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REDLEGS LOOKING DOWN A BARREL



BY ALAN SHIELL

Norwood, having lost five of the last seven games, now look certain to miss the league football finals for only the twentieth time in the past 70 years.

Barring upset results, West and Centrals will contest the elimination final at Football Park on September 4.

The Redlegs have only a tenuous hold on fourth position.

They must play Glenelg at the Bay and Port at Adelaide Oval in the remaining two minor round matches, and would need to produce a remarkable lift in form to have any chance of winning either game.

West will meet North at Prospect and Woodville at Richmond.

The Bloods should win both matches, although North will not be a push-over.

Centrals clash with South at Elizabeth and Torrens at Thebarton.

The Bulldogs should win both games, although the one with South is a danger.

So Norwood, who have a vastly superior percentage than Centrals, have to defeat Glenelg and Port to make sure of being in the final five.

It is a task which almost certainly is beyond the Redlegs, who, last year, won their first premiership in 25 years.

Coach Bob Hammond should accept no blame for his side's decline.

INJURIES

Serious injuries have

unsettled Norwood all season. Rarely have they had anywhere near a full team.

Yesterday they were without six players because of injuries, then lost two at half-time and another early in the last quarter.

Apart from the Norwood-West-Centrals struggle for fourth and fifth positions, there will be huge interest next Saturday in the Port-Sturt game at Football Park.

Port will clinch the minor premiership if they win, and will be firmly established as favorites for the 1976 title.

A Sturt victory would put the Blues one point clear of Port and they would finish minor premiers if they defeated Glenelg in the last match (at Football Park).

Probably the most disappointing aspect of yesterday's nineteenth series was the attendance figure at Football Park.

The game, which had a crucial bearing on the composition of the final five, drew a crowd of only 7,196, proving again that Norwood supporters don't go to Football Park and West don't have the following their efforts have warranted this year.

BIGGEST LOSS FOR TORRENS

A number of Torrens players celebrated down at the Bay way last night.

No, not over their drubbing by Glenelg at Glenelg Oval.

Their half forward flanker, Alan Forbes, left the game in the last quarter to get married.

That was the only thing Torrens could smile about. Their 145 point loss was their biggest ever and Glenelg's score of 31-23 was the highest against them.

It surpassed the 136 point thrashing Sturt dealt to them last week.

Torrens played with little enthusiasm. Perhaps that was understandable from a team which is bottom and can't wait until the season ends.

IN CONTROL

Their poor approach to the game made it hard for Glenelg to get motivated, but once they did, the differences between the teams was on the scoreboard.

Glenelg were in control from the first bounce and effortlessly kicked 10-4 in the first quarter.

They were just as commanding in the last when they kicked 9-9.

It was a tremendous effort by the Bays who outplayed Torrens in every facet of the game.

They received a severe blow early in the first quarter when captain-centreman Peter Marker went off with an ankle injury.

He was replaced by Steve Hywood who went to a half back flank and Jim Rawson performed admir-

TIGERS BY 145 POINTS



BY ASHLEY PORTER

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Torrens	2-2	5-7	7-8	9-10	64

ably at centre.

It was hard picking best players for both teams. Glenelg had so many and Torrens so few.

BRILLIANT

Follower Colin Anderson began brilliantly to kick five goals in the first quarter and played steadily from then on.

Ruckman Peter Carey was a tower of strength with 15 kicks, seven hit outs and 14 marks, but more importantly, set up his teammates with 11 handballs.

Jim Lihou was also impressive at centre half-back with 17 kicks, 11 marks and 14 handballs.

Glenelg won the rucks with Wayne Phillips, Carey and Anderson and were able to feed their talented rovers Peter McInerney and Kym Hodgeman consistently.

McInerney gave a superb effort with 23 kicks and was rewarded with five goals.

Hodgeman had a great duel with Torrens captain, John Cassin, but the Glenelg rover came out on top, despite his inaccuracy for goal.

Glenelg's best player list could go on and on.

For Torrens, Alan Green once again put in a fine effort on a wing with 20 kicks and 16 handballs.

WING EFFORT

He gave great support to Milan Paletic at centre half-forward who could have possibly made better use with his opportunities.

Of the others, Terry Homan roved well but did not receive much support.

But overall, Glenelg were just far too good and probably would have benefited more by a harder match in preparation for the finals.

The only other winners at the Bay Oval yesterday were the boys who "collected" three footballs from the adjacent school and road in the first quarter, a woman Torrens supporter who slapped another woman in the grandstand, and Alan Forbes.

ALL LEAGUE DETAILS

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	7-5	12-13	15-16	18-21	129
N'wood	3-1	5-4	8-5	10-8	68

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Kennedy, Meuret, G. Hewitt, Loveday, Hollick, Hayes. NORWOOD: Pope, Button, Dunstan.

SCORERS—WEST: G. Hewitt 4.2, Meuret 3.5, Ravlich 3.3, Hollick 3.2, Kennedy 1.2, Loveday 1.1, Gurney 1.0, Buckley 1.0, Grimwood 1.0, Humphrey 0.2, Donaldson 0.1, J. Donaldson 0.1, rushed 0.2.

NORWOOD: Woodcock 3.2, Dillon 3.0, Palm 1.1, Olsen 1.1, Gallagher 1.0, Dunstan 1.0, Zubrinich 0.2, Parke 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Summerton (hip) by J. Donaldson, last quarter; Gurney by Papst, last quarter. NORWOOD: Poulter (knee) by Olsen, half-time; Parke (hip) by Dunstan, half-time; Nicholson (ankle), last quarter.

REPORT: Hayes (West) reported by field umpire Mead for allegedly striking Gallagher in the face with a raised right elbow in the first quarter.

