

OATEY'S OUT FOR '72



By Alan Shiell

Norwood captain-coach Robert Oatey is unlikely to play again this season.

Oatey will enter hospital tomorrow (Sunday) morning for an operation on his left knee.

He damaged a medial ligament in the knee late in the last quarter of today's game against South at Adelaide Oval.

Oatey was injured when he fell to the ground after South captain-coach David Darcy marked over and behind him.

The pair fell to the ground. It was several minutes before Oatey recovered sufficiently to be helped from the ground by trainers.

Oatey is tremendously fit physically and, as such, probably has strong recuperative powers. But he still is not expected to play again this year.

His left leg will be in plaster for several weeks after tomorrow's (Sunday's) operation at Ashford Hospital.

Oatey's injury and enforced absence is a crushing blow to Norwood's premiership hopes.

He has been in magnificent form this year, probably having his best-ever season.

His courage and creativeness were an inspiration to the Redlegs.

Norwood, with seven wins after nine matches, have a very good chance of getting into the final four for the first time since 1965.

But their task will be so much more difficult without Oatey.

A few seasons ago, Oatey had ligaments repaired in his right knee.

Apart from Oatey, other injuries reported after today's games were.—North's Bob Hammond (jarred left knee), West's Aldo Russian (hip to be X-rayed), Torrens' Fred Bills (thigh), and Sturt's Brenton Miels (recurrence of left shoulder injury).

Knee injury rocks Redlegs



A BIG blow to the Redlegs... captain-coach Robert Oatey is carried from the ground with badly strained ligaments in the left knee. Oatey will enter hospital tomorrow (Sunday) morning for an operation and is likely to be out for the rest of the season.

ALL LEAGUE DETAILS

AT ALBERTON

Port	5-4	9-7	16-10	19-10	124
Glen.	3-2	6-4	13-6	18-8	116

SCORERS—PORT: Baker 4.1, Milde 4.0, James 2.1, Kingston 2.1, Cunningham 1.2, Grimwood 1.1, Ede 1.1, Marrett 1.0, Woite 1.0, Broadbridge 1.0, Sorrell 1.0, Nyland 0.1, rushed 0.2. GLENELG: Sandland 5.1, D. Phillis 5.1, Marriott 3.0, Voigt 3.0, Carey 1.2, W. Phillis 1.0, Cornes 0.2, Marker 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Kingston, Baker, Ede, Ebert, Cunningham, Marrett. GLENELG: Marker, Cornes, Sandland, Carey, W. Phillis, Marriott.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Sorrell by Nickels in final term. Spencer by Thiele in final term. GLENELG: Tregenza by D. Moss in final term. Rawson by Morgan in final term.

REPORTS—PORT: Woite, allegedly striking an unnamed Glenelg player in final term. Ede for allegedly using abusing language and d.sputing decision in final term.

UMPIRE—D. Foster.

AT ELIZABETH

Cent.	3-1	7-5	13-7	17-10	101
Torr.	3-5	5-11	7-14	11-16	82

SCORERS—CENTRALS: Mulholland 3.3, Saywell 3.1, O'Connor 3.0, Haughan 2.1, Casserly 2.1, Mobbs 1.1, W. Cochrane 1.1, Nicks 1.0, Johns 1.0, Prior 0.1, rushed 0.1. TORRENS: Pill 3.1, Paletic 2.1, Watson 1.2, Simmons 1.1, Dabrowski 1.1, Miller 1.0, Shallow 1.0, Smart 1.0, McSporrnan 0.5, Phillipou 0.2, Pavlich 0.1, Work 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—CENTRALS: Skinner, Haughan, Mobbs, Mulholland, Nicks, Wyley. TORRENS: Paletic, Barnes, Kelly, White, Watson, McSporrnan.

REPLACEMENTS—CENTRALS: Haughan by Burton in last term. TORRENS: F. Bills (thigh) by Cousins in third term. R. Barnes (thigh) by Baynes in last term.

REPORT—CENTRALS: J. Wyley in the third term by goal umpire L. Holden, for allegedly striking M. Paletic.

UMPIRE—M. Ducker.

AT ADELAIDE

Nwd.	1-1	9-6	16-8	18-15	123
South	10-4	12-7	13-9	18-11	119

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Button 4.2, Coligan 3.5, Rosser 3.1, Gregg 3.1, Wynne 2.2, Carman 2.0, Woodcock 1.1, R. Oatey 0.1, P. Oatey 0.1, Menz 0.1. SOUTH: Howlett 6.2, Bennett 4.1, Griffiths 3.3, Bowden 2.0, Reid 1.2, Darcy 1.1, Coombe 1.0, Darley 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Menz, Button, Wynne, Rosser, Seekamp, Gregg. SOUTH: Bennett, Coombe, Reimann, Haines, S. Palmer, Darley.

REPLACEMENT—NORWOOD: R. Oatey (knee injury) by Hines in last quarter.

UMPIRE—M. O'Connell.

