Wadhams (Sturt) was sent sprawling into a large sheet of water near the boundary. Other players suffered similar discomfort.

Glenelg continued to have the better of the play. With a nice shot from the boundary Wunderwitz added the bay team's seventh goal. Morton spoiled the value of an excellent mark when he missed an easy goal a few yards out. The same player mullered another shot a few moments later before an unguarded goal.

Sturt were now throwing every ounce of energy into the play. They had opened up the game, the standard of which had improved. Marking almost on the goal-line, Morton had no difficulty in raising both flags.

The visitors were having more of the play, but were unable to press home all their attacks. Payne made their position stronger with six more points.

Sallis (Glenelg) was applauded for a fine effort which produced a goal.

Because their forwards crowded the centre Sturt lost several opportunities. A goal from G. Green brought the Unley men within three points of Glenelg. Another from Morton (his fourth) put Sturt ahead for the first time during the match. Murphy (Glenelg) was playing a capital game at centre.

Third Quarter

STURT 8-10
GLENELG 8-7

Sturt lost no time in heading for goal. Glenelg's grip on the game weakened when Morton kicked his fifth goal. Sturt were now keeping in front of their men and leading in the race for the ball.

Glenelg came again, and Rosewarne called up one flag. Thompson brought down an excellent mark, and while running toward goal was felled by a blow in the face. He required attention from the trainers.

Parsons twice relieved dangerous situations, but at last Glenelg broke through. A goal from Thompson left a difference of three points in the tallies with 15 minutes to play.

A goal from Rosewarne placed Glenelg two points to the good. Rapidly changing fortunes characterised the play.

Every point was cheered by the spectators, who were wildly excited. Glenelg were making a praiseworthy battle of it. With seven minutes to go Sallis marked within kicking distance, but his shot travelled out of bounds.

From the kick-in Sturt carried the ball to the other end, where Morton, applauded for a fine one-hand mark, kicked a goal (his sixth). Once more Sturt were leading.

Glenelg gamely went forward, only to be repulsed. At the other end Morton clinched the issue with six points. A few moments before the bell the same player added another goal.

Final

STURT 12-13
GLENELG 10-9

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Morton (8), Whitehead, W. Smith, G. J. R. Green, and Payne. Glenelg—Sallis, Rosewarne, K. Olliver, Ron Edwards (each 2), Wunderwitz, and Thompson.

Best Players.—Sturt—Morton, Parsons, King, Sims, and Bateman. Glenelg—Handby, Ray Edwards, Link, Sallis, Murphy, and Rosewarne.

NORWOOD WIN

Defeat Improved Torrens Team

PLAYING with dash and determination, Norwood defeated the hard-bumping Torrens team by five points at Thebarton. They were fortunate in that a strong breeze enabled them to establish a valuable lead in the first quarter. The wind died down for the remainder of the match.

Norwood were a shade faster to the ball. They showed improvement in all departments compared with previous matches, and must be regarded as serious opposition in future games. Torrens had a full share of the play, but their forwards generally lacked initiative.

NORWOOD 4-3 6-3 8-6 11-9
TORRENS 1-3 4-6 7-9 10-10

Goalkickers.—Norwood—E. A. Johnson (5), Heffernan (2), McDougall, Woodroffe, Krome, and Chinnery. Torrens—Bertram and Waite (each 3), Geue (2), Head, and Bridgman.

Best Players.—Norwood—E. A. Johnson, Johns, Heffernan, Sawley, Pike, Allington, and Mitchell. Torrens—Pontifex, Bertram, Osborn, Shepherd, Quinn, Fleet, and Harris.

North Win After Poor Start

WEST sprung a surprise on North in the first quarter of the match at Prospect Oval. The red-and-whites, lacking combination and forward accuracy, were outclassed in the early stages.

Improving as the game progressed, the home team turned a deficit of 26 points into victory by 21 points.