UMPIRE—Peter Mead.

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4-3	13-5	18-10	25-17	167
C'trals	3-3	5-4	10-6	13-8	86

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Klomp, Nunan, Graham, Bagshaw, Barton, Davies, Lloyd, Wild. CENTRALS: Skinner, B. Norsworthy, Mobbs (until injured), Beythien, R. Cochrane, Nicks, Krieg.

SCORERS—STURT: Nunan 5.1, Klomp 4.3, Heinrich 4.1, Barton 3.1, Pettingill 3.0, Davies 2.0, Casey 1.1, Wild 1.1, Burgan 1.1, Graham 1.1, Greenslade 0.2, Miels 0.1, rushed 0.4. CENTRALS: Reed 4.1, Saywell 3.2, Beythien 2.1, Skinner 2.0, Bevan 1.3, Mobbs 1.1.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Wild by Lauder in last quarter. CENTRALS: Mobbs by Campbell in third quarter; B. Norsworthy by Hughes in last quarter.

REPORT: W. Bevan, of Centrals, by goal umpire D. Hillebrand for allegedly striking A. Lloyd (Sturt) with back of arm in second quarter.

UMPIRE—Stephen Semmler.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	2-4	8-11	14-17	20-20	140
South	5-2	7-6	10-10	17-12	114

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Wolke, Natt, Evans, Cunningham, Verrier, Fragomeni. SOUTH: Young, Mousley, Fry, Earl, Baynes.

SCORERS—PORT: Cunningham 5.0; Evans 4.2; Gerlach 3.3; G. Phillips 2.1; Jackman 2.1; Porphyria 1.4; Whatman 1.4; Natt 1.1; Cahill 1.1; Giles 0.2; rushed 0.1. SOUTH: Young 4.1; Bennett 4.0; Minnis 2.1; Keddle 2.0; Cox 1.2; Collins 1.2; Schneeblicher 1.0; Hateley 1.0; Robbins 0.1; Schultz 0.1; Fry 0.1; rushed 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Cahill (concussion) by Jackman third quarter; Giles (hip) by Granger last quarter. SOUTH: Palmer (ankle) by McInnes first quarter. Doyle (groin) by Collins third quarter.

UMPIRE—Bob Scholefield.

GLENELG OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	10-4	15-9	22-14	31-23	209
Torr.	2-2	5-7	7-8	9-10	64

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Carey, Lihou, McInerney, Voigt, Hodgeman, Weston, Rawson, Anderson, W. Phillips. TORRENS: Green, Paletic, P. Cousins, Homan, Miller.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Anderson 6.0; McInerney 5.4; D. Phillips 5.2; Rebbeck 4.4; Carey 4.0; Wickens 3.1; Hodgeman 1.5; Caldwell 1.2; W. Phillips 1.0; Lihou 1.0; Marker 0.1; rushed 0.4. TORRENS: Paletic 2.2; M. Cousins 2.1; Wallace 2.0; Wyatt 1.1; Homan 1.0; M. Forbes 1.0; Miller 0.4; G. White 0.1; rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Marker (ankle) by Hywood first quarter. TORRENS: A. Forbes by Hank and Wyatt by M. Forbes last quarter.

UMPIRE—Des Foster.

NEXT ROUND GAMES

Port v. Sturt, Football Park.
Centrals v. South, Elizabeth Oval.
Woodville v. Torrens, Adelaide Oval.
North v. West, Prospect Oval.
Glenelg v. Norwood, Glenelg Oval.

WOODVILLE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	7-3	9-5	13-9	16-13	109
W'ville	1-4	4-11	5-17	9-21	75

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Jaworskyj, Howard, Smith, Sandery, B. Stringer, Hill, Cloke. WOODVILLE: Maylin, Tyrell, Hine, Coudraye, Richards, MacVicar.

SCORERS—NORTH: Jaworskyj 3.4, Hill 3.0, Crouch 2.1, Baruzzi 2.1, Doszsa 2.0, B. Robran 1.2, Walsh 1.1, Sandland 1.1, B. Stringer 1.0, R. Robran 0.2, Conder 0.1. WOODVILLE: Mulvihill 2.3, L. Twelftree 2.0, Tyrell 1.1, Powles 1.1, Richards 1.1, B. Twelftree 1.0, Cummins 1.0, Hutton 0.4, Ruth 0.4, Hine 0.3, MacVicar 0.2, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Hockman by Sandland and Walsh by Kirk during final term. WOODVILLE: Hutton by Fowles during third term.

UMPIRE—Robin Bennet.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Port	15	4	1	2331	1767	30	56.89
Sturt	14	4	1	2343	1585	29	59.65
Glenelg	13	6	—	2505	1866	26	57.31
Norwood	10	9	—	2103	1836	20	53.39
West	10	9	—	1873	1720	20	52.13
Centrals	10	9	—	1912	2178	20	46.75
South	8	10	1	2054	2168	17	48.05
North	7	12	—	1819	2265	14	44.51
Woodville	5	14	—	1779	2324	10	43.38
Torrens	2	17	—	1746	2661	4	39.62

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Y'day	Matches	Total
D. K. Phillips (Glenelg)	5-2	18	76-41
Gerlach (Port)	3-3	16	72-37
Reed (Centrals)	4-1	19	63-22
Bennett (South)	4-0	19	62-42
Pierson (West)	—	19	57-53
Michalanny (Norwood)	—	17	57-31

ATTENDANCES

Football Park	7,196
Adelaide Oval	10,978
Glenelg Oval	4,991
Unley Oval	9,827
Woodville Oval	2,804
Total	35,796