AT PROSPECT

North	4-6	7-10	12-11	18-20	128
West	2-2	4-3	7-4	7-6	48

SCORERS—NORTH: N. Sachse 4.6, Bamford 3.3, Patterson 3.2, Bevan 2.2, Robran 2.0, Von Bertouch 1.1, Webb 1.0, Jaworskyj 1.0, Hearl 1.0, Rebbeck 0.1, Eichner 0.1, rushed 0.4. WEST: Hewitt 4.3, Nicholson 2.0, Papst 1.0, Fraser 0.1, Loveday 0.1, Keane 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Robran, Jaworskyj, Robinson, Patterson, Von Bertouch, Strang. WEST: Burkett, Hewitt, Nicholson, Pope, Fraser.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Hammond (jarred knee) by Hearl, third quarter; Bevan by Rebbeck in the last term. WEST: Russian (hip injury) by G. Donaldson, second quarter. Noonan by Hooper in the last.

UMPIRE—P. Mead.

AT UNLEY

Wdv.	6-3	7-10	10-11	17-13	115
Sturt	2-6	5-11	8-14	13-19	97

SCORERS—WOODVILLE: Blight 3.6, Huppata 3.1, Buckley 3.1, Girardi 2.1, Doszna 2.1, Brenton 2.0, Sewer 1.2, Peters 1.0, rushed 0.1. STURT: Ottens 3.4, Cramoy 2.4, Lauder 2.0, Nunan 1.3, Wild 1.2, Friedrichs 1.2, Burgan 1.1, Chessell 1.0, Winter 1.0, Davies 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS—WOODVILLE: Blight, Holland, MacVicar, Peters, Allen, Girardi. STURT: Nunan, Ottens, Green, Cramey, Burgan, Whitaker.

REPLACEMENTS—WOODVILLE: Holland by Reid in last term. O'Connor (ankle) by Heaven in last term. STURT: Miels (shoulder) by Lauder at half-time.

UMPIRE—John Caulfield.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Centrals	8	1	972	795	16	55.00
Norwood	7	2	996	865	14	53.51
North	6	3	1009	662	12	60.38
Port	6	3	1047	845	12	55.33
Glenelg	5	4	1031	905	10	53.25
Sturt	4	5	906	759	8	54.41
Woodville	4	5	896	1050	8	45.11
West	3	6	814	969	6	45.65
Torrens	1	8	727	989	2	42.36
South	1	8	680	1199	2	36.18

PORT'S POISE HOLDS BAYS



BY GERRY HARRISON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	5-4	9-7	16-10	19-10	124
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After forfeiting the lead midway through the final term the Magpies regained poise to hold off a determined Glenelg at Alberton Oval today.

The Magpies were in authority throughout the day but even their most ardent fans would have reached for the "heart starters" late in the final term.

When Glenelg hit the front at the 14-minute mark it was the first time the Magpies had been headed since the Bays led by one point five minutes into the first term.

It was a dour struggle from the outset after both sides had goaled within one minute of start of play.

Although the Magpies dictated the trend and were the aggressors for most of the day the Bays defended grimly to keep within touch.

INFLUENCE

Neither side could sustain any positive ascendancy in ruck but Port rovers Cunningham and Grimwood were rarely beaten around the packs.

These two players generated a ton of drive enabling Port to maintain the run of the ball and remain on the offensive.

Without any shadow of doubt the biggest factor in the Magpies' favor was the influence of Kingston at centre half-forward.

He continued his splendid form of recent weeks to give Port a safe avenue of attack throughout with strong bodywork, solid marking and creative handball.

But for Marker the Bays would have failed hopelessly from the outset. He was the only player across centre to win kicks.

He and Cornes sustained their efforts from the outset, but trying to do too much spoilt their effectiveness on many occasions.

Marker in particular in the first term won a feast of kicks but his disposal was sloppy and the Bays failed to reap full benefit.

It was not so much Marker's inability in execution as the pressure he was subjected to by the Magpies. But it emphasised the lack of support received from his teammates.

The last half of the game was one of continuous revivals as one side opened up a gap then the opposition regained poise.

Glenelg looked like running to Port eight minutes into the third term but the Magpies showed their authority by kicking four goals in five minutes.

This devastating burst was the best football of the day. The Magpies backed up extremely well. Glenelg answered the Magpies' spate with three big goals from Sandland and were still in the game at the last break.

Glenelg got on top in ruck early in the last term and it was this advantage that set them moving to throw down the gauntlet to Port.

The move of Cornes to centre half-back to oppose Kingston almost proved a match winning change.

In addition to quietening Kingston, he gave the Bays tremendous rebound and his enthusiastic dashes rubbed off on his teammates.

Had Kingston been left at centre half-forward, it could well have been a Bay victory, but the Port camp had the last say.

Kingston was thrown into ruck, where he lifted the Magpies, James came out to centre half-forward, and Marrett and Milde hovered around the goalmouth.

The big men proved too much of a handful for the Bay defenders, and Milde grabbed two big ones to kick two goals in as many minutes.

These goals regained the lead for the Magpies and sealed the doom for Glenelg.

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Mtchs.	Tot.
Hewitt (West)	4.3	9	39.19
Coligan (Norwood)	3.5	9	36.29
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	5.1	6	34.14
Greenslade (Sturt)	—	7	26.23
Mulholland (Centrals)	3.3	9	25.23
Saywell (Centrals)	3.1	9	24.16
R. Woodcock (Norwood)	1.1	9	23.17

ATTENDANCES

Alberton 16,098, Adelaide 10,656, Elizabeth 9,005, Prospect 7,601, Unley 5,917. Total 49,277.

NEXT WEEK

Port v. Norwood (Alberton), North v. Glenelg (Prospect), Sturt v. Centrals (Unley), West v. Torrens (Richmond), South v. Woodville (Adelaide).