

# League Football Matches

## NORTH AND NORWOOD LEAD IN POINTS

### South And Sturt Begin To Score

WITH the football season advancing, teams are beginning to show premiership form. North Adelaide and Norwood, with six points each, head the match-winning list, but there are other players rapidly regaining last season's teamwork, which should liven all games in a week or two.

Norwood and Port Adelaide fought out a thrilling match at Norwood Oval on Saturday, when Norwood, after establishing a lead in the second quarter, inflicted on Port its first defeat for the season.

North Adelaide had to fight hard for its four-goal victory over Glenelg.

Sturt had their first win for the season when they defeated West Torrens by six points.

Another side to open its tally was South Adelaide (last year's premiers), who, although still below form, accounted for West Adelaide in a thrilling last quarter tussle.

It is a tradition with Norwood that, when things are going against the team and prospects are not bright, it almost invariably produces its best football. It took the field against Port Adelaide without two good men in Fowleraker and W. McCallum. The consequent reconstruction of its defence left comparatively inexperienced men on both half-back flanks, and in the goalkeeper's position.

As expected, Port Adelaide riddled the Norwood defence in the first quarter, and assumed all the appearances of a winning team, but Norwood then proceeded to administer to Port Adelaide and the majority of the 13,000 people at Norwood Oval, a shock. It challenged Port Adelaide's supremacy, and, after a fierce struggle, gained the lead and held it thereafter, to win by eight points one of the fastest and most thrilling minor round games on record.

Port Adelaide derived much impetus in the early stages from its centre line, where all three mid-field section players—Heath, Johnston, and Greening—were doing well in a successful endeavor to throw a spanner in the works. Norwood sent Warhurst to centre after the first quarter, and transferred Forrest to half-forward right. It was not due to this interchange only, however, that Norwood made such a successful match-winning bid in the second quarter. Its rucks worked with more effect at the centre bounces and combined well with the placed men in the vicinity, with the result that the Norwood attack, its strongest section, was plastered with opportunities which they rarely failed to put to the best use.

Port Adelaide was completely outplayed in the closing stages of the quarter, during the whole of which the home team added 8.4 to Port Adelaide's 4.1.

It was a stirring third quarter with both teams playing at a terrific pace. Norwood more than held its advantage, increasing it to more than five goals at one stage. Towards the close of the quarter, Norwood tired perceptibly, and lost some of that advantage.

During the last quarter, Port Adelaide rested its tall ruckmen at full forward, and gave Dangerfield a run in the ruck. Norwood also brought Calder on to the ball for a short period in an effort to revive the flagging ruck.

Kellaway, with nine points separating the scores, hit a goalpost for Port Adelaide, and the game ended before any further addition could be made to the scores.

Probably because it was expected to be weak and because it failed in the first quarter, Norwood's defence was the surprise of the match. In this section there were no more consistent and reliable players than Calder (goal), Thomas (half-back left), and Tugwell (full-back left). Calder's kicking was not always reliable, but this was the only flaw in a fine exhibition. Inglis and P. McCallum fought a gallant fight against the taller Port Adelaide backs.

Kellaway nearly won the match for Port Adelaide. His strong marking, particularly in the closing stages when friend and foe were tiring, had much to do with Port Adelaide's recovery. Schumann was outstanding at half-forward, especially in the first half, and Abbott was prominent in that section in the closing stages. Reval played almost flawless football all day, and he tried hard in his disposal of the ball to make amends for the absence of Quinn, that master of passing.

Scores of goals and behinds:—Norwood, Brown, 6 goals 3 behinds; Schultz, 5.4; Woodroffe, 2.0; Inglis, 1.3; Bice, 1.0; O'Neill and Forrest, each 0.3; Warhurst, 0.1. Brown hit a goalpost.

Port Adelaide—Skelly and Kellaway, each 2.3; Hoffman, Hender and Dangerfield, each 2.0; Abbott, 1.3; Schumann, 1.2; McLean, 1.1; Johnston, 1.0; Rudd, 0.2; Reval, 0.1. Kellaway hit a goalpost twice, and Rudd once.

Scores:—

Norwood, 15 goals 17 behinds (107 points).

Port Adelaide, 14 goals 15 behinds (99 points).

## Sturt And West Torrens Match Always In Doubt

Due principally to more finished play in the forward lines and an aerial superiority, Sturt, at Adelaide Oval, gained its first success for the season at the expense of West Torrens.

More accurate kicking for goal earned West Torrens its eight-point lead at the first change. West Torrens scored a goal as soon as the second quarter opened, but Sturt, matching vigor with vigor, worked with determination to get the ball to Morton, whose well-judged leading was rousing the West Torrens defenders. After an even second quarter, West Torrens had an advantage of three points.

