Today's Football Winners---Sturt, Port, Norwood, and South

FAST AND THRILLING PLAY IN OPENING MATCHES

New Out-of-bounds Rule Makes No Vital Difference to Game

NEW GLENELG STAR'S 11 GOALS

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The 1933 football season opened auspiciously today. At the four league games, more than 24,000 people saw a comparatively high standard of football. The ovals were inclined to be hard, but the calm weather assisted the teams to play fast and thrilling football.

The highlight of the day was the performance of C. Rosewarne, the new Glenelg goalsneak, who scored 11 goals in his first A grade game.

There were no real surprises in the results of the matches, although it had been generally expected that Torrens would have put up a better showing against Norwood. The redlegs placed a reconstructed team in the field and, establishing an early lead, led throughout. It was a vigorous game, but Norwood met the hard bumping tactics of Torrens squarely, and a superiority in the air gave them victory. Waite capped a good effort for Torrens by scoring seven goals.

The star attraction of the day was at Unley, where last season's finalists played their premiership game over again. Once more Sturt clearly had the measure of North, and, but for an exasperating run of singles in the final term, would have won by a far greater margin of points.

The changed boundary rule was little in evidence. At Unley I do not think the ball was thrown in from the boundary more than six times. Its effect is negligible.

LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	Points for	Points as.	Prem pts.
Sturt	1	1	—	122	95	2
Norwood	1	1	—	102	82	2
Port	1	1	—	91	74	2
South	1	1	—	128	112	2
Glenelg	1	—	1	112	128	—
West	1	—	1	74	91	—
Torrens	1	—	1	82	102	—
North	1	—	1	95	122	—

FINAL SCORES

A GRADE

Sturt	18—14
North	15—5
Norwood	15—12
Torrens	12—10
Port	13—13
West	10—14
South	17—26
Glenelg	17—10

LEAGUE GOALKICKERS

C. Rosewarne (Glenelg)	11
Waite (Torrens)	7
G. Green (Sturt)	6
Bennetts (West)	4
Kreme (Norwood)	4
J. Murdy (South)	4
Farmer (North)	3
Foulis (North)	3
Hall (South)	3
N. Hender (Port)	3
W. McCallum (Norwood)	3
M. Murdy (South)	3
Owens (Glenelg)	3
Robertson (Port)	3
Thompson (West)	3
Tully (South)	3
Wundersitz (Sturt)	3

SOUTH'S THIRD TERM BURST

In spite of a great league debut by C. Rosewarne, who kicked 11 goals out of 15 shots for Glenelg, South were victorious at the Adelaide Oval. A brilliant third quarter burst by South, during which they played football worthy of a premiership team, gave them the game. It put them only four points ahead, but it was the moral effect that proved too much for the seasiders.

Rosewarne's performance—he kicked his first nine goals without a point—is a record for a first appearance in South Australian League football. At the beginning of the match he was getting most of his chances from short passes. But by the third quarter he was dashing into the pack, where uncanny judgment gave him good marks. He is a worthy successor to Owens.

SOUTH

Backs—Mutcahy, Dornan, Page.
Half-backs—Hassett, Mann, Hewitt.
Centres—Croft, Jaffer, Black.
Half-forwards—Dayman, M. Murdy, Hebbard.
Forwards—Hall, J. Murdy, Willshire.
Ruck—Masters, W. Thomas, Tully; Willshire, Page, Hall.
Rovers—Cahill.
Cahill (19th) replaced Black (kick in ankle) near the end of the third quarter.

GLENELG

Backs—Curnow, James, R. Rosewarne.
Half-backs—Brock, Coleman, Wells.
Centres—Hill, Sallis, Hallahan.
Half-forwards—Wundersitz Owens, Murphy.
Forwards—Plummer, C. Rosewarne, Colyer.
Ruck—Johnston, Hale. Link: Plummer, R. Rosewarne, Colyer.
Reserves—Wigan.
Umpire—R. T. R. Currie.
Attendance, 3,000.

Owens, captain of Glenelg for the first time, won the toss, and decided to kick towards the cathedral end, which was slightly favored by a cross breeze.

Thirty seconds after the ball was bounced South had scored, the ball dribbling through from a pot shot by Tully.

Glenelg took the ball down the field with great dash. A point came when Link hit a post, but Rosewarne followed with a goal.

South were attacking determinedly, and Hebbard got the first goal with a 30-yard kick. Another came from J. Murdy.

Jaffer, at centre, soon began to exercise a powerful influence on the game, and for a while Glenelg were forced to play to the wind.

Then Johnston, following Owens, centre half-forward, and C. Rosewarne, goalsneak, put a different complexion on the game.

Rosewarne was leading out well, and was getting away from Dornan, South's new keeper. He followed his first goal with two more, and Owens finished the burst with the side's fourth goal for the quarter just before the bell rang.

First Quarter

GLENELG	4—4
SOUTH	3—3

Rosewarne was well in the picture when ever the ball came near him. A few seconds after the quarter began he goaled, Tully got a point at the other end, and then Rosewarne, receiving from Sallis 20 yards in front of the goal, kicked it right through the centre.

