

# PORT AND WEST OUT OF THE FOUR

## NORTHS UNLUCKY DRAW

### Start in Splendid Form

### SOUTHS INSPIRING FINISH

Beautiful weather prevailed this afternoon when the thirteenth set of league football matches was played.

Norwood followed up their defeat by Port in the last match with a drawn game with North Adelaide. To all appearances the eastern team have declined in form. Nevertheless, the redlegs' previous performances have put them in an unassailable position as regards the minor premiership.

By beating Port at Alberton this afternoon Sturt have strengthened their claim on the second position, while South Adelaide, by disposing of West Adelaide, have retained their place on the third line. West Torrens have replaced North Adelaide in fourth position. Port Adelaide, West Adelaide, and Glenelg remain in the sixth, seventh, and last places respectively.

Norwood, Sturt, and South are definitely in the first four, which will fight out the second round for final honors, while Port, West, and Glenelg are hopelessly out of the running, and will finish their season on September 8. This leaves only Torrens and North as candidates for the fourth place in the quartet. The blue-and-golds at present have an advantage over the northerners of one premiership point.

The next series of matches—to be played a fortnight hence—will conclude the minor round. Torrens will meet Sturt at Unley, and North will be engaged with Port at Alberton.

For North to get into the four they must win and Torrens be defeated.

#### Port Adelaide v. Sturt

Flushed by their wonderful victory against Norwood, Port Adelaide entered the field against Sturt at Alberton this afternoon in expectation of another good win. The playing conditions were ideal, with a light westerly wind blowing across the oval. The crowd was the largest seen at Alberton this season.

STURT 4-3 5-7 8-11 11-13  
PORT 2-2 4-5 8-6 9-6

**Best Players.**—For Sturt—Golding (in goal), Caldwell, Colquhoun, and Sharp (defending), Barron (roving), Nicolls and S. Scrutton (ruck), Leak and Waters (forward), Hale (wing), and Rau (half-forward). For Port—Bungey and McDonald (defending), L. C. Dayman and Barker (following), Bayley and Latimer (roving), Allingham (forward), and Drew (wing).

**Goalkeepers.**—For Sturt—Leak (5), Waters (3), Raley (2), and Rau. For Port—Allingham (3), L. C. Dayman (2), Dewar (2), and C. Dayman.

#### South Adelaide v. West Adelaide

Opponents on the Adelaide Oval this afternoon were South Adelaide and West Adelaide, third and seventh respectively on the premiership list when the match began, and both struggling for inclusion in the big four. The previous match between these teams was won by South, but it was quite on the cards that the red-and-blacks would turn the tables today.

SOUTH 2-2 4-4 11-8 14-15  
WEST 2-4 3-10 4-13 7-14

**Best Players.**—South—A. Ryan, Moriarty, Oliver, Kaye, Scanlon, J. and C. Daly, Wayne. West—Barnes, Lee, Jack and Jim Bishop, Huxtable, McGregor, Bailey, Macklin.

**Goalkeepers.**—South—A. Ryan (6), Kay (4), J. Daly (2), Wayne, D. Thomas. West—Macklin (2), Barnes, Whitford, Dance, McGregor, Kempster.

#### Norwood v. North Adelaide

NORTH 2-1 4-8 7-15 10-19  
NORWOOD 3-8 5-5 8-7 13-7

**Best players.**—North Adelaide: Conrad, Zeven, Lewis, Curnow, Burt, Fuas, Hyde. Norwood—Scott, W. Bent, B. C. Scott, Potts, Symonds, Stevens, Wadlam.

**Goalkeepers.**—North Adelaide—Lewis 4, Thomas 3, McDonald 2, Curnow 1. Norwood—Bent 5, B. Scott 4, Wadham 2, Schumacker 1.

By Tom Leahy

Under conditions for football that were ideal North Adelaide provided the feature of the day against Norwood on the Norwood Oval today. With a two-goal lead a few minutes from the end North were cut off from victory by a startling revival by Norwood, and the fact that the last shot by Lewis struck a post.

Rarely has there been a more exciting and closely contested game. North excelled in two departments. They showed out in these two more than any other team I have seen this season. One was their dash in getting to the ball, and the second the able manner in which they followed up and assisted their men by shepherding.

That was where they beat Norwood every time. North are an exceptionally well-built side, and they have men who can both turn quickly and mark brilliantly.

#### A GOALGETTER NEEDED.

North's forward division, although Lewis heads the goalkicking list, appears to me to be their only weak point. Apart from Lewis, who was decidedly unlucky, they have not another man who is recognised for his ability as a goalgetter, and who can be depended upon to kick goals if Lewis is absent. Their goalkicking list today speaks for itself in this division.

But North predominated a good deal. They shone out particularly in rushing up and helping each other out of difficult positions, and, at times, it seemed as if there were four North men to one Norwood. That is a great art in football, and North have learned it well. Norwood did not play the game they have been doing throughout the season. Time and again they went in for too much running with the ball instead of the prompt delivery, and they handpassed too often.

