

Sturt Beat Norwood on Bell by Six Points: Glenelg and West Win

THRILLING FINISH TREACHEROUS TURF AND GREASY BALL AFFECT DISPLAY

EVENLY MATCHED

(By "FOLLOWER")

KEEPING their positions while Norwood fought desperately for the lead in the closing minute of the game on Adelaide Oval today, Sturt snapped the winning goal with but a few seconds to go.

It was a thrilling finish to a game which, for the greater part of the time, did not rise above the mediocre. The players could not be blamed for this, for a treacherous turf and greasy ball made systematic play out of the question.

In a game of varying fortunes, Norwood had their bad kicking over the last few minutes to thank for their failure to pull the game out of the fire. Two easy shots brought singles, and the last which brought the scores level, hit a goalpost.

There was nothing to choose between the respective sides, but the strongest post to show out was at centre, where Hickman, Norwood's young pivot, performed well under slippery conditions.

STURT 1-2 4-7 6-9 7-12
NORWOOD 2-4 4-6 4-8 6-12

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Wundersitz (2), Green, Morton, Smith, Robertson, Reeves, Norwood—Heffernan (3), Krome (2), Plumstead.

Best Players.—Sturt—Wadnam, Golding, Sims, Dunn, Wundersitz, Aistrop, Robertson. Norwood—Pike, Hickman, Heffernan, McCallum, Window, Johns, E. A. Johnson.

West Improve Position

	P.	W.	L.	D.	for	ag.	pts.
North	5	5	—	—	532	408	10
Sturt	6	4	1	1	439	424	9
Glenelg	6	4	2	—	628	530	8
Norwood	6	3	3	—	504	501	6
West	6	2	4	—	474	522	4
Port	5	2	3	—	393	469	3
Torrens	6	1	4	1	481	501	3
South	6	1	5	—	508	604	2

(North and Port to play on Monday.)

OWENS 26 GOALS IN TWO MATCHES:RECORD

BY kicking 13 goals in each of two successive matches—against South today and against Port last Saturday—J. Owens has created a State record of 26 goals, according to the secretary of the South Australian National Football League (Mr. F. Marlow).

The total for a single match had been exceeded, he said. K. Farmer kicked 15 goals against South at the Prospect Oval on August 30, 1930.

Owens now leads the list of goalkickers with 40 goals, but it is likely that Farmer, who had 36 goals to his credit last week, and whose team was not drawn for today, will soon forge ahead again. He will play for North on Monday.

Owens repeated what was his best effort in goalkicking in league football. For years this Glenelg man has been to the fore as a goalsneak. His first important achievement was in 1924, when, with a total of 49 goals, he was runner-up to A. J. Ryan (South), who kicked 51 goals. In 1926, 1927, and 1928, with 64, 80, and 83 goals respectively, he carried off goalkicking honors, and in both 1930 and 1931 was runner-up to Farmer.

Today Owens made most of his own opportunities. Time and again he out-marked the bunch. He missed several easy shots, too. His performance was more creditable than that of last week because of a greasy ball today.

TODAY'S ATTENDANCES

Attendances at the three matches this afternoon were:—	
Adelaide Oval	11,541
Wayville	3,800
Glenelg	2,500
Total	17,841

Weise and Handby Injured

HEAD (sprained ankle) left the field in the game against West, and was replaced by Bray. Head limped badly after the game, but the respite provided by the interstate game will enable him to recover from the injury.

Weise did not play for Glenelg after half-time. He sustained a gash on the nose. Dr. Carden put a stitch in the wound. Handby was treated after the game for a hip injury.

Cash for Unemployed Players

Trophies for the best four unemployed players for Glenelg were awarded to Link, Coleman, Hill, and C. Griffiths. On behalf of the women's social club the secretary (Mr. E. A. Ruggless) handed a sum of money to Link to assist him on the interstate trip. The Mayor of Glenelg (Mr. W. Fisk) also presented the rover with cash subscribed by supporters.



