

Football Semi-Finalists Decided

TORRENS AND WEST ADELAIDE DEFEAT TOP TEAMS

But Fail To Gain Places In Four

PORT V. STURT NEXT SATURDAY

NO change was made in the four teams holding top positions on the League football premiership table as a result of the last series of minor round matches on Saturday, although the first and second teams were beaten by West Torrens and West Adelaide—two of the excluded clubs.

After a closely-fought match with Port Adelaide at Alberton, South failed in the closing stages, and the praiseworthy efforts of Torrens and West were of no avail. Sturt, overwhelming Glenelg, made its occupancy of fourth place certain, and next Saturday, at the Adelaide Oval, it will meet Port Adelaide in the first semi-final.

GAMES AT A GLANCE

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Final.
W. Torrens	3.5	5.8	7.10	13.13
N. Adelaide	3.3	7.8	10.6	12.6
W. Adelaide	3.2	7.2	14.5	20.7
Norwood	3.6	7.11	7.16	11.21
Sturt	7.5	10.8	15.10	20.17
Glenelg	2.0	5.0	8.5	10.8
P. Adelaide	4.1	6.2	10.8	13.10
S. Adelaide	3.3	7.11	8.14	9.17

Attendances Down

Counter-attractions again affected League football attendances on Saturday, and they showed a reduction of 988 as compared with those for the last series of the 1931 minor round. The surplus for the season, however, is 18,428. The crowds on Saturday were:—

Adelaide Oval	6,778
Norwood Oval	2,700
Prospect Oval	5,100
Alberton Oval	3,150
Total	18,728

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
N. Adel.	12	—	5	1,713	1,417	24
Norwood	11	—	6	—	—	22
P. Adel.	10	—	7	1,405	1,413	20
Sturt	9	1	7	1,460	1,319	19
Excluded From Major Round						
W. Adelaide	9	—	8	1,285	1,355	18
W. Torrens	8	2	7	1,434	1,417	18
Glenelg	5	—	12	1,509	1,686	10
S. Adel.	2	1	14	1,299	1,670	5

SEVEN goals against Sturt on Saturday gave Owens a total for the season of 102—the highest number he has kicked in any League season. He has a lead of 14 over Farmer and, although Glenelg has finished its programme, Owens will probably maintain his position at the head of the list. Nine goals by Green (Sturt) in the same match was the best goal-kicking effort of the day. In the last three matches Green has kicked 21 goals. The leading goalkickers are:—

J. Owens, Glenelg (7)	102
K. Farmer, North Adelaide (4)	88
N. Hender, Port Adelaide (5)	55
M. G. Waite, West Torrens (3)	53
G. Bertram, West Torrens (—)	39
G. Green, Sturt (9)	39
J. Bottomley, West Adelaide (4)	38
A. Williams, West Adelaide (3)	36
C. G. Hall, South Adelaide (3)	34

STURT CLINCHES PLACE IN FOUR

Happy-Go-Lucky Finish Against Glenelg

After the first quarter, in which Sturt showed its superiority clearly, and left Glenelg hopelessly behind, the match at the Adelaide Oval became a friendly affair, and in the last quarter there was almost a picnic atmosphere.

Glenelg's main object was to give Owens the chance to pass 100 goals for the season, and when he seemed in danger of failing, for he kicked only two in the first half, they threw more vigor into the game, and gave him sufficient openings to achieve his desire. That objective having been achieved, the losers had nothing to gain by unduly vigorous efforts, and in the last 15 minutes Sturt scored almost at will.

In the first quarter, when it needed some of its best football of the season, functioning well at almost every point of the field (except at centre half-back, where Parsons was weak. Its half-forward, capably led by Bateman, scouted briskly and resourcefully, keeping well out from the goal, so that Green had every chance at full-forward. He was a dependable and efficient last link of the attack, marking well, scouting well for his chances, and making good use of them. The centre line outplayed the opposition, Headon doing remarkably well at centre.

Instilling more vigor into the game, Glenelg revived half-way through the quarter, but dashing roving by Smith gave Sturt two goals before the change.

Disliked Bumps

The second quarter saw Sturt fall away a little from its earlier standard, for Glenelg met it more evenly in the ruck, and with robust and fast ground play often threw it off its balance. Sturt's forward play lost some of its precision, and the mistake of two or three men competing together for the ball in the air, leaving no one standing down for a knock-out, often let Glenelg in. Like the first, the quarter was remarkable for straight kicking, and it was not until the third quarter that Glenelg kicked its first behind.

It was in that quarter that Sturt was least impressive, and many times its half-back line was strained and occasionally broken. Its old disinclination to take bumps was manifest many times, and Glenelg's spirited ground play often showed its lack of combative spirit in a bad light. A tendency to claw at opponents coming through with the ball instead of stopping them with hip and shoulder was evident.

Both teams took things somewhat easily in the last quarter. After a tremendous run from half-back, Handby had only to kick straight to achieve his ambition of kicking a goal. Even when he was given a comparatively easy chance he missed. Sturt scored five goals in the last 10 minutes, but Green could not reach double figures. Scores:—

Sturt, 20 goals 17 behinds.
Glenelg, 10 goals 8 behinds.