When the ball came down again Wundersitz sent the ball to him, and another goal went on the board.

There was a temporary lull, and the Murdy brothers added a goal and two points for South. J. Murdy, the goalsneak, was failing to reproduce the accuracy he showed in the trials.

Then Rosewarne at the other end, came into the picture again. Dashing out of a scrimmage with the ball, and with a South man fighting hard to get at him, he got his seventh goal.

This burst of brilliance by Glenelg made South look ragged, but Hall and J. Murdy goaled with two rare bursts. After Tully too, had scored, South were only three points behind. It was wholly Rosewarne's work in front of goal that had put Glenelg ahead.

Then Rosewarne missed for the first time. His shot went out. Owens goaled after a South man had been pulled down. Owens ran in as if he expected to be pulled up at any moment by the umpire, but he was not.

Johnston, whose marking was excellent, got Glenelg's other goal for the quarter.

Half-time

GLENELG	12—5
SOUTH	8—10

The third quarter began with a goal from M. Murdy, who was the best of the South men. South were playing great football now. Thomas goaled.

South kept up a bombardment, but only points were added until J. Murdy broke through and booted his third goal after a scrimmage.

Glenelg passed the centre line only once in the first 18 minutes. Plummer kicked a behind from some distance out. Then the ball returned to South's end. The city team was playing with rare dash.

Twice Glenelg goaled, through C. Rosewarne and Hale. Dornan had been taken out of goal into the ruck, and Page had gone there in an attempt to stop Rosewarne, but it was unavailing. With great judgment he marked at the back of the goalkeeper and kicked the ball through. It was his ninth goal without a behind—a great entry into league football.

At the other end Hall, who was roving with great dash, and M. Murdy goaled to give South the lead.

About five minutes before the end of he quarter Black, who had been kicked in an ankle, went off, and the reserve, Cahill, came on.

Third Quarter

SOUTH	13—22
GLENELG	15—6

Masters increased South's advantage with a goal, after the ball had been cleverly punched to him. His nose was bleeding as a result of a scrimmage.

To even it, C. Rosewarne came to light—this time with a great mark and a goal. Then he lost the accuracy that had characterised his play earlier, and two points came from his boot.

With only two points separating the scores excitement ran high.

Suddenly the ball was flashed towards South's goal. The ball went through the pack, and Hall was left with an open goal.

Then Glenelg supporters were wild with delight as C. Rosewarne, marking in a crush, put on Glenelg's seventeenth goal.

Down the ball went to the South end again, but only points came when goals were needed. Then J. Murdy put South nine points ahead.

Curnow (Glenelg) was penalised for a throw, and the ball was cleared. Thomas made the same mistake for South.

Glenelg made a last desperate attempt to break through, but could not pierce South's last line of defence. For two or three minutes they fought. Then South were away again, and Willshire put an end to Glenelg's chances with a goal from a free. A minute later the bell rang.

Final

SOUTH	17—26
GLENELG	17—10

Best Players.—South—Tully, Hall, Jaffer, Hebard, M. Murdy, Hassett. Glenelg—C. Rosewarne, Johnston, Hill, Sallis, James, Wundersitz.

Goalkickers.—South, J. Murdy (4), M. Murdy, Tully, and Hall (each 3), Thomas, Hebbard, Masters, and Willshire. Glenelg—C. Rosewarne (11), Owens (3), Johnston, Plummer, and Link.

STURT BRILLIANT AT UNLEY

(By O. J. O'GRADY)

In convincingly defeating North at Unley, Sturt showed great form, indicating that they will again take a leading part in the fight for premiership honors.

Sturt are strong at most points, but it appears that their defence will play the most important part. North should be satisfied with their showing today, as several of their stars can be expected to improve on today's showing. The juniors should improve with more experience in league games.

STURT	4—1	10—3	14—7	18—14
NORTH	0—2	3—2	13—4	15—5

Goalkickers.—Sturt—G. Green (6), Wundersitz (3), Musseman and Martin (each 2), S. Headon, Robertson, R. Green, McLeod, and Bateman. North—Foulis and Farmer (each 3), McInnes, Disher, Taylor (each 2), Parnell, Lock, and Hayden.

Best Players.—Sturt—G. Green, Wundersitz, Sims, Musseman, Dunn, Aistrope, and Parsons. North—Mackay, Taylor, Disher, Mangelsdorf, Furler, Foulis, and McInnes.

NORWOOD FASTER THAN TORRENS

More pace and a definite superiority in the air was largely responsible for the Norwood victory over Torrens at Norwood. Torrens, however, played a more vigorous game. Except for a number of scrimmages half-way through the last quarter, the football was generally of good standard.

Norwood handballed and foot-passed accurately, and were in front of their men for the greater part of the match. A feature of the game was Waite's performance in kicking seven goals.

