

Sturt Sustains Second Defeat In League Football

NORWOOD WINS HARD-FOUGHT MATCH BY 13 POINTS

Overpowering Third Quarter Enables North Adelaide To Defeat Port Adelaide At Prospect

WEST NARROWLY BEATEN: BENNETTS EIGHT GOALS

Defeated by Norwood by 13 points after a hard-fought match at Norwood on Saturday, Sturt sustained its second reverse in League football this season. The success of North Adelaide in its match against Port Adelaide at Prospect as the result of an overpowering third quarter, and Glenelg's narrow and last-second win at the expense of the unlucky West Adelaide side, caused Port to drop to sixth position and Glenelg to rise to fifth.

West Torrens had little difficulty in defeating South Adelaide at the Adelaide Oval.

GAMES AT A GLANCE

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Final.
Norwood	4.4	9.8	12.9	16.12
Sturt	4.6	7.9	11.13	13.17
North Adelaide	3.1	4.3	12.4	14.8
Port Adelaide .	4.3	4.6	5.8	10.16
West Torrens .	2.6	6.11	8.15	13.15
South Adelaide	3.6	5.8	7.13	8.18
Glenelg	5.0	8.2	11.6	17.9
West Adelaide .	5.0	5.10	9.14	15.16

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	Pts. Prem.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Sturt	12	10	—	2	1.243	6.9	20	20
W. Torrens . .	12	9	—	3	1.057	1.015	12	12
N. Adelaide .	12	8	—	4	1.167	1.072	16	16
Norwood . . .	12	7	1	4	1.184	1.083	15	15
Glenelg . . .	12	6	—	6	1.241	1.176	12	12
P. Adelaide .	12	5	1	6	1.116	1.126	11	11
S. Adelaide .	12	2	—	10	1.021	1.388	4	4
W. Adelaide .	12	—	—	12	1.031	1.313	—	—

THE comparative failure of the leaders and the success of E. J. Bennetts, of West Adelaide, who kicked eight goals against Glenelg on Saturday, has made the goal-kicking competition particularly interesting. Only nine goals separate the first five goalkickers. The leading eight are:—



E. J. Bennetts

K. Farmer, North Adelaide (2) . .	50
C. E. Rosewarne, Glenelg (3) . . .	56
G. Green, Sturt (4)	52
E. J. Bennetts, West Adelaide (8) .	52
J. Owens, Glenelg (4)	51
C. C. Munro, South Adelaide (4) . .	43
H. Krome, Norwood (5)	41
N. Hender, Port Adelaide (1) . . .	33

HARD-FOUGHT GAME AT NORWOOD

Sturt Defeated After Stirring Tussle

Extra pace and vigor on the ground, and a slight superiority in the air, gave Norwood a well-deserved win against Sturt on the Norwood Oval, after one of the hardest-fought games of the season.

In expectation of a stirring tussle, one of the biggest crowds of the season was at the oval. The spectators were not disappointed. The two teams battled every inch of the way, and the pace was gruelling throughout. Weight and vigorous methods were used freely, but generally more successfully by Norwood. At times players were bowled over like nine-pins. But the vigor was always fairly used, and helped to make the game a thrilling spectacle most of the time.

Norwood, 16 goals 12 behinds (108 pts.). Sturt, 13 goals 17 behinds (95 pts.).

Goalkickers:—Norwood—Krome (5), Biddell (4), Schultz (3), Salmon (2), O'Brien and Pfitzner. Sturt—G. Green (4), Wundersitz (3), S. Headon (2), Bateman, Smith, Rossiter and Beeching.

Carnival Ruckman In Form

F. P. McCallum showed the same form against Sturt as that which earned him selection in the carnival team. His marking, kicking and general play were all of a high standard. Curyer was outstanding for his work as goalkeeper, which was largely responsible for G. Green being restricted to four goals. He showed sound judgment in marking or knocking when the ball entered the danger zone, and often cleared with spectacular dashes through the packs. Biddell had the responsibility of the centre half forward position, and played so well that W. McCallum's absence was almost compensated. H. Page and Nairn were under notice frequently for good play on the half back line, and the latter, when hurt in the last quarter, was of valuable service in the forward section. Hickman had the better of his several opponents at centre, and on his left Huxtable was also superior, although Treleven improved greatly in the last quarter. Lyon was not impressive at half forward, but when placed on the wing came into the limelight with speedy dashes. O'Brien was one of Norwood's handiest men, and Salmon was the best of the rovers. All the others contributed something to the win, although several must show improvement to retain league selection.

