

# IT'S ALL OVER FOR GLENELG!

## Redlegs go up

By Stephen Middleton

### It's a Sturt-Norwood grand final!

That is the inescapable conclusion after yesterday's league football round.

Glenelg would have to undergo an amazing transformation to play off in the grand final.

They have big problems in attack and desperately need Fred Phillis to return to the goalmouth.

Until they can boast a forward set-up capable of kicking more than five goals a game they cannot be considered a threat to any of the top five sides.

Peter Marker's return almost paid off with the former Bay captain showing glimpses of his former greatness.

But the Bays have a long way to go to pull themselves out of the rut.

Despite his assurances to the contrary, coach John

Nicholls must be concerned that they've lost six of their past eight games — including the NFL grand final to South.

In the next four weeks Glenelg face Port, South, a revitalised West, and the Eagles, who will be fighting to win that last match of the season to clinch fifth spot.

Port, West, and Torrens will all be tough games for the Tigers, leaving them little chance to get their game together again before the finals.

Losing yesterday cost them second spot on the premiership, with Norwood moving up one rung.

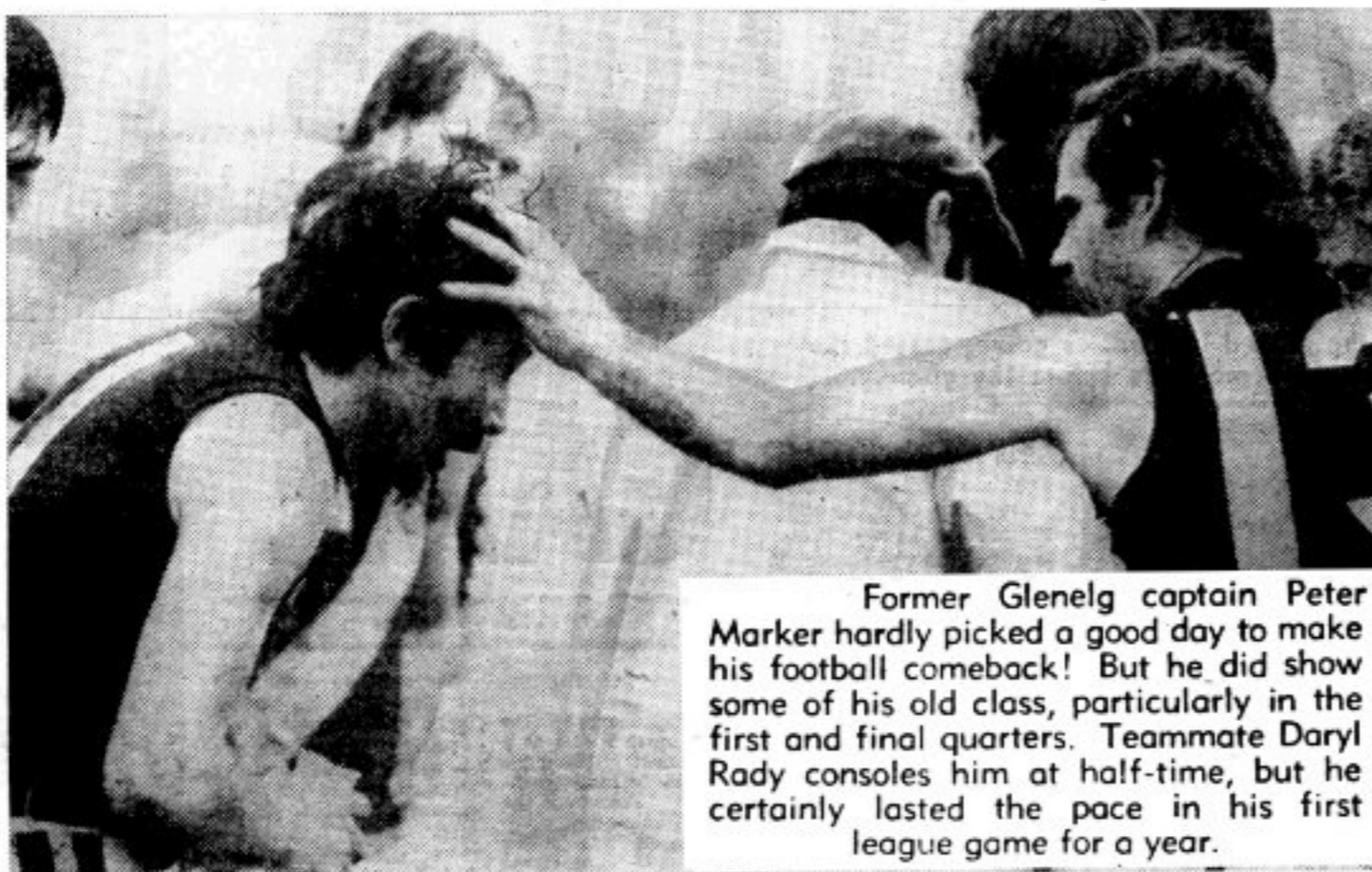
The Redlegs are getting some of their missing stars back into the game to great effect — as Bob Hammond said they would.

