

South, North, Norwood Win Football: Tie at Thebarton

O'Grady Says—

GLENELG DISAPPOINT

REDLEG'S LONG KICKING DOWN THE CENTRE WINS GAME

PAGE BEST ON FIELD

GLENELG failed to cope with the long kicking, down the centre game adopted and exploited successfully by Norwood at Glenelg today, and the reverse must be disappointing to their supporters.

Several times in the history of the club Glenelg have shown promise of gaining a high place on the premiership list, but when expected to go on have failed.

It may be that the seaside team will show that today's form was all wrong, and that they will yet figure in the finals of 1932.

I EXPECTED them to do better today.

Norwood won the game by reason of their long kicking down the centre. Johns set the side a great example with his powerful kicking-in. On one occasion in the third term Johns dropped the ball into the centre of the oval.

It was Page, however, that carried off the individual honors of the game. Page played at half-back left, and he made no mistake throughout the game. His effort was characterised by safe marking and rugged ground play that carried him through every time.

Owens Beaten

AS far as individual efforts were concerned, Glenelg had more players in the limelight than Norwood. The point where Glenelg failed was that their combined efforts were inclined to break down, and Owens, although he scored five goals, was not in the dangerous form of other years.

Glenelg played to Owens, but Johns was too good for him in the air. Owens' kicking was also not as accurate as formerly.

Norwood confirmed previous opinions by their effort. The redlegs are a team that play a solid game, but lack brilliance. The team has little pace, but has plenty of vigor, and seems sure to do fairly well. As a premiership proposition, however, the redlegs are not yet a serious possibility.

After the recent rains the ground was in excellent condition for the game, and a light southerly breeze prevailed. Johns elected to take the advantage of the breeze in the first term.

Norwood had all the play in this term, scoring 4-3 to one goal.

Long-kicking Game

THE absence of a forward of class prevented the redlegs from establishing a much greater margin, many easy chances being missed.

Page soon dominated the play in his vicinity, and E. G. Johnson, at centre wing, was the avenue for many of the Norwood attacks.

Krome was a power in the rucks although Edwards was doing well for Glenelg. The leaders were superior in the air, while their long kicking in all parts of the field indicated that the team had been instructed to adopt this method of attack.

On the second term Glenelg temporarily appeared likely to take the lead. Murphy, playing at half-forward left, exerted a great influence, and the three quick Glenelg goals were a result of his fine play. Goldsworthy was of little use for Glenelg at centre half-forward.

Norwood Rally

HANDBY brought Murphy into this position. It appeared the correct thing to do, but Murphy was not so prominent thereafter.

Glenelg could not sustain their effort, however, and Norwood had considerably the better of the play before half-time.

scoring four goals to the two of the home team.

Scores at the interval were 8-10 to 6-6. Norwood goals had been scored by Biddell (4), Lyon, Krome, Heffernan, and Sorrell (each 1), while the goalkickers for Glenelg were Murphy and Owens (each 2), Link and Rosewarne.

Prominent for the redlegs were Page (half-back), Biddell (clever at half-forward), Johns (goal), Krome (ruck), and Mutton (half-forward).

For the home side Murphy (half-forward), Edwards (ruck), Curnow (goal), Coleman and Hill (centre wings) were doing best.

Doubtful Frees

PLAY in the first half had lacked fire, but an improvement was soon noticed.

Glenelg staged a recovery, and for a time looked like gaining the upper hand. Goals from Owens, Murphy, and Owens, in that order, gave the home team the lead for the first and only time of the game.

The umpiring was now difficult to follow, and Glenelg players received several doubtful frees. The second goal kicked by Owens in this term was from a free given against Johns. The decision was a doubtful one.

Glenelg were unable to maintain the lead, and they fell back to their half-time position when E. A. Johnson, Krome, and Mutton added goals.

In the final term Glenelg had the assistance of the breeze, but they were not equal to the occasion.

Biddell's early goal left the seaside team 20 points behind. They fought valiantly, however, and goals to Owens and Rosewarne gave them a good chance. Twelve minutes before time Mutton snapped a goal for Norwood, and Glenelg needed three goals to win.

They gained hope when Goldsworthy scored, but a moment later their attack collapsed when a great shot by Griffiths just missed. Norwood deserved the victory.

Umpire Allen gave a poor exhibition, and had players and spectators guessing on many occasions.

