

TODAY'S FOOTBALL

West Survive Last Half Challenge

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|
| West . . . | 4—4 | 12—8 | 12—11 | 15—14 | 104 |
| Sturt . . . | 4—2 | 7—5 | 9—8 | 12—13 | 85 |

By Keith Butler

Leading throughout the match, West survived a strenuous last-half challenge by Sturt and won by 19 points at Adelaide Oval today.

WEST ran away from Sturt in the second quarter, when they scored 8—3 to 3—2, McArthur, who kicked seven goals for the match, got five of them during this quarter.

Both sides altered their placings. All of West's moves were successful. Sturt, on the other hand, made several changes in an attempt to check Burkett, but no one was able to pace it with the West centreman.

West had a definite superiority in the rucks where C. Smith and Taylor won all day. Burkett, in the centre, gave a great display, which was marred only by his delivery of the ball, while Mackay had the better of Tonkin on one wing. West won the game from these positions.

Ingham repeated his great performance of last week. But for his effort in goals West may have turned the match into a rout.

Price, who was playing a type of rover-cum-ruckman game for Sturt, was marking strongly and handling the ball a good deal. He kicked into his centre half-forward, and there it stopped. Faehse was outclassing Narro-way, and the direct route to goal was blocked. Leske later took over from Narro-way, but he did not have any greater success.

Ralph Green, Sturt's coach, who has not played league football since 1941, played today because of last-minute withdrawals. When he handled the ball he never missed getting his boot to it. One of his 60-yard drop kicks brought a goal, and was reminiscent of Green at his best.

STURT IMPROVE

Sturt had the better of the play after half-time, but the West backs were too solid. Lewis, who had shut Leske out in the second quarter, Cahill, and Taylor were all too fast and sure for their opponents.

Whether resting or following, the West captain was a tower of strength as was his co-ruckman Colin Smith, who, when off the ball, played in a forward pocket.

Potter kept one wing open for his team throughout the match, but it was not enough with the Sturt half-forwards breaking down.

Oatway was played as a loose man in the West half-forward line, and increased the task of the Sturt defenders when he drove the ball into goal with long kicks.

When Leske, who was back at full forward kicked his fourth goal in the last quarter and Steinle added one shortly afterwards Sturt were only nine points behind.

With eight minutes of the game to play, Oatway kicked a goal for West. Price kicked another for Sturt, and the difference was still nine points.

Although Sturt had the ball near their goal on several occasions before the final bell West finished too strongly and won the match by 19 points.

Goalkeepers—West: McArthur (7), C. Smith (3), Oatway (2), B. Smith, Binney, O'Donovan. Sturt: Leske, Steinle (each 4), Price, Green, Langley, May.

Best Players—West: Burkett, C. Smith, Faehse, Taylor, Mackay, McArthur, Lewis. Sturt: Ingham, Cheesman, Langley, Price, Potter, Leske.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

| Port | W. | L. | For | Ag. | Pts. | % |
|---------|----|----|------|------|------|------|
| West | 6 | 4 | 858 | 941 | 12 | 49 |
| Sturt | 5 | 5 | 1065 | 859 | 10 | 54 |
| Norwood | 5 | 5 | 760 | 811 | 10 | 49 |
| North | 4 | 6 | 891 | 978 | 8 | 47.7 |
| Glenelg | 4 | 6 | 913 | 1013 | 8 | 46 |
| Torrens | 4 | 6 | 870 | 1040 | 8 | 45.5 |
| South | 2 | 8 | 830 | 969 | 4 | 46 |

*2 points deducted by league.

Leading Goalkickers

| | Today | Total |
|----------------|-------|-------|
| Leske (St.) | 4 | 45 |
| Scott (South) | 5 | 39 |
| Quinn (Port) | 5 | 36 |
| Burt (Glenelg) | 8 | 36 |
| Isaac (South) | 6 | 30 |
| Hawke (North) | 4 | 30 |

Port Had Edge On North

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|
| Port | 2.9 | 4.15 | 11.17 | 17.21 | 123 |
| North | 3.1 | 3.2 | 7.5 | 11.7 | 73 |

By Vic Johnson

After a very uneven start, Port recovered to win easily against North at Prospect today.

North were spasmodic in their efforts, and although at times they were close enough to challenge the magpies, they could not counter Roberts' excellence at centre, and Quinn's mobility while roving, and finally went down by 50 points.

Combining well in attack, and with their followers close checking the magpie ruckmen, North held sway in the opening phases.

They were the equal of Port in pace, and their anticipation of the bounce of the ball was much in advance of the magpies.

