

LAST-MINUTE GOAL TO WEST BRINGS PORT'S FIRST LOSS

18-Goal Win Puts Norwood on Top

WEST and Port thrilled the season's biggest league football crowd with a stirring game at Adelaide Oval this afternoon. West won with a goal scored in the last minute of the game.

Norwood took top place on the premiership list, defeating South by 113 points. West and Port are level with the redlegs on points. Only two points now separate the first six teams.

Torrens took the points from Sturt in a good game at Thebarton. North opened their winning account by defeating Glenelg at the Bay Oval.

West Showed Fighting Spirit

By Roy Colmer

CHEER determination and fighting spirit won for West against Port. The red-and-blacks looked a beaten side half-way through the last quarter, but a desperate finish saw them score the winning goal within seconds of the final bell.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|------|
| West . . . | 4—4 | 7—7 | 10—11 | 13—14 | 92 |
| Port . . . | 1—2 | 8—6 | 10—9 | 13—9 | 87 |

IT was a battle between the big men all day. Bob McLean, supported by Quinn's clever roving, gave Port the best of the early play. Then Colin Smith, with brilliant marking, allowed West to take their first grip on the game.

Both defences were on top early. Semmler held Port up, and then Fletcher and McFarlane kept the West permanent forwards in check.

Strangely, neither centre line played an effective role throughout the game.

One switch in placings in the second quarter brought a big change in the game, and almost proved a match-winner for Port. Dangerfield could not cope with Semmler, so Quinn switched Bob McLean to full forward early in the term. The big man gave Port a spearhead to their attack. Mainly because of this, the magpies were able to hold a five-point lead at half-time.

It was a grand, thrilling struggle throughout the second half.

Too few men did the work for Port. The men at their top—Bob McLean, Quinn, McFarlane, and Fletcher—were very good. At times, however, they carried so many passengers that they should have been made to take out a bus licence.

Saying that is not condemnation of West, rather is it a commendation of the few men who played so grandly for the magpies.

From half-way through the third

quarter it was a game to make the skin tingle as the players threw themselves into the crushes without a thought for their own safety or that of the other fellow. It would have needed only one player to have lost control of his temper for anything to happen.

Some of the spectators must have had feelings akin to the owner of a forest on a hot day with a maniac at large with a box of matches.

It was a hard game to umpire, but I thought Umpire Buttery should have taken a firmer hold. He allowed the game to run early, and at times in the last quarter it seemed as though it had run away from him.

I thought Port had the game won when they were leading by 14 points half-way through the last quarter. However, they were not balanced evenly enough to withstand the tigerish rush of the red-and-blacks over the last few minutes.

West won with their desperate finish because of the evenness of their side. Every man pulled his weight in that last rush that brought the winning goal within seconds of the bell.

Goalkeepers—West: Coad (3), C. Smith, L. Taylor, Zeuner (2), Scott, Cahill, Lee, Cannon. Port: Quinn (3), R. McLean, Skelley, Dangerfield, Mills (2), Hoffman, Growden.

Best Players—West: C. Smith, B. Smith, Cannon, Coad, D. Taylor, Paehee, Semmler. Port: R. McLean, Quinn, McFarlane, Fletcher, Mills, Greer, Roberts.

Estimated attendance: 12,000

Premiership Table

| | P | W | L | Points | | Prem |
|---------|---|---|---|--------|-----|------|
| | | | | For | Ag | |
| Norwood | 4 | 1 | 1 | 485 | 321 | 6 |
| West | 4 | 3 | 1 | 418 | 334 | 6 |
| Port | 4 | 3 | 1 | 353 | 330 | 6 |
| Torrens | 4 | 2 | 2 | 370 | 351 | 4 |
| Sturt | 4 | 2 | 2 | 354 | 359 | 4 |
| South | 4 | 2 | 2 | 330 | 436 | 4 |
| North | 4 | 1 | 3 | 343 | 387 | 2 |
| Glenelg | 4 | — | 4 | 278 | 411 | — |

Leading Goalkickers

| | Today | Total |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Dalwood (Norwood) | 10 | 23 |
| L. Taylor (West) | 7 | 21 |
| McInnes (Torrens) | 4 | 19 |
| Jolly (Port) | — | 13 |
| Vetch (South) | 2 | 11 |
| Coad (West) | 3 | 10 |

Next Week's Games

LEAGUE
 South v. North, Adelaide Oval
 Port v. Sturt, Alberton Oval
 Norwood v. Glenelg, Kensington Oval
 Torrens v. West, Thebarton Oval



Battling for the ball at Adelaide Oval this afternoon when Port lost their first match for the season to J. Taylor (West), K. Growden (Port), with I. Dangerfield (Port) partly hidden.

NORTH DEFEAT GLENELG BY 38 POINTS

By Cecil Starr

Strong ruck work, coupled with solid and consistent defence play by North, enabled them to defeat Glenelg today by 38 points.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts |
|---------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----|
| North | 3.6 | 7.8 | 10.12 | 12.16 | 88 |
| Glenelg | 1.0 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 6.14 | 50 |

Holding control in practically all the key positions, North gained almost complete control of the game after half-time.

