Final League Football Four-North, Norwood, Port, and Sturt

SOUTH PUSH PORT

GREAT WINS BY TORRENS AND WEST: BUT THEY MISS THE FOUR

NORTH PREMIERS?

(By O. J, O'GRADY)

THE final series of the minor round of league football games provided thrills today.

The leading teams—North and Norwood—were soundly defeated by Torrens and West respectively. As Port and Sturt each secured victories, the efforts of Torrens and

A FURTHER surprise today was the Torrens would be in second place (and wards kicked straighter in the first half the been out of the four.

West were unavailing.

As it was South led by 7-11 to 6-2, and when this news reached Prospect and Norwood it acted like a tonic to Torrens and West.

At Prospect Torrens had to fight hard or victory, and, as far as I could gather, North put forward their best endeavors to secure victory. Torrens turned a ninepoint leeway at half-time into a 13-point

At Norwood West responded even better. In the second half of that game they scored 13.5 to 4.10, and their crushing defeat of the redlegs advanced their tall players, are in form, Port should percentage sufficiently to enable them to provide stout opposition.

The following Saturday North will play displace Torrens for fifth place on the

The close struggle for inclusion in the should certainly win the game. final four has probably no precedent North, the top team, has only six pre-miership points, equivalent to three wins in band over the sixth team. One way of realising how close has been the struggle is to take the second team (Nor. played between the winners of the second wood) and the sixth team (Torrens).

On each occasion that these teams met winners of the final. Norwood won by three points. Had the North are my choice for the premierposition been reversed at each meeting ship.

manner in which South pressed Port on recent play well favored for the prefor three terms. In fact, had South for miership), while Norwood would have

magples might have faced a big leeway at Regarding prospects in the games to half-time. come, I feel confident that North will be the ultimate winners.

> The first semi-final will be played next Saturday between Port and Sturt. The loser of this game drope out of the competition.

> So in-and-out has been the form of these teams that it is difficult to forecast the result. Port's last-minute loss of form is disconcerting, and Sturt must be given the better chance-

If Wightman and Kellaway, Port's two

Norwood in the second semi-final. North

second semi-final.

On October 1 the grand final will be semi-final (probably North) and the

Torrens' Tactical Move Crushes North in Final Term

(By O. J. O'Grady)

Torrens were 14 points behind at rens gaining a place in the finals. three-quarter time. A reorganisation of the side had surprising results and Torrens, by adding 6-3 to 2-0, won easily.

The move, probably inspired by Hosk-

In the first three terms Torrens were suit of the Alberton game. weak at centre, centre half-forward, and second term saw Pontifex improve the play at centre, but at centre half-forward and that team to head Torrens on the list. at full forward, where Waite was sta-

When the final term began, Frogley came back to centre, Pontifex went in as goalsneak, and Waite played at centre half-forward.

The result was magical. Frogley and Waite capably manned their positions, and Pontifex played superbly, marking the greasy ball in faultless style, and kicking four of Torrens' six goals for the term

Apart from showing definitely that PLAYING superior football to North of little use. The wins today by Sturt at Prospect, but failing in attack, and Port foarmed an effective bar to Tor-

TORRENS HOPEFUL

The half-time scores at Alberton, when South led Port by nine points, gave Toring, was one of the most sweeping, and rens great heart, and when they left the at the same time successful, reshuffles of field with a 13 point margin over North they must have anxiously awaited the re-

Had South peen successful, however Torrens joy would have been shortlived full forward. Frogley had begun at Torrens joy would have been shortlived centre, with Pontifex at centre half-forward. A change over midway through the at Norwood improved the percentage of the red-and-blacks sufficiently to enable

Had either Sturt or Port been defeated today. West would have been the team to go in.

TORRENS 3-5 5-8 7-10 13-13 NORTH 3-3 7-5 10-6 12-6

Goalkielers - Torrens - Posties in Waite, McKeuzie (each 3), Sincock (2) North-Farmer (4), Hemera (3), Furler 21. Burns, Parnell, Storer,

Best Players.-Torrens-Kead, Adrock, Quinn, Conroy, Drury, Ashly, Pontitex, McKenzie. North-Hemers, Burton, Lock. Walter, Taylor, Drew, Proud

Port Extended in Hard Game by South

PORT had to fight all the way to hold off South in a hard match on Alberton Oval. South were definitely the superior side until half-time, but an injury to Masters weakened their power in the rucks.

Port regained the lead in a vigorously played third term, and held the upper hand from then on.