In the first half West thoroughly deserved their advantage, defeating North in dash, on the ground, and in the air, but assisted by a strong centre line North proved the better team on the day. At forward they were seldom seen at their best, and their score (11-24) reflects their inaccuracy in that department. West, who held their own for three quarters, finished with 8 13.

NORTH 1-3 4-11 7-18 11-24
WEST 5-5 6-9 8-10 8-13

Goalkickers.—North—Farmer (5), Hardwick, McIntosh (each 2), Furler, and McDowall. West—H. Graham (3), Golding (2), Dunne, Connell, Hill.

Best Players.—North—Mackay, Drew, Furler, Lock, Taylor, Burton, and McDowall. West—Moscke, Williams, H. Graham, Hamilton, Connell, Hill, Simons, and Sexton.



COMBINED work between Golding and H. Graham produced many flashes in the West forward division in the first half. It was largely through their efforts that North were left standing. Simons, Church, Bransom, and Dunne were other effective members of the team.

NORTH owed their victory chiefly to the fine work of the centre line against West. Drew, Lock, and Mackay had the better of the deal over Solomon, Sexton, and Shea on the day. Drew was outstanding, and was awarded a trophy for having been adjudged the best North player.

FARMER, although not at his best, obtained five goals for North, bringing his total to 60 in nine matches for the season. He has not scored less than five in any of the games North rovers, Hardwick, and McDowall, showed smartness in obtaining their goals.

DAYMAN kicked three goals for Port. He could not mark the heavy ball with much success. McInerney was prominent in the attack at times.

E. A. Johnson was the outstanding player for Norwood. He was always in the limelight, and his five goals were the result of excellent work. Either roving or placed he was equally effective. Johnson was clever in his ground work, and led out well to receive the ball.

IN Sawley Norwood have a defender who should be a future aspirant for State honors. Tall and a sure mark he uses excellent judgment in checking an attack. He is one of the most consistent players in the team.

PONTIFEX was always in the picture at Thebarton, and it was no fault of his that Torrens did not win. Time after time he drove the ball into the forward lines. He marked well, and always disposed of the ball to best advantage.

MULCAHY outclassed Mucklow at Adelaide. The South wingman showed anticipation, and invariably got his kick. On the other flank Jaffer had the better of N. Hender.

CLOSE-UPS OF PLAYERS



P. T. Morton

MORTON was the most valuable player for Sturt. He played well for position and marked surely when opportunity came. His eight goals were well earned.

STATIONED in defence Parsons did excellent work for Sturt. Time and again he was prominent in turning attacks. Parsons was ably assisted by Sims, who took the place of Simon at centre half-back.

ALTHOUGH they seldom met in hand-to-hand encounters Murphy (Glenelg) and Bateman (Sturt) played useful games for their respective sides. Murphy particularly was prominent in the third quarter when Glenelg were fighting to regain the lead.

A GREAT battler for Glenelg was Rosewarne. In addition to kicking two goals Rosewarne played a prominent part in other attacks which produced results.

UNTIL injured in the last term Gardiner did good work for South at centre half-forward. He marked well and kicked strongly.

LOGAN was one of the few Port players to do well. He showed resource at half-forward, and may be running into that form which made him such a valuable player a few seasons ago.

R. Johnson was the best for Port at Adelaide. He showed judgment and marking ability at half-back, and did not flinch when the pressure was on.

ALLINGHAM was dashing for Port at fullback. Mott also relieved frequently.

MASTERS took several brilliant marks for South. Callary and Shugg did fairly well, but Hebbard was ineffective.

SALLIS was a tower of strength for Glenelg. Good marking and clever ground play brought him frequently under notice. Link did well when roving, and Ray Edwards pulled his weight in the tuck.

THE most serviceable played for Glenelg was the reliable Handby. His rugged game suited the tactics adopted by Glenelg to counteract the system of Sturt. Handby was seldom defeated.

JOHNS, Norwood goalkeeper, was comparatively quiet in the first half, but from then onward he was at the top of his form. He left the goal with judgment, marked well, and cleared repeatedly with long, telling kicks. At times he went out to the half-back line to stem an attack.



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