NORWOOD	4-8	8-10	11-11	13-16
GLENELG	1-0	6-6	9-9	12-12

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Biddell (5), Krome and Mutton (each 2), Heffernan, E. A. Johnson, Sorrell, and Lyon. Glenelg—Owens (5), Murphy (3), Rosewarne (2), Link and Goldsworthy.

Best Players.—Norwood—Page, Biddell, Johns, Krome, Mutton, McCallum, Chinnery. Glenelg—Murphy, Handby, Coleman, Link, Hill, Curnow, and Griffiths.

Today's Attendances

Attendances at the various ovals this afternoon were:—	
Adelaide	7,000
Showgrounds	4,000
Thebarton	5,804
Glenelg	4,000
Total	20,804



SOMETHING NEW IN FOOTBALL GYMNASTICS was posed by Owens at Glenelg this afternoon. Johns, the Norwood captain, crouched to watch the seaside sharpshooter miss the ball. Pike (Norwood) and Coleman (Glenelg) are behind Owens.

Three Goalkickers Even Behind Farmer

Farmer (North)	29
Owens (Glenelg)	14
Biddell (Norwood)	14
Gardiner (South)	14
Morton (Sturt)	12
Link (Glenelg)	9
Hender, N. (Port)	9
Lyon (Norwood)	9
Bertram (Torrens)	8
Drury (Torrens)	8
Goldsworthy (Glenelg)	8
Logan (Port)	8

Norwood Jump to Third on Premiership Table

	P.	W.	L.	D.	for ag.	pts.	
North	4	4	—	—	429	345	8
Sturt	4	3	—	1	322	273	7
Norwood	4	2	2	—	358	352	4
Glenelg	4	2	2	—	342	354	4
Port	4	2	2	—	301	327	4
Torrens	4	1	2	1	321	313	3
South	4	1	3	—	334	365	2
West	4	—	4	—	289	367	—

STOKES HOLDS FARMER BUT WEST LOSE

A scrambling match, relieved by a flash of system on the part of North in the third quarter, was seen at Wayville. West's rugged tactics gave them a lead of four points at half-time. But the second half was all in favor of the visitors, and they ran out winners by 29 points after a better sustained effort than West.

One vital factor enabled West to keep within winning distance. They were the first team for the season to keep Farmer quiet. Stokes playing a solid game in goals, gave his usually brilliant opponent few chances, and he failed to add to his goalkicking list in the first half. Later he scored three, but it was not the same Farmer as in the previous matches. West's tearing tactics seemed to put him off his usual game.

NORTH	4-3	5-7	12-11	15-16
WEST	2-1	6-5	8-6	11-11

Goalkickers.—North—McInnes (1), Farmer (3), Storer, Burns, Proud (2), Furler, and Munn. West—W. Williams (3), Bottomley, Cahill (2), Golding, Connell, Solomon, and McInerney.

Best Players.—North—McNamara, Mangelndorf, Storer, Hamilton, Burton Furler, and Proud. West—Stokes, A. Williams, Connell, McInerney, Snell, Simons, and Golding.

STURT, TORRENS DRAW: EXCITING GAME

After an exciting battle in the last quarter, when the spectators were worked up to a wild state of excitement, Torrens and Sturt drew at Thebarton. For most of the game Torrens were superior, but Sturt's revival in the third term saved them.

STURT	2-2	5-6	10-10	11-12
TORRENS	3-6	7-11	8-12	10-10

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Green (4), Beeching (3), Hayes (2), Leak, and Rosenthal; Torrens—Waite (4), D. McKenzie (2), Harris, Drury, Head, and Bridgman.

Best Players.—Sturt—Leak, Treleaven, Robertson, Musman, Wadham, and Beeching. Torrens—McLoughlin, Sincok, Drury, Shepherd, Taber, Bray, D. McKenzie, Harris, and Head.

Johns Kicks 85 Yards from Goal

IN the third term of the Norwood-Glenelg match, Johns, captain of Norwood, in kicking the ball into play after Glenelg had scored a minor, booted one of the longest dropkicks ever seen in South Australia.

Had the ball been allowed to land on the ground, it is my opinion that it would have fallen in the centre ring. The length of the Glenelg Oval is given by the league as 185 yards, and, allowing seven yards for the distance allowed Johns in the square in front of goal, the kick would be 85½ yards. The secretary of the league (Mr. F. Marlow) has never heard of such a kick in club games. I certainly have never seen its like before. Johns timed the ball perfectly, and its flight was even throughout. He was assisted by a light southerly breeze. Mr. Marlow thinks that the late George Giffen once kicked a ball 86 yards.

