

FOOTBALL
SECTION

Struggle for Fourth Place

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Glenelg Changes

GLENELG may make several alterations in their team for the game against Port at the Bay Oval on Saturday. Against Torrens, the team played good football until half-time, but it was obvious even then that the height of the side needed to be increased.

Colyer and Michalanney are not likely to play, and so another rover will be needed.

In their reorganisation of the forward line the selectors may include Goldsworthy for the important post of centre half-forward.

There is another player in the association team whom the selectors could well consider. He is Hannam, the former West Adelaide player, who

J. Owens

has shown brilliant form at centre for the junior team.

Owens is not likely to be seen at half-forward again this season. His best games have been played at the goalpost.

With Hannam, Goldsworthy, and Cornelius at half-forward and Owens at full forward, the Bay side would have an attack equal to anything in the league.

Olliver, who has been playing soundly with the association team, may return to league company as a ruck shepherd, and there is a likelihood that a change will be made on the centre wings.

FLEET STILL
ABSENT

North's Problem

With Fleet still an absentee from the side, North will be faced with a defence problem in selecting the team to face West at the Showgrounds on Saturday.

Fleet has contracted influenza, in addition to having a severe shoulder injury. He will not play until the resumption of league games after the interstate match in Perth.

Burns, who has shown fine form at half-forward this season, is suffering from a slight ankle injury, but should be fit to play.

North's defence does not look impressive with Fleet out, and so the selectors may decide to make some changes. Nettlefold has recovered from a leg injury, and, as he has had a run with the association side, may have a chance of inclusion.

HALF-BACK LINE

Before he was injured Nettlefold was stationed at half-back, but if he is in the eighteen on Saturday it is likely that he will be used in a back pocket. McNamara may be retained at full back, with Foulis in the other defence pocket.

It is difficult to see how North could alter the half-back line, and it is probable that Melvin, Taylor, and Mangelsdorf will again play there this week.

Knuckey's brilliant form at centre has been one of the features of North's play this season, and it seems that this junior will not be long in gaining State honors.

Batt, a rover from Jamestown, has been given a trial with the association team. It is probable that league officials will watch the junior team in action this week. Travers, a utility man from Mintaro, has been invited to train with them.

PORT HAS BEST CHANCE
TO FILL POSITION

West Must Win on Saturday

(By STEVE McKEE)

With Torrens, Sturt, and North practically assured of places in the final four, the teams lower down in the league football premiership table are attracting most attention. A tense struggle is developing for the fourth position in the list.

Four of the teams—West, Norwood, Port, and Glenelg—are close together, but South, who are only one point behind Glenelg, appear to be out of the fight. Their programme away from the Adelaide Oval is too severe for them to be considered further.

West are in fourth position at present, but the need to win is more vital to them than to any of the other teams. They must defeat North at the showgrounds on Saturday, otherwise they can be summarily dismissed.

West inflicted the heaviest defeat sustained by North this season when they met at Adelaide Oval in May. In so doing they worked with a systematic brilliance that encouraged the hope that the glory of 1927 was returning.

West strengthened that impression by administering a first check to Torrens at Wayville a week later. Then followed a sequence of defeats, relieved only by a division of points with a weak Port side.

West dealt Norwood a disastrous blow at Adelaide Oval, but they have to meet a greatly improved North team to continue on their way towards the major round.

North badly want the premiership points to keep within range of first or second place at the end of the minor round and share the advantage which accompanies the occupation of one of those positions.

The football history of 1933 might have been greatly altered had North not paid the penalty of holding Glenelg too cheaply in the last game of the qualifying series, and the memory is too vivid for North to err again.

West will be thoroughly tested. And if they beat North for the second time the issue will again be obscured.

Norwood are up against a contract that will require all their determination and also greatly improved form to fulfil. After having won three games out of four during May, Norwood have slumped badly.

Apart from spasmodic indications of heavy scoring power, which makes the attack appear of good quality, Norwood cannot claim to have developed more than average power in any other section.

Injuries to Biddell and Edwards have undoubtedly contributed towards this retrogression, which has shaken the confidence of the Norwood camp.

Biddell's worth has never been so thoroughly appreciated, and judged on current form Edwards was the best

of Norwood's ruckmen while he was in action.

