

REDLEG ODDS SHRINK!

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Powers proved

after
big wins

Who is entitled to be favorite for this year's premiership following Norwood's professional win over Glenelg at the Bay?

The Redlegs, who ran Port into the Football Park turf on Monday, outplayed Glenelg and indicated they are back to the form which carried them to the 1975 premiership.

And Glenelg. Are they still only premiership pretenders under new coach John Nicholls?

The Bays overwhelmed Sturt last week but yesterday could not overcome the pressure exerted by Norwood.

Port and Sturt, other powerhouse contenders for the flag, moved back into the winning list against middle order sides West and Centrals.

South continued their battle for recognition in the top bracket with a win over Torrens and remain the only unbeaten team in the competition.

Meanwhile, Sturt ruckman Greg Wild is in hospital with haemorrhaging

of a thigh from yesterday's game against West at Unley Oval.

Wild did not resume after half-time and when the pain became worse he was taken to Royal Adelaide Hospital and was kept overnight for observation.

IN DOUBT

Ross Tuohy, Sturt's general manager said Wild's "cork thigh" would almost certainly keep him out for the Anzac Day clash against Port at Football Park tomorrow week.

Sturt centreman Brendon Howard also is in doubt for the Port game with a "cork" thigh.

Woodville's problems increased with injuries to ruckman Jim Brenton, wingman Roger Coudraye and centre half-back Brice Twelftree.

Brenton has a pulled hamstring and will miss next Saturday's game against Norwood.

Coudraye and Twelftree will both have X-rays to determine the extent of their injuries.

Coudraye has possible ligament trouble in the right shoulder and Twelftree may have a hair-line fracture of the right forearm.



EVEN though the brilliant Graham Cornes was flying furiously at the Bay Oval yesterday, coach John Nicholls was grim faced as the Bays went under. ABOVE: Not many players can take a chest mark high above the pack and make it look as easy as Cornes. This amazing picture was taken by Sunday Mail reader Paul Tyson. RIGHT: Coach John Nicholls' face reflects the situation just before three-quarter time when the Bays were 17 points in arrears—and struggling.



LEAGUE DETAILS

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	5-3	15-5	20-6	28-12	180
Cent.	2-4	2-9	6-15	10-19	79

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Granger, Porplycia, Cahill, Phillips, Cunningham, Ebert, Whatman. CENTRALS: Cochrane, Riley, Mobbs, Saywell, Skinner, Beythein.

SCORERS—PORT: Gerlach 7.1, Cahill 4.1, Phillips 3.1, Whatman 3.0, Sorrell 2.4, Granger 2.2, Porplycia 2.0, Cunningham 2.0, Kinnear 1.0, Natt 1.0, Jackman 1.0, Belton 0.1, rushed 0.2. CENTRALS: Krieg 2.1, Reed 1.3, Saywell 1.2, Skinner 1.2, Heinrich 1.1, Beythein 1.1, Norsworthy 1.1, Mobbs 1.0, Nicks 1.0, Ashmead 0.2, Halder 0.2, Vivian 0.1, rushed 0.3.

UMPIRE—Jim Field.

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Fts.
Sturt	3-1	8-5	10-7	12-14	86
West	2-4	2-7	4-8	6-11	47

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Davies, Bagshaw, Cece, Schultz, Hill, Burgan. WEST: Stevenson, Kerston, Summerton, Loveday, Hayes.

GOALKICKERS—STURT: Cece 4.2, Whelan 4.1, Heinrich 1.1, Wild 1.0, Burgan 1.0, Winter 1.0, Barton 0.3, Linke 1.1, Doyle 1.0. WEST: M. Williams 1.2, Kennedy 1.1, Meuret 1.1, Hewitt 1.0, Buckley 1.0, Hollick 1.0, Ravlich 0.4, Gurney 0.1, Daveron 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — STURT: Wild (thigh), Howard (thigh).

UMPIRE — Colin Bennet.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	3-2	8-7	11-9	20-11	131
Torrens	3-3	5-3	9-7	15-11	101

BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH: Cock, Doyle, Minnis, Butler, Hateley, Fry. TORRENS: M. Sporrin, Dabrowski, Phillipou, Marriott, P. Cousins, Floreani.

GOALKICKERS—SOUTH: Bennett 5.1, Slatery 3.2, Cox 3.2, Robbins 2.3, Hateley 2.1, Hines 2.0, Baynes 1.1, Linke 1.1, Doyle 1.0. TORRENS: Phillipou 5.1, Wallace 2.3, Hamill 2.2, Faletic 1.1, McSporrin 1.1, Miller 1.1, Burgess 1.0, Manouge 1.0, M. Forbes 1.0, S. Pavlich 0.1, M. Pavlich 0.1.

UMPIRE: Des Foster.

GLENELG OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Fts.
Nwd.	3-1	6-5	10-8	13-13	91
Glen.	1-8	3-11	6-15	9-21	75

BEST PLAYERS — NORWOOD: Von Bertouch, Gallagher, Palm, Kerley, Gregg, Rosser. GLENELG: Weston, Voigt, Cornes, Carey, Lihou.

