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IT'S GOALS GALORE

By Alan Shiell

In probably the biggest one-day goal glut in South Australian football history, all five winning teams kicked more than 20 goals in yesterday's twelfth league series.

The phenomenal total of 180 goals, 142 behinds (322 scoring shots) was kicked in the five games.

The top five teams played the five bottom sides and the gross difference between the scores at each match was a sad reflection on the lop-sided nature of the competition.

TAKE YOUR PARTNER!

ARMS... legs... and a tough time in this big-man ballet during the Port-South game. It all looks so friendly, but you can bet South veteran Peter Darley and Port's Paul Marrett are pulling no punches.



Fans join in brawls

MELBOURNE, Saturday: In one of the wildest games seen this season, spectators joined in a very violent brawl at the North Melbourne ground where the home side clashed with Carlton.

They leaned over the fence, thumping and pushing players who came close enough. Two startling incidents held up play for about four minutes.

The first clash erupted violently at the 26-minute mark of the second quarter when the Blues' centre half forward Robert Walls was flattened as he marked.

North backman Phil Baker and 25 other players crowded into an angry pack as Walls lay slumped on the ground.

Trainers and ambulance man ran out with a stretcher, but Walls was finally helped to his feet.

He was very groggy and, despite protests from captain-coach John Nicholls, the umpire bounced the ball when Walls took too long to take his kick.

Walls was helped from the ground and replaced by Syd Jackson.

And this brawling had no sooner died down than North rover Bob Peterson slumped to the ground.

The ball was shot to the grandstand wing where Sam Kekovich and Brent Crosswell clashed.

Crosswell went down and came up with blood streaming from his nose as another wild pack of players milled around.

The players were so close to the fence that the spectators joined in the rumpus.

180 of them

Biggest win of the day was at Norwood where the home team annihilated Centrals by a whopping 133 points.

Incredibly, Centrals scrambled only four goals. It was easily the most outstanding performance Norwood have produced this season, and must have been especially satisfying for captain-coach Robert Oatey, who has had to bear the brunt of the considerable criticism levelled at the Redlegs' inconsistency this year.

Glenelg kicked the highest score of the day — 28-18 — in thrashing Torrens by 81 points at the Bay Oval. It was the seventh time this season Glenelg had booted 20 goals or more.

Sturt had little more than a practice gallop at Richmond where they swamped West by 95 points. And North romped home by 66 points at Woodville Oval.

Seven players kicked five or more goals yesterday. North's gargantuan full forward Dennis Sachse and Sturt's high-flying full forward Ken Whelan each notched nine.

●BILL BENNETT REPORTED: South's centre half-forward was reported in the second quarter of the game against Port at Adelaide Oval.

Bennett was reported by field umpire Des Foster for allegedly striking an unnamed Port player with a forearm.

ALL THE LEAGUE DETAILS

AT NORWOOD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	5-4	10-8	18-10	26-15	171
Cent.	0-1	1-5	3-11	4-14	38

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Dillon 6.2, Woodcock 5.3, Page 4.1, Oatey 3.2, Button 2.0, Pettingill 1.2, Rosser 1.1, Gregg 1.0, Coligan 1.0, Schlein 1.0, Bland 1.0, Packer 0.1, Seekamp 0.1, Craig 0.1, Menz 0.1. CENTRALS: Jones 2.2, Wyley 1.0, Jarman 1.0, Saywell 0.2, Price 0.1, Haughan 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Seekamp, Oatey, Dillon, Button, Woodcock, Porritt, Packer, Schlein. CENTRALS: Farnham, Skinner, Haughan, Ashmead, Johns.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: Oatey by Craig and Porritt by Coligan in the last quarter. CENTRALS: Reed by Kroehn at half-time, Morey by Russell at three-quarter time.

UMPIRE—R. Charlesworth.