Norwood at the moment do not look like a semi-final side, but they, too, have to face strong opposition in a game that will have a bearing on their prospects. Sturt are riding the crest of a wave of top form.

Six successive wins have seen the double-blue morale steadily improving until they have moulded into a fine football combination, better, in my opinion, than in 1933, in spite of the loss of Dunn, and R. and G. Green.

Morton adequately replaces the last-named, while Thomas, Cameron, and Sawatzke have assisted Robertson to make the rucks more efficient than last season. Norwood will catch Sturt with the defence below full strength, and that is the redlegs' chance to regain their lost prestige, particularly as they will be at home.

North and Sturt will be seeking the points, but the need will be greater for West and Norwood to win.

Of the four teams principally under discussion, West cannot be greatly improved so far as the personnel of the team is concerned. Only a revival of their early combined excellence can make the red-and-blacks an efficient side, up to semi-final requirements.

Glenelg, on the contrary, are dependent to a dangerous degree upon the brilliant individualism of a few players.

Johnston, Sallis, Link, James, and Cornelius are the stars. Wells is a reliable half-back, and the rest are a resolute band of fast ground workers, with only Percy to assist Johnston in the highflying.

Glenelg badly need more height at half-back and half-forward. Owens has gallantly attempted to carry on at half-forward, but he has neither the pace nor the robust physique necessary successfully to combat a strong and fast half-back. Owens' place is at the goal-front or in a forward pocket, and the

DOUBT ABOUT
JOHNSON

Port Position

ALTHOUGH Port were expected to have a stronger team than that which defeated South in the field against Glenelg, it is now likely that few changes will be made.

Injured men, who were expected to be available, have not recovered sufficiently, and will not make an appearance until after the State side returns from Perth.

V. Johnson, captain of the team, trained on Tuesday, but his ankle injury is making only slow progress. His inclusion will depend on the condition of the ankle tonight, but it is not likely that he will play on Saturday.

Wightman is training again, but he will not be available until the Norwood game at Alberton on July 21. He was injured on the last occasion Port met the redlegs at Norwood Oval on May 19.

BRILLIANT IN DEFENCE

Hollingsworth is suffering from a groin injury, and may not be able to play this week. A similar injury kept him out of the team early in the season. His loss would be a severe one to Port, for he has shown brilliant form at centre half-back.

Kellaway will be eligible for inclusion again after having completed a period of suspension. It is likely that he will be included because of the need for tall men to oppose the Glenelg highfliers.

Obst and Whitaker are still on the injured list. Whitaker, who fractured a leg against Torrens at Thebarton, is unlikely to play again this season. It is doubtful if Obst will be available for a long time.

Lander, a half-back from Wallaroo, impressed the Port officials by his showing against South, and he is certain to be retained in the side.

Ritch seems to have found a permanent place in the team. He was placed in a forward pocket against South, and is certain to be in the same position for the Glenelg game.

HOW TEAMS STAND

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts	%
Torrens	9	6	3	-	830	766	12	52.01
Sturt	9	6	3	-	862	844	12	50.53
North	9	5	3	1	977	800	11	54.98
West	9	4	4	1	943	970	9	49.29
Norwood	9	4	5	-	943	1025	8	47.92
Port	9	3	5	1	1018	967	7	51.28
Glenelg	9	3	5	1	885	1041	7	45.95
South	9	3	6	-	1056	1101	6	48.96

Saturday's Games

LEAGUE

South v. Torrens, Adelaide Oval.
Norwood v. Sturt, Norwood Oval.
West v. North, Showgrounds.
Glenelg v. Port, Glenelg.

sooner Glenelg selectors realise that fact the better it will be for the team.

Norwood can build a slightly stronger team when all hands are available, but they need an outstanding personality like Lill at centre, or Scott at half-back, to lift them from the mediocrity into which they have descended.

Port have greater possibilities than any of their rivals for fourth place. If they can defeat Glenelg on Saturday they will be well in the running. Norwood and West both have to meet the magpies at Alberton, and most of Port's injured men will in full training within the next fortnight.

When at full strength Port will be a match for any team in the competition. Glenelg realise that their chances will fade unless they can avenge the tremendous defeat inflicted upon them at Alberton.

