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PERCY FURLER**Exciting Football:: Glenelg Fail by Point**

Norwood Saved By Goal on Bell



SOUTH RUN AWAY IN LAST QUARTER

Fine Start to Season

Results in the opening games of the centenary league football season today were:—

South 17—14 (116 pts.) d. Torrens 12—17 (89 pts.)
Port 15—19 (109 pts.) d. North 15—11 (101 pts.)
West 15—12 (102 pts.) d. Glenelg 16—5 (101 pts.)
Norwood 14—12 (96 pts.) d. Sturt 13—13 (91 pts.)

It was a day of exciting finishes. West managed a one-point win in spite of a great last minute burst by Glenelg.

Norwood held a two-goal lead until Sturt launched a desperate bid in the last term, and were seven points ahead with only five minutes to go. A goal as the bell rang swung victory to the redlegs.

North made a great recovery after a poor first term, but their revival was in vain.

South's dashing win followed a sluggish beginning, with a goal for goal struggle in the second and third terms.

Poor Game, But Exciting

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
West	2.2	8.8	12.9	15.12	102
Glenelg	6.1	7.2	11.3	16.5	101

(By K. V. P.)

A POOR but exciting game was staged at Glenelg, where West beat the Bay men by one point. Within 10 minutes of the final bell West appeared to have the match won. But they slackened up their play, content with a two-goal lead.

Then twice Birrell goalied to put Glenelg within a point of West. West fought back desperately and again secured what appeared to be a match-winning lead when Codd and Beaton scored goals.

Glenelg rallied again. Link got a goal, and only five seconds were left when Birrell kicked his sixth goal. But it was too late to enable Glenelg to overtake West's slender lead.

Glenelg played well in the first quarter, when they were too fast for West. The Bays' forward line was in good form, and West were sadly missing Mattiske. Hare was in the big defender's place, but he lacked Mattiske's high-marking ability and gave away several frees.

CHANGE OVER GAME

A big change came over the game when the second quarter began. West had matters all their own way, and if their kicking had not been so shocking they could have established an almost invincible lead.

West's defence worked soundly in this term. Hare, Mesecke, and McArthur vigorously repulsing attack after attack. West had definitely taken command of the game.

The third quarter also saw West on top. Glenelg had improved their play a little, and were more vigorous, but they were hopeless in the air.

West opened the last quarter with a two-goal lead, and Hare ruggedly battled through to repulse numerous thrusts. The West defence was too strong and vigorous for Glenelg.

It was a listless display of football, and both teams will have to improve a great deal if they are to go far.

Glenelg, after a good opening, were swept off their feet, and appeared a beaten team before half-time. Yet they were able to fight back at the close.

Neither club on today's performances has succeeded much in its team-building although promising new men were seen in action. Beaton, with seven goals, was the greatest factor in West's success. Bungey was Glenelg's best newcomer.

The players need more training. Glenelg began by frequently using the flick-pass, but then they forgot it. West had attempted it. Anticipation was

Attendances Up 3,759

BRIGHT AUGURY

AN increase of 3,759, compared with the crowds at the opening fixture last year, points to a revival in football.

The crowds at the ovals were:—

Adelaide (South v. Torrens)	8,224
Norwood (Norwood v. Sturt)	6,500
Prospect (Port v. North)	4,907
Glenelg (West v. Glenelg)	2,250
Total	21,881



Mr. Hill

tribute the greater public interest to the enthusiastic work of the club executives and the higher standard of play to the splendid work of the various coaches. I think we are in for a memorable year."

poor, and there was very little system seen.

WEST.—Backs—Mesecke, Hare, McArthur. Half-backs—Webber, Jarvis, Ball. Centres—Bennett, Matthews, Foweraker. Half-forwards—McCarthy, Slade, Nash. Forwards—Codd, Beaton, Smith, Ruck—Jackson, Stokes, Tonkin, Huddy (19th).

GLENELG.—Backs—Griffiths, Elsdon, Aikman. Half-backs—Richter, Brock, Bungey. Centres—Ahrendt, Perry, Seeley. Half-forwards—Curnow, McInerney, Boyle. Forwards—Percy, Birrell, Edwards. Ruck—Johnston, Corbett, Link, Carlos (19th).

