

NORWOOD SCORE CONVINCING WIN AGAINST TORRENS

Conducted by Vic. Johnson

Third Quarter Rally Decisive

NORTH AND STURT WIN BY 17 POINTS

Results of the three league ninth-series matches played today were:—

**Norwood, 18—14 (122 pts.) ; Torrens, 12—10 (82 pts.) .
North, 16—17 (113 pts.) ; Glenelg, 14—12 (96 pts.) .
Sturt, 14—15 (99 pts.) ; West, 11—16 (82 pts.) .**

Outclassing Torrens in the third quarter, Norwood finished 40 points ahead of the Thebarton men after an interesting game.

After a brilliant first quarter, in which Burt was outstanding, Glenelg were unable to match North at the Bay. Sturt proved too strong for West at Unley and were able to resist a last-quarter rally. Both won by 17 points.

Redlegs Regain Old Form

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	6.4	10.9	16.13	18.14	122
Torrens	3.2	9.3	10.5	12.10	82

By Vic. Johnson

NORWOOD today looked much more like the redleg team to which South Australian football followers are accustomed, than they have done for many weeks. By their comparatively easy victory over Torrens they have again put themselves well in the running for premiership honors.

TORRENS—Backs: Hendry, Dinneen, Waite. Half-backs: Filshie, Thiele, Grimm. Centres: Daly, M. Nicholls, Sully. Half-forwards: Blight, Thomas, Searle. Forwards: Juttner, Allan, Smith. Ruck: Mullins, Burton, Scott, Norman (19th).

NORWOOD—Backs: Price, Calder, Holmesby. Half-backs: West, Taylor, Ralph. Centres: Fowleraker, A. Sawley, Whittaker. Half-forwards: List, Hardiman, O'Neill. Forwards: G. Sawley, Warhurst, Thompson. Ruck: Connolly, Schmelzkopf, Oatey, Tugwell (19th). List (leg injury) replaced by Tugwell in last quarter.

Umpire—H. W. Main.

Norwood have been most unfortunate in that they have had a long list of injuries, and have not been able to field a team representative of the real Norwood power.

Apart from these injuries, I have always contended that they were not placing their team to the best advantage, in that although A. Sawley might play well on a centre wing he is of much more service at centre, and Warhurst similarly at half-forward.

Today, with Warhurst's return to the side, that player was stationed forward, but Sawley was retained at centre, where he was placed last week, and the result was the complete rejuvenation of the team.

Sawley completely dominated the midfield play, and Warhurst added balance and brains to the attack.

Torrens had no answer to Sawley's brilliance, and although they did make an effort midway through the second quarter, when Blight was brought to centre to check the Norwood player, it was of no avail and did not in any way prevent Norwood from fastening their grip on the game.

First Quarter the Best

The first quarter before the rain came was the best, and good football was shown by both teams.

The scoring was goal-for-goal, and the play very even, with Torrens faring the better in

Late West Rally Fails

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	9-5	11-8	13-11	14-13	99
West	5-3	4-5	7-12	11-16	81

By H. W. T.

BUILDING up a 45-point lead in the first term at Unley, Sturt were just able to stave off a last-quarter rally by West to win by 17 points.

Sturt owed their win largely to Green and Bagshaw. Had their defence in the last half been anything short of brilliant, West must have caught up. Langley, roving, and Biggs, in the ruck, were the most effective elsewhere.

Apart from the first quarter Powell had Morton beaten, and kept him down to four goals.

STURT—Backs: Bentley, Green, Lance. Half-backs: Crawley, Tucky, N. Heaton. Centres: Lowe, Leak, Reeves. Half-forwards: Gibson, Tilley, McCarthy. Forwards: Lathlean, Morton, Wright. Ruck: Biggs, Bagshaw, Langley, Lamprell (19th).

WEST—Backs: Jackson, Powell, Brown. Half-backs: Bennett, Budarick, Codd. Centres: Reynolds, McArthur, Codd. Half-forwards: Thatcher, Smith, McCarthy. Forwards: Fimeri, Langton, Chyne-weth. Ruck: Forrester, J. Taylor, Cahill. Forby (19th).

Umpire—E. J. Hine.

West moved off from the bounce and had a goal on the board from Langton before Sturt found their feet. The home side's reply came swiftly with two goals from Tilley.

Apart from making the ball greasy, the weather did not have a great effect on the play. West kept matters even with a goal from Smith, but they had not had an even share of the play.

A goal by Biggs started a Sturt offensive which seemed to leave the West defence powerless. From all manner of angles and positions the Sturt forwards kicked through the main opening, rattling on 6-3 through a reply.