Their fast, strong ruck work, in which O'Leary, Hoskins, and Burton shared the honors, invariably started drives from the centre.

From accurate knock-outs by these players, Arbon contributed to the success of his team by a courageous display of roving.

North's centre line, led by the speedy Aamodt at the pivot, and Pash at centre wing, gave Glenelg no quarter, and accurate foot-passing gave the forwards plenty of opportunities.

Glenelg, by contrast, gave a ragged display. Keane, at centre half-back, Lipp, at half-back right, and Hunt, at full back, turned many North attacks, but at half-time, North led by 27 points.

North, in the second half, continued to play better football, and with good handball, and more snappy foot passing, had built a match-winning lead at three-quarter time of 39 points.

MacKay, Phillips, and Bolton, in defence, were proving a stumbling block for the tigers.

Spasmodic flashes of good play were shown by both sides, but North were more consistent and reliable in defence, and in a somewhat disappointing game, ran out winners by 38 points.

Best Players—North—Pash, Burton, O'Leary, Aamodt, MacKay, Arbon, Phillips, Lipp, Glenelg—Keane (until injured), Hunt, Lipp, Maxwell, Cock, Hoskins, and Haussen.

Goalkeepers—North—Hoskins, Shaw, Beeching (each 3), Arbon (2), O'Leary, Glenelg—Longman (3), Crabbe, Owens, Maxwell.

South Played To Redlegs' Tune

By Amos Bottroff

BY employing more direct methods in attack and opening up the game to their own liking, Norwood thoroughly trounced a young, boudering South side at Norwood Oval today.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Norwood | 2.4 | 11.10 | 18.13 | 26.20 | 176 |
| South | 3.5 | 5.5 | 9.8 | 9.9 | 63 |

It was not the redlegs' brilliance but South's lack of initiative and team sense that allowed Norwood to finish the game in such a run-away fashion.

Goalkeepers—Norwood: Dalwood (10), Williams (6), Oatey (5), Bell (2), Lawrence, Mitcherton, Johns. South: Deane, Vetch (7), Lanthorne, Hall, White, Abba, Pryor.

Best Players—Norwood: Bell, Olds, Giles, Oatey, Williams, Gallagher, Poweraker. South: Brown, Hearn, Lanthorne, White, Vaughan, Pryor, Ryan.

Estimated attendance: 6,000

Glenelg—Backs: Corbett, Hunt, Austen. Half-backs: Lipp, Keane, Robbent. Centres: Lucas, Cock, N. Edwards. Half-forwards: Croucher, Maxwell, Window. Forwards: Crabbe, Longman, Owens, Ruck, Betson, Wedd, Haussen, Hall (19th), Jolly (20th).

Keane (leg injury) replaced by Hall in last quarter. Owens (leg injury) replaced by Jolly in last quarter.

North—Backs: Phillips, Bolton, Dyson. Half-backs: Heylen, McKay, Lush. Centres: Pash, Aamodt, West. Half-forwards: Wallis, Beeching, Cearns. Forwards: Cox, Shaw, Hoskins, Ruck, O'Leary, Burton, Arbon, Woolford (19th), Mills (20th).

North—Cearns (head injury) replaced by Mills in the second quarter.

Dyson (injured) replaced by Martin in half-time.

Mills (leg injury) left the field in the 21st quarter, leaving only 17 men.

Umpire—H. W. Bunton.

Estimated attendance: 3,000.

COURAGEOUS roving by Arbon (North) and Haussen (Glenelg), who went into the crushes fearlessly, gave their side good service.

Sturt Lost In Third Quarter

By Cyril Burley

Sturt lost a good winning chance in the third term of the game against Torrens at Thebarton today by stopping to a walk and losing the initiative when they should have been using the breeze to build up a decisive lead. The result was that Torrens overpowered them in a last-minute burst and won by 16 points.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|
| Torrens | 9.1 | 5.7 | 6.15 | 11.23 | 89 |
| Sturt | 5.5 | 5.5 | 8.7 | 11.7 | 73 |

FAVORED by a breeze that looked like being worth seven or eight goals, Sturt found themselves unable to take full advantage of it because of the pace and vigor of the Torrens' defence.

Time after time, the Sturt barrage pin-pointed the goal line, only to see the ball smothered. Sturt had the measure of Torrens in the rucks, and shaded them in the air.

Goalkeepers—Torrens: McInnes (4), Phillips (3), Hodgins, Pyatt (each 2), Sturt: Cameron (4), Schober (3), Zucker (2), Whelan, Merchant.

Best Players—Torrens: R. Hank, K. Wood, Turner, Thiele, S. Cook, Pryor, Pyatt, Sturt: Lance, Zucker, Langley, Headon, Schober, Cameron, Whelan.

Estimated attendance: 8,500.