S. Jaffer

JAFFER who will be married to Miss R. M. Roberts, of Maylands, on Monday morning, played well on a wing in the South-Glenelg match. He will play in the State team next Saturday.

THE display of Goldsworthy (Glenelg) was disappointing. He seldom was seen to advantage. High marking by Percy, who played a strong game for the seariders, won him much applause.

Owens Passes Farmer— One Match More

Owens (Glenelg)	..	..	..	40
Farmer (North)	..	..	..	36
Biddell (Norwood)	..	..	..	17
Gardiner (South)	..	..	..	17
Morton (Sturt)	..	..	..	15
N. Hender (Port)	..	..	..	14
A. Williams (West)	..	..	..	14
Waite (Torrens)	..	..	..	14

Owens has played one match more than Farmer, as North were off today. North will play on Monday.

OWENS KICKS 13 GOALS AGAINST SOUTH

GLENELG outclassed South in every department at Glenelg. They had a 10-goal victory. Owens was in excellent form, and repeated his performance against Port last Saturday by kicking 13 goals today.

Glenelg played a wonderful third quarter, in which they added nine goals six behinds to only three goals one scored by the city men. Two of South's majors in this term were got in the closing stages.

Glenelg scored with regular monotony. South were completely at a loss to stem the concerted attacks made by Glenelg, whose combination in this term left little to be desired.

At centre half-forward for Glenelg Thompson was unbeatable. His game had much to do with Owens' success. Thompson was always in position, and forwarded the ball to the goalsneak time and again.

From the bounce Glenelg played an impressive game. They ran South off their feet in the first few minutes. Link called up two flags within 30 seconds of the start. Then goals by Percy and Owens and three points were posted before the visitors became organised.

SOUTH RECOVERY

South then made a wonderful recovery. Combining well and playing forceful football, they made a determined thrust at the Glenelg goal. Gardiner opened their tally with a behind, which was followed quickly by full-pointers from Murdy, Tully, and Hall.

Jaffer had the callover Coleman on centre flank. South took advantage of this. Whenever possible they went goalwards by way of the interstate wingman, who sent the ball forward with a well-directed kick.

In the early stages there was little to choose between the rucks. The teams were equal in the air, too. The fast, open play thrilled spectators.

When the ball got away from centre the forwards defeated the defenders, resulting in high scoring by both teams. South led at the close of the first quarter by six points.

The home side repeated its initial tactics at the beginning of the second quarter. Goldsworthy made the scores equal with a quickly snapped goal. The brilliant play of the opening quarter then vanished. Players had difficulty in handling the slippery ball. This resulted in scrambles.

Jaffer continued to dominate the centre. At every opportunity South approached their objective through him. Their forwards were at fault and could manage only a couple of behinds. Owens made good use of the ball when it came his way. He got two majors, and then Rosewarne added another.

HARD BUMPING

There was plenty of hard bumping when the play hovered between the respective half-back lines. After a non-productive period Glenelg began to draw away. They finished the quarter with five goals four behinds, while South could manage only one goal four. Most of the South thrusts were broken down on the goal line by Curnow, who was playing a sterling game as custodian, and Ray Edwards.

To counteract Jaffer's influence, Hill was transferred from the opposite wing after half-time. The move was most effective. While Jaffer continued to do good service for his side, Hill did equally well for Glenelg.

W. Griffiths (reserve) took the place of Weise, who injured his nose. Masters went goalsneak for South. His absence from the ruck was most noticeable. The Glenelg followers dominated those of South, and began an onslaught with which the visitors were unable to cope.

Rose (South custodian) could not check the brilliant Owens, who marked over him time and again. The Glenelg champion scored goals as he wished. Acute angles made no difference to him. His characteristic screw punt generally found its objective. He kicked seven goals in the third quarter.

EASY SHOTS MISSED

South began the final term strongly, but faulty kicking minimised their score. Masters missed three easy shots close to goal. Dunn was sent back to watch the elusive Owens. The South man dogged every movement of the goalsneak and resorted to spoiling tactics. He stopped Owens, who got only one goal for the quarter.

