

Sturt, North, West, and Torrens Win Today's League Football

SECOND TERM WIN STURT FADE AWAY AFTER WITHERING BURST, KICKING 8-8 TO 2-3

NORWOOD OFF FORM

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BY defeating Norwood at Unley today Sturt have practically assured their position as one of the final four. Sturt played brilliant football in the first half, but their form thereafter was far from good.

Sturt have shown a strong tendency to fade out in the closing stages, and this was again evident today. At half-time Sturt had scored 12-9, of which they added 8-8 in a withering second term burst. In the second half they were able to add only 2-7 to this score.

Norwood's form must have been disappointing to their following. At no stage of the game did Norwood impress, and had it not been for the dominance by Hickman of the centre the redlegs would assuredly have been routed by a much greater margin.

Admittedly Norwood had little to gain by victory, whereas Sturt were fighting for a place in the finals. The incentive was behind Sturt. Norwood, however, seemed anxious to win, and the vigor imparted into the game supports this.

It is difficult to see how Norwood could have won in any circumstances. Very few of the redlegs played attractively, and once again I must give the opinion that Norwood lack the necessary brilliance to win the premiership. On the other hand Sturt have possibilities. The double-blues compare favorably with North and Port in many respects. Their defence is able and their rucks are fairly good. In the air Sturt can hold their own.

It is in reliability that the double-blues cause apprehension and White will certainly have to train the team so that it can finish the game in better style. A team that fades in the second half has no chance of winning a premiership. This weakness of Sturt is one that should be capable of correction.

STURT 4-1 12-9 12-10 14-16
NORWOOD 3-2 5-5 8-9 9-10

Best Players.—Sturt—Bateman, Dunn, Green, Sawatzke, Smith, Wunderwitz, Treleven. Norwood—Hickman, E. A. Johnson, Biddell, Curyer, Woodroffe, Medlen. Goalkickers.—Sturt—Green (6) Wunderwitz (3) Bateman, Smith (each 2), Sawatzke. Norwood—Krome, E. A. Johnson, Mutton, W. B. McCallum (each 2), Biddell.

NORTH DEFEAT PORT CONVINCINGLY

A DOMINATING influence by their big men, superior mid-field play, and greater pace in all departments gave North the win over Port at Prospect Oval today.

Although the teams finished the third quarter level, North won running away in the last session.

A bad breakdown in the forward lines half-way through the match nullified Port's chances early in the last half of the game. The pace of the game all through, after the first 10 minutes, was a cracker, and found Port lagging at several points.

NORTH 4-0 7-4 9-7 14-10
PORT 4-4 5-8 8-13 8-16

Goalkickers.—North—Farmer, Storer (each 3), Hemera, Proud (2), Furler, McInnes, Burns, Foulis. Port—N. Hender (6), A. Hender, O'Regan.

Best Players.—North—Walter, Burton, Hemera, Conrad, Mangelsdorf, Lock, Parnell. Port—Mott, N. Hender, Gilbert, Hooper, Allingham, Johnson, Eden.

Torrens Win, But Don't Play at Top

ALTHOUGH Torrens defeated South by a comfortable margin at the Adelaide Oval, they did not play up to the form shown in their previous matches against Port and North.

They displayed all the vigor that they had shown in their earlier matches, but did not work with as much precision.

South, too, had some shining lights. No man on the ground was more effective than Errey, a player who will probably force himself into the State team in the near future. Jaffer also showed great form, and his display was remarkable for a man who had been out of the game for some weeks through illness.

TORRENS 6-2 9-4 12-8 15-12
SOUTH 3-3 6-7 8-11 12-13

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Bertram (4), Waite (3), Drury, Hocking, McKenzie (each 2), Head, Pontifex. South—Tully (4), Scott (3), Hall, Baxter (each 2), Masters.

Best Players.—Torrens—Bertram, Drury, Sincoc, Quinn, McKenzie, Ashby, Hocking. South—Errey, Jaffer, Tully, Masters, Rose, Dornan, Hebbard.

