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Port Now Only Undefeated League Team

Saved by Last Term Brilliance

NORTH END RUN OF REDLEG VICTORIES

Sturt and South Win

As a result of today's league football series, Port are now the only unbeaten team. Norwood's run of victories was broken today by North, who wore down the redlegs in a close fight on the Adelaide Oval. Final scores:—

- North, 16—9 (105), d. Norwood, 13—15 (93).
- Port, 17—14 (116), d. Torrens, 15—17 (107).
- South, 22—14 (146), d. Glenelg, 20—7 (127).
- Sturt, 14—18 (102), d. West, 12—10 (82).

After Torrens had seemed to have a safe grip on the game at Alberton, Port came with a great burst in the closing stages, and won by nine points.

West seemed to have the measure of Sturt at half-time, but crumpled under a continuous third-term drive by the double-blues. After that they could not recover their earlier superiority.

Beginning uncertainly, as they did against Sturt last week, Glenelg were 49 points down to South at half-time. But from then on they had more of the play, and although the result was not in doubt, ran South to 19 points.

Glenelg Fail After Great Bid

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	7.1	14.5	18.9	22.14	146
Glenelg	2.3	6.4	11.7	20.7	127

By R. L. H.

STAGING a marvellous recovery after having been completely overwhelmed by South for almost the whole of the first half of the match at the Bay Oval, Glenelg, from a seemingly hopeless position, when they were 67 points in arrears, fought back with such brilliance that they were within 19 points of their victorious opponents when the final bell rang. But for Munro, who kicked 12 goals, South might easily have lost the match.

It is doubtful whether such a marked reversal of form has been seen on a football field for some seasons. One minute South was a match-winning combination. Then their star suddenly began to wane. Glenelg, from a mediocre team, whose efforts had been futile against the systematic and general superiority of their opponents, unexpectedly developed speed and accuracy that had South fighting every inch of the way to avert defeat.

This amazing change came over the game in the closing 10 minutes of the second quarter, when Glenelg secured three goals from Elsdon, Hunt, and Birrell. South, flushed by their success, had been asserting their supremacy to the full up to this stage, and with 14—5 on the board to Glenelg's 3—4 had made almost a procession of it from the centre of the field to the goalmouth.

BAY'S ACCURATE ATTACK

Heartened by the three goals, Glenelg then began to play with fresh vigor. The disorganisation, which South's dashing and superb play had created, vanished. The Bay men returned to the field after the half-time interval refreshed, and settled down to the big task in front of them. It was an uphill fight, and although they lost the struggle they showed form that would have more than extended South had it been reproduced earlier.

The accuracy of Glenelg's attack is shown by the fact that after the long interval they kicked 14—3 to South's 8—9, the last 10 scoring shots by the Bay side all being goals.

Rattling the Bay men with their pace and accuracy and the sureness of their ground and aerial work, South dominated the game in the first quarter. Their fine, systematic play continued until toward the close of the second term, when the change came over the game.

JOHNSTON AT HIS TOP

From there on South continued to play well, but were finding Glenelg a most difficult team to cope with. The Bay men's pace increased, they handled the ball with more sureness, and generally had the better of the aerial duels.

In this last phase of the game "Blue" Johnston starred for Glenelg.

It is a long time since he gave such a thrilling display of high marking ability. He repeatedly soared above the parks to bring down the ball. But for inaccurate kicking at times his tally of four goals would have been higher.

Glenelg's switch of their centre man in the last two quarters was a wise move, and definitely assisted them to gain the upper hand. Mackay had been dominating the play here for South until half-time. Although Perry played well, he was no match for the elusive and fast South pivot. Cornelius and later McInerney, who replaced Richter (injured ankle) in the last quarter, prevented Mackay from giving his team much valuable assistance. Many of South's successful thrusts had come from centre during the first half.

The third quarter of the game was more evenly contested, with Glenelg having slightly the better of things, but in the last term the Bay side were definitely on top. They went down fighting, but not disgraced.

GLENELG.—Backs—Elsdon, James, Griffiths. Half-backs—Harford, Brock, Richter. Centres—Parsons, Perry, Seeley. Half-forwards—Cornelius, Hunt, Curnow. Forwards—Percy, Birrell, Colyer. Ruck—Johnston, Corbett, Link. Melnerney (19th).

SOUTH.—Backs—Mulcahy, Rose, Sterzl. Half-backs—Raymond, Cockburn, Jim Dawes. Centres—Sanderoock, Mackay, L. Cahill. Half-forwards—Murdy, Templeton, Jobson. Forwards—Jack Dawes, Munro, Rusby. Ruck—Masters, Reddaway, Tully. V. Cahill (19th).
Umpire—A. A. Raven.

