

Season's Biggest Crowd Sees South Stop Norwood

Ruck's Big Part In North Win

By M. I. A.

GLENELG began a grand fighting finish too late, and finished 28 points behind North Adelaide at the Glenelg Oval.

The visitors' win was foreshadowed by the ruck work, great scouting by Rix, and sureness on the wing in the first half, but their play became slipshod after the final change.

Table with 5 columns: Team, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows for North (6.3, 11.5, 16.7, 20.9, 129) and Glenelg (4.2, 6.6, 8.10, 15.11, 101).

Thirty seconds after the bell, Rix sent North's first goal sailing through, and a couple of minutes later notched the second.

Glenelg were outpaced in the ruck and, comparatively, were slow to the ball.

A drive round the eastern wing gave Lush a chance, but he passed to Halliday instead of shooting from a fine angle. Halliday goaled.

North replied with a drive down the centre. A single was rushed. Then a pass from Alexander gave Rix another chance, and he slammed the visitors' third goal through.

Johnson, battling hard in the ruck, goaled for Glenelg, and Lush followed with another.

Hunt added Glenelg's fourth goal and Rix made North's tally 4-2.

Then the visitors slammed on the pace again, and Warhurst and Farmer added full-pointers.

NORTH FORGE AHEAD

Beginning the second term with a two-goal leeway, Glenelg scored through Link to make them 5-3 to 6-3, but North venomously drove forward again to give Alexander an easy shot.

Corbett and Farmer added goals for their respective sides, but the North champion was closely watched by Bell and had few opportunities in the first half. He marked again not far from the post, but on a slight angle, and missed.

A drizzle of rain had made the ball slippery and hard to handle.

Alexander, Rix, and Warhurst posted North's ninth, tenth, and eleventh goals, and the visitors finished the first half 28 points in the lead.

If they had made the most of their opportunity, the lead would have been bigger. The football was by no means up to standard.

NORTH HOLD FLANKS

With McGregor's departure from the scene of action, Corbett went to a half-forward wing and Griffiths, who came on, took Corbett's place on the wing. He did not fare too well against Shepherdson, and with Bennett holding the other side, North held sway on both flanks.

Although Link and Lush goaled for the Bays, North had plenty in reserve and broke through for goals by Farmer (twice), Rix (twice), and Warhurst.

There was a vast amount of enthusiasm, but very little science, in the game.

North found the right wing the most profitable avenue of attack, for Alexander was holding Brock easily on the half-forward flank. Rix, scouting well out from the forward pocket, where he was technically resting, was the attack spearhead.

Farmer did not seem to be playing with his usual anticipation, and with Bell playing brilliantly had few chances to score.

Running on brilliantly with eight minutes to go, Glenelg swept forward for a goal from Johnson and three from Halliday to make them 14-11.

The last few minutes were the best of the game. Rix whipped through North's nineteenth goal.

NORTH—Backs—Clarke, Martin, Bowden, Half-backs—Power, Bennett, Lush, Centres—Shepherdson, Pash, Bennett, Half-forwards—Alexander, A. Burton, Bottroff, Forwards—Warhurst, Farmer, Neville, Ruck—McInnes, S. Burton, Rix, Dyon (19th).

GLENELG—Backs—Lawson, Bell, Curran, Half-backs—Hannafor, Keane, Brock, Centres—Parsons, Goodwin, Corbett, Half-forwards—Eatts, Hunt, McGregor, Forwards—Link, Lush, Maple, Ruck—Johnston, Bailey, Halliday, Griffith (19th), McGregor (injured face) replaced by Griffiths in the first quarter.

Umpire, K. O. Carter. Best Players—North—Rix, Alexander, S. Burton, Warhurst, C. Bennett, L. Bennetts, Martin, Glenelg—Bell, Halliday, Goodwin, Keane, Johnson, Bailey, Corbett.

Goalkickers—North—Rix (8), Farmer (6), Warhurst (1), Alexander (2), Glenelg—Halliday (5), Link (3), Lush, and Johnson (each 2), Corbett, Hunt, and Bailey.

Sturt Pressed By West

By H. W. T.

IN a game in which the closeness of the scores in the last half was the only feature, Sturt outclassed West at the Showgrounds to win by 17 points.

West fought grandly in the last term and had their chance to win, but their six scoring shots yielded only points.

West had a slight advantage in the ruck, but this was more than offset by the lack of combination of its defence.

Table with 5 columns: Team, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows for Sturt (2.7, 6.16, 8.18, 10.22, 82) and West (4.3, 6.7, 8.11, 8.17, 65).

Best Players.—Sturt—Biggs, Herbert, H. Tuohy, Smith, King, and Longmore. West—Powell, Hudson, Oborn, Matiske, Codd, and Isaacs.

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Biggs (6), Kaethner, Morton, Longmore, H. P. Tuohy. West—Isaac (4), Hudson, and Chynoweth (each 2).

Attendances

Table with 2 columns: Location, Attendance. Rows: Adelaide (18,699), Thebarton (5,398), Showgrounds (2,096), Glenelg (1,928).

