

LEAGUE FOOTBALL | Torrens' 2-Point Win in Closest Game of Day

Port Draw Away From Norwood for Easy Win

SOUTH CRUSH GLENELG AFTER EVEN OPENING

Sturt Finish With Great Burst

The final scores in today's league football matches were:—

- Port, 20—12 (132 points), d. Norwood, 8—16 (64 points).
South, 23—11 (149 points), d. Glenelg, 11—13 (79 points).
Torrens, 10—15 (75 points), d. West, 10—13 (73 points).
Sturt, 16—11 (107 points), d. North, 10—15 (75 points).

The closest match of the day was at Wayville, where Torrens scored a much-needed victory over West by the narrow margin of two points.

Norwood, fighting under difficulties from the start because of injuries to two men, went down easily to Port, and Glenelg were no match for South once the city team found its feet.

North and Sturt staged an even battle until the last term had begun, when Sturt drew away to win comfortably.

Bay Team Outclassed

(By M. W. J.)

Table with 5 columns: Team, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final Pts. Rows for South and Glenelg.

IT would be difficult to imagine a greater transformation than that which came over the game between South and Glenelg after half-time at the Adelaide Oval today.

What promised in the first half to be a fairly even and an entertaining game developed into a one-sided affair, in which South played great football and gave a glorious exhibition of goal-getting in the mud.

When the teams went off for the big interval there was very little between them. If anything, Glenelg, who had staged a fine game, deserved to be in front.

They had foiled their opponents at every move, and had practically dominated the play in the second term, when only failure to make the most of their chances told against them.

In fact, the slight lead held by South did not seem insurmountable, and there appeared prospects of a close tussle.

REMARKABLE CHANGE

Then a remarkable change came over the game. South, hitherto a ragged and ordinary side, was transformed almost into an automaton. Glenelg, a solid combination and team of battlers, came out an entirely new side, too, but of a different type. They were hopeless.

South went to work like a machine, and goals came almost without effort.

If nothing else the second half provided a splendid exhibition of accurate goalkicking in the mud, and foremost of all was Munro, South and State full forward, who finished with 11 goals.

He lacked his customary accuracy early in the game, but in the second half kicked wonderfully. In the last term three goals straight were left-leg snapshots.

South indulged in a goal-getting orgy in these two quarters. Of 20 scoring shots 16 produced goals. Munro getting nine.

South's victory has further strengthened their position in the fight for the final four. Glenelg were totally outclassed, lacked condition, and were full of faults.

Best Players.—South — Rosewarne, Munro, Tully, J. P. Dawes, Cockburn, J. Dawes, Mackay. Glenelg—Birrell, Link, Colyer, Boyle, Richter, Johnston, Brock.

Goalkickers.—South — Munro (11), Murdy, Gravell (each 3), Tully, J. P. Dawes (each 2), Masters, Rusby, Glenelg—Birrell (7), Colyer, Carlos, Johnston, Goldsworthy.

GOALKICKERS

Table with 3 columns: Player, Today, Total. Lists names like Farmer, Munro, Bennetts, etc.

How League Teams Stand

Table with 5 columns: Team, P, W, L, Points For, Points Against, Points. Lists teams like Port, South, Norwood, etc.

WAITE'S GOAL SAVES DAY FOR TORRENS MEN

THE SCORES

Table with 5 columns: Team, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final Pts. Rows for Torrens and West.

IN spite of a desperate last-quarter rally by West, Torrens managed to pip them by two points at Wayville.

It was an exciting finish to a game that for three quarters had been uniformly unspectacular. Midway through the last term West took the lead after having been down since the first few

minutes of play, but a goal from Waite within three minutes of the bell saved the day for Torrens.

Goalkickers.—Torrens — Kintouh, Waite (3), Foote, Downs (2). West—Bennetts (5), Headon (2), J. Bennett, Heddie, Slade.

Best Players.—Torrens—Foote, Drury, Hanrahan, Coulter, Bridgman, Quinn, Waite. West—Heddie, Headon, Mattiske, Jackson, Bennetts, J. Bennett.

Norwood Test Port Despite Early Misfortune

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ALTHOUGH they met with serious misfortune within a minute of the start of play, Norwood played determined football in the first half of the game, and thoroughly tested Port at Alberton.