Making position with greater effect, Sturt played excellent football during the first half of the third quarter. West Torrens used Nielsen, its centre half-forward, in an endeavor to combat Sturt's ruck advantage. Sturt, however, was in complete control and had a lead of 15 points when Green had to leave the ground with a head injury.

Sturt then made several position changes. Harris went to centre, Bentley to half-back right. Leak was changed from half-forward left to right, Langley was at half-forward left, and Giersch roved. Sturt was unsettled while these moves were made and West Torrens, taking advantage of the position, was able to fight back within three points at the three-quarter time bell.

During the first 10 minutes Sturt threatened to race away, but could add only one goal from five scoring shots. A. Smith's ruck work and marking had played a prominent part in these thrusts, but when he went off the ball West Torrens took a hand. Dashing ground work enabled it to reduce the leeway to four points. Sturt countered at this stage by using Leak on the ruck fringes and, adding two quick goals, seemed safe with a lead of 17 points and only four minutes of play remaining.

West Torrens then produced an electrifying burst and obtained goals from Cox and Nielsen within two minutes. Sturt held on grimly and obtained a point as the bell rung.

The duel between Morton and Dinnison was a feature of the game. Morton's brilliant leading and safe marking were too much for his opponent on the day. In addition to scoring nine goals his play was an example to the side. Excellent marking and strong following by A. Smith made him invaluable to Sturt.

Blight rarely failed at half-forward right for West Torrens. His dash and determination were responsible for many of the points gained by his side. Juttner is grimly personified. He got the ball away from the crushes on innumerable occasions. Pilsell (wing) and Myatt (centre) were the strongest centre-line players in the game.

Goalkeepers.—Sturt—Morton, 9 goals 9 behinds; Leak, 2.2; Hardy, 2.1; Langley, 2.1; Ward, 0.2; Biggs, 0.1; Treleaven, 0.1; Bentley, 0.1; knocked through, 0.2. Morton hit the post.

West Torrens—Hann, 3.6; Blight, 3.1; Juttner, 2.2; Cox, 2.1; Cutler, 2.0; Smith, 1.1; Scott, 1.1; Nielsen, 1.1; knocked through, 0.1.

Scores:—

Sturt, 15 goals 20 behinds (110 points).

West Torrens, 15 goals 14 behinds (104 points).

## South Beats West, But Winner Still Below Form

In a good even game at the Showgrounds, South Adelaide opened its winning account at the expense of West Adelaide. Last year's premiership side by no means had things its own way, the home team, especially in the third quarter, making an excellent fight of it.

Although South Adelaide won by three goals, it has not yet recaptured the form that made it the best team in the League last season. This deterioration was most noticeable in the forward lines, which, although strongly manned lacked the system and finish of last season.

West Adelaide confirmed its reputation for being something of an enigma. At times, it played splendid, systematic football, worthy of any team in the League, but it fell away weakly when within striking distance of its opponent. The poor football it played in the second quarter, when it could manage only two scoring shots, compared strangely with a brilliant third quarter, when it did everything right. In the last quarter it played convincingly, but was unable to make up the leeway lost in the first half.

Judged on individual brilliance, South Adelaide should have been the winner by a much greater margin. It held practically every key position, and appeared to be superior in most departments, but the devastating system of last year was not there. On the wings, Cahill and Doherty (playing his first League game) had complete control. At centre half-forward, Murdy had things all his own way against Bennett, while in the goal-mouth Boyle kept West Adelaide's high-marking full-forward, Hudson, very quiet.

There appeared little to choose between the two teams at the end of the first quarter, when West Adelaide held the lead by a narrow margin. In the second, South Adelaide took charge, establishing a lead which was retained for the rest of the match. Confusion reigned in the West Adelaide ranks, and on one of the few occasions on which the ball found its way into West Adelaide territory, McArthur kicked its only goal for the quarter. Its only other scoring shot was a behind that was rushed.

After half-time, West Adelaide play showed the reversal of form that many find so baffling. Led by Smith, who for a while dominated the rucks, it forced the ball down to its territory, where it remained for most of the quarter, only wild kicking and the fine defending of Jim Dawes and Boyle preventing it from taking the lead for the first time since the opening quarter. Although it did not relax the pressure entirely in the last term, West Adelaide could not sustain the effort, and South Adelaide was not troubled to finish the winner by nearly three goals.

