

# LEAGUE FOOTBALL MATCHES

## UNEXPECTED DEFEAT OF SOUTH ADELAIDE

### Three Teams Now In Fight For Fourth Place

THE surprise defeat of South Adelaide by West Adelaide, and the comparatively easy victory of West Torrens at the expense of Sturt in last Saturday's series of League football matches have increased interest in this year's fight for premiership honors.

South Adelaide and North Adelaide will contest the most important game next Saturday, and the result should have an important bearing on the combination of the final four.

As a result of Norwood's win over North Adelaide, West Torrens has now taken fourth place.

Port Adelaide was not extended by Glenelg at the Adelaide Oval, and remains at the head of the table on percentage points.

K. Farmer (North Adelaide) and B. Schultz (Norwood) are both nearing their 100 goals for the season, their tallies being 97 and 91 respectively.

Norwood 1-6 4-13 9-22 12-28 190  
North 5-6 7-12 8-17 11-23 89

A DASHING third quarter by Norwood when the wind favored North Adelaide brought about the latter's downfall at Norwood Oval.

North Adelaide gained a four-goal lead kicking with the wind in the first quarter, and played well to hold an advantage of only a point short of three goals at half-time.

Until then North Adelaide's ruck had had as much (or more) of the play as had Norwood's packs, but in the third quarter the home team attained a great pace in the rucks and elsewhere, to outstrip North Adelaide. In this match-winning effort, Norwood was assisted to some extent by the fact that the wind temporarily eased and veered a little more across the ground.

Outscored by 5-9 to 1-5 in that quarter, North Adelaide faced an unexpected deficit of 11 points when the last quarter began. In turn it did well when apparently soundly trounced, to fight back against an unfavorable wind.

Norwood had increased its score to 12-27 to North Adelaide's 8-18 midway through the last quarter, and seemed likely to win comfortably when North Adelaide suddenly shook off the yoke.

From that point onwards Norwood was almost continually on the defensive, scoring only one point to North Adelaide's 3-5. With three minutes left for play and still hammering at the goals, North Adelaide needed two goals to save the day. It managed a behind before the bell stopped what might easily have been a winning run.

The fact that Norwood could depend on attacks launched round the flanks being carried home to the forwards was a big factor in its victory. Bice and Koch (wingmen) were continually in the limelight and finished off their dashing work with remarkably reliable kicking. Inglis, Page and P. McCallum made a powerful ruck combination.

Although on the day the North Adelaide's rucks were shaded there were no more determined and lionhearted workers afield than Oatway and Bennetts. Oatway was Reval-like in his influence in opening up the play, and Bennetts marked safely in defence when not in ruck. Harold Hawke marked strongly and fought hard to bring North Adelaide's attacks to fruition. Pash came into his own at centre in the second half.

Scorers of goals and behinds:—Norwood, Schultz, 4 goals 4 behinds; Brown, 2-6; Page, 2-3; P. P. McCallum, 1-4; Inglis, 1-2; Poweraker and Koch, each 1-0; Sawley and Plunkett, each 0-3; Warhurst and Connolly, each 0-1; one behind was rushed. Schultz and Brown each hit a goalpost once.

North Adelaide.—Farmer, 4-8; Hawke, 3-0; Farrant, 1-3; G. Hogan, 1-2; West, 1-1; Martin, 1-0; Oatway, 0-4; Hoskins, 0-2; M. Ivin, Holden, and Warhurst, each 0-1. Warhurst hit a goalpost. Scores:—

### Torrens Enhance Prospects For Semi-Finals

Torrens 10-6 11-8 17-10 20-14 134  
Sturt 4-2 8-9 13-11 13-15 93

IN a game which the weather conditions prevented from reaching a high standard West Torrens, at Unley Oval, settled Sturt's chances of inclusion in the final four. There was a gusty wind, and the players' task was made more difficult by intermittent showers.

Thiele takes the palm for West Torrens as a result of his great steadiness and consistency at centre-half-back. Many players stood out in the side, and some had greater spells of brilliance than he, but none maintained as high a standard of efficiency for the duration of the game. It was Strauss who was the pick of the strong ruck this time. He capped a good performance in the ruck with an exhibition of good, safe marking in a back pocket in the last quarter.

Head and shoulders above the rest of the Sturt men—in brilliance, though not in stature—was Gil Langley who is, without doubt, the club's find of the season. He was out of the play for scarcely a minute all day, and his courage was little short of inspiring. Biggs deserves next mention for a towering first half in the ruck. He marked very safely and kicked for goal straight and strongly. Leak leapt into prominence after half-time.

Goalkickers—West Torrens—Couiter, 4-1; Dearing, 3-1; Downs, 2-4; Scott, 2-2; Blyth, 2-0; Nicholls, 2-0; Searle, 2-0; Juttner, 1-2; Mullins, 1-1; Bridgman, 1-0; Strauss, 0-1; rushed, 0-2. Downs hit a post.

Sturt—Langley, 5-5; Biggs, 3-3; Paech, 3-3; Hardy, 1-1; Kaethner, 1-1; Pilmore, 0-1; Bentley, 0-1. Langley hit a post. Scores:—

### Another Leading Team Falls To West Adelaide

West 1-2 8-6 12-9 18-11 119  
South 6-3 8-5 9-8 13-10 88

West Adelaide defeated another leader in League football—South Adelaide—in most convincing fashion at Wayville on Saturday. South Adelaide's team was weakened by the absence of Cahill, and by the last minute withdrawal of Murdy, but the play of South Adelaide was haphazard for so much of the match that even brilliant play by these two men could not have welded it into a first class combination.