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	9-2	16-6	19-12	23-15	153
South	3-2	5-7	8-8	14-12	96

SCORERS.—PORT: James 6.1, Boston 2.2, Marrett 3.0, Taylor 3.0, Cunningham 2.1, Gerlach 2.1, Tredrea 2.1, Cahill 1.3, Light 1.2, Clayton 0.1, Sorrell 0.1, O'Brien 0.1, rushed 0.2. SOUTH: Dittmar 6.3, Waldron 3.0, Bracegirdle 1.1, Williams 1.1, Darley 1.0, Schulz 1.0, Coombe 1.0, Hateley 0.4, Bennett 0.2, P. Palmer 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Ebert, Cunningham, Light, Beswick, Wolte, Gerlach, James. SOUTH: Darley, Bennett, Haines, Dittmar, Bracegirdle, Waldron, Coombe.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Sorrell was replaced by O'Brien and Taylor by Northcott in the last term. SOUTH: Coombe (thigh) by Goodwin in the last term and Bracegirdle (ankle) by Douglas also in the last term.

REPORTED: Bill Bennett (South) was reported by Central umpire Des Foster for striking with the forearm an unnamed Port player during the second term.

UMPIRE: Des Foster.

AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4-4	11-13	16-18	22-25	157
West	1-2	4-3	8-5	9-8	62

SCORERS.—STURT: Whelan 9.5, Barton 4.3, Greenslade 3.0, Ottens 2.3, Nunan 1.4, Davies 1.1, Burgan 1.0, Graham 1.0, Casey 0.4, rushed 0.5. WEST: Hollick 4.2, Gurney 1.1, Morris 1.1, Papst 1.1, Plew 1.0, Noonan 1.0, Verrier 0.1, Keddie 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—STURT: Davies, Whelan, Graham, Miels, Adcock, Barton, Nunan, Burgan. WEST: Hollick, Keddie, Morris, Burns, Drzal.

REPLACEMENTS.—STURT: Howard (chest) by Daw, half-time, Nelson (stomach upset) by Sims, last term. WEST: Nicholson (head) by Noonan, third term, Kerston, by Leonard, last term.

UMPIRE—Peter Mead.

AT GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	8-5	17-8	19-14	28-18	186
Torr.	3-2	8-5	13-8	16-9	105

SCORERS.—GLENELG: Voigt 4.2, Cornes 4.1, W. Phillis 4.0, Hamilton 3.3, Sandland 3.3, Caldwell 3.2, Bennett 2.0, Wickens 1.2, Marker 1.1, Millard 1.1, MacFarlane 1.1, Marriott 1.0, rushed 0.2.

TORRENS: Mulvihill 8.1, White 3.1, Watson 3.1, Paletic 1.3, Mead 1.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: W. Phillis, Cornes, Hamilton, Voigt, Marker, Carey, D. Phillis, Tardif. TORRENS: Mulvihill, Pavlich, White, McKenzie, Miller, Foote, Paletic, Mead.

REPLACEMENTS.—GLENELG: Bennett (sprained ankle) by Marriott in the final term. MacFarlane (bruised heel) by Lipp in the final term. TORRENS: Clark by Smart in the third term. Slatter by Barnes in the final term.

UMPIRE—Bill Noonan.

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	6-7	10-10	18-16	24-12	164
Wdv.	2-2	6-7	9-12	14-14	98

SCORERS.—NORTH: Sachse 9.1, R. Robran 4.2, Payne 3.2, Morton 2.5, Phillips 2.2, Marsh 2.0, Sporn 1.0, Hearl 1.0, Von Bertouch 0.2, Spry 0.1, Stringer 0.1, rushed 0.4. WOODVILLE: Huppertz 3.1, Tyrell 3.1, Ruth 2.1, Doszsa 2.1, Blight 1.4, Holland 1.0, Heaven 1.0, Coudraye 1.0, Sewer 0.1, P. Brenton 0.1, J. Brenton 0.1, rushed 0.3.

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Payne, Stringer, Sachse, Spry, Howard, B. Robran, R. Robran. WOODVILLE: Huppertz, Blight, Holland, Boulden, Stemper, MacVicar.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH: Phillips (thigh) by Hearl at three quarter time, Marsh by O'Shanassy in last quarter. WOODVILLE: Girardi (hip) by Fowles in third quarter, and MacVicar (hip) by Heaven at three quarter time. Umpire Murray Ducker.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
Glenelg	11	1	1629	1040	22		61.03
North	10	2	1358	1008	20		57.39
Sturt	9	3	1426	960	18		59.76
Port	7	5	1318	1222	14		51.88
Norwood	6	6	1214	1151	12		51.33
Centrals	5	7	1113	1319	10		45.76
Woodville	4	8	1284	1492	8		46.25
Torrens	3	9	1046	1288	6		44.81
South	3	9	971	1524	6		38.91
West	2	10	1010	1365	4		42.52