PORT 4-1 6-2 10-8 13-10 3-3 7-11 8-14 9-17 SOUTH

Goalkickers .- Port -- N. Hender (3), Keilaway and Reval (each 2), A. Hender. Hooper, O'Regan, Brown, South-Murdie and Hall (each 3), Tully (2), Scott.

Best Players .- Port -- Terrell, Hooper. Eden. Dermody, O'Regan, Mott, Ween. South-Mulcahy, Black, Hassett, Tully, Errey, Hebbard, Hall.

Handby, Glenelg Star, Retires

J. HANDBY, captain and coach of Glenelg, said after the match between Glenelg and Sturt today that he was to tiring from football, and that today's game was his last. he is only 20 years



J. Handby

years and bas ben one of the stars c Glenelg for the past eght seasone.

His record includes 162 league games at: 29 interstate fisture. including carpers

of age-be celebrated

Thursday - has played

a prominent part m

South Australian football for many

years. He played

with South for three

his birthday

matches. For five years he has been captain and coach of Gleneig. In 1928 he won the Magarey Medal, and in 1929 he was runned up for the medal.

STURT OUTCLASS **GLENELG:** OWENS 102 GOALS

S TURT outclassed Glene'g in an un-inspiring match at the Adelaide Oval. Glenelg had nothing to lose from the Their main objective appeared to be to help Owens add to his tally of goals.

Half-way through the last quarter the game developed into something resembling a pienie match. Glenelg players were out of position. Handby transferred Hale to half-back and went centre Unable to resist the temptation to ward. roam. Hale was soon among the forwards.

The goalsneaks did all that was required of Green was responsible for a solid game in getting nine goals. Although closely watched by the Glenelg defenders he played well for position and battled gamely in the crushes. He brought off some fine marks, too. Owens broke his previous record of 99 goals kicked in 1930. His seven goals today gave

Winkler did not arrive at the dressing room. Laing went into the Gleneig team and Vertue Sturt flelded the was made nineteenth man. published side.

him a total of 102 for the season.

A greasy ball was largely responsible for the poor standard of football in the early stages of the match. It militated against high marking, and caused inaccurate kicking.

Sturt had too much pace for Gleneig. They were in front of their men and intercepted These tactics gave them the advantage when leading out. Approaching goal mainly with long, high punts, Sturt opened the scoring with a behind and a goal, both from

Gleneig's first thrust resulted in full points from Rosewarne. Sturt had most of the play for the remainder of the term except for one bright patch from Gletelg when Owens added a

GLENELG OUTCLASSED

With few regular ruckmen Glenelg were hopelessly outclassed in this department by more rugged Sturt followers. Although they played better than Glenelg. Sturt's display was Only far below that of a premiership team. occasionally were they able to develop system. The game accentuated Glenelz's weakness rather than revealed Sturt as a strong combingtion.

Sturt's first quarter effort resulted in three additional goals from Green, two from Smith. and one fom Sawatzke.

Glenelg made a more even game of it in the second quarter when they scored three goals straight compared with three goals two behinds added by the opposition. The Bay men played with better system, but were Most of their thrusts petered half-forward. out there.

Even with Gleneig playing better the standard of the game was poor. Players were apt to handle their opponents and scrambles were frequent. The ball travelled between the respective half-forward lines for 10 minutes. Green broke that long period of unproductive play with a goal kicked from within a yard or two of the goalmouth.

Then Gleneig made an effort which culminated in full points from Owens. Each team attacked alternately. Leak goaled for Sturt, then Curpow and Johnston each called up two flags for Glenelg.

Curnow tried to pass to Owens. bustled the goalsneak and both players fell. The ball bounced through the goal before Fisher could overtake it.

Sturt maintained an attack until the end of the term. The onslaught produced a goal and three behinds. A feature of Glenelg's play so far was the accurate shooting. Their five scoring shots had been all majors. OWENS AFTER 100 GOALS

Sturt began after half-time with a goal from Wundersitz. eGlenelg then took a hand and had more of the play. For a long time they kept the half in their business area but could not get results.

Owens failed to make the best use of his chances in the third term. He was battling for his 100 goals for the season. With his tally at 98 he hit a tall post. He frequently ventured far affeld in his eagerness to get the ball. Once more he anapped hastily for a point. At last he found the big opening with a long dropkick to make his aggregate for this year equal to his previous record made in 1930. In the meantime Sturt scored consistently to maintain their commanding lead. Green was

not so prominent this term. He shared the goals with Wundersitz, Leak, and Bateman. Owens was given a great oration when he got his hundredth goal. He was given a free when two players interfered with him. The champion hesitated for a second or so before he kicked.