Umpire—G. R. Allen.

Goalkeepers.—West—Beaton (7), Smith, Codd (each 3), Slade, Tonkin. Glenelg—Birrell (6), Link (5), Curnow, Percy (each 2), McInerney.

Best Players.—West—Beaton, Smith, Webber, Mesecke, Codd, Bennett, Hare. Glenelg—Link, Birrell, Griffiths, Seeley, Johnston, Percy, Bungey.

HOW LEAGUE TEAMS STAND

	P.	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.
South	1	1	—	116	89	2
Port	1	1	—	109	101	2
Norwood	1	1	—	96	91	2
West	1	1	—	102	101	2
Glenelg	1	—	1	101	102	—
Sturt	1	—	1	91	96	—
North	1	—	1	101	100	—
Torrens	1	—	1	89	116	—

TORRENS FADE OUT OF BATTLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	2.1	7.6	11.12	17.14	116
Torrens	3.1	6.8	11.13	12.17	89

(By Percy Furler)

After appearing certain winners midway through the third term, Torrens completely faded out during the last quarter of the game at the Adelaide Oval, to allow South to run out winners by 27 points.

The game was an exhilarating struggle, and if today's performance is a sample of the football to be produced throughout the season, then crowds are in for some special treats.

I think the turning point in the game was when Drury had to leave the ground during the last term. He was unable to take advantage of a free kick awarded to him in the forward lines, and had to punch the ball to a team-mate surrounded by opponents.

At the time there was less than a goal separating the scores, and a score from Torrens might have altered the whole trend of the game.

Although South held a comfortable margin at the close of play, the final scores are not a true indication of the closeness of the contest. Neither side, however, was consistently good, each having its lapses of fumbling. This was because the players had not reached first-class condition.

Goalkeepers.—South—Munro (7), Rusby (4), Murdy (3), Tully, Masters, J. P. Dawes. Torrens—Kinlough (6), Blight (3), Bridgman, Waite, Drury.

Best Players.—South—Murdy, Tully, Masters, Munro, Rose, Rusby, Mackay. Torrens—Hocking, Dinnison, Frogley, Kinlough, Blight, Quinn, Bridgman.

SPEED GIVES PORT WIN AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	5.6	9.10	12.18	15.19	109
North	1.0	7.9	9.9	13.11	101

(By "Highflier")

SUPERIOR pace and balance for the greater part of the game gave Port victory by eight points over North after a hard, slogging game at the Prospect Oval today.

Sid Burton, North leader, went within an ace of pulling the game out of the fire by two judicious moves. He threw Martin into the rucks, and in the last quarter improved the attack by moving Farmer to centre half-forward.

Goalkeepers.—Port—Hollingworth (4), Eaton, Hender, Hay (each 2), Wightman, Wicker, Jacquier, Johnston, Bampton. North—Hemers (4), Martin, Warhurst (each 3), S. Burton, Batt (each 2), Farmer.

Best Players.—Port—Jacquier, Whicker, Meers, Dermody, Hollingworth, Bampton, Eaton. North—Fleet, Hemers, Trengove, S. Burton, Mount, Martin, Phillis.

Victory In Last Minute

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	3.5	8.8	11.10	14.12	96
Sturt	1.4	6.8	9.9	13.13	91

(By R. L. H.)

NORWOOD owed their exciting five-point victory over Sturt at Norwood this afternoon to greater pace and balance and a fine fighting spirit which enabled them to rally their forces in the closing minutes of the game when the double-blues threatened to prove superior.

Brown's match-winning shot occurred barely a minute before the bell rang, Sturt holding a point advantage at this stage. The excitement was intense during the closing 10 minutes of play.

Goalkeepers.—Norwood—Schultz (5), Brown (4), Warhurst (3), Huxtable (2). Sturt—W. Smith (5), A. Smith (3), Reeves (2), Longmore, Lowe, Sawatzke.

Best Players.—Norwood—Schultz, Hancock, Brown, Huxtable, Thompson, Woodroffe, W. McCallum, Sturt—Day, Green, King, Wundersitz, A. Smith, Biggs, Robertson.