ATTENDANCES

Norwood	12,415
Glenelg	9,808
Adelaide	7,578
Richmond	4,781
Woodville	4,481
Total	39,063
Season total	580,926
Comparative 1972 total	609,007

NEXT ROUND

(July 7)

Glenelg v. South (Adelaide)
Port v. North (Alberton)
Centrals v. Woodville (Elizabeth)
West v. Norwood (Richmond)
Sturt v. Torrens (Unley)
SA v. WA (Perth)

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
D. Sachse (North)	9-1	12	57-36
Whelan (Sturt)	9-5	11	52-30
Voigt (Glenelg)	4-2	12	36-26
J. Cahill (Port)	1-3	12	33-29
Dittmar (South)	6-3	12	31-25
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	—	12	31-23
James (Port)	6-1	12	31-12
Greenslade (Sturt)	3-0	11	30-24

GLENELG THE MASTERS AT HOME

Despite a third term slump, Glenelg's overall teamwork carried them to an effortless 81-point win over an inefficient Torrens at the Bay yesterday.

AT HOME

Round 12, 1973



BY GERRY HARRISON

As told to Trevor Gill

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Apart from the resistance offered by a handful of Eagle players, the Tigers had complete control all over the ground.

Mulvihill played a lone hand in Torrens forward area making the most of his opportunities to finish the game with 8-1 from 12 kicks.

And on the back line, Pavelich put in a sustained performance to smother Glenelg's elusive half-forward flanker Wickens.

Torrens finished the victor in the wing duels where White was the dominating player. After a

slow start he improved his game to exert a definite influence and kick three goals into the bargain.

The only other Eagle strong point was in the ruck ranks where McKenzie and Miller managed to gain an even share with Carey and Tardif.

But the game was well within the Tigers' keeping from the first bounce when their diamond tactics starved the Eagles of attacking chances.

The "run" injected into their game by the fleet-footed Marker, Cornes, Voigt, Bennett, Millard, and MacFarlane, put the

Torrens defence under continual pressure.

The Tigers were given a direct route to the goals by Wayne Phillis who relished his first full game at centre half-forward.

Clark started the game against Phillis but he was soon shifted after giving away foolish free kicks, and then Slatter and Pill unsuccessfully took over.

The Tigers tandem support and direct kicking to position gave Torrens a lesson in first class football.

They had plenty of players at the drop of the ball, and a line backing up to carry the ball forward with constructive handball.

The only lull in Glenelg's game came in the third quarter when they lost their "run" and Torrens took over by getting to the ball first.

But a solid blast by coach Kerley at the lemon break put the Tigers back in action and they booted nine goals in the last quarter.

Marker and Cornes were the two players again who got the Bays moving in this last term. They continually engineered attacks across centre bringing all of the Tiger forwards into the act.

TIGERS HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE

You never know where Kerley's Tigers are going to bob up next—and that is one of the big factors in Glenelg's success this season.

Wayne Phillis, known mainly as ruckman and centre half-back, was at centre half-forward against Torrens yesterday and was a power point which the Eagles could not control.

Carey was like a dog let off a chain, enjoying the freedom of rucking after weeks with the stay-at-home duties of centre half-forward.

Twiggy Caldwell, formerly regarded as a model defender, was sent down near the big sticks and must have thought it was Christmas time as he collected three important goals and proved that long kicking is not the sole prerogative of the back men.

Fred Phillis, whom Glenelg supporters expected to kick a ton every season a few years ago, had been having a lean time near goals and was shunted to centre half-back. In the last quarter and a half yesterday he was showing some of his old magic in marking and kicking straight.

And then there are Marker, who plays ruck, centre, or half-forward; and Sandland an effective player at half-forward, full forward, and half-back.

This adaptability, coupled with the know-how of King of the Castle Kerley, means the Tigers are hot favorites for the 1973 pennant.

Come to think of it, I cannot recall a side in the past 20 years which had more reason to be planning in July how they will be celebrating in October.

I can now hear yells from Alberton and Unley: "What about us with all those premierships in a row?"

But when Port and Sturt were repeatedly top team on the totem pole I doubt if they were winning so many matches by the big margins

the Bays are achieving this year.