Port's foot passing was anything but accurate, and, although they handled the ball frequently, North usually anticipated their moves, and stopped their advances.

Gaining confidence from the magpies' inability to press home attacks, North, driving straight down the centre, pushed home three attacks, while Port were held goalless.

Quinn called Bunton into the packs, and with two rovers operating and one follower, Port made a little headway, but did not as yet appear to be travelling comfortably.

They were astray in their shooting for goal, and they had only just managed to reach the front when Quinn goaled with a snap as the bell signalled the end of the term.

Still keeping the magpies in check, North gave Port few chances to make a breakthrough, but the combination between Roberts and Quinn at last reaped its reward, and for the first time during the game Port began to show real form.

Roberts was controlling centre, and infusing more dash into their game. The magpies raced away to a more than useful lead.

Stubborn Defence

It was only the stubbornness of the North defenders that prevented a greater deficit for the home team.

Port drove in repeatedly, only to see the last line of North repel them with good marking or a well-combined ground effort.

Only on one occasion in this term did the ball reach North's goal front, and then a point was scored. By the long interval Port were 19 points clear.

Burton's early goal reduced North's leeway a little, and neat football across centre gave Boucaut a chance to goal from a long way out. His goal put a different complexion on the game within a few minutes of the resumption.

Quinn's answer was decisive. Battling against big odds, he twice won through to kick straight, and, shortly after gained another goal to restore Port's grip on the game.

Jolly was switched into Port's ruck, McLean going to the goal front, from which move the magpies gained added strength to further increase their lead.

North had deteriorated since their opening burst. They had chances, but lack of motive in their moves, and the splendid combined movements of Port's backmen, where Fletcher was superb, proved too much for their attack.

Clarke, overcoming Lush at centre half-back, paved the way for further goals for Port, and McLean's return to the ruck freshened up that department again.

When the bell signalled the end of the third term, Port appeared to have an unassailable lead of 36 points.

Pash was at centre half-forward, and Burton, at centre, for North, at the beginning of the last term, and Weise was missing from Port's half-back line.

After much resultless play North broke through Port's defence to reduce the leeway by 12 points, and flashing round the eastern wing, carried the ball from end to end, to add a well-merited goal.

North had switched their wings, and were gaining strength from this move. They had been beaten throughout in these positions and the move was belated.

The magpies were still 24 points clear, with only six minutes to play, and sticking it out, won by 50 points.

Best Players—Port: Quinn, Roberts, L. G. McLean, Darling, Falkhead, Bunton, Fletcher. North: Cearns, Burton, O'Leary, Lush, Hoskins, Keane, Dyson.

Goalkeepers—Port: Quinn (5), Clarke (4), Jolly (3), Grimm (2), Serotzki, A. R. McLean, Talbot. North: Hawke (4), Arbon, Hoskins (each 2), Ward, Burton, Boucaut.

Redlegs Too Good For Torrens

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|
| Norwood | 6.3 | 11.4 | 18.11 | 21.16 | 142 |
| Torrens | 4.2 | 7.9 | 7.11 | 15.16 | 106 |

By Amos Bottroff

Norwood so overwhelmed Torrens for three quarters at Norwood today, that a last-quarter bid by Torrens had little significance.

In a fighting opening, in which Norwood's superiority in pace and ground-work gave them a helpful lead, Torrens were unable to produce any real system.

Their big men, although marking well, were slow and indefinite in their ground-work, and their passing was relatively poor.

Norwood, through splendid work by Poweraker, Schmelzkopf, and Oatey, had gained a lead of 25 points at quarter time.

Way, although closely watched by Thiele, created an opening in front of goals, and his freak snapshot from an almost impossible angle added six points to Norwood's tally.

It was not until forceful methods were adopted by Torrens that Hammerstein, who was playing the right type of game to match Norwood's aggressiveness, goaled from 30 yards out.

Shaw followed suit, but still Torrens were not matching Norwood's pace. Even when Torrens' players made position well, their passing went astray, or was weak enough to be intercepted.

Picking up well through the efforts of Tonkin and Hank, Torrens had the ball in their forward area for most of the second term, but they were producing behinds instead of goals from reasonably easy shots.

Turner's forward play was high class, but his kicking was very inaccurate. So was that of other Torrens forwards, and their disposal was in contrast to Norwood's effective passing.

An exception was Shaw. From his meagre opportunities in the first half, he kicked five goals from five shots.

Schmelzkopf was well in the picture for Norwood, and with Way and Bell playing aggressively, the redlegs made use of their opportunities with long driving kicks.