Yesterday it was Neil Craig and John Wynne who burst back into league football.

Craig was devastating for Norwood.

The former centreman took a commission on the half back flank and awed the crowd with his prodigious clearing kicks.

John Wynne played a lesser role as a follower, but his presence on the field was a boost to those around him.



Former Glenelg captain Peter Marker hardly picked a good day to make his football comeback! But he did show some of his old class, particularly in the first and final quarters. Teammate Daryl Rady consoles him at half-time, but he certainly lasted the pace in his first league game for a year.

# Redlegs put Tigers in the doldrums

Norwood 11-6, Glenelg 5-16

Yesterday was to have been the turning point for Glenelg, if we are to believe John Nicholls.

Glenelg were in a lull, but would pull out of it, he predicted last weekend after Centrals had wiped their feet on the Tigers at the Brighton Road ground.

But the promised about-face by the Bays did not eventuate and for the second week in a row they went down with scarcely a whimper, let alone a Tiger's snarl.

At the same time, Norwood staked their claim on second rung of the premiership table, proving themselves the most likely challengers to Sturt for South Australian football supremacy in 1978.

### Efforts

"We don't play well in the mud," said Nicholls after yesterday's game.

There is no disputing that statement, but more importantly, Glenelg gave no indication yesterday they might do any better when the grounds firm up.

They lacked method in their attack and they had no spearhead through whom they could channel their thrusts at goal.

Nor did they go close to matching the disciplined effort put up by the Redlegs, who worked as a unit while Glenelg often relied on individual efforts to get the ball rolling goalward.

And to make matters worse, there was the 1977 Glenelg vice-captain Wayne Phillis thumbing his nose at his old teammates with a strong performance for Norwood.

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In the opening minutes of the game when he and new Bay captain, Graham Cornes, staged a martial arts demonstration on the half-forward flank, Phillis showed he was not going to make life easy for his former football fellows.

That was the challenge taken up by every man in the red and blue and in the third quarter they sewed up the game.

Fired forward by Glen Rosser (who amassed an amazing 14 kicks in the third term) Norwood raced away while Glenelg became bogged down in the mud.

Norwood had Phillis, Neil Button and Stephen Kerley using their bulk to upset the Bays while the smaller ball carriers such as Terry von Bertouch, Grant Zubrinich, and Neil Craig plucked the ball from the boggy ground to race it forward into the willing hands of Ross Dillon.

The Redleg had set up winners all over the ground, from the last line of defence to Dillon in the goals.

### Control

Neil Craig was explosive on the half-back flank in



John Nicholls

his first game back from injury, while those around him were inspired by his enormous clearing kicks.

