

# ROBERTS REPORTED ... and Roosters shatter Bloods

By Stephen Middleton

**Torrens star Neville Roberts will appear before the SANFL Tribunal on Tuesday night for the second time in a fortnight.**

But this time he will be the central figure, after being reported during the Torrens-Woodville clash at Football Park yesterday.

A fortnight ago he gave evidence when Centrals' Michael Koch appeared on a charge of striking Roberts.

The Eagle forward was reported by umpire Laurie Argent in the second quarter for allegedly attempting to strike an unnamed Woodville player.

Roberts is the fourth Torrens player to be reported this season.

The others were Dirk Inglis and Milan Paletic, who were both found not guilty, and Ricky Searle who received a severe reprimand.

### In trouble

The report was the only sensation from yesterday's matches, in which North pulled off an upset win over one of last year's finalists — West.

Today's game at Football Park between

Sturt and South will complete the first full round of matches for the 1978 season.

With a win for Sturt on the cards, the Blues should find themselves at the top of the premiership, with Glenelg in second spot.

The big surprise was Woodville's ascent into the final five after their win yesterday over Torrens.

Woodville slipped one game clear of West, South, North and Centrals.

It was that old Prospect Oval hoodoo that caught up with West and they have another hard match coming up next week when they meet Glenelg at the Bay.

At the head of the premiership list for the time being, Glenelg should slip into second place tonight following the conclusion of the ninth round, when Sturt and South clash at Football Park.

So with the first round over, Sturt have so far been the improvers for 1978, with West and South dropping out of the five to make way for the Blues and Woodville.

Apart from the reporting of Roberts, Torrens suffered a further blow yesterday when rover, Phil Ashmeade went down injured near the end of yesterday's game.

He fell heavily 10 minutes before the final siren and has a suspected fractured collarbone.

Centrals also suffered from injury as well as defeat, with Julian Swinstead tearing a hamstring, Richard Cochrane receiving a bruised back and Bill Cochrane damaging the driving muscle in his left leg.

## LEAGUE DETAILS

### GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	10-5	10-5	12-12	12-13	85
Nwd.	0-1	5-6	7-7	10-14	74

**BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG:** Cornes, Weston, Hodgeman, Voist, MacVicar, MacFarlane. **NORWOOD:** Button, Michalanne, Dunstan, Taylor, Gregg, Armour.  
**SCORERS—GLENELG:** Hodgeman 4-0, Copping 3-3, McInerney 2-1, Carey 2-0, Weston 1-2, Caldwell 0-3, Cornes 0-2, Holst 0-1, Whiting 0-1. **NORWOOD:** Michalanne 5-0, Taylor 1-2, Zubrinich 1-2, Gregg 1-1, Dunstan 1-1, Colosante 1-0, Button 0-2, Sapwell 0-1, Woodcock 0-1, rushed 0-4.  
**INJURIES—NORWOOD:** Nicholson (groin) in first quarter, Finemann (hamstring) in first quarter.  
**UMPIRES—**Peter Mead, Trevor Thomas.

### FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
W'ville	4-4	7-4	11-11	14-13	97
Torr.	2-2	4-12	4-15	7-20	62

**BEST—WOODVILLE:** Maylin, Crane, Hutton, Sewer, D. Hewitt, Tyrrell. **TORRENS:** McSporrán, Inglis, Miller, Jackman, Hewitt, White.

**SCORERS—WOODVILLE:** Tyrrell 4-0, Jensen 3-0, G. Hewitt 2-3, Howard 1-2, Hutton 1-2, Parker 1-1, Goodingham 1-0, Dennes 1-0, Sewer 0-1, rushed 0-4. **TORRENS:** Inglis 3-2, Hamill 1-1, Pavlich 1-0, Rendell 1-0, Jackman 1-0, Roberts 0-6, McSporrán 0-2, Kellett 0-2, Miller 0-1, Ashmeade 0-1, White 0-1, Manouge 0-1, Marriott 0-1, rushed 0-2.

**INJURIES—WOODVILLE:** Crane (first quarter), bruised ribs; Maylin (third), strained hamstring; Andreson (second), jaw. **TORRENS:** Ashmeade (fourth) suspected fractured collarbone.

**REPORT—**N. Roberts (Torrens) for allegedly attempting to strike an unnamed Woodville player in the second quarter by field umpire L. Argent.

**UMPIRES—**Laurie Argent, Brenton O'Connor.

### PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	7-1	10-2	11-7	14-10	94
West	2-4	4-9	5-10	8-20	68

**BEST PLAYERS—NORTH:** Doszsa, Hill, Muller, Tiller, B. Stringer, Pelle. **WEST:** Beswick, Donaldson, Hayes, Summerton.

