

And now for the first semi . . .

**FOOTBALL LIFT-OUT**

# NORWOOD! say the experts

## Their vote— 3/1 against the Eagles

**Sunday Mail football writers select Norwood to defeat Torrens in next Saturday's league football first semi-final at Adelaide Oval.**

**They favor Norwood in a 3-1 majority.**

Here are their views:

**VIC JOHNSON:** Making a decision as to the likely winner of the first semi-final is not easy.

Norwood have not been convincing in any way over the past few weeks, but they have had a long list of injuries and sickness. But so also have their opponents, Torrens.

Torrens have a great fighting spirit which gets them through when things appear the most difficult.

Their defence has been a source of worry to them throughout the season and they cannot claim it to be stabilised as yet but, then again, Norwood are in the same boat.

The battles between the rucks and across centre, provided both teams can produce a full muster of players should be very even.

I fancy Norwood's defence is a little the stronger and feel that the result will depend greatly on the roving power of the teams in this position.

I fancy Norwood are the better served and my guess goes to the Redlegs.

**Head-danger!**

Sam Gallagher: Taken over the season, Norwood's best has been better than Torrens. But Torrens have

the ability to hang on even when defeat seems inevitable.

This makes them dangerous opponents, especially when Norwood's margin of skill is not so marked.

But Norwood's return to winning form at Prospect, uncertain though it was, suggests that they will be able to produce something approaching their best next Saturday.

They have a roving trio who proved match-winners not so long ago and the return to stability of their defence should see them in front at the finish.

Norwood's main dangers will be Head and Clingly. Head is the type of player who never wastes a kick. If he is allowed any latitude at all, Norwood will be in trouble.

Mick Clingly will go into this game with confidence after his previous success against Reimann, when he kicked six goals at Thebarton a month ago. Clingly can be devastating if he gets a good start, but Reimann's close checking should hold him.

**'Four' form**

**JOHN MEHAFFEY:** Provided both teams are at full strength and the weather is fine, I choose Torrens.

Torrens will be flounder-

ing if conditions are wet.

In the last two matches Torrens have turned what looked like certain defeat into a win, and this is final-four style of football.

The game will be won or lost in ruck and across centre.

Bob Hank and Koerner will have a good battle, but Hank's kicking is far superior.

Norwood's strong point is their rucks and the speed of their rovers, and it will take Torrens all their power and pace to match Fosdike, Vivian, and Dickson.

Torrens' star players will need to get on top early as Norwood is one side that, if in front, is hard to crush.

**Better ruck**

**GIL LANGLEY:** I pick Norwood.

The Redlegs have been hit quite hard by injuries, but players should be in top form by next Saturday.

Their superior ruckwork, plus a better roving string, could give them their winning break.

The form of both teams lately has been well below premiership standard but, maybe, they were taking things quietly with the four already decided.

Torrens could hold sway in the forward lines, where Norwood show a definite weakness.

# FURIOUS FINISH BY THE EAGLES

By **JOHN MEHAFFEY**

**Trailing by 28 points to the last quarter, Torrens finished in whirl-wind fashion to over-run Glenelg, and win by three goals at Glenelg Oval today.**

Torrens added four goals within three minutes of the last quarter.

Torrens' revival was due to Morrell springing to life, and knocking accurately for the first time. This allowed Head to get the run of the ball, and he lifted a pathetic forward area into working order.

Forwards who had been well beaten all day were transformed into a confident combination.

Early in the game Glenelg won decisively in and around the rucks, and rovers Fraser and Wilson initiated the Glenelg drive.

Had their shooting for goal been better directed when kicking with a strong wind in the first quarter they could have easily won.

One goal nine behinds from more than 10 shots was shocking football.

Torrens, when using the breeze in the second quarter, also failed to take advantage of it.

Glenelg outscored Torrens, although kicking into a strong wind.

Roberts led a hard-working defence team and their co-operation was excellent. Abley, usually a high-

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marking, straight-kicking spearhead, was held down to 1-3.

Davies, at centre, marked well and began many thrusts, but in the close ground play and for making kicks count, Bob Hank was the master.

Slaven's wing was a reliable avenue through to goal, and Torrens exploited this whenever possible.

Robinson and Baillie were safe at half-back, and whenever the ball did go farther in Evans had the full forward covered.

At half-time Maczkowiack went to full forward, Keane to centre half-forward, and Teasdale, who had been beaten, went across to the flank.

The first half was of a poor standard but Glenelg, surer in attack, looked a far better combination.

Bad ball handling and lack of method or understanding by both teams led to a scrambling, negative game.

However, when Torrens did decide to play football, it was of a high order.

Roberts was Torrens' best player. He defended bril-

liantly and was always sure and safe in disposal. He kept Abley down to one goal.

Slaven was in good form on a wing.

Head played serviceably for three quarters then starred in giving Torrens a win.

Bob Hank was beaten in the air by Davies, but was at his best in the hard ground play clashes and in disposal.

Ray Hank played solidly for four quarters, and finished up with five goals.

Hine, at half-back, and Morrell, in ruck, were best of the others.

**Glenelg's best**

Fraser was Glenelg's best. He showed plenty of courage and finished with three goals.

Baillie and Robinson at half-back were never beaten. They were often under notice with strong clearances.

Davies was Glenelg's continual driving force at centre, while Wilson, Milbank, and Evans were best of the others.

**Today's details at a glance**

Grounds: Firm.

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**BEST PLAYERS.—TORRENS:** Roberts, Slavin, Head, Bob Hank, Ray Hank, Hine, Morrell. **GLENELG:** Fraser, Baillie, Davies, Robinson, Wilson, Milbank, Evans.