Of course, while Glenelg have their wins on the board, football is an unpredictable game and anything can happen.

The statistics men can produce instances of a team going like a bushfire in the first half of a season and then being extinguished before the business end of the competition.

What's more, Glenelg could go to the finals without defeat and then be knocked off in the one that counts.

Knuckles doesn't need to be reminded of this and you can bet that complacency is one thing he realises is the big danger.

BEHIND a successful club are its supporters, and they come from afar to see the Tigers carrying all before them these days.

Near me at the Glenelg Oval game were a couple who had flown down from Whyalla. Coming in I bumped into Jim Smith and his wife from Mount Searle Station in the Flinders Ranges.

Reg Johns, State manager of Ansett-ANA said to me: "People envy us because we are winning, but every team has its runs. I've been waiting for this since 1934 and have my fingers crossed about the final."

FROM over the border Collins street rumor is that Ross Dillon, former Melbourne player and now of Norwood, is a certainty to be coach of the Redlegs when Robert Oatey relinquishes command. That could explain why a golden handshake worth \$2,000 from a keen supporter of Glenelg didn't persuade Dillon to go into Tigerland.

★ ★
THE best talent for a league club is that found in its own district. I've just met an outstanding example.

Woodville West have 110 players in four teams—from under 10 years to under 16. They won two premierships last year and two in 1971. The under 16s are unbeaten this season, and six of them were chosen for their association side.

Their efficient secretary is a woman, Mrs. Elliott.

They've had problems with finance. Each lad pays 30 cents a match, and after all expenses are met—lease of an oval, coach's fares, umpire's fee and the like—the weekly excess for the club is a grand total of 20 cents.

I was invited to talk to the club on ways of raising money. I had a chat with Woodville coach Barrie Barbary and can now report that the league club will help by providing balls and other equipment. And the boys can expect regular visits from their league idols with practical advice.

★ ★
ALAN Shiell's article last week about problems at Norwood covered what a lot of people know, have been saying privately, but haven't aired publicly.

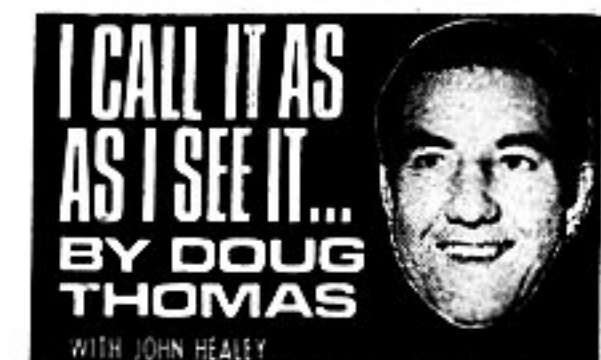
It was an excellent article on a matter of importance to Norwood.

So I was disappointed that Ernie Sigley took it on himself on television to reflect on Alan's standing as a football writer.

Ernie and I are mates from 'way back—or at least I think so. I admire him as a compere, as a man, and as a loyal supporter of South Adelaide.

But he was off the beam in criticising Shiell.

Maybe he doesn't know that Alan



played for Norwood for three years in Colts and Thirds. In 1963 the Thirds went top when he was in the team and he kicked 70 goals from a half-forward flank and at full forward.

In 1964 as full forward he finished the season with 90 goals. In these sides were present-day players Ross Porritt and Jeff Page.

Shiell represented the State in a schoolboy competition. So he's not a cricket expert only. Practical experience goes a long way.

And I know Ernie's ability as a footballer, having played alongside him in a battle of the channels. Ern, 'nuff said.

★ ★
MR. John D. Kirby, of North Adelaide, writes to me about my comments on the quagmire condition of the cricket pitch area at Adelaide Oval and says they are unjust, pointing out that the oval has served football well in the past.

I agree. I strongly advocated football staying there. But now that the Football Park is a reality we must support the new home.

The fact is that the centre of Adelaide Oval is detrimental to flow-on football today.

Mr. Kirby says footballers' sprigs are to blame for the condition of the centre area. But those sprigs don't churn up the other parts of the ground to the same extent. It is in the section with the special soil for the pitches that the trouble occurs.

And, of course, I know that Adelaide Oval is primarily a cricket ground and the league has been a tenant.

I also received a letter on a clearance problem but since the writer is coy about signing his name I'm coy about replying.