

Four Top League Football Teams Widen Gap

Games At A Glance

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Port Ad.	2.3	6.7	8.8	14.13	97
North Ad.	3.3	3.3	8.6	8.6	54
Norwood	4.1	7.8	10.10	14.12	96
West Tor.	1.6	3.7	8.10	12.11	83
Sturt	3.0	5.2	8.5	13.10	88
West Ad.	4.3	6.4	8.11	10.17	77
Glenelg	4.4	4.9	9.13	14.16	100
South Ad.	1.1	3.6	4.8	6.12	48

How They Stand

	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.c.	Pts
Port Ad.	8	1	885	535	41	16
Norwood	7	2	892	724	55	14
Glenelg	6	3	950	709	57	12
West Tor.	6	3	867	749	53	12
North Ad.	3	6	770	847	47	6
Sturt	2	7	788	963	44.9	4
West Ad.	2	7	637	798	44.4	4
South Ad.	2	7	617	1061	36	4

Leading Goalkickers

	Sat.	Mchs.	Total
Mayo (N.)	3.2	8	38.24
Churchett (G.)	4.3	9	37.29
M. Read (SA)	2.3	9	34.19
Bradford (WT)	1.2	9	31.15
W. McKenzie (NA)	5.1	9	31.11
Willis (WT)	5.1	8	28.24
Hall (G.)	2.2	8	24.13
Proud (NA)	0.1	9	20.9
Whitaker (PA)	2.2	9	19.21
Brown (WA)	2.1	9	19.17
King (G.)	1.3	9	18.12
Walker (N)	2.0	9	18.7

Attendances, Weather

Attendances at Saturday's league football matches were—

Norwood Oval (N v WT)	12,000
Alberton Oval (PA v NA)	10,500
Adelaide Oval (S v WA)	6,120
Glenelg Oval (G v SA)	4,500
Total	33,020

Next Saturday

Adelaide Oval—West Adelaide v. Glenelg
Alberton Oval—Port Adelaide v. West Torrens
Prospect Oval—North Adelaide v. Norwood
Enley Oval—Sturt v. South Adelaide

Glenelg Not Upset By Conditions

By PAUL BRUER

A wet and heavy ball, a soggy ground and a high wind did not upset Glenelg's systematic football when it trounced South Adelaide by 52 points at Glenelg Oval.

Fast and brilliant work by its forwards and an ability to drive the ball direct to team mates kept Glenelg in front all day, although South Adelaide struggled hard to keep the scores in touch until midway through the third term.

Kept Goalless

South Adelaide was 21 points behind at the end of the first quarter, but in the second term it kept Glenelg goalless and added two to its own score, bringing it to within nine points of the home side.

Strangely enough, the south-westerly wind did not favor the northern end. By half-time, there had been 15 scoring shots through the southern goal and seven through the northern.

Glenelg's speedy attack could not be checked in the third term in which it added 5.4 to South's meagre 1.2. Bailey, at centre, was driving the ball forward frequently and the South Adelaide back line fell to pieces when Linke, playing brilliantly at centre half-back, limped off the field with an injured

thigh. South captain Deane played one of his finest games. He opened at centre, but later in the game played in the ruck and at half-back.

Running at top speed, into the wind, with a heavy wet ball, Deane drove faultless drop kicks, deep into his forward lines all day. South Adelaide's kicking was extremely poor, but Deane's was the best on the ground.

Tireless

For Glenelg, Alf Bailey fought tirelessly at centre and later at centre half-forward. Although his football lacked polish, it produced the desired results.

South supporters must have been pleased with the return to form of Des Panizza and Michelmore, who saved face for South Adelaide by holding their own in ruck.

Best Players.—Glenelg—Alf Bailey, Bone, King, Wickham, Marshall, Davies. South Adelaide—Deane, D. Panizza, R. Panizza, Michelmore, Linke, Grear.

Goalkickers.—Glenelg—Churchett, 4.3; Hall and Kerrison, each 2.2; Davies, 3.0; King, 1.3; Pitter, 1.2; Wickham, 1.1; Crab, 1.0; Marshall, Taylor, Alf Bailey, each 0.1. South Adelaide—M. Read, 2.1; R. Panizza, 2.1; Deane, 1.3; Allen, 1.1; Howson, 0.2; Michelmore and Sexton, each 0.1. Read hit the post once.

Conducted by HARRY KNEEBONE

The four teams in the top half of the league football premierships list widened the gap between them and the nearest of the bottom four to six points as a result of Saturday's matches.

Glenelg, following its own success over South Adelaide, and West Torrens's defeat by Norwood, has risen to third place by reason of a better percentage than West Torrens.

To gain a place in the major round, North Adelaide must win at least three more games than either Glenelg or West Torrens—a formidable proposition.

Sturt's defeat of West Adelaide lifted the former from bottom to sixth place.

Casualties

Three players were treated for concussion on Saturday, two in one team.

● Ian McKay (North Adelaide) received a knock on the head early in the game at Alberton, then was the underneath man in a heavy fall by several players. At three-quarter time, when seated on the tarpaulin with the rest of the team, he collapsed and was carried from the ground on a stretcher.

He was treated for concussion.

● L. Weston, North Adelaide back pocket player, who had been one of the best of his side, complained of sickness after the match. He, too, was found to be suffering from concussion.