Goalkickers.—Port — Prideaux (8), Hollingworth (5), Hender (3), Ede, Quinn, Barr, A. Brown, Norwood—Warhurst (5), Huxtable, Allington, R. J. Brown.

Best Players.—Port — Quinn, Meers, Reval, West, Dermody, Hollingworth. Norwood—Hancock, H. Page, Warhurst, W. B. McCallum, Chinnery, Allington.

14,544 AT GAMES

The attendances at today's league football matches aggregated 14,544. The crowds at the ovals were:—

Table with 2 columns: Venue, Attendance. Rows for Alberton, Adelaide, Prospect, Showgrounds, West, Total.

Sturt Show Fine Form At Prospect

Table with 5 columns: Team, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final Pts. Rows for Sturt and North.

Sturt placed themselves well in the running for the final four by downing North in convincing style at the Prospect Oval. Sheer pace prevailed in the finish, and North faded out of the picture as the double-blues increased the pressure.

The teams provided fine football under bad conditions. Throughout the game the spectators were kept on their toes. The tallies were level five times during the play, the lead changed hands 10 times, and there was only one part separating the teams on four occasions. That Sturt will be a force to be reckoned with for the remainder of the season was shown by their fine recovery in the last quarter. The double-blues practically ran North off their feet, but it must not be thought that the red-and-whites shirked their work. They fought the game out to the finish, but were too slow to counter the amazing pace of the opposition.

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Wundersitz (6), Longmore (3), Baxter, Biggs (each 2), Day, Lowe, Sawatzke, North—Farmer (5), Warhurst (3), S. Burton, Martin.

Best Players.—Sturt — Robertson, Wundersitz, Baxter, King, Longmore, Anderson. North—Knuckey, Rush, S. Burton, McInnes, Bottroff, Martin, Warhurst.

GLENELG IN FORM

South Pressed

SOUTH had a lead of 10 points over Glenelg at Adelaide Oval, but the honors for the first half were probably with Glenelg, who fought determinedly from the start. They held control for most of the play, but could not make the best of their chances.

GLENELG.—Backs—Griffiths, H. Richter, Boyle, Half-backs—Cox, Brock, Whittaker, Centres—McCarthy, Cornelius, Ahrendt, Half-forwards—Ferey, Goldsworthy, Hannam. Forwards—Carlos, Birrell, Colyer, Ruck—Johnston, Aikman, Link. Elsdon (19th).

SOUTH.—Backs—Mulcahy, Rose, Mann. Half-backs—Jim Dawes, Cockburn, Raymond. Centres—Egan, Mackay, Cahill. Half-forwards—Murdy, Rosewarne, Rusby. Forwards—Jack Dawes, Munro, Gravell, Ruck—Masters, Reddaway, Tully. Oborn (19th).

Umpire—L. E. H. Lewis. At Adelaide. Attendance, 3,000.

Curnow dropped out of Glenelg and was replaced by Carlos. Elsdon was made nineteenth.

Tully, who won the toss, sent South towards the river end. The sun came out soon after the start, but the ground was wet and heavy, and the centre a mud patch. The opening bounce was made well out on the wing. Afterwards it was found necessary to throw the ball into the air, as the ground was too soft for a good bounce.

A neat series of accurate passes, in which Murdy and Rosewarne featured, ended when Rosewarne gave to Munro and he brought up a goal. Glenelg made an onslaught on the goal, and three points were quickly raised.

Glenelg were fighting every inch of the way. Many South moves were turned, and their persistency was rewarded when Birrell sent a long screw punt through the goals.

Munro, in South's forward lines, was not kicking accurately. Three more shots by him brought as many behinds. His next kick dropped near the goal and Masters, dashing in, found the goal open.

Glenelg moved off from the bounce and when Johnston gave to Birrell he scored his second goal. With Brock sturdy at centre half-back and with their rucks functioning strongly the black-and-golds were playing surprisingly well.

Cornelius sent into the centre again and Birrell made no mistake with his third.

South recovered with quick goals from Tully and Munro, but showing promising form the Glenelg men went to the lead again with a goal from Carlos. A goal to Gravell and two points restored the lead to South at the close of the term.