NORWOOD	5—6	8—8	11—10	15—12
TORRENS	3—1	5—3	8—10	12—10

Goalkickers.—Norwood—Kreme (4), W. B. McCallum (3), Johnson, Biddell, and Woodroofe (each 2), O'Brien, and Plumstead. Torrens—Waite (7), Ashby (2), Frogley, Drury, and Bridgman.

Best Players.—Norwood—Johnson, Flint, Carryer, Hurtable, W. B. and S. P. McCallum, Kreimer, and Chinnery. Torrens—Adcock, Reed, Frogley, Sincock, Quinn, Waite, and Pontifex.

WEST BEATEN OFF BY PORT

After lagging a long way behind for most of the match against Port at Alberton, West staged a determined recovery half-way through the third quarter, and for a time appeared likely to pull the game out of the fire. The closing stages found them out, however, and Port, after temporary demoralisation, were untroubled to maintain their advantage.

PORT	4—2	8—6	9—11	13—13
WEST	2—2	5—6	9—11	10—14

Best Players.—Port—N. Hender, V. Johnson, Dermody, Mockridge, Obst, Hooper, Gilbert, and Weeding. West—Snell, Connell, Thompson, Simons, Webber, Matthews, Graham.

Goalkickers.—Port—N. Hender and Robertson (each 3), Hooper, and Kellaway (each 2), A. Hender, Obst, and Wightman. West—Bennetts (4), Thompson (3), Williams (2), Bottomley.

South's Forward Weakness

South with a great third quarter burst against Glenelg on the Adelaide Oval showed that if they play at their top, they may finish much higher on the list than in recent seasons. The burst also revealed their cardinal weakness—lack of a full forward who can kick more goals than behinds.

Their rucks are strong, and their half-forward line good enough to get the ball down to the goalmouth sufficiently often in most company. Glenelg, on the other hand, depended very largely on their goalsneak.

Had C. Rosewarne been playing for South today instead of Glenelg, South must have won by a most substantial margin. South were attacking most of the time, and gave the forwards plenty of opportunities. Glenelg, on the other hand, gave Rosewarne very few opportunities that he did not turn into goals.

South were the faster team to the ball and often used handball and short passing to advantage. But one of the most successful pieces of handball seemed to have an element of luck about it.

The ball went forward, but Masters seemed to be keeping out of the play for a little while to get over a knock. The man with the ball handballed it about 15 yards to him, and Masters was surprised to find himself in a position as good as any skilful leading out could have given him. He goaled.

South seemed to be better trained than Glenelg, who usually spring very quickly into form. In spite of their fast third quarter, they lasted better than the seasiders.

CLOSE-UPS OF LEAGUE PLAYERS

HOWARD Pfitzner made a worthy return to league football, playing for Norwood against Torrens. At half-back he was frequently seen to advantage. His height and speed proved of great benefit to him. He played for North about five years ago.

M. G. Waite

M. G. Waite, the Torrens goalsneak and interstate cricketer, quickly struck form at Norwood. He finished with seven goals. Once he passed from centre to a team-mate, ran to the goalmouth, and, taking the mark above the packs, scored a goal.

CHINNERY was one of the best of Norwood's defenders. Chinnery is very solidly built. He turned several Torrens attacks.

MAX Pontifex, last year's Magarey medallist, shone at times for Torrens. His fair tactics and open play were justly applauded.

SALLIS, opposed to Jaffer in the Glenelg-South match at Adelaide, was overshadowed in the first quarter, but later showed out to advantage. Several times, however, he spoiled his play by holding the ball, especially when he had gathered in the knockout from the ruck.

TULLY and Hall were always sound, and occasionally brilliant roving and at forward for South against Glenelg. Both of them kicked three goals. Tully's tactics of kicking the ball as soon as it came to him from the rucks and at the throw-ins should be an object lesson to many.

JAFFER, the South captain and centreman, played well after a brilliant start against Glenelg.

G. B. Johnston, the Glenelg ruckman, was the safest man of the 36 in the match against South at Adelaide. He often flew fairly high, and nearly always brought the ball down with him.

OWENS, playing at centre half-forward for Glenelg against South, was not the Jack Owens who has often thrilled the crowds in front of goal. He was not certain enough either on the ground or in the air, and his kicking from half-forward was not as valuable as it would have been nearer goal. He played a solid game.

G. B. Johnston

runs being one of the features of the match. Brock was another good defender, and the full-back, James, did all that was asked of him. Johnston dominated the play near him, with his high marking. Plummer, Owens, Murphy, Colyer, and Sallis were also prominent.

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Glenelg, 17 goals 10 behinds.

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South Evenly Balanced

South Adelaide demonstrated that it is a very evenly-balanced side, with dash as its principal asset. Hall, in addition to kicking four goals, gave plenty of unselfish assistance to the other forwards, and played an important part in the team's win. J. Murdy made a promising debut, and his brother, M. A. Murdy, was always prominent. Hewitt did good work on the back line. Other outstanding players were Mulcahy, Mann, Hebbard, Tully, and Willshire.

In C. F. Rosewarne Glenelg had easily the best man on the field, and in Wells the second best. Wells played a really lionhearted game in defence, his clearing

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