The third quarter saw Norwood play all over Torrens. They grabbed everything from the ruck fringes, overwhelmed Torrens' half-back line, and peppered their goal.

Deering, although playing well at times, was no match for Sawley, who jumped into top form, and brought ovations from a delighted crowd with his spectacular kicking.

Oatey, Poweraker, Ulseth, Way, Bell, Amee, Schmelzkopf, were all under notice as Norwood, almost unchallenged, drew gradually away.

Torrens, 19 points down at the long interval, were 67 points behind at three-quarter time. They added two points in the quarter.

Olds received a great ovation as he returned to his position early in the last quarter, after he had raced round the wing for about a hundred yards with two Torrens players in hot pursuit. His kick just fell short.

Although Torrens kicked 8—5 to 3—3 in the final term, Norwood won by six goals.

Goalkeepers—Norwood: Ulseth (6), Sawley (4), Schmelzkopf, Nicholls (each 3), Poweraker, Way (each 2), Amee. Torrens: Shaw (6), Prior, Turner, Hank (each 2), Hammerstein, Phillis, Hodgins.

Best Players—Norwood: Poweraker, Ulseth, Amee, Way, Oatey, Ralph, Olds, Sawley, Torrens, Shaw, Hank, Hammerstein, Thiele, McInnes, Tonkin, Nicholls.

Brilliant Marking By Glenelg

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|-----|-------|-------|------|
| Glenelg | 5.5 | 8.6 | 15.12 | 17.14 | 116 |
| South | 3.3 | 8.9 | 16.11 | 15.14 | 104 |

By C. L. B. Starr

Glenelg's brilliant marking, combined with tigerish ground play, left the South defenders badly out of position at Glenelg Oval today, and Glenelg won by 12 points.

Glenelg unwound a great burst of football in the third quarter, and led by 31 points at the last change.

The game opened with a strong breeze assisting the southern goal, and South were turned by Masters and Keane several times before they were able to break through with goals from Hogan, Isaac, and Scott.

Meanwhile, Burt, for Glenelg, began a display which paved the way for victory. Burt scored four goals from clever scouting and accurate kicking this quarter, while Low also scored full points.

South were quickly on the offensive, and with Scott giving their forward line solid support with clever scouting on the cross fringes South overtook Glenelg, adding three goals from Scott and one each from Parnell and Isaac, while Burt (2) and Hammond scored full points for Glenelg.

KEPT POSITION

Corbett in the ruck was playing strongly.

For South, Doherty and Parnell on the wing were safe avenues of attack, while Scott, Simpson, Haines, and Waite were playing solidly.

Trailing by three points, Glenelg were further behind when Hearn scored the maximum for South.

But, coming back strongly, they played with combined brilliance, and with their big men marking safely and the forwards keeping their position Glenelg were right on top.

Robjt was coming into his own at centre after an even first half, and Brown, Austen, and Corbett in the ruck, Cook at centre half-forward, and Hunt and Eblem were all play at top form. Glenelg made the most of their opportunities, adding goals from Eblem (2), Ormond (2), Cook, Hunt, and Burt, while for South Hearn and Scott scored the maximum.

South lacked determination in this quarter. Glenelg built up a sufficient lead to begin the last quarter with a match-winning margin.

In the last quarter South quickly took the offensive and made Isaac the spearhead of their attack. Isaac added four goals for the quarter, while Hearn lent support by scoring one goal.

At the other end Burt and Walsh did well for Glenelg, Walsh in particular giving a clever exhibition of hard, forward play.

Goalkeepers—Glenelg: Burt (8), Ormond (3), Eblem (2), Walsh, Hunt, Cook, Low. South: Isaac (6), Scott (5), Hearn (2), Hogan, Parnell.

Best Players—Glenelg: Burt, Keane, Corbett, Austen, Robjt, Walsh, Cook, Masters. South: Doherty, Scott, Parnell, Haines, Searle, Isaac, Prior, Waite.

Glenelg—Backs: Masters, Hall, Low. Half-backs: Reddin, Keane, Pike. Centres: Owens, Robjt, Liebia. Half-forwards: Cuthbertson, Cook, Walsh. Forwards: Austen, Hunt, Ormond. Ruck: Eblem, Corbett, Burt. Width (19th).

South—Backs: Ryan, Haines, Hogan. Half-backs: Tabe, Searle, Bamford. Centres: Doherty, Brown, Murphy. Half-forwards: Rellly, Pryor, Meredith. Forwards: Isaac, Meredith, McCarthy. Rucks: Hearn, Waite, Scott, Collins (19th man).

Umpire: J. C. McKinnon. Estimated attendance, 1,000.