**SCORERS.—TORRENS:** Ray Hank 5.2, Head 3.1, Morrell 2.0, Coleman, Bob Hank, Hine 1.0, Maczkowiack, Livesey, Fischer 0.2, Keane, Cunningham, Pilmore, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Fraser 3.2, Wright 2.2, Abley 1.3, Crowder, Milbank 1.1, Richens, Branson 1.0, Cutten, Wilson 0.2.

**REPLACEMENTS.—TORRENS:** Thorsen (ankle) replaced by Rebuli in the last quarter. **GLENELG:** Nil.

|      | 1-2 | 8-4 | 11-7 | 23-11 | 149 |
|------|-----|-----|------|-------|-----|
| Port | 1-2 | 8-4 | 11-7 | 23-11 | 149 |
| West | 3-5 | 8-8 | 13-8 | 17-11 | 113 |

**BEST PLAYERS.—PORT:** Obst, Whelan, Williams, McDonald, Garland, Boyd, Hayes. **WEST:** Rossetto, Williams, Kerley, Bray, Benton, Phipps, Day.

**SCORERS.—PORT:** Sawford 5.3, Boyd 4.3, Johns, Zucker 3.0, Obst 2.1, Williams 2.0, Hawke 1.2, Whelan 1.1, Trowse, Stevens 1.0, McDonald 0.1. **WEST:** Phipps 5.1, Bray 2.1, Brown, Benton 2.0, Williams 1.4, Day 1.2, McGregor, A'Court 1.1, Chynoweth, Rossetto 1.0, rushed 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS.—Kretschmer,** Port (injured leg), replaced by L. Stevens in first term. N. Hawke, Port (head knock), replaced by R. Johns in last term. K. Eglinton, West (injured leg), replaced by V. Kempson in last term.

I. Day, West (injured leg), replaced by G. Pratt in last term.

|         | 7-11 | 7-12 | 7-19 | 9-22 | 76 |
|---------|------|------|------|------|----|
| Norwood | 7-11 | 7-12 | 7-19 | 9-22 | 76 |
| North   | 0-1  | 4-8  | 8-9  | 9-11 | 65 |

**BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD:** Walker, Reimann, Olds, Keenihan, Koerner, Young, Vivian. **NORTH:** Stringer, Tidswell, Tanner, Gilbourne, Sheppard, McCann, Rogerson.

**SCORERS.—NORWOOD:** Walker 3.0, Dickson, Young, Kite 1.3, Nicholls, Vivian 1.1, Hall 1.0, Sawley 0.3, Fosdike 0.2, Olds, Kneebone, Butler 0.1, rushed 0.3. **NORTH:** Sheppard 3.2, Lynch 1.3, W. Blunden 1.1, Tanner, Brice, Trenorden, Carter 1.0, Johnstone 0.2, Hewett, Stringer 0.1, rushed 0.1.

|       | 1-2 | 8-10 | 11-14 | 16-19 | 115 |
|-------|-----|------|-------|-------|-----|
| Sturt | 1-2 | 8-10 | 11-14 | 16-19 | 115 |
| South | 4-7 | 5-10 | 8-12  | 10-15 | 75  |

**BEST PLAYERS.—STURT:** Halbert, Shanks, Sawley, Dunn (until injured), Goodchild, Sims, Hocking. **SOUTH:** Richards, Yates, Jones, Kitchen, Parkinson, Fitzgerald.

**GOALKICKERS.—STURT:** Olds 4.0, Sawley 3.4, Chaust 3.3, Goodchild 2.2, Hocking 2.1, Dunn 1.2, Shanks 1.1, Hunter 0.2, Thompson, Kutcher, Pike 0.1, rushed 0.1. **SOUTH:** Richards 5.4, Kitchen 1.3, Yates, Bland, Christie 1.1, B. Kimber 1.0, Peucker 0.3, Fitzgerald, Lapins 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS.—STURT:** Hale (back) replaced by Pike, and Dunn (neck) replaced by G. Freundt, both late in last quarter. Shanks (injured knee). **SOUTH:** Deane (ankle) replaced by Judd last quarter. Bland replaced by Atkins last quarter. Christie (injured shin).

**LEADING GOALKICKERS**

|                  | Today | Total |
|------------------|-------|-------|
| Phipps (West)    | 5.1   | 85.48 |
| Johns (Port)     | 3.0   | 68.42 |
| Sawford (Port)   | 5.3   | 45.31 |
| Cingly (Torrens) | —     | 41.18 |
| Abley (Glenelg)  | 1.3   | 41.43 |
| Peucker (South)  | 0.3   | 36.48 |
| Wright (Glenelg) | 2.2   | 35.23 |

**HIGHEST**

**LOWEST**

**ATTENDANCES**

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Adelaide     | 22,000        |
| Prospect     | 6,350         |
| Glenelg      | 5,250         |
| Kensington   | 2,500         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>36,100</b> |

**PREMIERSHIP TABLE, LEAGUE**

|         | W. | L. | D. | For  | Agst. | Pts | Prem. |
|---------|----|----|----|------|-------|-----|-------|
| Port    | 15 | 2  | 1  | 2152 | 1267  | 31  | 62.94 |
| West    | 12 | 6  | —  | 1790 | 1506  | 24  | 54.31 |
| Torrens | 11 | 6  | 1  | 1517 | 1474  | 23  | 50.72 |
| Norwood | 11 | 7  | —  | 1681 | 1629  | 22  | 50.79 |
| Sturt   | 8  | 10 | —  | 1576 | 1652  | 16  | 48.82 |
| North   | 6  | 12 | —  | 1355 | 1523  | 12  | 47.08 |
| Glenelg | 6  | 12 | —  | 1422 | 1744  | 12  | 44.91 |
| South   | 2  | 16 | —  | 1335 | 2033  | 4   | 39.64 |