Goalkeepers.—South Adelaide—J. P. Dawes, 3.2; M. Murdy, 3.2; Rusby, 3.0; Crawford, 2.0; Fryor, 1.3; Laphorne, 1.3; Brown, 1.0; Jarmyn, 0.2; Cahill, 0.1; Haines, 0.1, rushed, 0.1. West Adelaide—Smith, 2.4; Langton, 2.2; Jackson, 2.1; Coad, 2.0; Broadstock, 1.3; McArthur, 1.0; Cahill, 1.0; Hudson, 0.3; Travers, 0.1; Souter, 0.1; rushed, 0.1.

Scores:—

South Adelaide, 14 goals 15 behinds (99 points).

West Adelaide, 11 goals 16 behinds (82 points).

### SATURDAY'S RESULTS

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Final.
Norwood	7.2	10.6	14.11	15.17
Port Adelaide	4.6	8.7	11.10	14.15
South Adelaide	3.2	8.8	12.10	14.15
West Adelaide	3.5	4.6	9.13	11.16
North Adelaide	3.0	9.4	13.9	19.17
Glenelg	7.7	10.9	14.13	15.17
Sturt	2.7	6.11	11.14	15.20
West Torrens	4.3	7.7	11.11	15.14

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.C.	Pts.
North Adel.	3	—	406	351	53.6	6
Norwood	3	—	350	310	53.0	6
Port Adel.	2	1	327	256	56.0	4
Sturt	1	2	330	341	49.1	2
West Torrens	1	2	317	334	48.6	2
South Adel.	1	2	334	364	47.8	2
West Adel.	1	2	271	304	47.1	2
Glenelg	—	3	308	383	44.5	—

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

K. Farmer, North Adelaide (8)	32
P. T. Morton, Sturt (9)	20
B. Schultz, Norwood (5)	17
R. J. Brown, Norwood (6)	13
W. L. Hann, West Torrens (3)	12
E. H. Biggs, Sturt (—)	11
J. P. Dawes, South Adelaide (3)	10
W. Hudson, West Adelaide (—)	10
L. W. Lush, Glenelg (5)	10

## Effort To Check Farmer At Glenelg

After two quarters of football at a terrific pace, North Adelaide and Glenelg virtually ran themselves to a standstill at Glenelg on Saturday, and under the steadier conditions North Adelaide was able to finish better to win by four goals.

In front of goals Farmer was made to fall dismally until half-time. In the first quarter the ball scarcely went past the Glenelg half-back line, so well were Keane and the other Glenelg defenders performing, and Farmer touched the ball only once in that quarter. In the second quarter Farmer obtained only two goals, and one of those came from a free, and at half-time Farmer had kicked only two of North's nine goals.

Farmer played a different game after half-time, however, and he was far more successful. He came away from goals, almost to centre half-forward, to get the ball. He obtained three goals in a row to take the lead for North for the first time in the match. Although he kicked four goals in that quarter, he kicked three behinds as well. One of his shots hit a goalpost.

In the first quarter, Glenelg had 14 shots for goal, compared with three by North, and that was a fair indication of the merits of the side. North was fortunate that its shots turned out to be goals. Even up to three-quarter time, Glenelg had more shots for goal than North.

Until the last quarter, when North added four goals and eight behinds, North's shooting for goal was most accurate, while Glenelg players missed a number of fairly easy chances.

No North players were particularly outstanding, and L. Bennetts was the most effective. His good marking often turned back promising Glenelg attacks. Warhurst was North's best rover, and played a heady game. Klose's debut in League football was most heartening to North's supporters. North's weakness at half-back has been apparent this year, but on Saturday, with Klose marking and passing well on the left flank, North was not nearly so weak there. Farmer asserted himself against strong opposition to finish with eight goals.

Johnston returned to such fine form that he was easily the outstanding player for Glenelg. With spectacular marks from all angles and with long kicks, he put new life into the side in the third quarter, when two goals from him and one from Lush brought Glenelg to within two points of its opponents at three-quarter time after North had seemed likely to run away. Keane held the centre half-back position against Hawke and then A. Burton in a masterly fashion, and Farmer's lack of success in the first half may be attributed largely to Keane's fine work.

Scores of goals and behinds were.—North Adelaide—Farmer, 8 goals 6 behinds; Warhurst, 3.1; Neville, 2.1; Rix, 1.4; Oatway, 1.3; K. West, 1.1; Farrant, Melvin, and Power, 1.0; Pash, one behind.

Glenelg—Lush, 5.4; Johnston, 3.2; Link, 3.1; Waite, 2.3; Goodwin and Bailey, 1.2; Brock, Burt, one behind, and one behind rushed.

Scores:—

North Adelaide—19 goals 17 behinds (131 points).

Glenelg—15 goals 17 behinds (107 points).