The match at Adelaide Oval between Torrens and South has no particular interest other than the possibility of the leaders being deposed if beaten. At Norwood, Glenelg, and showgrounds the results are charged with consequences which, if not definitely decisive, will give an accurate idea regarding which two, out of West, Norwood, Port, and Glenelg, will finally dispute fourth position at the conclusion of the eliminating process.

Keith Dunn, Magarey Medallist last season, made a good start with Carlton in the Victorian League. He was quiet in the first half of his initial game, but came under notice with strong defensive work in the second half.

KROME TO PLAY
AGAIN

Help to Norwood

Except for the inclusion of Krome and the Chinnery brothers, it is not likely that the Norwood team will be greatly changed for the match against Sturt at Norwood Oval.

Form at Norwood has been puzzling this season, both with the league and association teams. The men are capable of good football, but only rarely have they produced the form of last year.

Injuries have had an unsettling effect on the senior side, but the fault has been due more to the inability of leading players to strike form.

J Chinnery had to stand down from the West game because of injury. He did not train on Tuesday, but will have a run tonight and will be available for selection.

S Chinnery had to have a spell because of influenza, but he should be fit on Saturday, and so should W. McCallum, who has recovered from the head injury he received in the West game. P. McCallum did not train on Tuesday. He had an injured thigh which should be better by Saturday.

Krome's decision to continue with the side as a player should make a difference to both the team and to his form. Now that he will not have the responsibilities of leadership he should return to top form.

Glenelg Play Too Soundly for Port | South Unable to Withstand Torrens in Last Quarter | Sturt's Burst After Trailing Norwood

CONDUCTED BY PERCY FURLER

NINE GOALS EACH TO BENNETTS AND OWENS

Effective System Gives West Comfortable Lead Over North

SOUTH'S KICKING BREAKDOWN

Fine goalkicking feats were registered in league football today by Owens (Glenelg) and Bennetts (West), who kicked nine each.

West staged a determined last quarter, and ran away from North to register a comfortable win at the showgrounds. The standard of play was poor, and many stars failed to produce football approaching top form.

After appearing to have a great chance of victory at three-quarter time, South were unable to withstand the brilliant play of Torrens in the last term at Adelaide. A complete breakdown by the South forwards in the third quarter, in which they scored 1-10, was responsible for their defeat.

After having trailed behind Norwood for the first three quarters, Sturt produced a dazzling burst of system in the last term. The red-legs were unable to combat the determined drives of the double-blues.

Glenelg played snappy football to defeat Port by 26 points. Bad forward work nullified the definite advantage shown by the magpies across the centre and in the rucks.

CHEQUE PRESENTED TO JOHNSTON

Before the beginning of the match between Glenelg and Port Mr. H. S. Hudd (Minister of Public Works) presented a cheque on behalf of the club to G. B. Johnstone, who is playing his hundredth game for Glenelg. C. Hill (nineteenth man) completed 10 years' service for Glenelg by his inclusion, and qualified for league players' life membership.

FORWARDS LET MAGPIES DOWN

IN spite of a definite superiority across the centre and a slight advantage in the ruck, Port were soundly beaten by Glenelg. The magpies were badly let down by their forwards, who failed to score from many easy shots. Owens kicked nine goals for Glenelg.

PORT.—Backs—West, Eden, Wilkinson, Half-backs—Lander, E. Johnson, J. Allingham, Centres—Whicker, Hender, Dermody, Half-forwards—Ritch, Hollingworth, Brown, Forwards—Bampton, Prideaux, Murphy, Ruck—Thompson, Reval, Hooper, Jacquier (19th).

GLENELG.—Backs—Griffiths, James, Rosewarne, Half-backs—Wells, Brock, Hale, Centres—Shakes, Sallis, Bergin, Half-forwards—Cornelius, Goldsworthy, Leak, Forwards—Owens, Percy, Edwards, Ruck—Johnston, Oliver, Link, Hill (19th).

C. Hill (19th man), Glenelg, replaced Bergin (injured ankle) in the third quarter.

Umpire—L. C. Thomas. Attendance, 2,500. Johnson won the toss, and Port kicked to the southern goal. Glenelg began with two points, and after having frustrated a determined and sustained attack by Port, Owens goaled with a left-foot snap. This was followed by another from Goldsworthy, who brought down a fine mark within range.

