

Today's Football Winners—Sturt, Port, Norwood, and South

FAST AND THRILLING PLAY IN OPENING MATCHES

New Out-of-bounds Rule Makes No Vital Difference to Game

NEW GLENELG STAR'S 11 GOALS

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The 1933 football season opened auspiciously today. At the four league games, more than 24,000 people saw a comparatively high standard of football. The ovals were inclined to be hard, but the calm weather assisted the teams to play fast and thrilling football.

The highlight of the day was the performance of C. Rosewarne, the new Glenelg goalsneak, who scored 11 goals in his first A grade game.

There were no real surprises in the results of the matches, although it had been generally expected that Torrens would have put up a better showing against Norwood. The redlegs placed a reconstructed team in the field and, establishing an early lead, led throughout. It was a vigorous game, but Norwood met the hard bumping tactics of Torrens squarely, and a superiority in the air gave them victory. Waite capped a good effort for Torrens by scoring seven goals.

The star attraction of the day was at Unley, where last season's finalists played their premiership game over again. Once more Sturt clearly had the measure of North, and, but for an exasperating run of singles in the final term, would have won by a far greater margin of points.

The changed boundary rule was little in evidence. At Unley I do not think the ball was thrown in from the boundary more than six times. Its effect is negligible.

LEAGUE GOALKICKERS

C. Rosewarne (Glenelg)	11
Waite (Torrens)	7
G. Green (Sturt)	6
Bennetts (West)	4
Krome (Norwood)	4
J. Murdy (South)	4
Farmer (North)	3
Faulis (North)	3
Hall (South)	3
N. Hender (Port)	3
W. McCallum (Norwood)	3
M. Murdy (South)	3
Owens (Glenelg)	3
Robertson (Port)	3
Thompson (West)	3
Tully (South)	3
Wundersitz (Sturt)	3

STURT BRILLIANT AT UNLEY

(By O. J. O'GRADY)

In convincingly defeating North at Unley, Sturt showed great form, indicating that they will again take a leading part in the fight for premiership honors. Sturt are strong at most points, but it appears that their defence will play the most important part. North should be satisfied with their showing today, as several of their stars can be expected to improve on today's showing. The juniors should improve with more experience in league games.

STURT	4-1	10-3	14-7	18-14
NORTH	6-2	8-2	13-4	15-5

Goalkickers.—Sturt—G. Green (6), Wundersitz (3), Mummman and Martin (each 2), S. Heaton, Robertson, R. Green, McLeod, and Bateman. North—Faulis and Farmer (each 3), McInnes, Disher, Taylor (each 2), Parnell, Lock, and Hayden.

Best Players.—Sturt—G. Green, Wundersitz, Sims, Mummman, Dunn, Aistrop, and Parsons. North—Mackay, Taylor, Disher, Mangelsdorf, Furler, Faulis, and McInnes.

LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	Points for	Prem. pts.	
Sturt	1	1	—	122	95	2
Norwood	1	1	—	102	82	2
Port	1	1	—	91	74	2
South	1	1	—	128	112	2
Glenelg	1	1	—	112	128	—
West	1	1	—	74	91	—
Torrens	1	1	—	82	102	—
North	1	1	—	95	122	—

FINAL SCORES

	A GRADE
Sturt	18-14
North	15-5
Norwood	15-12
Torrens	12-10
Port	13-13
West	10-14
South	17-26
Glenelg	17-10

SOUTH'S THIRD TERM BURST

In spite of a great league debut by C. Rosewarne, who kicked 11 goals out of 15 shots for Glenelg, South were victorious at the Adelaide Oval. A brilliant third quarter burst by South, during which they played football worthy of a premiership team, gave them the game. It put them only four points ahead, but it was the moral effect that proved too much for the seiders.

Rosewarne's performance—he kicked his first nine goals without a point—is a record for a first appearance in South Australian League football. At the beginning of the match he was getting most of his chances from short passes. But by the third quarter he was dashing into the pack, where uncanny judgment gave him good marks. He is a worthy successor to Owens.