● Brian Faehse, West Adelaide captain, who was

treated for concussion after the previous match, had to leave the ground during the game against Sturt at Adelaide Oval, following a kick on the head. He was again treated for concussion.

Way (North wingman) received a badly bruised leg muscle and Tidswell, of the same team, has a sprained wrist.

Clingly (West Torrens) received a severe knock above the knee and his fitness to play next Saturday will depend on treatment during the week.

West Torrens hopes to have Sully (injured driving muscle in leg) back this week.

D. Edwards (West Torrens half-back), who injured a knee before the season, has had a light run and is expected to resume kicking practice this week.

Roberts (knee) and Gallagher (shoulder) received treatment at Norwood Oval yesterday. The injuries could be serious enough to keep them out of action next Saturday.

South and State half-back Linke was limping yesterday as the result of an injured thigh. It is possible that he may not be able to play this week.

Fine Sturt Forward Display

By BOB JERVIS

Sturt's fine forward display against West Adelaide at Adelaide Oval may well mark the turn of its fortunes.

The very presence of Thompson, its star ruckman, at the goalfrost seemed to revitalise the outer attack, which played the major part in turning a half-time deficit of eight points into an 11-point win.

Goodchild (centre half-forward) was superb. He tamed the virile Faehse and then did almost as he liked in the air and on the ground.

Hill, a determined mover, did all that could be desired of him on one half-forward flank and Ladd on the other flank came into the game at critical moments.

Brilliant Mark

The ruck, too, pulled its weight, with Harris brilliant and Rattigan effective.

Then there was the amazing Fitzgerald.

Moving from centre half-back into ruck in the last quarter he took an astounding "suspended action" mark and then kicked the goal which made Sturt safe—15 points ahead.

A game which had meandered along aimlessly until half-time thus became a surging torrent of thrilling action thereafter.

Best players.—Sturt—Goodchild, Harris, Fitzgerald, Goldfinch, Thompson, Rattigan, West, Slattery, Wright, Ryan, Trezona, Lynch, Packham.

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Thompson, Hill, each 4.2; Goodchild, 1.2; Fitzgerald, 1.1; Rattigan, Boland, Bagshaw, each 1.0; Harris, 0.1; rushed, 0.1. West Adelaide—Wright, 2.2; Brown, 2.1; Trezona, 1.4; Broadstock, 1.3; Packham, 1.1; Thomas, Richardson, Faehse, each 1.0; Slattery, 0.5; Cannon, 0.1.

Torrens Pays For Lapse

By COLIN SYMONDS

West Torrens's inability to find the goal-mouth more than three times from a dozen or more shots in the first half virtually brought about its 13-point defeat by Norwood at Norwood Oval.

Torrens fought on gamely to outscore Norwood by two goals in the second half, pushing Norwood every inch in the closing stages after being six goals down in the third term.

But its half-time deficit of 25 points had set too great a handicap.

Norwood had too many men in top form, foremost among them Walker, who maintained a high standard in ruck throughout.

Bob Hank turned in a solid, if unspectacular game against Gallagher to give Torrens an advantage at centre.

Best players.—Norwood, Walker, Olds, Gallagher, Young, Butler, Giles, West Torrens, Bob Hank, Head, Roberts, Ray Hank, Ashby, Lodge.

Goalkickers.—Norwood, Young, 3.0; Mayo, 3.2; Poedike, 2.3; Walker, 2.0; Giles, Hines, each 1.1; Vivian, 0.2; Dalwood, Hodgins, each 0.1; rushed, 0.1. West Torrens, Willis, 5.4; Head, 2.2; Bradford, 1.3; Coverlid, Ray Hank, Prior and Pratt, each 1.0; Bill Hank, 0.2; rushed, 0.1. Willis hit a goalpost.

North Scoreless Against Wind

By HARRY KNEEBONE

Holding North Adelaide scoreless each time that team faced the diagonal breeze and kicking 4.4 against it itself, Port Adelaide swarmed all over the opposition in the last quarter to win by more than seven goals at Alberton.

The standard of play throughout was disappointingly poor.

It was apparent before the third quarter was over that Port Adelaide was going to win easily, for North Adelaide with the breeze favoring it, could not gain the three or four-goal lead needed to offset Port Adelaide's last quarter with the wind.

Until then North Adelaide generally had seemed to be the faster side, but there was only one team in it after that and North, by its last quarter demeanor, admitted it.

Port drew its strength from many sources, but principally from a dashing pair of wingmen; an almost incredible display of judgment in defence by Russell and the astute roving of Whitaker.

Best Players.—Port Adelaide, McDonald, Russell, Whitaker, Luke Clift, Hayes, North Adelaide, Griffin, McKenzie, Galloway, Weston, Hewitt, Stringer.

Goalkickers.—Port Adelaide, Coldwell and Hayes, each 3.2; Whitaker and Motley, each 2.2; Jaggard, 1.1; Luke Marrett and Boyd, each 1.0; Dittmar, Trowse and Garland, each 0.1; knocked, 0.1. North Adelaide, W. McKenzie, 5.1; P. Blunden, 3.0; Phillips, 1.0; Gilbourne, Proud and Kennett, each 0.1; rushed, 0.2.