Port's first score was a behind, which came from Prideaux, who soon after lost a wonderful opportunity when he went on after marking practically in the goalmouth. Bampton scored Port's first goal.

Port were playing with better system. Hollingworth added full points, and after Owens had goaled for Glenelg, Port again went forward. Prideaux, who had missed twice, capped a fine mark with full points.

First Quarter

	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG	3	6	24
PORT	3	4	22

Another long shot by Prideaux was wide of the posts, but Leak ran into an open goal to easily add full points for Glenelg. Then Goldsworthy added the Bay's six goal.

Port's first score for the term came from Dermody from a free kick, but a fine burst of system by Glenelg saw Link pass to Owens, whose kick raised two flags. Soon after he scored another.

Although Port were showing better system and had the advantage in ruck, they failed in attack. Ritch and Hollingworth could manage only behinds from comparatively easy shots, but Prideaux made amends with full points from an angle shot.

Owens was in fine form. He followed up a mark with his fifth goal. There was little method in Glenelg's play, but they attacked persistently. Percy scored their ninth goal.

A determined burst by Port in the closing stages of the term brought goals from Prideaux and Ritch.

	Half Time	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG		9	10	64
PORT		7	7	49

Reval got the ball from the bounce and passed brilliantly to Prideaux but the Port goalsneak again missed badly. His kick after the next Port thrust was again faulty.

Bergin (injured ankle) was replaced by Hill in the Glenelg team. Glenelg's forward work was in contrast to that of Port. Shots by Owens and Leak produced the maximum and gave the home side a 22-point lead.

Port brought Eden, who was playing safely in goal, into the ruck, and West took his place in goal.

Johnston made amends for a bad miss with a fine mark capped by a goal for Glenelg. Port's first goal for the quarter came from Brown after 21 minutes of play. Owens dashed out of a crush to snap his seventh goal.

Third Quarter

	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG	13	13	91
PORT	8	12	60

Facing a deficit of 31 points Port were in a desperate position, but Murphy helped with a goal within a minute of the bounce.

Sallis time and again opened up the play and sent the ball forward. Percy broke a scoreless nine minutes with a goal for Glenelg. Then Cornelius kicked along the ground, but Owens snapped up the ball to boot his eighth goal.

Ritch marked nicely within range to kick out of bounds, and then Hollingworth followed his example. Johnston continued to amaze the spectators with phenomenal marks. With only four minutes to play Port appeared to be beaten.

Prideaux called up two flags, but Owens added his ninth goal immediately after. Murphy added full points just before the bell.

Final

	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG	16	14	110
PORT	11	18	84

Goalkickers.—Glenelg—Owens (9), Leak, Goldsworthy, Percy (each 2), Johnston, Port—Prideaux (4), Murphy (2), Dermody, Hollingworth, Bampton, Ritch, Brown.

Best Players.—Glenelg—Johnston, Link, Owens, James, Percy, Griffiths, Goldsworthy, Edwards, Port—Dermody, Reval, Hender, Eden, Hollingworth, Bampton, Brown.

19,102 AT GAMES

Adelaide (Torrens-South)	6,872
Norwood (Sturt-Norwood)	5,230
Showgrounds (West-North)	3,500
Glenelg (Glenelg-Port)	3,500

FINAL SCORES

Glenelg	Glenelg 16-14 d. Port	11-18
Wayville	West 15-20 d. North	12-11
Adelaide	Torrens 16-11 d. South	11-22
Norwood	Sturt 15-13 d. Norwood	13-9

HOW TEAMS STAND

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts	%
Torrens	10	7	3	-	937	854	14	52.32
Sturt	10	7	3	-	965	931	14	50.90
North	10	5	4	1	1060	910	11	53.81
West	10	5	4	1	1053	1053	11	50.00
Glenelg	10	4	5	1	995	1125	9	46.93
Norwood	10	4	6	-	1030	1128	8	47.73
Port	10	3	6	1	1102	1077	7	50.57
South	10	3	7	-	1144	1208	6	48.64

Stab Kicks And Flick Passes

GOLDSWORTHY'S re-appearance at half-forward made that section much stronger for Glenelg. He got two goals, and his vigorous competition in the crushes prevented Port from developing an early dominance at half-back.