Table with 3 columns: Team, G, B, Pts. Rows for South and Glenelg.

Rain fell steadily at the opening of the second term and the players generally did not worry about trying to pick the ball up but booted it along the ground.

Determination characterised the efforts of the Glenelg team, who hammered away at the goalfront. Carlos got a point and then Birrell goaled again.

The South backmen were called on to defend solidly, and there were many exciting incidents as the Glenelg men tried to score.

South could not organise their forces with much success and were being beaten in the position play.

The football was exciting enough, although patchy. Glenelg held the lead until little more than five minutes of the quarter remained. Then Murdy broke through for South to get the possible.

This seemed a turning point for South, who seemed to come again with renewed vigor to get a second goal from Murdy.

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League Close-Ups

ONE of the most pleasing aspects of Glenelg's game today was the form of J. Boyle, particularly in the first half. This country lad had not previously shown the class expected of him, but today came to the fore. He was used in the rucks, and in a back pocket, and easily did his best job for the season. Like many others of his side he faded out of the picture in the second half.



R. COLYER and A. Link, the Glenelg rovers, were probably the outstanding men for their side in the second half of the Adelaide Oval game, when most of the team seemed incapable of raising a gallop.

KNUCKEY today showed a return to the form that made him one of the best centre-men in the league last season. The North pivot

marked the wet ball with ease, and did not appear to be troubled by the heavy going. He received fine support from Rush on one of the centre wings.

WARHURST starred in the Norwood attack. Strong in the air, fast on the ground, and able to stand up to vigorous bumping, he has all the attributes of a champion.

PAGE defended in solid style for Norwood. His strong clearing dashes often turned back what appeared dangerous attacks.

HEADON played a great game at half-forward for West against Torrens. He was always in position, and, in spite of the greasy ball, took some fine marks. In contrast to some of his team-mates, he also passed accurately.

HANCOCK (Norwood) easily had the call over his opponent at centre wing. His speed and clever turning often got him out of difficult positions.

ROBERTSON played a fine game for Sturt. He was not so prominent in the packs, but his safe marking and strong kicking made him a valuable man in the open play.

STURT were well served by their rovers—Wundersitz and Baxter—in the game at Prospect. Their pace and elusiveness gave them the call in spite of North's ruck strength.



W. J. Mackay

W. J. Mackay, in spite of an injured back suffered last week, played a splendid game at centre, where he had the better of his opponent, Cornelius.

DOGS of all sizes and descriptions apparently thought it was their day out at the Prospect Oval today. No fewer than five were removed from the arena during the North-Sturt game. At one stage the game was held up for a minute or so while a dog, which had been paying attention to a boundary umpire's heels, was chased under the fence.

REVAL, playing his first game for the season, clearly showed that he will make his presence felt in future matches. Hard knocks did not prevent his being one of Port's best players.

BENNETTS (West) gave a typical exhibition of clever, elusive play in a forward pocket. Three of his goals were snapshots after he had twisted his way through scrimmages, and two were from marks. His shooting was excellent. He kicked five goals and three behinds from eight scoring shots.

C. C. Munro, the State and South full forward, gave a fine display of goalkicking at the Adelaide Oval. He started off rather raggedly, and his customary accuracy was absent in a couple of early shots. But once he found his feet and became used to the greasy ball he made no mistake, kicking 11 goals for the day.

QUINN'S roving display for Port was first class. Twisting his way out of trouble he invariably found a team-mate with a low, accurate foot-pass.

THE rain made the centre of the Adelaide Oval a veritable mud patch for today's game, and Umpire Lewis showed initiative in deciding practically from the start to throw the ball into the air instead of bouncing it. This proved successful, although there was some jostling and congestion in the packs. It was a difficult day for any umpire, and Umpire Lewis came through with satisfaction.

LONGMORE'S exceptional pace made him a valuable member of the Sturt attack. He was the forwarding medium time after time, and handled the greasy ball cleverly.

FOOTE and Waite, on the half-forward flanks, were outstanding in the Torrens attacking division. Although he kicked only two goals himself, Foote was a big factor in bringing about Torrens' narrow victory. He was seldom beaten, either in ground play or in the air.