Greg Nicholson controlled the back pocket, Rod Pope had the goals as safe as Fort Knox, Danny Jenkins had shut Peter Marker out of the game and Stephen Kerley was a brick wall to the Bay attacks that came his way.

Michael Taylor was in control of centre while flanking him beautifully were the irrepressible Rosser and Phil Gallagher.

There was nothing Glenelg could do to stop the Redlegs from setting up a match-winning lead. Peter Carey launched himself into the fray as if attempting to inspire his teammates to greater heights, but his efforts met with little response.

In the end it was a coast home for the home side.

## League Details

### ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	2-1	6-6	11-13	15-23	113
Centrals	7-3	8-3	11-8	13-8	86

**BEST—PORT:** Faletic, Cahill, Fragomeni, Sorrell, Ebert, Kinnear. **CENTRALS:** Maksimovic, Norsworthy, Skinner, O'Brien.  
**SCORERS—PORT:** Evans 5.4, Sorrell 4.7, Cunningham 2.0, Gill 2.0, Clifford 1.3, Cahill 1.2, Faletic 0.1, Ebert 0.1, Eckerman 0.1, Porplycia 0.1, Kinnear 0.1, rushed 0.2. **CENTRALS:** Norsworthy 4.1, Beythein 3.0, George 2.2, Van Dommele 1.2, Graham 1.1, Stone 1.0, Rae 1.0, rushed 0.2.  
**INJURIES—PORT:** Clifford (high) late last quarter. **CENTRALS:** Harrington (calf muscle) in second quarter.  
**UMPIRES—**Bob Scholefield, Rower Magor.

### FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	1-3	6-6	10-17	11-17	83
South	1-2	6-5	6-8	7-13	55

**BEST—STURT:** Davies, Sims, Graham, Derrington, Howard, Winter. **SOUTH:** Baynes, Hately, Bennett, Haines, Linke, Butler.  
**SCORERS—STURT:** Sims 3.1, Pfeiffer 2.1, Downes 2.1, Derrington 1.4, Davies 1.2, Graham 1.1, Burgan 1.0, Winter 0.3, Howard 0.1, Barton 0.2, rushed 0.1. **SOUTH:** Linke 2.3, Minnis 1.2, Bennett 1.0, Lyons 1.3, Dry 1.0, Slatery 1.0, Hately 0.3, Shaw 0.2.  
**INJURIES—SOUTH:** Ian Wilson (discolated shoulder), in second quarter. John Schneebichler (aggravated hip injury), in third quarter.  
**UMPIRES—**Brendon O'Connor, Trevor Thomas.

### NORWOOD OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	3-1	5-1	11-6	11-6	72
Glenelg	2-5	3-8	3-9	5-16	46

**BEST—NORWOOD:** Nicholson, Phillis, Rosser, Kerley, Craig Taylor, Button. **GLENELG:** Carey, Hodgeman, Farquhar, P. Johnston, Litou.  
**SCORERS—NORWOOD:** Dillon 3.3, Button 2.0, Rosser 2.0, Zubrinich 1.2, Armour 1.1, Taylor 1.0, Greg, GLENELG: D. Johnston 2.0, Copping 1.2, Rady 1.1, Corne 1.0, Hodgeman 0.3, Wilcocks 0.1, MacVicar 0.1, Holst 0.1, McInerney 0.1, Carey 0.1, rushed 0.3.  
**UMPIRES:** Laurie Argent, Robin Bennett.