West Adelaide had the best four men on the ground—Smith, McArthur, Powell, and Thatcher—and they are difficult to separate. Smith provided another way to goal, and kicked a third of the score when he was not rucking. In the last quarter he went into the packs with renewed vigor, and prevented South Adelaide getting away.

It is much more difficult to choose South Adelaide's best players, but the wingmen, Doherty and Donovan; Cockburn, in the rucks; and Jim Dawes, on the half-back line, were probably the best. Jim Dawes, on the half-back flank for South Adelaide, found plenty to do, and did it well. Laphorne and Rusby both played soundly.

Scorers of goals and behinds were:—West Adelaide—Smith, 6 goals 2 behinds; Langton, 5-1; Thatcher, 2-2; Forrester, 1-1; Broadstock, Cahill, and Coad, 1-0; Gottsche, 0-2; and three behinds rushed.

South Adelaide—Isaac, 3-1; Laphorne, 2-2; Rusby and Teissiere, 2-1; Cockburn, 1-2; Pryor, 1-1; J. P. Dawes and Brown, 1-0; Crawford, 0-1; and one behind rushed. Scores:—

#### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	F	A	P.C.	Pts
Port	11	4	1716	1416	54.7	22
Norwood	11	4	1699	1544	52.2	22
South	10	5	1862	1607	53.6	20
West Torr	9	6	1504	1578	48.7	18
North	8	7	1622	1551	51.1	16
Sturt	6	9	1677	1732	49.1	12
West	4	11	1406	1529	47.9	8
Glenelg	1	14	1524	2042	42.6	2

#### LEADING GOALKICKERS

K. Farmer, North Adelaide (4)	97
B. Schultz, Norwood (4)	91
P. T. Morton, Sturt	84
R. J. Brown, Norwood (2)	55
W. E. Isaac, South Adelaide (3)	54
H. Abbott, Port Adelaide	49
L. W. Lush, Glenelg (5)	47
G. M. Scott, West Torrens (2)	41
E. H. Biggs, Sturt (3)	39
L. E. Laphorne, South Adelaide (2)	39
L. P. Rusby, South Adelaide (2)	38

#### SATURDAY'S STARS

- \*P. J. BICE (Norwood)
- \*A. OATWAY (North Adelaide)
- \*C. G. SMITH (West Adelaide)
- \*J. DOHERTY (South Adelaide)
- \*J. L. THIELE (West Torrens)
- \*G. R. LANGLEY (Sturt)
- \*L. RUDD (Port Adelaide)
- \*R. HUNT (Glenelg)

### Port Adelaide Easily Defeats Glenelg

Port 7-6 8-11 12-15 16-16 112  
Glenelg 2-1 3-6 6-11 10-18 78

THE game between Port Adelaide and Glenelg at Adelaide Oval on Saturday lacked sparkle. Port Adelaide made it very obvious that it was content to keep the game safe, and although Glenelg, in the second half, had more of the play, it never developed sufficient power to threaten Port Adelaide's lead.

Aided by a breeze which favored the southern end of the ground, Port Adelaide was quickly into the attack, but the wet ball was hard to judge when marking and kicking. There was greater dash in Port Adelaide's ground work, but desultory play in the full forward area prevented the side from breaking away. Glenelg's half-back line did excellent work in the first half of the first quarter, and when McLean was not rucking Port was outreached in this phase of play. Strong knocking from the ruck gave Glenelg chances to attack and twice it got through to score goals. Quinn realized that his side was not availing itself of the wind, and when in the forward pocket made every effort to infuse more dash and initiative into the attacking division. The value of his example was recognised by his men, and in the last half of the term Port Adelaide added five goals two behinds and held a lead of 35 points at the first change.

The second term gave Glenelg its chance to get within touch, but due principally to Port Adelaide's use of an extra follower or rover, it was prevented from progressing. The extra man, in the circumstances, enabled Port Adelaide to crowd the game, and it was strong enough to confine the play mostly to the western side of the oval, from where the wind made it more difficult for Glenelg to score.

Both teams were inaccurate when shooting for goal, each adding one goal five behinds during the second quarter.

At the start of the second half the wind veered and blew almost across the ground; for the remainder of the game it was not an influential factor.

Both sides were noticeably off the target at this stage, and when Burt kicked Glenelg's first goal for the quarter he broke a sequence of 14 behinds. Gaining the upper hand in the ruck, Glenelg was quite the equal of Port Adelaide for the rest of the quarter, but was still 40 points behind at the final change.

Port Adelaide may not have been at top pressure in this game, and no doubt against the fast-moving sides higher on the premiership list it will employ the rapid leading methods which have been a feature of its game in recent years. Frequently on Saturday Port Adelaide players turned their back and allowed the loose man to be covered.

Entering the crushes with courage and a keen ball sense, Rudd worked tirelessly to combat Glenelg's reachy ruckmen. Although Schumann found it difficult to punt the ball with direction before half-time, his well-judged marking and determined ground play made him invaluable at centre half-back. Quinn roved effectively, and elusiveness gave him many opportunities when in a forward pocket.

Hunt had too much pace for his opponent at centre, and figured in many Glenelg moves with strong marking and kicking. Abbott showed that he is a product of the Victorian football school by the manner in which he disposes of the ball. Burt's cool elusiveness and effective disposal, whether roving or forward, made him a prominent member of the Glenelg side.

Goalkickers:—Port Adelaide—Quinn, 4-0; I. Dangerfield, 2-1; McLean, 2-2; Hickman, 2-2; Maynard, 2-2; Skelly, 2-1; Hollingworth, 1-2; Carmichael, 1-0; R. Dangerfield, 0-3; Reval, 0-2; L. Roberts, 0-1.

Glenelg—Lush, 5-7; Burt, 4-3; Link, 1-4; Abbott, 0-2; Kemp, 0-2. Scores:—