With a lead of 47 points at "lemons" Sturt appeared to have the game in their keeping. Glenelg realised that it was useless to try to overtake them. Outolassing the Bay men in every department Sturt kept up an thressant attack. Several behinds were followed by a goal from Green.

Gleneig's only businessitke effort was made midway through the quarter, when Owens kicked two goals in quick time.

Gleneig lost possible scoring opportunities by trying to pass to Owens. Several times the ball was intercepted. Owens was not at fault. He was in position, but the kicks lacked direction or distance.

There was no enthusiasm in the closing stages. Players left their places and crowded the ball.

STURT . 7-5 10-8 15-10 20-17 2-0 5-0 8-5 10-8 GLENELG

Goalkickers.-Sturt-Green (9). Smith (3). Wundersitz, Sawatzke, Leak (each 2). Bateman, Robertson, Glenelg-Owens (7). Curnow, Edwards, Johnston.

Best Players .- Sturt-Treleaven, Headon. Aistrope, Sims, Smith, Bateman, Glenelg -Weise, Percy, Curnow, Rosewarne, Johnston, Colyer.

How Minor Round Finished

P. W. L. D	Points Prem for agst, Pts
NORTH 17 12 5 - 1	
NORWOOD 17 11 6 - 1	475 1396 2
PORT 17 10 7 - 1	405 1413 20
STURT 17 9 7 1 1	466 1324 15
West 17 9 8 - 1	385 1355 18
Terrens 17 8 7 2 1	
Glonoig 17 5 12 - 1	
South 17 2 14 1 1	

LEADING GOAL	ĸ	10	KE	88	
Owens (Gleneig)					
Farmer (North)					89
N. Hender (Port)					56
Waite (Torrens)					53
A					39
Bertram (Torrens)	١,				39
Bettomicy (West)					37
Williams (West)					36
Hall (South)					34
Martes (DA					33
W. McCallum (No	rv		(be	0.0	33
Biddell (Norwood)					31
Storer (North)					30
Krome (Norwood)					

West's Accurate Attack Beats Norwood

WITH a heavy bombardment of scoring shots, uncannily accurate, West piled on 13-5 in the second half of the game against Norwood at the Norwood Oval today.

West restricted their opponents 4-10 during this period, and registered a decisive victory of 40 points. They won chiefly by the superiority of their forwards over the redleg defenders.

The match opened tamely, with both eldes far below their best, but gradually the pace was clapped on, and the second half pro-vided many thrills for spectators, in spite of the one-sided scoring.

While West could not go wrong in front of goals, the home team's thrusts lacked precision for the most part. They had five more scoring abots than the city men, but their preponderance of singles (11-21) apolled the

The issue was made more open by the absence of prominent rediegs, weakening the side at several points. Biddell, Pike, Sorrell, Window, and Palmer were among those miss-ing from the ranks of the red-and-blues. A surprise was caused when it was seen that W. Scott, who had not played for nearly two years, was in Biddell's place at centre

3-2 7-2 14-3 20-7 3-6 7-11 7-15 11-21 NORWOOD

Goalkickers: West-Hill and Bottomley (each 4). Golding, McInerney, and A. Williams (euch 3), Parry (2), and Connell. Norwood-Krome (4), W. McCallum (3), E. A. Johnson (2), Mutton, and Scott.

Best Players:-West-Hill, Bottomley A. Williams, Soloman, Parry, and Mc-Inerney. Norwood-Johns, Hickman Krome, E. A. Johnson, J. Chinnery, and Woodroofe.

Close-ups of League Footballers

W. Scott, who was included in the Norwood team at the eleventh bour against West, replaced Biddell (not recovered from injury) at centre half-forward. Scott, who had not played for



the reilies.

nearly two years, did fairly well, without approaching his ol-1time form. He was stationed at half-back in the last term. His reappearance came as a surprise to onlookers. Scott said afterwards that he did not intend to play again this season. He consented to do so today only to help his team out of a tight corner. ONE of the finest

performances on

the ground was given by Johns, the Norwood goalkeeper. He exercised fine relement, and markel and kickel well. Hickman, at centre, was also prominent for

GLENELG'S burly ruck shepherd. Weise, was in his element in the heavy going at the Adelaide Oval. He gave and took bumps intelligently, and usually passed the ball to a team-mate with judgment.

ON his play today Green must rank with the leading forwards. He worked well for position, and was not panicky in the crushes. His marking was sure, too. Green should be prominent in the finals.

JOHNSTON was the best of Glenelg's defeated followers. Although the greasy ball was difficult to handle, brought off an occasional characteristic high mark. Colyer roved well, but the slow going did not suit him.