#### EXCELLENT FOOTBALL.

There were more of those beautiful long, driving drop kicks down the centre of the field which Norwood have so often displayed, and they did not have the dash of their opponents. At times they showed some good flashes of football. In fact, the football of both teams at certain stages was more of the old style. There were times when the ball hardly touched the

#### RESULTS AT GLANCE

STURT . . . . . 11-12  
PORT . . . . . 9-6

SOUTH . . . . . 14-15  
WEST . . . . . 7-14

NORWOOD . . . . . 12-7  
NORTH . . . . . 10-19

TORRENS . . . . . 16-21  
GLENELG . . . . . 6-5

#### PREMIERSHIP LIST

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	Prem.	
Norwood	13	11	1	1	276	719	23
Sturt	13	9	—	4	245	698	18
South	13	8	—	5	216	737	16
Torrens	13	7	—	6	201	852	14
North	13	6	1	6	202	731	13
Port	13	5	—	8	157	852	10
West	13	5	—	8	709	731	10
Glenelg	13	—	—	13	524	1159	—

#### Attendances and Takings

	Attendance	Takings
Alberton Oval	10,600	£376
Norwood Oval	7,500	£270
Adelaide Oval	6,200	175

#### FOOTBALL NOTES

##### Torrens v. Glenelg

At the Glenelg Oval today the game was strenuous on the part of both teams, but Torrens had an easy victory. Though the seashiders frequently exhibited dash and vim, their efforts were too often nullified by lack of cohesion in the forward division. Torrens were better in the air and on the ground, but both sides were guilty of fumbling.

The absence of Perry (the interstate reserve) was a loss to the Bays, but Head did effective work in the pivotal position. Perry had to go to Moonta on account of his wife's illness. Further misfortune followed the home team through Spry being incapacitated in the first quarter. Pain, Torrens' forward, received a nasty knock during the final term and was carried from the field suffering from slight concussion.

O'Grady, roving and forward, exhibited that elusiveness which has marked his play throughout the season. Five goals is a good day's work. Marvell shared honors with his rover and was a nippy performer.

Brown at centre played his usual clever and effective game.

Karney gave an exhibition of skill and strategy scouting forward. This grand player now seems to be back to his old form of some years ago.

Davies through an ankle injury had to leave his position as goal custodian early in the game, but he played bravely in the attacking division.

Moore was Glenelg's most conspicuous figure, whether rucking, back, or forward. His high marking and kicking were excellent.

E. Ross scouted beautifully and worked energetically all day.

Dick Head, though perhaps lacking the dash of his palmy days, by means of long punts and pretty hand passing was a useful man to his side, and as coach to his team he showed an excellent example in the way he always found a comrade.

ground from one end to the other, the brilliant chains of marks being beautiful to watch.

Norwood were handicapped to a slight extent by the loss of Dobsou, who sprained an ankle. Packham played, but was lame most of the time. Norwood were hard pressed, however, for there was never much separating the teams.

It was only a few minutes before time when North had a substantial lead almost sufficient to win the match, that Norwood, by one of their bursts of original form, overtook them and held them until the final bell went.

#### EXCITING MOMENTS.

It was most fortunate for Norwood and bad luck for North that the last kick for goal of the day by Lewis struck a post. Thousands watched breathlessly as it flew almost straight for the goalmouth, and then in falling it twisted. Then the tension relaxed, but it meant much to North, for the game was drawn.

It was a good game, each side fighting neck and neck right through, and the northerners deserve congratulations on their great fight.

Of North's side Thomas played a magnificent game. What a battler he is! Time and again he headed the ball on, but the pity was that his direction is not as good as it could be. He has the makings of a champion footballer otherwise. Conrad on the wing played a pretty game, and Hyde marked brilliantly at half back. Lewis was most unlucky. Though he kicked four goals he had many other shots which just went astray, several of them just missing by inches.

#### CURNOW'S YOUTHFUL DASH.

It was really pleasing to me to see an old veteran like Curnow playing so well. He showed the dash of a man 15 years younger and tore through with the ball in amazing fashion. Perryman came right back to his old-time form, and Dawe rendered good service.

The best man for Norwood undoubtedly was W. Scott, who played a really wonderful game today. He was there whenever wanted, and if it had not been for him and Mutton in the back lines it is safe to say North would have won easily.

B. A. Scott also did well and Bent played a good game forward. Stephens was prominent up till half-time, while Symonds on the wing was fair. Lill marked in good style, and White played his usual game.

But taken right through Norwood did not display the form with which they have been triumphing this season. They were a little over-anxious, and they adapted methods which were not calculated to win them the game, namely, too much hand passing and holding on to the ball.

#### West Torrens v. Glenelg

The result of the contest on the Glenelg Oval today between the seashiders and West Torrens was deemed a certainty, but the westerners, in addition to adding a win, wished to improve their percentage, which is likely to be a deciding factor in securing a position in the final four.

Torrens have been fortunate in recent matches, experiencing no serious injuries to players, and they took the field with their best eighteen.