Morton at the goalpost was closely shadowed by Powell, but honors were all Morton's way.

the packs, but the efforts of Sawley at centre and Whittaker, at centre wing, counter-balanced this.

Dinneen's sound defence was worrying Warhurst, and Hardiman found it necessary to go to the goalfront himself, and place Warhurst at centre half-forward.

But the combined efforts of A. Sawley, Whittaker, and G. Sawley in the forward pocket had built up an eight-point lead for Norwood at quarter time.

Scott's great roving, and strong ruck work by Mullins and Searle soon swung the lead to Torrens early in the second quarter, but by this time rain had fallen.

Norwood, combining better, and using long, telling kicks in preference to the shorter passing game of Torrens, began to prevail. By the long interval they were 12 points clear.

Blight, who had gone to centre to oppose Sawley was back at half-forward, and Nicholls again at centre for Torrens, when the game was resumed, with O'Neill was at centre half-forward, with Warhurst on his right for Norwood.

This quarter was practically all Norwood's, and actually the only one in which they really outscored Torrens.

During this term Norwood played far the better football, and added 6 goals 4 behinds against Torrens' 1 goal 2 behinds, and further increased their lead to 44 points.

Ruck Superiority Vanishes

The ruck strength that Torrens had maintained until half-time completely disappeared in this quarter, and Norwood took charge practically everywhere. Any promising forward moves by Torrens were quickly stopped by Taylor at centre half-back, West, at half-back left, and Holmesby in the pocket.

Sawley was maintaining his pressure at centre, and was the leading light in every Norwood drive.

Combining in fine style with Warhurst, List, or his brother, he frequently found openings in the usually strong Torrens defence, and usually had the pleasure of seeing his efforts rewarded.

At three-quarter time it certainly appeared that only a superhuman effort on the part of the Torrens' players was going to get them out of it, but they had given no indication that this was likely, nor was it forthcoming.

Torrens made no further alterations in their placings for the last term, although I did think that Filshie's aggressiveness may have offset Sawley's cleverness at centre, but apparently Torrens were satisfied that Sawley was having a real day out, and no one could stop him.

The scoring rate slackened considerably in the last quarter, each team only adding two goals, and long before the final bell was due, all interest had gone from the game, which, although it had begun most promisingly, finished very tamely.

Goalkeepers—Norwood: G. Sawley (6), Thompson, Hardiman (each 3), List, Warhurst (each 2). Price, Schmelzkopf. Torrens: Burton, Scott (each 3), Blight, Allen (each 2), Mullins, Thomas.

Best Players—Norwood: A. Sawley, G. Sawley, Taylor, Thompson, Whittaker, West, Holmesby. Torrens: Dinneen, Scott, Waite, Thiele, Searle, Grimm, Burton.

There was not a weak point in the Sturt attack, and their effort appeared likely to be a match-winner.

It was largely Powell's brilliant play at full back in the second term which reduced Sturt's advantage. He outmanoeuvred and outmanoeuvred the Sturt forwards to clear with long drop-kicks, which gave West every opportunity.

Biggs was Sturt's star, but his vigorous work was mostly wasted when Powell, with strong help from Budarick, cleared from the goalmouth.

Puzzling Decisions

The decisions of Umpire Hine often appeared inconsistent. Players at times showed amazement at them.

West made a desperate third-quarter attempt to reduce the big deficit, but without exerting itself, the Sturt defence kept them out.

Leak, at centre, was the home side's handy man. Apart from keeping McArthur quiet, he had a strong influence on the play across centre. Langley, roving and forward pocket, was his side's most energetic man.

West had the better of an spectacular quarter, adding 5-6 to Sturt's 2-3.

To West had to go credit for a splendid last-quarter rally. Right from the bounce they moved off with a turn of speed which kept Sturt paces behind. Goals came from Langton and Cahill, reducing the deficit to 20 points.

Budarick, Thatcher, Reynolds, and Langton starred, but Green and Bagshaw, defending on the goal-line, turned attack after attack. Morton's fourth goal at the other end put the issue beyond doubt.

Goalkeepers—Sturt: Morton (4), Biggs (3), McCarthy and Tilley (each 2), Wright, Lathlean, and Leak. West: Langton (5), Smith (3), Cahill (2), Reynolds.

Best Players—Sturt: Biggs, Green, Bagshaw, Langley, Leak, Bentley, West, Smith, Langton, Powell, Budarick, Reynolds, Cahill.