Wind Defeats Glengel: West Victory

A BETTER sustained effort gave West a seven-point win over Glengel. They scored consistently with and against the strong breeze. Glengel found great difficulty to get the ball forward against the wind. They had only one scoring shot in the second quarter, and three in the last term.

Had the Glengel players shot for goal when opportunity presented they might have won. Several times players within range of the objective tried to pass to Owens, who is at the head of the league goalkicking list, and nullified chances.

Jarvis closely dogged Owens, whose eight goals was a capital effort. In addition to having to keep up his reputation as a goalkicker, Owens had the increased responsibility of leading his side. He was chosen to act as captain in the absence of Handby and Hill.

Stokes, who bruised his ribs at training on Thursday, was unable to play. Ryan was included in the West team, and Parry was nineteenth man.

Glengel started with a rush and rattled on two goals, both from Owens, before West found their feet. A strong south-east breeze favored the home team, which kept in front of their opponents and won in the race for the ball.

Forcing the ball forward largely by individual effort, West opened their score with full points from Bottomley. With a fine chain of passes Glengel were again attacking. Owens called up two flags.

Realising that it was useless to keep the ball in the air against the wind, West adopted sterner tactics and went forward by sheer force. For a time they held the upper hand, and added a goal and two behinds.

Fine cohesive play then gave Glengel the advantage. They passed accurately and went direct for goal with long, well-directed kicks. Owens scored his fourth major. Bottomley's goal put West within range of Glengel at the end of the term.

GLENGEL FAIL AGAINST WIND

The visitors had practically all the play in the second quarter, but faulty kicking was responsible for a minimum of scoring. Four successive behinds might easily have been goals.

Glengel were hopeless against the wind, but eventually broke through to let Griffiths goal—their only score for the term.

Then West kept up a constant attack which the Glengel defenders resisted determinedly. Golding and Ralph added goals, but West again lapsed into getting behinds, and instead of finishing the quarter with a commanding lead, had only an advantage of 12 points.

Glengel at the beginning of the third term were all over West, defeating them in the air, in the race for the ball, and holding them in ground play, but their kicking was faulty.

FIVE MISSES TO OWENS

With the object of helping Owens to retain his place at the head of the goalkicking list, Glengel players tried to find him instead of playing the game. Owens missed with five successive shots. Then Percy scored full points.

West took command, and with fine football got the results needed. With four shots they scored three goals. West's centre line was too strong for the opposition.

Glengel got better results towards the end of the term, when Johnston, Owens, and Griffiths added majors, but at "lemons" were only one point ahead.

Johnston played brilliantly throughout. In the final term he kept close to Connell, whose great influence in the ruck was a feature of West's play.

The standard of the game deteriorated. There were too many men on the ball, and scrambles were frequent.

West again kicked badly, but exploited handball to advantage. The latter often got them out of difficulty.

Glengel made the best of all opportunities this quarter. Owens kicked all three goals scored. Busted by Jarvis, he reached out to mark, but the ball fell at his feet. Snapping it up, he turned quickly to kick from an acute angle. The ball just got the distance.

WEST 3-3 6-11 9-12 13-14
GLENGEL 4-5 5-5 9-13 12-13

Goalkickers.—West—Williams (5), Bottomley (3), Golding (2), McInerney, Ralph, Hill. Glengel—Owens (8), Griffiths (2), Murphy, Johnston.

Best Players.—West—Matthews, Jarvis, Solomon, Williams, Connell, Ralph, Golding. Glengel—Johnston, Colyer, Owens, Rosewarne, Coleman, McKinnon, King.

Close-ups of League Footballers

N. Hender battled strongly in the forward lines for Port, but except for solid support from his brother, A. Hender, did not receive much assistance from the other forwards.

WALTER was one of the best for North against Port. The big fellow bore the brunt of the ruck work, and was unbeaten in the packs all day. He received good support from Parnell.

CONRAD (North), playing his first league game for the year against Port, showed that he retains his form remarkably. His marking was first class, and he shadowed A. Hender, a difficult forward to watch, in brilliant style. Burton and Mangelsdorf were others to do well.