J. Owens

OWENS, the Glenelg skipper, silenced his critics, who have contended that his powers were on the wane. His nine goals were obtained from 10 scoring shots. He was more at home in a forward pocket than playing further afield.

EDEN played the full-back position skilfully for Port. His kicking in was of excellent length, although he missed several opportunities to pass direct to a team-mate. After half-time he took turns in the ruck, and was frequently under notice for fast ground play and safe marking.

JOHSTON was again the outstanding player in the match at Glenelg. Some of his high marks were sensational. Although he was subjected to vigorous checking tactics, he was never subdued.

HENDER decisively defeated Sallis at centre in the Port-Glenelg match. He covered a wide area, and his faculty of being able to kick with either foot, and his elusive turning, carried him through many crushes successfully.

PRIDEAUX was out of form at centre forward for Port. He scored four goals, but missed sufficient opportunities to have reached a double figure tally had he kicked accurately.

REVAL'S pace and well-directed kicking gave Port a strong ruck advantage in the first half. His fast clearing rushes made him the pick of the Port defenders when resting.

BENNETTS, the West full forward, was as elusive as ever. He was too cunning for the sluggish North back men.

SURPRISE WIN BY UNLEY MEN

STURT scored a last-minute win at the expense of Norwood at Norwood. Until the final quarter Norwood were definitely superior, but Sturt overwhelmed their opponents in the closing stages.

It was a surprise win, as the play indicated victory for Norwood. Sturt did not lead until a quarter of an hour before the end.

	G.	B.	Pts.
STURT	15	13	103
NORWOOD	13	9	87

Goalkickers.—Sturt — Morton (6), Sawatzke (3), Baxter, Wundersitz (each 2), Mussman, Golding, Norwood — Schultz (8), Brown (3), McCallum, Palmer.

Best Players.—Sturt — Robertson, Tuohy, Mussman, Day, Wundersitz, Reeves, Norwood — H. Page, Allington, G. Page, McCallum, Schultz, Huxtable.



B. Mattiske

MATTISKE, after a quiet first quarter, played grandly for West against Norwood. He outmarked and outpointed Farmer and played a big part in West's success.

CONROY'S effective checking of Munro, who kicked only two goals, was a highlight of the Torrens-South encounter. Conroy seems to have a hoodoo over Munro. Earlier in the year Munro got only one goal against Torrens.

WEST EASILY DEFEAT NORTH

PLAYING with effective system in the last quarter, West were easily superior to North at Wayville.

In marked contrast to Farmer, who was beaten both on the ground and in the air by Mattiske, Bennetts, the West sharpshooter, had a day out, and got nine goals from 11 shots.

	G.	B.	Pts.
WEST	15	20	110
NORTH	12	11	83

Goalkickers.—West — Bennetts (9), Jackson, Hill (each 2), Nash, Hedde, North — Hay, Farmer (each 3), Burton, Bowman, Burns (each 2).

Best Players.—West—Bennetts, Mattiske, Jarvis, Hill, Jackson, Tonkin, North—Bowman, Hay, Mangelsdorf, Knuckey, Forder, Burns.

SOUTH'S THIRD TERM FAILURE

AFTER having been hard pressed by South for three terms, Torrens played with brilliant system in the last quarter, and galloped away to a comfortable victory.

South last all chance of victory by a breakdown at forward in the third term, when they kicked 1-10. Munro, who kicked only two goals, had one of his leanest days for the year.

	G.	B.	Pts.
TORRENS	16	11	107
SOUTH	11	22	88

Goalkickers.—Torrens—Foote, Baird, Pontifex (each 3), Mitta, Waite (each 2), Shepherd, Theakstone, Wilson, South—Tully (3), Munro, Wangangen, M. Murdy (each 2), Rusby, C. Forrester.

Best Players.—Torrens — Hanrahan, Simpson, Read, Conroy, Baird, Frogley, Quinn, South—M. Murdy, Mann Tully, L. Cahill, Hall, Rose, Rusby.

Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Munro (South)	2	65
Bennetts (West)	9	58
Farmer (North)	3	55
Prideaux (Port)	4	51
Schultz (Norwood)	8	48
Owens (Glenelg)	9	37
Brown (Norwood)	3	34
Link (Glenelg)	-	30
Morton (Sturt)	6	29
Wundersitz (Sturt)	2	24
Pontifex (Torrens)	3	24