Glenelg continued superior in the air. The visitors were now disorganised, and kicked wildly. By crowding the ball South lowered the standard of the game in the closing stages.

Some of the decisions of Umpire Pomroy were not favorably received by spectators. At times, too, the players were nonplussed. But he allowed plenty of latitude without letting the game get out of control.

First Quarter	
SOUTH	6-6
GLENELG	5-6
Half Time	
GLENELG	10-10
SOUTH	7-10
Third Quarter	
GLENELG	19-16
SOUTH	10-11
Final	
GLENELG	21-18
SOUTH	11-18

Best Players.—Glenelg—Owens, Ray Edwards, Curnow, Hill, Winkler, Thompson. South—Jaffer, Tully, Hall, McCarthy, Dunn, Murdy.

Goalkickers.—Glenelg—Owens (13), Thompson and Link (each 2), Wundersitz, Rosewarne, Percy, Goldsworthy. South—Hall and Baxter (each 3), Tully, Masters, Gardiner, McCarthy, and Murdy.

25-POINT WIN FOR WEST OVER TORRENS

WEST scored a surprise victory over Torrens at the showgrounds by dashing efforts in the second and last quarters. They won by 25 points.

Until the last 10 minutes, the issue was in doubt.

In their last burst, a few minutes before the final bell, West carried all before them, rattling on four goals (three of them from Bottomley), while Torrens were left standing.

WEST 1-0 7-4 9-6 13-12
TORRENS 2-7 6-8 9-9 9-11

Goalkickers.—West—Bottomley (4), A. Williams and Connell (each 3), Cahill (2), McInerney. Torrens—Waite (3), Bertram (2), Williamson, Harris, Sincok, Bridgman.

Best Players.—West—Snell, Stokes, Bottomley, Jarvis, Simons, A. Williams, Brauns. Torrens—Drury, Bertram, J. McKenzie, McLoughlin, Williamson, Tabe, Sincok.

Close-ups of League Footballers

ALL the Glenelg forwards did well. Thompson, Link, Griffiths, and Wundersitz kept the goalmouth open so that Owens could operate freely. They deserve great credit for the side's decisive win.

CURNOW, the Glenelg custodian, was a thorn in South's side. He brought off some fine marks, and showed excellent judgement in ground play. Except on a few occasions, he kicked off strongly.

TULLY always made his presence felt for South. Whether roving or placed he played with plenty of dash. He never knows when he is beaten, and will fight to the final bell.

SOUTH OUTCLASSED BY GLENELG

Owens Repeats 13-Goals Effort

Assisted greatly by the marking and accurate goal-kicking of Owens, who was again a match-winner, Glenelg outclassed South Adelaide at Glenelg, winning by 10 goals.

Glenelg's win was not due to Owens alone. The strongest feature in the home side was its team work. Excellent combination was shown in the second and third quarters, when South was almost overwhelmed, but without Owens the attack must have lost much of its effectiveness. For the first three quarters he was not beaten in the air, and his almost uncanny accuracy disconcerted the opposing team.

South Adelaide was strong at a few points, but conditions were in favor of the smaller and faster Glenelg players. At many stages the tall South men were impotent in the air, the wet ball proving difficult to hold. On the ground Glenelg was generally surer in handling and disposal. This, combined with extra pace, made it difficult to check.

Jaffer In Form On Wing

Glenelg's superiority seemed apparent in the first few minutes of the game.



J. Owens

when it gained a lead of 21 points before South scored. South was nonplussed by the deft methods of its opponents for a time, but later, largely through the efforts of its faster players, South recovered ground. Jaffer took charge on his wing, and with Tully creating opportunities from the rucks, and Hall kicking in effectively at half forward, South gained temporary control. Barker and Murdy played strongly at this period.