SOUTH'S GRAND FORM DAZZLES PORT

PLAYING sound, solid football, South trounced Port on Adelaide Oval this afternoon. Going away to a fast burst in the third quarter, the blue-and-whites entirely eclipsed the magpies, and had a winning lead before the final change over.

SOUTH	4-4	7-10	11-11	15-15
PORT	4-5	7-6	7-10	12-14

Goalkickers.—South—Murphy and Gardiner (each 4), Baxter and McCarthy (each 3), Hebbard and Tully (each 2). Port—N. Hender (5), Logan and Hooper (each 2), Kellaway, O'Regan, and Wightman. **Best Players.**—South—Jaffer, Baxter, Hebbard, Masters, Tully, McCarthy, Murphy. Port—Johnson, Mott, Logan, N. Hender, Dermody, Mucklow.



N. Page gradually assumed the upper hand. On the other flank Coleman always did better than Melhin.

PAGE (Norwood) was the star player at Glenelg. Playing on a half-back flank, he repeatedly roused Glenelg. McCallum at centre half-back played soundly, and Chinnery, the other member of this line, was often under notice. Johns was brilliant in goal, and is sure to be chosen as the State keeper.

KROME battled well in the ruck for Norwood. E. G. Johnson was sparkling at centre wing in the first term, but from then on Hill gradually assumed the upper hand. On the other flank Coleman always did better than Melhin.

Close-ups of League Footballers

N. Hender justified the experiment of playing him as goalsneak for Port against South. He and Logan were the only Port forward to play effectively.



S. Jaffer another pair to shine. They had the better of the ruck work.

ALTHOUGH beaten by Jaffer after the first half of the first quarter, Dermody was one of the best men for Port. He and Mucklow played serviceable games without rising to any great heights.

BXATER was a shining light roving and forward for South against Port. He roved cleverly, but his best work was done in the forward lines, where his scouting brought many scores. Tully roved well also.

TRELEAVEN was Sturt's best man against Torrens. His speed and sure handling of the ball was a big factor in the Unley men's attacks. Leak was not far behind him as a Sturt star. Leak was particularly prominent in the third term, when Sturt did so well.

TORRENS' best forwards were Harris and Sincok. The firstnamed was brilliant in the first half. Drury roved with amazing vigor, going into the crushes and out of them brilliantly. McKenzie and Bridgman showed improved form, contributing to Torrens' aerial supremacy, and Taber marked well, and played excellently in the ruck.

THE weekly trophy awarded for the best North player was won by Burton today. The stalwart northerner marked brilliantly in the crushes. Another attractive feature of his play was that almost invariably he got his kick. Hamilton and Mangelndorf lent able assistance to Burton at half-back.

MCNAMARA is perhaps the most improved member of the North team. He showed remarkably fine judgment in a back pocket, marking and clearing well. Like Burton he seldom loses the ball once he gets it. He is a left-foot kick.

BRANSON (until hurt) and Graham (half-back), McInerney, and Golding (half-forwards) proved an effective quartet against North. Connell and Simons rendered sterling service on the ball. Connell was acting captain in the absence of Shea (injured).

SHEPHERD and Bray were effective on the wings for Torrens against Sturt, without being brilliant. Pontifex was seen only occasionally at centre, where Musman, although not outstanding, was probably the better man on the day.

NORWOOD were well served at half-forward, where Biddell, opposed to Handby, and Mutton were active throughout. Biddell scored five goals for the redlegs. Handby, although not the dasher of old, played well for Glenelg.

EDWARDS knocked out from the ruck well for Glenelg. Percy also did good work in the ruck and at half-forward. The Glenelg rovers, Link, Rosewarne, and Griffiths, all played well. Link was not at his best, but he showed glimpses of his best form.

CURNOW defended the Glenelg goal well, while Ellis, Weise, and Dunbar played usefully in defence. Murphy was brilliant for the seashore at half-forward in the first half, but Owens, although he got five goals, was not at his best.

FURLER, the North captain, tried a placekick for a change against West. It was a fine, long shot, too, just missing the central posts. Furler rarely puts the ball down, usually punting his shots for goal. Proud (forward), McInnes (following), and Storer (roving) were also useful performers.