Goalkeepers.—South—Munro (12), Tully, Jobson, J. P. Dawes, and Rusby (each 2), Mackay and Murdy (each 1). Glenelg—Birrell (5), Johnston (4), Link (3), Percy, Colyer, and Elsdon (each 2), Hunt and Perry.

Best Players.—South—Munro, Murdy, Jim Dawes, Mackay, Rusby, and Cockburn. Glenelg—Johnston, Hunt, Percy, Cornelius, Brock and Elsdon.

League Close-Ups



C. Munro

MUNRO, who scored 12 goals for South from 18 scoring shots, one of which hit a post, had to fight for his opportunities, and he gave a finished performance. Closely watched by the Glenelg back men, he had to manoeuvre for position. The spoiling tactics adopted by James, the Bay goalkeeper, were effective to a certain extent.

"BLUE" Johnston, particularly in the last half of the game, was outstanding for Glenelg today. Repeatedly he flew head and shoulders above the rest of the pack. His brilliant aerial work thrilled the crowd.

LEAGUE TABLE

	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.C.	Pts.
Port	6	—	751	578	56.5	12
Norwood	5	1	604	529	53.3	10
South	4	2	693	575	54.6	8
North	4	2	634	622	50.4	8
Sturt	3	3	661	581	52.8	6
Torrens	1	5	575	591	49.3	2
West	1	5	446	667	40.0	2
Glenelg	—	6	596	807	42.4	—

GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Munro, South	12	45
Farmer, North	9	35
Birrell, Glenelg	5	30
Prideaux, Port	8	28
Kinlough, Torrens	2	26
Hollingworth, Port	2	25
Brown, Norwood	—	23
Warhurst, Norwood	5	20

Stamina Wins For Sturt

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3.4	4.7	9.11	14.18	102
West	1.7	4.7	8.9	12.10	82

By Highflier

MAKING a brilliant recovery in the third quarter, Sturt finished too strongly for West at the showgrounds today. Stamina won the game, as West, after playing all over the double-blues early, faded out of the picture from half-time onwards.

Best Players.—Sturt—Biggs, Wunderstz, Jarrett, Treleaven, Green, and Lowe. West—Webber, Mattiske, Dunne, Codd, Smith, Foweraker, McArthur.

Goalkeepers.—Sturt—Lowe (5), Biggs (4), Opitz (3), Sawatzke, Wunderstz, West—Tonkin (4), Powell and Smith (each 3), Codd and Mesecke.

North's Win Stamps Them as Final Four Side

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	6.1	7.6	12.6	16.9	103
Norwood	1.1	8.8	11.12	13.15	93

By Percy Furler

NORTHS convincing win over Norwood in one of the finest games I have seen stamp them as a team well up to premiership standard. There was a glorious display. Just when they appeared in danger of defeat they staged an exhilarating burst of systematic play which left Norwood standing.

Hard bumps, lightning handball, accurate despatch of the ball, and perfect understanding in attack characterised their devastating last-quarter burst. Every man pulled his weight, and their sustained brilliance was a treat to watch. It was not the weakness of the opposition which allowed North to register their success.

Goalkeepers.—North—Farmer (9), Martin, Phillis (each 2), Oatway, Stigwood, Burton, Norwood—Warhurst (5), Schultz (3), Huxtable (2), D McLean, Travers, O'Brien.

Best Players.—North—Melvin, Phillis, Martin, Bottroff, Alexander, Farmer, Strauss, Norwood—W. McCallum, Travers, Schultz, Blanchard, Tugwell.

Tactics Play Part In Port Win

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	7.3	9.8	12.11	17.14	116
Torrens	2.7	9.9	15.11	15.17	107

By R. B. P.

PORT defeated Torrens by only nine points at Alberton in one of the most thrilling games of the season. Contrary to expectations, the gold-and-blues more than held their own with the strong Port side for the greater part of the match.

At "lemons" they held a 21-point lead, but one or two tactical changes in the key positions by Port allowed the maggies to creep up gradually and win. Credit must be given to Port for their tenacity in fighting the uphill last quarter every bit of the way.

Goalkeepers.—Port—Prideaux (8), Hender (3), Hollingworth (2), Wightman, Lander, Jacquier, and Quinn. Torrens—Coulter (4), Hanrahan, Kinlough, Scott, Blight, Lokan (each 2), Wilson.

Best Players.—Port—Jacquier, Prideaux, Reval, Kelleway, Quinn, West, Hender, Whicker. Torrens—Filsell, Quinn, Frogley, Scott, Blight, Foote, Coulter, Brideman.