HOW TEAMS STAND

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Port	8	7	1	911	699	14
Sturt	9	7	2	1010	927	14
South	8	6	2	1033	790	12
Torrens	9	4	5	876	841	8
Norwood	9	4	5	941	952	8
North	9	4	5	873	922	8
West	9	2	7	870	1051	4
Glenelg	9	1	8	740	1072	2

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Farmer, North (5)	60
Schultz, Norwood (-)	50
Imaac, South	43
Morton, Sturt (4)	42
Burt, Glenelg (9)	34
Biggs, Sturt (3)	30
Hewett, Torrens (-)	25
Langton, West (5)	22
Staitie, South	21
Langley, Sturt (-)	20

North Down Bays After First Term

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	5.2	9.5	13.11	16.17	113
Glenelg	7.3	8.5	11.9	14.12	96

By G. E. K.

AFTER an evenly contested first half, North drew away from the Bays to win by 17 points at Glenelg.

Through the clever position play and accurate goalshooting of Burt in a forward pocket—he kicked nine goals—Glenelg kept with North in the early stages of the game.

But North established a marked aerial superiority, and made better use of their opportunities at the goalfront.

GLENELG—Backs: Dangerfield, Inglis, Pike. Half-backs: Broadbent, Boyall, Keane. Centres: Dewhurst, Hunt, Sangster. Half-forwards: Hall, Phillips, Bailey. Forwards: Westley, Cooper, Burt. Ruck: Johnston, Brock, Halliday, Whitford (19th).

NORTH—Backs: Melvin, Martin, Bowden. Half-backs: Bottroff, J. Hogan, Virgin. Centres: Aamodi, Farler, Coleman. Half-forwards: Bernhardt, O'Halloran, Burton. Forwards: Oatway, Farmer, Holden. Ruck: Bennetts, Pearce, Summersides, Neville (19th).

Umpire—S. Jaquier.

Because of a clashing of style of football the first term was marred by fumbling and hasty kicking.

Glenelg's chief advantage lay in its more economical forwards. Burt, making position cleverly, kicked five goals from eight shots, monopolising play at the goalfront.

The first flash of systematic football came late in the opening term, when North broke away from the centre where Farler was shading Hunt and swept in through the left flank to find Farmer at the goalfront.

Again in the second term it was the small men of both sides who flashed into the limelight.

Burt with less opportunity kicked his side's only goal for the quarter. Summersides' nippy roving started North moving in many thrusts that brought the maximum results.

Then North began to exert an aerial superiority. Keeping the ball high and driving in with determination they overhauled the Bays, finishing the term nine points ahead.

North Hold Attacks

After the long interval Hunt was at the key forward position for Glenelg, Keane replacing him at centre.

Although Johnston, battling tirelessly in the packs, sent Glenelg in repeatedly, Hogan and Bennetts beat them off. Then Burt came under notice with two goals.

Although North were too strong in the air and began to exploit short passing to good effect, the game still lacked sting.

North's main route goalward was through Summersides, who was opening up the game in the outer attack by neat passing, and Pearce and Oatway.

Farmer notched two of the goals, but was quieter than usual.

After North had capped a lightning dash at the start of the final term with a goal from Pearce, Glenelg attacked, but were out-matched at the goalfront.

Goalkickers—North: Farmer (5), Holden (3), Summersides, Pearce (each 2), Oatway, Burton, Coleman, Bowden. Glenelg: Burt (9), Cooper (2), Johnston, Hunt, Bailey.

Best Players—North: Summersides, Bottroff, Pearce, J. Hogan, Martin, Oatway, and Farler. Glenelg: Burt, Inglis, Johnston, Bailey, Keane, Boyall, Halliday.

Players Who Won a Cheer

ONE of the highlights of the Glenelg match was the sharpshooting of Burt in the first term. Making position cleverly and kicking accurately, he scored 5-2 for Glenelg in this term—the same total as the North team.

AMOS Bottroff was a power to be reckoned with in North's defence line against Glenelg. His ground work was always solid, and on several occasions he passed safely to team mates in unguarded positions.

IN addition to watching Farmer closely, Inglis played a strong defensive game for Glenelg in goal. His long left-foot drop-kicks often saved the tigers.

THE cry "Teddie-e" at Unley Oval was heard frequently today, when Sturt's sassy ruckman, Ted Biggs, went into action. He was the star of his side with his solid marking and vigorous ground play.

THOMPSON is proving his worth for Norwood both as a follower and a forward. Today he was well in the limelight with strong ruckwork, and while resting added three goals to the redleg score.

THE kingpin of a solid Norwood defence was Taylor at centre half-back. He was conspicuous all day with his marking and strong clearances. West gave him sound support.

WITH Juttner having an off day the full brunt of the Torrens roving fell on Scott's shoulders. The little fellow rose to the occasion in splendid style, and was one of Torrens' best.