28,121

Redlegs Tire In Last Half STURT KICK BADLY BUT DEFEAT WEST Port, North Easily

Conducted by Vic. Johnson

Before the season's biggest football crowd—18,699—South inflicted the first defeat of 1938 on Norwood at Adelaide Oval today. In the first half the battle was even, but after that the redlegs tired in their efforts to match South's pace, and a seven-goal third term paved the way for the blue-and-white's victory. Scores:—

South, 18-11 (119 pts.); Norwood, 12-11 (83 pts.); Sturt, 10-22 (82 pts.); West, 8-17 (65 pts.); Port, 17-14 (116 pts.); Torrens, 11-7 (73 pts.); North, 20-9 (129 pts.); Glenelg, 15-11 (101 pts.).

Although Farmer failed to reach his usual brilliant heights, North had no difficulty in accounting for Glenelg. Port, with control of nearly every keypoint, defeated Torrens by 43 points at Thebarton.

Largely because of Sturt's bad kicking in the first half West were able to give them some anxious moments, but goal-less second and last terms kept the red-and-blacks behind.

How Teams Stand

Table with 6 columns: Team, P., W., L., For, Ag., Pts. Rows for South, Port, Norwood, Sturt, North, Torrens, Glenelg, West.



ROSEWARNE (South) changes into a long-sleeved guernsey when rain begins to fall on the Adelaide Oval this afternoon.

Goalkickers

Table with 3 columns: Player (Team), Today, Total. Rows for Farmer (North), Schultz (Norwood), Rosewarne (South), Hardiman (South), Hann (Torrens), Isaac (West), Hollingworth (Port), Lush (Glenelg), Brown (Norwood).

NORWOOD FADE IN FIRST BIG TEST Reasons for Failure

By VIC JOHNSON

Although they had held their own in the first half, Norwood faded completely out of the picture after half-time in the first big test of the season against South at Adelaide. Nothing could have been more decisive than the blue-and-white victory.

Table with 5 columns: Team, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows for South (3.2, 8.5, 15.7, 18.11, 119) and Norwood (4.2, 7.4, 10.8, 12.11, 83).

The redleg failure can be attributed to two reasons: Their failure to match South's pace.

Their inability to force their way through the outer defences of South, which resulted in the moving of Schultz to centre half-forward to oppose Cockburn.

Goalkickers.—South—Rosewarne (6), Pryor, Hardiman (each 4), Rusby (3), Cahill, Norwood—Schultz (5), Brown (4), O'Brien, Plunkett, Nicholas.

Best Players.—South—Mulcahy, Donowan, Brown, Cahill, Rosewarne, Jobson, Cockburn. Norwood—Schultz, Warhurst, O'Brien, McLean, Woodroffe, Huxtable, Plunkett.

Port Too Strong In All Departments

By C. A. B.

Holding the balance of power at nearly every key point, Port had no difficulty in beating a weakened Torrens team at Thebarton.

Table with 5 columns: Team, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows for Port (8.4, 11.9, 14.16, 17.14, 116) and Torrens (8.2, 8.3, 9.3, 11.7, 73).

Torrens, usually a tough proposition on their home ground gave a poor display. They were unable to match the maggies in pace, system, or marking, and did not watch their men closely. Port could have won by a bigger margin. After piling up a good lead, they were seemingly content to hold their opponents.

Best Players.—Port—Quinn, Revel, Johnston, Obst, Bampton, Bennett, Henders, Torrens—Dinnison, Quick, Hann, Mullins, Juttner, Scott, Bridgman.

Goalkickers.—Port—Reval, Hollingworth, Hender, Jacquier (each 3), Quinn, Roberts (each 2), Wightman, Torrens—Hann (9), Mullins, Scott.

Close-Ups From the Ovals

GOODWIN, who fought hard against odds in the centre for Glenelg, set a fine example to his side against North. He is always smiling on the field, and the harder he gets bumped the broader the grin grows. Because of his even temper, he is one of the most popular captains in the game.

NORTH'S full-forward and captain, Farmer, was closely guarded at Glenelg. He countered the home side's tactics effectively by putting the rover Rix in a forward pocket in the first quarter. Before the rover woke up to the move the rover had four goals to his credit.

ONE of Glenelg's most consistent performers this season, Halliday was conspicuous all day against North. He is a determined rover, and makes his own opportunities up forward. It is interesting to recall that he was not invited to join the Bays. He was unknown last year when he turned up at the ground and sought permission to train. He has since represented South Australia.

FORMERLY a wicketman for Glenelg, Power appeared on the Bay Oval today on North's half-back line. This was his first appearance in league football since he came from Murray Bridge, where he played after leaving the tigers in 1935. He was one of the visitors' best defenders.

R. LUSH made his first appearance in the league today on North's half-back line. His name caused a fair amount of confusion. Not only was he taking the place of Rush, but he was always in the vicinity of the tigers' full-forward, L. Lush.

BECAUSE the greasy ball is not satisfactory for his accurate dropping, Rosewarne gave a taste of his ability by resorting to the punt. Six goals from nine attempts was the result.

BATTLING hard for every kick he obtained, Schultz managed five goals today for Norwood. There can be no doubt, the tall redleg forward is at the top of his form.

SCHULTZ, who learned much of his football at Concordia College, was tried as first rover for Sturt against West. He shows promise of developing into a most useful player.

TWO close friends, whose work as lorry drivers for large city firms frequently brings them in contact during the week, provided many stirring ruck duels at Thebarton today. They were Reval (Port) and Bridgman (Torrens). Before the game began they shook hands in the centre, and in many fierce exchanges during the game each came up smiling, determined to out-bump and outplay his rival. Each was among his side's best men.