SCORERS — NORWOOD: Palm 4-1, Gallagher 3-0, Seekamp 2-3, Theil 2-0, Adler 1-3, Von Berouch 1-1, Tosser 0-2, Button 0-1, Maddison 0-1, Sapwell 0-1. GLENELG: Cornes 2-5, McInerney 2-2, Hodgeman 1-2, Caldwell 1-1, Rady 1-1, Holst 1-0, MacFarlane 1-0, Avery 0-3, Keddie 0-2, Lihou 0-1, W. Phillis 0-1, Thomson 0-1, rushed 0-2.

UMPIRE — Phil Mead.

PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4-2	12-11	20-13	28-20	188
W'ville.	5-7	6-8	9-13	12-14	85

BEST PLAYERS. — NORTH: Cloke, Robran, Marsh, Stringer, Doszna, Plummer. WOODVILLE: Ridley, MacVicar, Sewer, Parsons, Cummins, Stemper.

SCORERS. — NORTH: Robran 6.8, Cloke 5.1, Hill 3.1, Plummer 3.1, Stringer 2.1, Palmer 2.1, Marsh 2.0, Gum 2.0, Diorio 1.1, McInnes 1.0, Sport 1.0, Baruzzi 0.1, Doszna 0.1, rushed 0.4. WOODVILLE: Mulvihill 3.1, Cummins 3.0, MacVicar 2.2, Sewer 1.2, Ridley 1.2, Parsons 1.0, Coudraye 1.0, Anderson 0.1, rushed 0.6.

INJURIES. — WOODVILLE: Coudraye (ligament), Brenton (hamstring).

UMPIRE: Des Scholefield.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	Points For	Points Against	Prem.	%
South	3	—	420	308	6	57.69
Norwood	2	1	432	297	4	59.26
Port	2	1	342	254	4	57.38
Sturt	2	1	403	363	4	52.61
West	2	1	282	282	4	50.00
Glenelg	1	2	286	258	2	52.57
Torrens	1	2	334	331	2	50.23
Centrals	1	2	275	349	2	44.07
Woodville	1	2	261	412	2	38.78
	—	3	266	447	—	37.31

ATTENDANCES

Football Park	10,665
Glenelg Oval	12,682
Prospect Oval	2,860
Unley Oval	7,209
Adelaide Oval	6,693
Total	40,109

NEXT ROUND

SATURDAY

Glenelg v. South, Football Park
West v. North, Richmond Oval
Torrens v. Central, Thebarton Oval
Norwood v. Woodville, Norwood Oval
Sturt v. Port, Football Park

Tough Redleg pressure rocks Bays

FORWARDS TOO SLICK

Norwood combined four quarters of tough, pressure football with creative flow-on forward play to topple Glenelg.

The fierce pressure by the Redlegs defence rocked the Tigers all day.

Glenelg had 30 scoring shots to 26 from Norwood but were beaten by 16 points.

Another nine shots from the Bays went out of bounds on the full.

As a spectacle, the clash did not reach any great heights.

Switch

Glenelg were the worst offenders. They kick poorly to position, fumbled handballs and could not get their slick, run-on game going.

But that was Norwood's doing. They just did not allow Glenelg any latitude.

The Bays started well but could not crack the goals. The Redlegs did the opposite—three goals from the first three shots.

Glenelg sorely missed Peter Marker in the centre. Daryl Rady began there but was switched to a wing later in the game.

Norwood completely out-classed the Bays across that line.

Phillip Gallagher, Glen Rosser and Neil Craig dominated.

Glenelg would have been beaten by more had it not been for the outstanding efforts of Paul Weston at centre half-back and Rex Voigt in the back pocket.

Norwood won it with their centre line and rucks.

Michael Gregg and Neil Button out-knocked Peter Carey and Bob Paech and rover Terry von Bertouch made superb use of his kicks.

Carey battled hard all day and took some strong marks around the ground. But the Redlegs always looked dangerous when attacking.

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Destructive

David Palm and Rod Seekamp (replacing Roger Woodcock, who withdrew because of a sprained wrist), were particularly destructive when they got the ball.

The Bays always looked a chance of beating Norwood, but the Redlegs would not let them.

They crept within three points of Norwood halfway through the last quarter but couldn't go on.

Glenelg's Peter McInerney snapped a great, morale-boosting goal when he stole the ball off Neil Button's foot as the big man was trying to kick it.

Rady notched another and it was anyone's game.

Or so Glenelg thought. But Palm, Jim Theil and Gallagher had other ideas and sealed the result with three deadly goals.

The Bays booted another but then go their itchy

GLENELG champion Bron Colbey thrilled thousands of spectators during his brilliant 210-game career—and yesterday they gave him a last, resounding cheer of respect (and a little cash bonus) for his efforts. Colbey, 29, made a lap of honor before the start of the league game to say farewell. It was on April 26, last year—against Norwood — that Colbey snapped his Achilles tendon in his right leg to bring his 12-year magic to an end.

kicking boots back again ad missed several crucial shots.

Norwood coach Bob Hammond's ploy of having Michael Taylor on Stephen Copping and Ian Stasinowsky on Graham Cornes paid off.

Although Cornes took some great marks, he only booted two goals, and Taylor kept Copping to one goal.