Good Half-backs

Sturt had an even side, almost every member showing out at for at least one quarter. Headon, Sims, and Alstrope were the most consistent. Sims and Alstrope were the outstanding figures in a half-back line which overpowered the opposition throughout, Sims being the more spectacular, but Alstrope the more sound. Both kicked remarkably well. Treleven maintained the form which has made him among the most effective and dependable wingmen of the season. On the other side of the field, Johnston, who is regaining form fast, gave glimpses of his ability of three seasons ago. Smith roved with typical vigor and determination, and, though both are of the "one pace" type, Dunn and Robertson followed capably, marking well. Headon amply justified his second trial at centre, fine marking and kicking allied to judgment and pertinacity making his a first-class game. Bateman played the half-forward position well; Green seems to have buttressed Sturt's full-forward weakness; Fisher gave little away in front of goal; and Martin improved after a weak opening.

Colyer, smart and effective, was one of Glenelg's best, his fast dashes away from the rucks and his persistency troubling Sturt's slow men. Johnston began poorly, but in the second half roused the crowd with many of his typical high marks. Percy, as a follower, was useful, although he lacked ginger. Handby's astuteness and ability to get his kick were noticeable in his defensive work. Rosewarne and Weise were a useful pair, and Curnow was sound, although never sparkling.

Goal-kickers:—Sturt—Green (9), Smith (3), Wundersitz, Leak, Sawatzke (2), Bateman and Robertson. Glenelg—Owens (7), Curnow, Ron Edwards, and Johnston.

NOTES ON THE GAME

Prolific Goalkickers OWENS, 657 GOALS

By ROVER

Four footballers who played in League matches this season have kicked more than 200 goals for their clubs.

J. OWENS (Glenelg) leads the way with 657, and it is unlikely that his total, which is a record for League football, will be exceeded by any other forward for many years. K. Farmer (North Adelaide) is next with 380, followed by H. Logan (Port Adelaide) 251, and L. A. Mutton (Norwood) 224. Some of the lastnamed's goals were scored when he was a member of the Glenelg team.



H. Logan

OWENS is practically certain to head the goalkicking list this season. He has a lead of 14 over Farmer, and it is unlikely that the Australian record holder will average seven in the two matches to be played. No other goalkicker has a chance of displacing either Owens or Farmer from their positions at the head of the list.

In heading the goalkicking list for the fourth time, Owens rivals the feat of Hansen, the old-time Port Adelaide forward, who led the forwards in 1910-11-12-13. Owens and Hansen are the only goalkickers who have headed the League list four times in the last 20 years or so. The leading goalkickers this season are:—

J. Owens, Glenelg	102
K. Farmer, North Adelaide	88
N. Hender, Port Adelaide	55
M. G. Waite, West Torrens	53
G. Green, Sturt	42
O. M. Bertram, West Torrens	39
J. Bottomley, West Adelaide	38
A. Williams, West Adelaide	36
C. G. Hall, South Adelaide	34
P. T. Morton, Sturt, and W. B. McCallum, Norwood	33
A. Wundersitz, Sturt, and A. Bid-dell, Norwood	31
H. Krome, Norwood	30

FARMER'S Australian record of 126 is safe. Mooney, Geelong's forward, was the only Victorian likely to challenge it, but with his total at 101. Geelong has finished its season. No Western Australian can hope to establish new figures. Tyson, of West Perth is 20 goals ahead of the next man and yet with only the major round to be played, his total is barely in the eighties.

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PONTIFEX WINS MAGAREY MEDAL

S. M. Pontifex, West Torrens centreman and half-forward, has won the 1932 Magarey Medal for the fairest and most brilliant player in League football.

The votes of the field umpires, cast after each match and placed in sealed envelopes, were examined by the Football League last night, and the count revealed that Pontifex won by 10 votes from S. R. Jaffer, of South Adelaide.

Players who received 20 or more votes were:—

S. M. Pontifex (West Torrens)	37
S. R. Jaffer (South Adelaide)	27
A. Link (Glenelg)	25
F. Hickman (Norwood)	22
S. Burton (North Adelaide)	22
C. Johns (Norwood)	20
J. Connell (West Adelaide)	20
S. Ween (Port Adelaide)	20
M. R. Quinn (West Torrens)	20

The award will be a most popular one. Pontifex entered League football three years ago, being a product of the Henley and Grange Club, and playing with the West Torrens Association team before gaining promotion to the League team, nearly half-way through the 1930 season. He played as a half-back then, but last year was tried as a centreman, and showed excellent form in that position in the first half of this season. He was chosen as a member of the party of 20 players who visited Melbourne in June, but was

18th man in the match against Victoria. Owing to an injury he was not available for selection in the team which played in the return match at the Adelaide Oval. Although he has not missed a club match this year, Pontifex has been troubled by a leg injury, and this was one of the reasons which prompted West Torrens to transfer him to half-forward in the last few matches. He has played good football in that position, and on Saturday virtually won the match against North Adelaide by his last quarter effort as a full forward.

He has thus played with success as a half-back, centreman, half-forward, and full forward, but as he has played mostly in midfield he may be regarded as the third centreman to win the medal in the last four years. R. Snell, a centreman, won it in 1929; W. Scott, a half-back, in 1930, and J. Sexton, a centreman, in 1931.

Pontifex is only the third West Torrens player to win the medal since it was first awarded in 1898, and the first representative of that club to do so since 1912.

The 1932 medallist is an ardent yachting enthusiast, and is the second member of the Grange Dinghy Club to win high honors in other branches of sport this year. W. S. Rymill, of that club, won the State open golf championship.

Jaffer and Link, second and third in the ballot, missed two and five matches respectively owing to illness and injury.



S. M. Pontifex

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