Sims was Norwood's most difficult obstacle. He began quietly, but even when not showing as much dash as usual, was always effective. When his team fell to the leeway, his efforts were redoubled, and he showed glimpses of his best form. Behind him Fisher was a model of coolness and reliability. He showed remarkably good anticipation in checking attacks, and once his clearing run carried him to the centre line. R. Green strengthened the good impressions he has made recently with consistently effective football. Smith and Wundersitz shaded the Norwood rovers, the latter essaying some dazzling runs through the players. His value was enhanced by his clever scouting in a forward pocket, which brought three goals. Longmore was the fastest and most skilful of the half-forwards. Dunn helped to keep Norwood in check in the air, and Bateman handled the ball with skill when in possession. Many of the remainder gave indifferent displays.

UNLUCKY WEST ADELAIDE

Glenelg Wins With Last Kick Of The Match

Failure to score a goal in 10 attempts in the second quarter was the principal factor which prevented West Adelaide from defeating Glenelg at the Glenelg Oval on Saturday.

In the other three quarters West Adelaide had slightly the better of matters and, in spite of its deplorable forward work in the second quarter, was extremely unfortunate to lose, Glenelg winning by five points by a goal scored with the last kick of the match.

The football throughout was fast and fairly open, and the interest of the small crowd was maintained throughout the first three quarters, working up to a crescendo in the last, when West Adelaide made its gallant bid for victory and so narrowly failed.

Opening Accuracy

The game began with an exhibition of remarkable accuracy by both teams, each scoring five goals without a behind in the first quarter. Then West Adelaide experienced its fatal lapse, kicking 10 behinds from as many shots in the second quarter, while Glenelg, with only half the number of scoring shots, scored twice as many points (32). This gave Glenelg a useful grip of the match, and it was not wrenched from it until nearly half-way through the last quarter, when West Adelaide, playing fast, determined football, launched a nine-point lead.

For an exciting ten minutes the teams scored goal for goal, and then Glenelg gradually gained the upper hand, regaining a four-point advantage four minutes before the finish. Thompson swung the lead back to West again with a goal, and when Rosewarne failed to score more than a behind after a desperate sortie by Glenelg, West Adelaide's one-point lead seemed a winning one.

The defence lines of both teams hurled back attack after attack. Glenelg packed its rucks with its tallest and biggest followers and by sheer force of numbers carried the ball within range, and Goldsworthy scored a goal with a running shot. The bell rang as the ball was being recovered by the boundary umpire. Scores:—Glenelg, 17 goals 9 behinds (111 points). West Adelaide, 15 goals 16 behinds (106 points).

Scorers of goals and behinds—Glenelg, Goldsworthy, 5 goals; Owens, 4; C. Rosewarne, 3; Wells, 2; Brock, 1; Griffiths, 1; R. Rosewarne, 1; Link, 0.3; Colver, 0.2.

West Adelaide, Bennetts, 8.4; J. Hill, 3.1; Thompson, 2.2; Tonkin, 1.3; Williams, 1.2; Webber, 0.2; Connell, 0.1; Golding, 0.1.

Sails In Form

Although he dropped out of the picture in the last quarter, Sails was the outstanding player on the ground during the first three-quarters. He had easily the better of his exchanges with Snell. Goldsworthy won the match for Glenelg, not only because he kicked the winning goal out of the ruck from an angle, but because of his spectacular marking during the game.



A. Goldsworthy

Wells was the best of a good half-forward line, getting the ball to a teammate with nice judgment. Johnston and Percy, with Goldsworthy made a ruck combination which was far too powerful for West Adelaide. Link and Colver finished the work of the followers with speed and cleverness on the ground. Brock (half-forward), Stringer, Gourlay and Curnow (in defence) and Owens (forward) were the best of the remainder.

West Adelaide's team was well-balanced, and there was no outstanding players. In Tonkin, however, West has a rover with the physique needed for vigorously-fought games. He is immature as yet, but undoubtedly has any amount of natural ability. J. Bennett was the best wingman of the game, and Bennetts and Williams were lively and clever on the ground. Golding flew remarkably high to mark the ball in the forward lines, as also did J. Hill. Fowleraker (wing), Connell and Simons (ruck), Jarvis, Mattie and Mason (defence) and Snell (occasional glimpses of his artistry) were the best of the rest.

