

West Shocks Lucky Norwood At Kensington

Another Mark,
Another Goal

Conducted by HARRY KNEEBONE

Norwood, conqueror of Port Adelaide, received a scare from West Adelaide in Saturday's league football. Luck played a big part in Norwood's last-minute one-point win, and West Adelaide's greatly improved form must be taken into account in assessing its chances against any team in the competition in future.

Norwood's narrow escape from defeat by the next to bottom team. Sturt's good showing for most of the match against Port Adelaide, and South Adelaide's great game against West Torrens give the premiership competition a wide open aspect.

SATURDAY'S STATISTICS

Games At A Glance

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norw'd	2.0	4.1	2.3	11.6	72
WA	1.5	3.9	6.13	9.17	71
Glen.	5.7	11.8	13.16	19.19	133
NA	3.3	4.6	7.7	11.12	78
PA	2.1	7.11	11.15	17.22	124
Sturt	6.1	8.5	10.9	13.10	88
WT	2.0	6.0	9.10	15.17	107
SA	2.3	4.5	9.6	12.6	78

How They Stand

	W.	L.	P.	A.	P.	Pts.
Glen.	4	—	508	289	65	8
PA	3	1	351	283	53	6
WT	3	1	377	310	53	6
Nor.	3	1	310	291	51	6
Sturt	1	3	396	435	47	2
SA	1	3	363	475	43	2
WA	1	3	250	349	41	2
NA	—	4	288	411	41	—

Top Goalkickers

	Sat.	Mchs.	Ttl.
Read (SA)	4.3	4	23.10
Churchett (G)	9.3	4	22.18
Bradford (WT)	3.2	4	14.9
Mayo (N)	6.1	4	14.5
Phillips (S)	2.0	4	13.9
Hall (G)	3.2	3	13.8
Jaggard (PA)	4.2	4	12.9
Davies (G)	1.0	4	11.9
Hausen (SA)	2.2	4	11.8
King (G)	3.4	4	10.7
Phillips (NA)	0.2	4	9.11
Head (WT)	4.4	4	9.10
Whitaker (PA)	4.3	4	8.13
Brown (WA)	2.3	4	8.10
Goodchild (S)	2.1	4	8.9
Willis (WT)	—	3	8.6

Attendances

Attendances at Saturday's league football matches were:—

Glenelg Oval (G v NA)	10,100
Adelaide Oval (WT v SA)	8,400
Alberton Oval (PA v St.)	7,400
Kensington Oval (N v WA)	7,400
Total	33,300

DEANE NEAR TROPHY LEAD

Jim Deane, South Adelaide captain-coach, has drawn to within two points of the leader, Neil Davies, Glenelg half-forward, in the poll for "The Advertiser" Trophy for the outstanding player in the league football minor round.

Points allocated on Saturday were:—

ALBERTON OVAL

Dittmar (Port Adelaide)	3
Whitaker (PL Adelaide)	2
Rattigan (Sturt)	1

KENSINGTON OVAL

Faehse (West Adelaide)	3
Marrriott (Norwood)	2
Lee (West Adelaide)	1

ADELAIDE OVAL

Deane (South Adelaide)	3
Head (West Torrens)	2
Pyatt (West Torrens)	1

GLENELG OVAL

Churchett (Glenelg)	3
King (Glenelg)	2
Fuller (North Adelaide)	1

Leading players in the voting for "The Advertiser" Trophy are:—

- (9)—Davies (Glenelg).
- 7—Deane (Sth. Adelaide).
- (6)—Walker (Norwood).
- 5—Bob Hank (W. Torrens).
- 4—Brown (West Adelaide); Cockshell (West Torrens); Fitzgerald (Sturt); Hall (Glenelg); Pyatt (West Torrens).

Forward Machine In Fine Form

By BOB JERVIS

Glenelg, undisputed league leader after a 55-point win from North Adelaide at Glenelg Oval, faces the tough matches of the next month with probably the best forward line in its post-war history.

At the goalfrost Churchett—who kicked his 500th league goal just after three-quarter time—was in fine form on Saturday. His leading—always his most admirable football quality—was often well judged.