BROCK, Glenelg's new half-back, should be in the front rank next season. Although only 16 years of age, he is stordily built. He covers a lot of ground when he clears. Handby was solid in defence. He was well supported by Hale.

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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

W. Torrens . N. Adelaide .	3.5	5.8	7.10	Final. 13.13 12.6
W. Adelaide . Norwood	3.2 3.6	7.2 7.11	14.5 7.16	20.7 11.21
Sturt Glenelg				
P. Adelaide 8. Adelaide				

Attendances Down

Counter-attractions again affected
League football attendances on Sat-
urday, and they showed a reduc-
tion of 988 as compared with those for the last series of the 1931 minor
round. The surplus for the season,
however, is 18,424. The crowds on
Saturday were:-

Adelaide	Oval	 	 	6,778
Norwood	Oval		 	3,700
Prospect				
Alberton	Oval		 	3,150
Total			52	10

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

			Points. Prem.				
	W. D.	L	F.	A. 1	Pts.		
N. Adel	12 -	5	1,713	1,417	24		
Norwood	11 -	6	and a		22		
P. Adel	10 -	1	1.405	1.413	20		
Sturt							
Excluded	From	M	ajor F	lound			
W. Adelaide .					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 main-tain his position at the head of the list. Nine goals by Green (Sturt) in the same match was the best goalkicking effort of the day. In the last three matches Green has kicked 21 goals. The leading goalkickers are:

were THE IGHTHIR ROSTONCES	ac
J. Owens, Gleneig (7)	102
K. Parmer, 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. Bottomiey. 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 Glenalg

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.

Gleneig'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. objective having been achieved, the osers had nothing to gain by unduly vigorous efforts, and minutes scored almost



in the last 15 Sturt will. In the first quarter, when it needed

goals, Sturt played 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 fullforward. 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. 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 Gleneig kicked its first Curnow. Ron Edwards, and Johnston. behind.

It was in that quarter that Sturt was least impressive, and many times its halfback line was strained and occasionally Its old disinclination to take bumps was manifest many times, and Showed its lack of combative spirit in a bad light. A tendency to claw at op-posients 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 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 the last 10 in 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 haifback line which overpowered the opposition throughout, Sims being the more spectacular, but Alstrope the more sound. Both kicked remarkably well. Treleaven 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, amart 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. and Weise were a useful pair, and Cur-now was sound although never sparkling.

Goalkickers:-Sturt-Green (9). Smith (3), Wundersitz, Leak, Sawatzke (2), Bateman and Robertson. Glenelg-Owens (7)

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



H. Logan

League football, will be exceeded by any other for-ward for many years. K. Farmer (North Adelaide) is next with 380. followed by H. Logan (Port Ade-laide) 251, and L. A. Mutton (Norwood) 224. the Some of goals lastnamed's were scored when he was a member of the Glenelg cam.

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 re-cord holder will average seven in the two matches to be played. other goalkicker has a chance of displacing either Owens or Farmer from their positions at the head of the

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

R. Farmer, North Adelaide N. Hender, Port Adelaide M. G. Watte, West Torrens .. G. Green, Sturt O. M. Bertram, West Torrens J. Bottomley, West Adelaide
A. Williams, West Adelaide
C. G. Hall, South Adelaide
P. T. Morton, Sturt, and W. B. McCallum, Norwood A. Wundersitz, Sturt, and A. Biddell, Norwood H. Krome, Norwood

FARMER'S Australian record of 126 I is safe, Moloney, Geelong's for-ward, 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

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full forward.

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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 foot-

after each match and placed in sealed matches. He has played good foot-envelopes, were examined by the Poot-ball in that position, and on Saturday ball League last night, and the count virtually won the match against North revealed that Pontifex won by 10 votes Adelaide by his last quarter effort as a from S. R. Jaffer, of South Adelaide. Players who received 20 or more He has thus played with success as

votes were:-B. M. Pontifex (West Torrens) .. 37

Johns (Norwood) Connell (West Adelaide) 20 Ween (Port Adelaide)

The award will be a most popular representative of that club to do so one. Pontifex entered League foot-

S. M. Pontifex

M. R. Quinn (West Torrens) 20

ciation 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 sea-He was chosen as a member of the party of 20 players who visited Melbourne in June, but was

19th 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 trans-The votes of the field umpires, cast fer him to half-forward in the last few

a half-back, centreman, half-forward. and full forward, but as he has played R. Jaffer (South Adelaide) .. 27 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, 22 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

ball three years ago, being a product of the Henley and Grange Club, and playing with the West Torrens As
of sport this year. W. S. Rymill, of 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.

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