Umpire Allen, although a little technical, umpired well.

TORRENS COMFORTABLY BEATS SOUTH

Losing Team's Courageous Fight

South Adelaide made a most determined attempt to hold West Torrens at the Adelaide Oval, and until the last few minutes of the game the issue was very much in doubt.

South was never definitely superior, except in the first quarter, but it held on doggedly until the very end. Torrens deserved its hard-won victory, if only because of the determination which it showed when opposing South Adelaide's vigorous attacks in the last quarter, but it does not detract from the merit of the winners' performance to say that had South Adelaide been favored by a little luck in the concluding fifteen minutes of the game the scores would at least have been a good deal closer than they were.

West Torrens began the last quarter with a lead of eight points, and soon increased it to one of two goals. South had been attempting to force the pace throughout the match, and appeared to be a tired team. Perhaps it was, but under Jaffer's splendid leadership it made a great last-minute bid to pull the game out of the fire. The back-line held its ground under a great hammering, and it was not until West Torrens put the result beyond doubt by a rather lucky goal that it wilted.

West Torrens, 13 gis, 15 bhds, (93 pts.). South Adelaide, 8 gis, 18 bhds, (66 pts.).

Goalkickers:—West Torrens—Quinn (4), McKenzie (3), McLoughlin and Wilson (2), Frogley and Hanrahan. South Adelaide—Munro (4), Murdy (2), Wilshire and Hall.

Best Players

West Torrens had a brilliant pair in its captain and vice-captain, Williamson and Pontifex. Williamson marked and kicked excellently, and always appeared to be where he was wanted most. Pontifex took some really brilliant marks, and in the last quarter was one of the outstanding men on the ground. In the earlier part of the match he was overshadowed by Jaffer, but none the less was always conspicuous.



W. Williamson

Others outstanding were Read, Bridgman, Frogley, Drury, Wilson, Perkins and Hanrahan.

Jaffer gave a superb exhibition for South Adelaide, and led his team admirably. Tully was scarcely less conspicuous, working tirelessly and unselfishly throughout. The backs as a whole were a fine lot, although perhaps Rose, the full back, is most deserving of mention. Dornan and Mann also defended well, marking safely and coming through with great dash. The best of the others were Hall, Masters, Wilshire, Hebbard, Murdy and Munro.

NORTH'S CRUSHING THIRD QUARTER

Port Defence Crumples Under Strain

North Adelaide won the match at Prospect with a third quarter rally which so smashed the Port Adelaide defence that North went through it almost at will, and added 8 goals 1 behind without Port being able to make an effective reply.

North Adelaide, 14 goals 8 behinds (92 points).

Port Adelaide, 10 goals 16 behinds (76 points).

Goalkickers—North Adelaide—McInnes, Foulis (3), Farmer (2), Furler Burns, Goldfinch, Wisdom, Hardwicke, Walter. Port Adelaide—Ritch (6), Pridoux (2), Ween, N. Hender.

Dashing Rovers

North was well served by its followers and rovers. Walter was sound and solid throughout, and although Furler was quiet for three quarters, he did valuable work in the last.



P. Furler

Hemers and Foulis were dashing and skilful rovers, the latter kicking two excellent goals. Hardwicke was often noticed until his injury in the second quarter. Mackay played at his top on the wing, pacing the ball to the forwards with unerring skimming passes. After a very weak start, Burton played well in the second half. Barrett (a first-class back pocket display), Fleet and Mangelsdorf also did well. Burns was dashing, but nearly always tried to do too much. McInnes and Drew were clever in attack and on the wing respectively.

Whittaker was Port's most consistent and valuable player. He handled the ball often and always used it cleverly. Dermody on the wing was up to interstate form, the highlight of his play being brilliant marking. Gilbert dealt with Farmer cleanly and effectively. Ritch played the full forward position ably. Hooper was a courageous and skilful rover, but A. and N. Hender were rather below their best, although the former played effectively at half-forward. Oehme, Pridoux, and V. Johnson pulled their weight, but Ween and R. Johnson were no more than fair.