The Glenelg defence, which, with the exception of Curnow, had been patchy, improved in the second quarter. Hall troubled it. Jaffer forwarded to him regularly, and Hall was rarely beaten in his effort to send it on. At other points the Glenelg defenders, especially Edwards and Curnow, took charge, and repulsed many attacks.

At the other end Glenelg forwards began to dominate the play. Thompson was in form at center half-forward, and he was well supported by L. Griffiths, Link, and Owens. The goalsman marked repeatedly over the head of Rose, and three of his five shots were true. The defence was ragged, and could not cope with the speed of the attackers.

Crushing Third Quarter

Glenelg's most crushing offensive came in the third quarter. Alterations to placings during the interval strengthened the team. Weise, who had split his nose

early in the game, was replaced by W. Griffiths, who was thereafter the best of the half-back players. To check Jaffer on the other wing, Hill changed places with Coleman. He subdued the rather spent South captain. Jaffer also made some changes, sending Masters to the goal mouth, and bringing Gardiner on the ball.

With Hill and Winkler controlling the centre line, and Edwards and the rovers on top in the rucks, Glenelg moved forward with a frequency and speed which left South standing. The first five goals for the quarter came from Owens, and in a desperate effort to stop the Glenelg goalsman, Jaffer sent Dunn to watch him. Dunn at once countered Owens in the air, but soon after the Glenelg champion got two more goals from snaps on the run. Other forwards combined well. South had few chances the ball rarely travelling back beyond centre. What chances they got were turned to good account.

Long kicking and high marking by tall players gave South control for a time in the last quarter, but Masters, with four easy shots, scored only behinds. Playing steadily, and making few mistakes, Glenelg held its advantage. Scores:—

Glenelg, 21 goals 18 behinds.
South Adelaide, 11 goals 18 behinds.

Goalkeepers:—Glenelg—Owens (13), Thompson and Link (2), Wundersitz, Rosewarne, Percy, and Goldsworthy. South Adelaide—Hall and Baxter (3), Tully, Masters, Gardiner, McCarthy, and Murdy.

Owens The Champion

Owens, in repeating his feat of the previous match, showed that he is again at the top of his form. His anticipation was good, and he led out with judgment. His kicking and marking were almost beyond reproach. Thompson also stood out as a forward of ability. His improved form made the Glenelg attack its strongest section. The other link in the strong central chain to goal was Winkler, who had the best of the play at centre, and helped to counteract some of Jaffer's early domination of the wing. Hill was not seen at his best until opposed to Jaffer, when he improved considerably. Curnow, the goalkeeper, was the best of the regular defenders. Opposed to much bigger men, he proved a match for both of them, and his dashing clearances checked many South attacks. Edwards was also prominent when in defence. His work in the ruck contributed largely to Glenelg's advantage there at many stages. L. Griffiths was a fast and efficient forward, and Link, though not as prominent as usual, was a success roving and forward. It is difficult to understand why W. Griffiths was not chosen before. His work on Saturday should ensure his re-inclusion.

Hall Smart Half-Forward

In unsuitable conditions several of the bigger South men seemed "off." Hall was among the best, with reliable anticipation of Jaffer's passes and efficient disposal. Jaffer was at his best in the first half, but faded out later. McCarthy, at half-forward, was a reliable channel of attack. His pace and good marking made him valuable. Murdy was more than a handful for Handby. Tully was brilliant at intervals, and Dunn came into the picture when he was placed on Owens. Barker was solid and effective at times.

D. Pomroy umpired his first League match. He was disappointing.

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FOOTBALL.

GLENELG, 21.18; SOUTH ADELAIDE, 11.18.

JACK OWENS: 13 GOALS.

After the first quarter, there was only one team in the hunt on Saturday, when Glenelg put over a 60-point victory against South Adelaide. At the first bell the blue and white had an advantage of one goal—6.6 to 5.6.

On a change of ends the Tigers took charge of affairs. Goldsworthy, with a smart bit of work, made the scores level. Owens got busy, and, assisted by Thompson, put Glenelg well in front. Rosewarne also came to light with a six-pointer. At half time Glenelg were in the lead—10.10 to 7.10.