SOUTH

Backs—Moleaby, Dornan, Page.
Half-backs—Hassett, Mann, Hewitt.
Centres—Crest, Jaffer, Black.
Half-forwards—Dayman, M. Murdy, Hebbard.
Forwards—Hall, J. Murdy, Willshire, Rucko—Masters, W. Thomas, Tully; Willshire, Page, Hall.
Reserve—Cahill.
Cahill (19th) replaced Black (kick in ankle) near the end of the third quarter.

GLENELG
Backs—Curnow, James, R. Rosewarne.
Half-backs—Brock, Coleman, Wells.
Centres—Hill, Sallis, Wallstone.
Half-forwards—Wundersitz, Owens, Murphy.
Forwards—Plummer, C. Rosewarne, Colyer.
Rucks—Johnston, Hale, Link; Plummer, R. Rosewarne, Colyer.
Reserve—Wise.
Umpire—R. T. R. Currie.
Attendance, 3,000.

Owens, captain of Glenelg for the first time, won the toss, and decided to kick towards the cathedral end, which was slightly favored by a cross breeze.

Thirty seconds after the ball was bounced South had scored, the ball dribbling through from a pot shot by Tully.

Glenelg took the ball down the field with great dash. A point came when Link hit a post, but Rosewarne followed with a goal.

South were attacking determinedly, and Hebbard got the first goal with a 50-yard kick. Another came from J. Murdy.

Jaffer, at centre soon began to exercise a powerful influence on the game, and for a while Glenelg were forced to play to the wind.

Then Johnston, following Owens, centre half-forward and C. Rosewarne, goalsneak, put a different complexion on the game.

Rosewarne was leading out well, and was cutting away from Dornan, South's new keeper. He followed his first goal with two more, and Owens finished the burst with the side's fourth goal for the quarter just before the bell rang.

First Quarter

GLENELG	4-1
SOUTH	3-3

Rosewarne was well in the picture when ever the ball came near him. A few seconds after the quarter began he goaled, Tully got a point at the other end, and then Rosewarne, receiving from Sallis 20 yards in front of the goal, kicked it right through the centre.

When the ball came down again Wundersitz sent the ball to him, and another goal went on the board.

There was a temporary lull, and the Murdy brothers added a goal and two points for South. J. Murdy, the goalsneak, was failing to reproduce the accuracy he showed in the trials.

Then Rosewarne, at the other end, came into the picture again. Dashing out of a scrimmage with the ball, and with a South man fighting hard to get at him, he got his seventh goal.

CLOSE-UPS OF LEAGUE PLAYERS

HOWARD Pfitzner made a worthy return to league football, playing for Norwood against Torrens. At half-back he was frequently seen to advantage. His height and speed proved of great benefit to him. He played for North about five years ago.



M. G. Waite, the Torrens goalsneak and interstate oricketer, quickly struck form at Norwood. He finished with seven goals. Once he passed from centre to a team-mate, ran to the goalmouth, and, taking the mark above the packs, scored a goal.

CHINNERY was one of the best of Norwood's defenders. Chinnery is very solidly built. He turned several Torrens attacks.

MAX Pontifex, last year's Magarey medallist, shone at times for Torrens. His fair tactics and open play were justly applauded.

SALLIS, opposed to Jaffer in the Glenelg-South match at Adelaide, was overshadowed in the first quarter, but later showed out to advantage. Several times, however, he spoiled his play by holding the ball, especially when he had gathered in the knockout from the ruck.

TULLY and Hall were always sound, and occasionally brilliant roving and at forward for South against Glenelg. Both of them kicked three goals. Tully's tactics of kicking the ball as soon as it came to him from the rucks and at the throw-ins should be an object lesson to many.

JAFFER, the South captain and centre-man, played well after a brilliant start against Glenelg.

G. B. Johnston, the Glenelg ruckman, was the safest man of the 36 in the match against South at Adelaide. He often flew fairly high, and nearly always brought the ball down with him.

