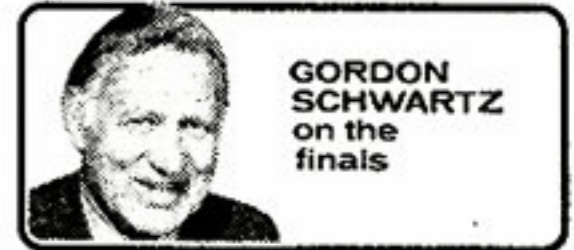


Spirited Norwood back in running

A revitalised and astonishingly spirited Norwood outclassed Glenelg by 54 points before a crowd of 23,233 in the qualifying final at Football Park yesterday.



GORDON SCHWARTZ on the finals

Norwood	5.6	8.9	13.16	16.16	(112)
Glenelg	2.0	4.3	6.3	8.10	(58)

In marked contrast to its performance a week earlier at Alberton there was no fumbling, no hesitancy, no indecision.

Players snapped up the ball and whisked it from man to man with speed and intelligence.

Weak Glenelg spots were soon exposed by Norwood's weight, toughness and fierce tackling.

The Tigers were repeatedly denied first use of the ball because of the splendidly applied skill of most of the smaller brigade.

Norwood was a resolute band, revealing the intensity of purpose so essential for Sunday's second semi-final against minor premier Sturt.

In comparison there was no zest, no zip in Glenelg's football. There was no blueprint. It was purely a gamble.

Glenelg had one outstanding player, captain Graham Cornes.

He was disciplined and single-minded, working throughout to lift his team.

That he received so little support obviously caused frustration several times when he brushed with opponents, including 1977 acting Glenelg captain Wayne Phillis.

But he quickly regained composure and concentration, and with courage, zeal and skill was best afield.

Disappointed Glenelg coach John Nicholls said: "We'll bounce back this week. We had a lot who were well down in form."

Peter Carey, Paul Weston, Stephen Copping and Kym Hodgeman were four stars who lacked the sharp edge to inspire team-mates.

Unless they regain touch and some of the lesser lights shine, Glenelg will make a hurried exit from the finals against Port Adelaide on Saturday.

The cool, calculating defence of back pocket Greg Nicholson and half-back flankers Danny Jenkins and Neil Craig was a major factor in Norwood's success yesterday.

Not only did they think and act quickly but they also positioned themselves shrewdly.

So decisively did Jenkins outpoint Peter Marker that last year's Glenelg captain was replaced halfway through the third quarter.

Rovers Mike Nunan and to a lesser degree Terry von Bertouch produced inspiring flashes which gave the attack great momentum.

Glenelg, with its ruck sources depleted because of the poor form of Carey and his colleagues, found the task of checking the opposing packs near-impossible.

Biggest surprise in ruck was Ugo Colosante, who had not played with such assurance in 15 previous games for Norwood.

For most of the day Norwood relentlessly applied pressure all over the field and stifled Glenelg's attempts to settle down to its pacy, flow-on game.

In the second half, the disparity between the teams in teamwork and approach was so great that Norwood could have lost only through complicity.

And coach Bob Hammond ensured that that didn't happen.

Norwood had too many winners, rhythm in its team play and a disciplined approach to goal.

Only twice was it challenged. After threatening to break away by kicking 3.3 in the first nine minutes with the wind, its confidence was suddenly halted by two Glenelg goals at the 11 and 13-minute marks.

Norwood's 24-point lead at the first change was reduced to 11 points early in the second quarter — but that's where Glenelg's challenge ended.

With Nunan ferreting the ball to eager team-mates, Taylor becoming a force at centre and Woodcock streaking across the half-forward line like a greyhound, Norwood kicked 3.2 into the wind to hold a commanding 30-point advantage at half-time.

In the second half Norwood used handball and the open spaces of Football Park with telling effect.

Goalkickers — Norwood: Adamson, Nunan, 3.1; Woodcock, 2.2; Palm, Colosante, 1.2; Craig, Rosser, Gallagher, 1.1; Armour, Taylor, Dillon, 1.0; Jenkins, 0.1; rushed, 0.4. Glenelg: Weston, 2.0; McInerney, Carey, 1.2; Cornes, P. Bradley, Phillis, Farquhar, 1.0; Hodgeman, 0.2; Marker, Copping, Caldwell, 0.1; rushed, 0.1.

Best — Norwood: Jenkins, Craig, Nicholson, Nunan, Taylor, Woodcock, Rosser, Gallagher (until injured). Glenelg: Cornes, Hywood, McInerney, Lihou.

Umpires — R. Scholefield, R. Magor.

While the Redlegs always seemed to have two or three players around the fall of the ball, the Tigers repeatedly were lost in "no man's land."

Nicholls unhappy with umpires

Glenelg coach John Nicholls would appreciate the best umpires for Saturday's first semi-final against Port Adelaide.

After yesterday's qualifying final, he said: "If Peter Mead and Des Foster are rated the top pair, then we deserve them."

"I'll speak to Murray Ducker (umpiring director) this week."

"The two we had today had different interpretations."

"Their display didn't make any difference to the result. But please let's have consistency."

Premiership Table at End of Minor Round

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts	%
Sturt	22	21	1	-	2742	1734	42	61.26
Norwood	22	15	7	-	2078	1645	30	55.82
Glenelg	22	14	8	-	2272	1959	28	53.70
Port	22	14	8	-	2287	2055	28	52.67
Torrens	22	10	12	-	2082	2123	20	49.51
Woodville	22	9	13	-	1981	2358	18	45.66
South	22	8	13	1	1832	2057	17	47.11
Centrals	22	8	14	-	1947	2386	16	44.93
West	22	5	16	1	1839	2070	11	47.05
North	22	5	17	-	2005	2678	10	42.81

Elimination Final:	Port	22-15	d.	Torrens	9-15
Qualifying Final:	Norwood	16-16	d.	Glenelg	8-10
First Semi Final:	Port	13-13	d.	Glenelg	11-13
Second Semi Final:	Sturt	13-19	d.	Norwood	11-9
Preliminary Final:	Norwood	16-12	d.	Port	11-8