### RICHMOND OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	5-9	8-10	16-18	20-21	141
North	0-1	3-5	5-5	6-7	43

**BEST—WEST:** Morris, Meuret, Grimwood, Dunlop, Loveday, Weideman, Drew, M. Williams (until injured), Kennedy. **NORTH:** W. Stringer, Hill, Robran, Cloke, Jaworsky.  
**SCORERS—WEST:** Meuret 4.2, Grimwood 4.2, Loveday 3.4, Dunlop 2.3, Drew 2.3, A. Williams 2.1, Weideman 1.3, Morris 1.2, M. Williams 1.0, Kennedy 0.1. **NORTH:** Robran 2.1, Cloke 1.2, Pelle 1.1, Tuller 1.0, Muller 1.0, Doszna 0.1, Hill 0.1, rushed 0.1.  
**INJURY—NORTH:** Conder (cork thigh) in first quarter.  
**REPORT—NORTH:** K. Dillon reported by field umpire R. Charlesworth for alleged deliberate kicking in the third quarter.  
**UMPIRES—**Ric Charlesworth, Steve Semmler.

### WOODVILLE OVAL

Torrens	1-1	4-7	7-9	10-13	73
Woodville	1-0	3-0	6-2	10-3	63

**BEST—TORRENS:** Inglis, Lindsay McSparran, P. Cousins (until injured), Marriott, M. Pavlich, Dabrowski. **WOODVILLE:** Tyrrell, Close, Hutton, Goodingham, Crane, D. Hewitt.  
**SCORERS—TORRENS:** Hanna 2.0, Marriott 2.0, Rendell 2.0, M. Pavlich 1.1, Kellett 1.1, Hewett 1.1, Inglis 1.0, Jackman 0.5, Ragsatt 0.1, Lindsay 0.1, McKay 0.1, rushed 0.2. **WOODVILLE:** Cary 2.1, Howard 2.0, Roberts 2.0, G. Hewitt 1.1, Brown 1.0, Hutton 1.0, Parker 1.0, Mildenhall 0.1.  
**INJURIES—TORRENS:** P. Roberts (mild concussion) fourth quarter; P. Cousins (torn foot muscle), fourth quarter. **WOODVILLE:** Sewer (concussion) second quarter.  
**UMPIRES—**Mark Coombe, Peter Mead.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Sturt	17	1	—	2252	1431	34	61.15
Norwood	12	6	—	1686	1274	24	56.96
Glenelg	12	6	—	1890	1589	24	54.33
Port	10	8	—	1863	1780	20	51.14
Torrens	9	9	—	1719	1710	18	50.13
Centrals	8	10	—	1659	1931	16	46.21
Woodville	7	11	—	1605	1942	14	45.25
West	5	12	1	1525	1588	11	48.99
South	5	12	1	1473	1773	11	45.38
North	4	14	—	1616	2271	8	41.57

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

Bagshaw (Sturt)	—	16	64.33
George (Centrals)	2.2	12	58.41
T. Evans (Port)	5.4	18	54.49
Winter (Sturt)	0.3	18	45.33
Hodgeman (Glenelg)	0.3	18	44.29
Copping (Glenelg)	1.2	18	38.25
Inglis (Torrens)	1.0	17	34.14
Davoren (West)	—	14	33.19

### CROWDS PROGRAM

Football Park	4,159	Sturt v. North (Football Park), Woodville v. Centrals (Woodville), Port v. Glenelg (Alberton), Norwood v. Torrens (Norwood), West v. South (Richmond).
Woodville	3,643	
Alberton	7,579	
Richmond	1,919	
Norwood	8,139	
Total	25,437	

### INTERSTATE FOOTBALL

**VFL—** South Melbourne 14-9, Richmond 9-16; Geelong 14-17, Melbourne 13-17; St. Kilda 18-13, Essendon 11-16; Carlton 14-19, Collingwood 8-14; Hawthorn 17-16, Footscray 17-10; North Melbourne 19-10, Fitzroy, 11-16.  
**WA League—** Perth 20-14, West Perth 8-12; East Perth 25-14, East Fremantle 19-12; South Fremantle 13-30, Subiaco 7-15; Claremont 22-18, Swan Districts 8-13.  
**Rugby League—** Cronulla 23 (Sorensen, Dudman, Raftery tries, Rogers 2 goals) Balmain 8 (Bendall, Corowa, tries, Ninness goal) at Leichhardt.