As at Alberton, Owens had a quarter to himself. He marked brilliantly, and secured seven goals in the third quarter. Thompson was seldom beaten, either in the air or on the ground, and his passes forward were wonderfully accurate. Griffiths, Link, and Wundersitz were also in their element in this quarter. The board showed, at three-quarter spell—Glenelg, 19.16; South Adelaide, 10.11.

With a slippery turf and a greasy ball the last quarter was a trifle crowded and scrumbly. Dunn was specially told off to stop Owens. Jack only scored one goal in this term, missing several easy chances. The splendid work of Curnow, Edwards, and Handby was mainly responsible for keeping the Souths' score down to 13 points for the final term. The final scores were:

Glenelg 21 18
South Adelaide . . . 11 18

Owens kicked 13 goals, Thompson and Link each two; Rosewarne, Goldsworthy, Percy, and Wundersitz, each one.

The game was too fast for Umpire Pomroy, and scores of breaches were missed. He had the players thinking occasionally.

Thompson was certainly one of the most prominent players, after Owens. Ray Edwards and Handby, with the usual Curnow, were splendid in defence. Percy put up one of his best games. Others who were always in the picture were Griffiths, Link, Wundersitz, Rosewarne, and Hill. The latter opposed Jaffer successfully in the latter portion of the game.

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TWO GOALKICKING CHAMPIONS

Farmer And Owens Have Contest To Themselves

The goalkicking competition this year has already resolved itself into a duel between two champions—Farmer and Owens. The latter's sudden burst in the last two matches has given the contest an interest which a fortnight ago did not seem likely to develop, and the struggle between the two promises to be one of the features of the season.

Farmer has begun well in his attempt to eclipse his own Australian record, for he is seven goals ahead of his tally at this period of last year, but with no specially weak teams this year his task will be difficult. He must average more than seven goals in each of the remaining 11 matches to break his own record of 126 goals in a season. So far his average is eight.

It is Farmer's best year in League football so far, for his tallies at the end of the sixth match in previous years were:—41 (1931), 28 (1930), and 21 (1929).



K. Farmer

Owens has also scored more goals this year than he had at a similar stage of any previous season. His best early season efforts in the past have been 31 in the first six matches in 1930, and 33 in the first six games in 1927.

The only other forwards to score more than 30 goals in the first six games of any season were:—Waite, 33 in 1931; Geue and Dayman, each 33 in 1930; Margitich 34, and Dayman 31, in 1929; A. J. Ryan, 34 in 1925.

Farmer and Owens are far ahead of their rivals, there being a gap of 23 goals between Owens and the nearest of the others. The leading goalkickers are:—

K. Farmer, North Adelaide	43
J. Owens, Glenelg	40
A. S. Biddell, Norwood, and F. W. Gardiner, South Adelaide	17
P. T. Morton, Sturt	15
N. Hender, Port Adelaide; M. O. Waite, West Torrens, and A. Williams, West Adelaide	14
O. M. Bertram, West Torrens; A. Link, Glenelg, and J. Bottomley, West Adelaide	11
A. Wundersitz, Sturt; J. Kellaway, Port Adelaide; H. Logan, Port Adelaide; M. P. Drury, West Torrens; F. J. Tully, South Adelaide, and M. A. Murdy, South Adelaide	10
A. M. Lyon, Norwood; R. Rosewarne, Glenelg; A. Goldsworthy, Glenelg, and J. McInerney, West Adelaide	9

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18 GOALS TO OWENS

Glenelg Team Visits Clare

Owens kicked 18 goals for Glenelg against Clare on the holiday.

The seaside team played a match against the Stanley Association, and won by 28 goals 10 behinds to 13 goals 13 behinds. For Stanley F. Steinhart kicked seven goals.

The visiting team was entertained at dinner and a dance by the Stanley Association in the evening.