In one pocket were formidable high-marking big men in Hall and Potter and in the other potentially class rovers in King and de Cure.

But the half-forward line was probably Glenelg's greatest asset.

Davies (half-forward left), with his rangy, deceptive pace, again was exceptionally difficult to shut out completely. Stringer, who obviously had this job, tackled the assignment splendidly, but could not continuously curb Davies.

On the other flank, Guy was just as valuable in a less flamboyant way. His combination with Marshall (wing) and Churchett and other forwards marked him as an ideal team man.

At centre half-forward Rundle, though a little uncertain overhead, played the position well.

Glenelg was never troubled and its goalkickers rose to the occasion successively and successfully.

King scored three of the five first quarter goals and Glenelg led by 16 points at quarter time.

By half time, when it had more than doubled North's score, Churchett had come into the picture. He kicked three of Glenelg's six goals in the second term and its only two in the third.

He increased Glenelg's 45-point three-quarter time lead with three goals before being injured in the last quarter. Then Hall scored his team's last two goals.

McKay's withdrawal from the selected team through injury probably unsettled North, but at no stage did it show system, dash or determination.

Many North men played listlessly, too many stumbled or fell when under pressure, and one cannot escape the conclusion that the team is carrying out - of - form veterans.

Unfortunately Glenelg seemed to decline towards the North standard late in the game. Finicky umpiring also did not improve the spectacle.

Goalkickers—Glenelg—Churchett, 9.3; King, 3.4; Hall, 3.2; de Cure, 2.4; Davies, Rundle, each 1.0; Crabbe, 0.3; Potter, 0.2; Guy, 0.1. North Adelaide—W. McKenzie, 2.2; Proud, Hewitt, Carroll, each 2.0; Fuller, 1.2; Kennett, 1.1; H. McKenzie, 1.0; Phillips, 0.2; Bryan, Hancock, Way, each 0.1, rushed, 0.2. Way hit a goalpost.

Best players—Glenelg—Churchett, King, Hall, Davies, de Cure, Guy. North Adelaide—Fuller, Proud, Stringer, Hewitt, Weston.



Churchett (Glenelg) beats N. McCann (North Adelaide) for the ball in the match at Glenelg on Saturday to add another goal to his day's tally of nine. Churchett now has kicked 502 goals in his league career.

ALLAN REVAL Says:

Churchett Is On Way Back

The outstanding feature of the Glenelg—North Adelaide match was an indisputable indication that Colin Churchett is on the way back.

I felt that his achievement in attaining his 500th goal was overshadowed by his all-round display.

Last season, overweight and apparently out of condition, he never looked like producing the football that one has come to expect from him.

It would have been no surprise had he faded right out of the picture, even to the extent of being omitted from the Glenelg team.

On Saturday, despite an early kick which raised a swelling over an eye, his keenness indicated he is getting back the form which earned him a place in the State eighteen.

Some of his goals were the result of smart leading, which ended in real dives to gain possession.

On occasions, however, he lapsed into the fault of staying behind his opponent.

This makes it extremely difficult for his teammates to play the ball to his advantage.

He had nine goals to his credit when forced to leave the ground with a leg injury—a good effort at any time.

With John Willis some-

what under a cloud at present, indications are that Churchett will be very much under discussion when the State selectors meet to choose the Carnival team.

Improved Teamwork

Glenelg continues to impress with its improved teamwork, accurate foot-passing being a feature of its play.

On one occasion, a chain of passes from Brian Wright, through Bailey, and Davies to allow Churchett to goal made the game look easy.

In the past, Glenelg has always done it the hard way.

North's form was disappointing. Expected to give Glenelg its hardest test, it proved unequal to the task.

With its visit to Sydney to meet Norwood for propaganda purposes in mind, it is to be hoped it can recapture some of its last season's form.

With Norwood playing good football at present, it looks as if the trip could be a failure.

Saturday's football under umpire Staker, failed miserably as a spectacle when compared with what I have witnessed under umpire Dawe, who was omitted from the panel last week.