OWENS, playing at centre half-forward for Glenelg against South, was not the Jack Owens who has often thrilled the crowds in front of goal. He was not certain enough either on the ground or in the air, and his kicking from half-forward was not as valuable as it would have been nearer goal. He played a solid game.

NORWOOD FASTER THAN TORRENS

More pace and a definite superiority in the air was largely responsible for the Norwood victory over Torrens at Norwood. Torrens, however, played a more vigorous game. Except for a number of scrimmages half-way through the last quarter, the football was generally of good standard.

Norwood handballed and foot-passed accurately, and were in front of their men for the greater part of the match. A feature of the game was Waite's performance in kicking seven goals.

NORWOOD	5-4	8-9	11-10	15-12
TORRENS	3-1	5-5	8-10	12-10

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Krome (4), W. B. McCallum (3), Johnson, Biddell, and Woodroffe (each 2), O'Brien, and Pummstead. Torrens—Waite (7), Ashby (3), Frogley, Dwyer, and Bridgman.

Best Players.—Norwood—Johnson, Finn, Curver, Huxtable, W. B. and S. P. McCallum, Pfitzner, and Chinnery. Torrens—Adcock, Reed, Frogley, Sincok, Quinn, Waite, and Pontifex.

WEST BEATEN OFF BY PORT

After lagging a long way behind for most of the match against Port at Alberton, West staged a determined recovery half-way through the third quarter, and for a time appeared likely to pull the game out of the fire. The closing stages found them out, however, and Port, after temporary demoralisation, were untroubled to maintain their advantage.

PORT	4-2	8-9	9-11	13-13
WEST	2-2	5-5	9-11	10-14

Best Players.—Port—N. Hender, V. Johnson, Dermody, Muckow, Obst, Hooper, Gilbert, and Ween. West—Snell, Connell, Thompson, Simons, Webber, Matthews, Graham.

Goalkickers.—Port—N. Hender and Robertson (each 3), Hooper, and Kellaway (each 2), A. Hender, Obst, and Wrightman. West—Bennetts (1), Thompson (3), Williams (2), Bottomley.

South's Forward Weakness

South with a great third quarter burst against Glenelg on the Adelaide Oval showed that if they play at their top, they may finish much higher on the list than in recent seasons. The burst also revealed their cardinal weakness—lack of a full forward who can kick more goals than he can.

Their rucks are strong, and their half-forward line good enough to get the ball down to the goalmouth sufficiently often in most company. Glenelg, on the other hand, depended very largely on their goalsneak.

Had C. Rosewarne been playing for South today instead of Glenelg, South must have won by a most substantial margin. South were attacking most of the time, and gave the forwards plenty of opportunities. Glenelg, on the other hand, gave Rosewarne very few opportunities that he did not turn into goals.

South were the faster team to the ball and often used handball and short passing to advantage. But one of the most successful pieces of handball seemed to have an element of luck about it.

The ball went forward, but Masters seemed to be keeping out of the play for a little while to get over a knock. The man with the ball handballed it about 15 yards to him, and Masters was surprised to find himself in a position as good as any skilful leading out could have given him. He goaled.

South seemed to be better trained than Glenelg, who usually spring very quickly into form. In spite of their fast third quarter, they labored better than the seiders.

FLICK PASS ALLOWED AT PORT LINCOLN

PORT LINCOLN, Saturday.—The Port Lincoln Association does not intend to affiliate with the South Australian League this year.

It is considered that the association will allow the flick pass and return to the old out of bounds rule.

The season will open on May 20. Five rounds of minor games will be played, with a semi-final and final.

24,000 AT TODAY'S MATCHES

Attendances at the league games today were:—	
Norway Oval	8,000
Norwood Oval	7,000
Alberton Oval	4,800
Adelaide Oval	4,200
24,000	

The total for the day compares with 22,770 for the opening day of 1932—an increase of 1,310.