HEMERS gave a classy exhibition of rucking. His dashing work finished off the good play of the rucks, and he was the forwarding medium many times. His position play when resting forward was good, too.

HICKMAN dominated the centre for Norwood. This young player gets the ball well, but his kicking lacks punch. Medlen (Norwood) had a little the better of Johnston (Sturt) on one flank, but on the other Treleven (Sturt) was all over E. G. Johnson (Norwood).

MOTT was the best for Port. He defeated Proud throughout the game, and relieved with dash when the magpies were sorely pressed. Gilbert gave another good exhibition, so much so that Farmer was shifted from his customary position in front of goal in the second term.



J. Mott

followed gamely against strong opposition, and Whitaker came into his own at centre after half-time.

DUNN and Robertson, assisted by Willis, held the ruck power for Sturt. Martin did not impress. Wadham, Parsons, Sims, Austrope, and Fisher all played well for Sturt in defence.

WITH six goals Green did well for Sturt. His play was characterised by high marking and good punt kicking. Wunderwitz, with three goals, and Smith, with two, assisted in the attack. Each toiled well.

ERREY, of South, was one of the best men on the ground against Torrens. If this player continues next year to show the form he is now displaying, he is sure to come under the consideration of the State selectors.

CHARACTERISTIC high marking brought Johnston into prominence frequently for Glengel. He bore the brunt of the ruck work for his side, and defended well when resting. He used his weight to advantage when occasion demanded.

ROVING tirelessly, Colyer was one of the best for Glengel. He was not afraid to get into the scrums. Other Glengel players who did well were Rosewarne, Coleman, and McKinnon.

OWENS, as usual, was Glengel's big goalkicker. He showed much sure-paten. His eight majors were all in more creditable because he was so carefully watched by Jarvis.

North, Norwood Are First and Second

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Ag.	Pts.
North	16	12	4	—	1634	1325	24
Norwood	16	11	5	—	1388	1269	22
Port	16	9	7	—	1317	1342	18
Sturt	16	8	7	1	1323	1256	17
Torrens	16	7	7	2	1343	1339	16
West	16	8	8	—	1258	1268	16
Glengel	16	5	11	—	1439	1549	10
South	16	2	13	1	1226	1582	5

Owens 95 Goals—10 Ahead of Farmer

Owens (Glengel)	95
Farmer (North)	85
N. Hender (Port)	51
Waite (Torrens)	50
Bertram (Torrens)	39
Morton (Sturt)	33
Bottomley (West)	33
A. Williams (West)	33
Biddell (Norwood)	31
Hill (South)	31
Green (Sturt)	30
W. McCallum (Norwood)	30
Storer (North)	29

Owens Needs 15 Goals for Record

OWENS, the crack Glengel goalsneak, who has kicked 95 goals in league football this season, is within nine goals of Farmer's total up to this time last year. Farmer went on to kick 126 goals and kept the Australian goalkicking record.

Owens must kick 15 goals next Saturday to break Farmer's South Australian record of 109 goals for the minor round.

Owens headed the goalkicking list in 1928 when he kicked 83 goals. He should head the list again this season, as he has a 10-goal lead over Farmer, with only one match of the minor round to be played. Semi-finals and finals are not taken into account for the league goalkicking competition.

Glengel Player to be Reported

At the end of the Glengel-West match this afternoon Boundary Umpire Melville and Goal Umpire Neal advised league delegates that they intended to report Griffiths (Glengel) for alleged elbowing Williams (West).

Goldworthy (Glengel half-forward), who left the field in the last quarter in the game against West, is thought to have broken his right collarbone.

Lloyd Plays 100 Games For Glengel

Lloyd played his hundredth league game for Glengel today. He joined up with Glengel in 1924, and played regularly until 1930. The following season he went to Naracoorte, where he was coach of the local team. Lloyd reappeared with Glengel last Saturday. He played for Port before going to Glengel. He gained a place in a State side.