Glenelg again had the assistance of their skipper, Jack Hanley, but were weakened by the absence of Perry, fatally illness having necessitated him going to the Peninsula. The veteran Dick Head filled the vacancy.

The ground was in perfect condition. Brown was fortunate in the loss, and selected the northern end.

Umpire Waters had charge of the game.

Play hovered round the centre, but eventually the westerners got through, and Karney scored. Glenelg made a spirited attack, and Moore marked in front, calling up two flags.

Hanky, Head, and Sallis combined well, and the latter had a shot, but the ball went out of bounds. Despite the dry leather fumbling was rampant. Fine handball on the part of Torrens took the ball down, and they notched a point. Karney marked in front, and had no difficulty in scoring a six-pointer. Head started an offensive from centre, but the forwards fumbled, and a good chance was missed. Torrens' backs now had a busy five minutes. E. Ross put in useful work. Spry, limping badly, was sent into goal. Hollis kicked a sixer from a free. Glenelg now rushed forward, and E. Ross booted a single from an acute angle.

The Bay team's weakness in their artillery nullified good opportunities. Brown marked at centre, and Marvell ran into an open goal—another two-pointer to Torrens. A pretty pass by Sallis to Hine. He kicked out of bounds, but made amends by a snapped goal from the throw-in. Torrens retailed with another maximum from Karney's boot—his third. Mills repeated the dose a minute later. The bell sounded with Glenelg attacking. Scores:—

TORRENS . . . . . 6-4  
GLENELG . . . . . 2-1

Torrens were giving no quarter and Marvell kicked a point off the ground. Two more minors came from Karney. O'Grady punted from the scrum and the ball went through the big uprights. The seashiders attacked but found their opponents' backs on the qui-vive. Moore and Hanley, the Bay's giants, were noticeable for serviceable play, and Marshall was fine in defence. Gotta placed Murphy in possession, and he scored. The westerners responded with a sixer from Adams 10 seconds later. Karney passed to Adams and his try was touched going through. A sequence of chain handball—Adams to Marvell, and that accurate goalsneak kicked his second goal. Hanley went back in the ruck and started an offensive, but the Bay forwards were again found wanting. Gotta, roving, was the shining star for the home team. G. Ross scored a point and then his brother, E. Ross, landed full points. O'Grady kept up the westerners' average with a goal. Marvell to Mills to Karney and a further single was added. Davies, now transferred from back to the forward lines, registered a good goal. Torrens were monopolising the play, although Gates was doing yeoman service in the back ranks for the Bay team. Combined work by Karney and Davies followed and the latter added a point. Glenelg were on the defensive when the long interval was signalled.

Glenelg were unfortunate in having to play without the services of Spry, who, although on the field, was useless after the first few minutes. Scores:—

TORRENS . . . . . 11-4  
GLENELG . . . . . 4-3

In view of the home team's deficit of 48 points the local band realised the seriousness of the position, and during the interval played enlivening music to hearten players and supporters.

The Ross brothers and Dick Head led attacks for the tigers, but were kept out by a machine-like defence. The westerners then advanced and two singles were quickly added. Talls and Harrold worked well forward, but only a point came. Brown and Karney were conspicuous and Phillips added a single. The game now resolved itself in a kick-for-kick exhibition, but eventually Phillips promoted an attack and Davies booted his second maximum, the first since half-time. A couple more minors came from Davies, who, although limping, was scouting successfully adjacent to goal.

Pain was awarded a free, but injuries prevented him taking his kick. He was later carried off the field. Moore's defence gained much applause. Play now became over-strenuous, and Umpire Waters had to stop the game for two minutes to allow the contestants to simmer down. Hollis had a free right in front, but the ball screwed off his boot for a point. However, O'Grady from the kick-off registered a sixer just before the bell. Scores:—

TORRENS . . . . . 13-15  
GLENELG . . . . . 4-4

Play fluctuated between centre and Torrens' forwards at the opening of the final term. From a scramble in front O'Grady called up his team's sixteenth single. Hanley and Head (two erstwhile West Adelaide champions) with great play sent to Moore, and he booted Glenelg's first goal since the interval. A few seconds later Marvell landed a full cargo. The play now opened out and some spectacular handball was exhibited in mid-field by both sides. Another Torrens sortie and the alert O'Grady snapped a major. Glenelg's turn now arrived. Commencing an attack by Head's handball E. Ross scored. This enthused Torrens, and O'Grady scored from a mark a few feet in front. The home team were temporarily nonplussed by brilliant attacks from the visitors, but they resulted only in minors. Glenelg, however, managed a point as the bell signalled the end of an uninteresting game. Final scores:—

TORRENS . . . . . 16-21  
GLENELG . . . . . 6-5

**Best Players.**—West Torrens—O'Grady, Marvell, Brown, Karney, Hollis, Davies, Glenelg—Gotta, Marshall, Gates, Moore, Head, Hanley, E. Ross.

**Goalkeepers.**—West Torrens—O'Grady (5), Karney and Marvell (each 3), Davies (2), Adams, Mills, Hollis, Glenelg—E. Ross and Moore (each 2), Hine, Murphy.