**SCORERS—NORTH:** B. Stringer 3-2, W. Stringer 2-1, Tiller 2-1, Redden 2-0, Pelle 1-2, Algate 1-1, B. Robran 1-1, Riley 1-0, Hill 1-0, Roach 0-2. **WEST:** Weideman 3-1, Meuret 2-4, Davoren 1-4, Hagen 1-3, Person 1-0, Grimwood 0-2, Morris 0-2, Williams 0-1, rushed 0-3.

**INJURIES—NORTH:** Wayne Stringer (ankle), third quarter.

**UMPIRES—**Roger Magor, Bob Scholefield.

### ELIZABETH

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4-7	6-12	13-16	13-20	98
Cent.	0-2	0-6	3-9	9-13	67

**SCORERS—PORT:** Evans 2-4, Cunningham 2-1, Whatman 2-1, Curtis 2-1, Porplycia 1-2, Clifford 1-1, Ebert 1-1, Belton 1-0, Kinnear 1-0, Cahill 0-4, Light 0-2, rushed 0-3. **CENTRALS:** George 3-5, Saywell 3-1, Maksimovic 2-1, Norsworthy 1-0, Mobbs 0-2, Heinrich 0-1, Jonas 0-1, rushed 0-2.

**BEST PLAYERS—PORT:** Cahill, Cunningham, Clifford, Kinnear, Warren, Porplycia, Phillips. **CENTRALS:** Wilson, Vivian, Beythien, W. Cochrane.

**INJURIES—CENTRALS:** Swinstead (hamstrings) during first quarter. R. Cochrane (back) at three-quarter time.

**UMPIRES—**Rick Kinnear, Mark Coombe.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Glenelg	9	8	1	1096	835	16	56.76
Sturt	8	7	1	1074	710	14	60.20
Norwood	9	6	3	918	686	12	57.23
Port	9	5	4	962	917	10	51.20
Woodville	9	4	5	870	1018	8	46.08
West	9	3	6	768	845	6	47.61
South	8	3	5	760	877	6	46.43
North	9	3	6	930	1091	6	46.02
Centrals	9	3	6	838	1022	6	45.05
Torrens	9	2	7	833	1048	4	41.28

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Yest.	Matches	Total
T. Evans (Port)	2-4	9	28.25
Hodgeman (Glenelg)	4-0	9	28.16
Phillips (Glenelg)	—	6	28.12
Bagshaw (Sturt)	—	7	27.19
Winter (Sturt)	—	8	22.17
Saywell (Centrals)	3-1	9	22.9
Sorrell (Port)	—	7	20.11
Cloke (North)	—	8	19.15

# Redlegs just could not close the gap

### Glenelg 12-13, Norwood 10-14

It doesn't often happen that a team which kicks only two goals in three quarters of football gets a win, but it did at Glenelg yesterday.

Glenelg turned what looked like a five-goal breeze into a 10-5 breeze and that was the end of Norwood.

The Redlegs battled all day to get back into the game and almost made it when they ran on in the final quarter.

But just when they seemed set for a win, a great piece of desperation football from Glenelg rover Peter McInerney, put an end to Norwood's chances.

McInerney gave Paul Adler a 15-metre start and then ran him down, brought him to the ground and prevented the Norwood forward from running on to what would almost certainly have become a goal.

And with only two shots on line between quarter time and the final siren, the Bays had the two premiership points.

Much of their success was due to the efforts of Glenelg's "big three" — Graham Cornes, Paul Weston and Kym Hodgeman.

But Colin MacVicar could take some of the credit for a great rucking display in the first half and for setting Glenelg going in the first quarter, when they slammed on 10 of their 12 goals for the day.

MacVicar was getting the taps and Hodgeman

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and McInerney were snaring them to push the ball ahead to players such as Stephen Copping at full forward, Peter Carey in the pocket and their fellow ruck runner, Graham Cornes.

The Bays bored straight out of centre, down the middle of the ground and through the goals, blasting one football after another into the school-yard, from where few were returned.

### Indirect

Norwood had no answer to the procession, and in the words of their coach, Bob Hammond, they permitted Glenelg "too much freedom."

A bitterly disappointed Hammond went on: "we stopped them in the third quarter. Why couldn't we do it in the first?"

That was the question that really needed answering, because in the third quarter Norwood DID stop Glenelg.

But merely stopping Glenelg from scoring without making up the leeway

was never going to be enough, and Norwood just could not bridge the gap.

Whenever they had the wind in their backs they moved the ball around the flanks and the wings, rather than aiming straight at the goals.

It is true John Nicholls played Peter Carey in defence when Norwood had the breeze, but he was in the goalsquare, and the ball should have been sailing over his head.

But neither was John Nicholls content with the two premiership points.

"We almost lost the game in the third quarter when we had the wind for the second time," he said. "Norwood outplayed us and they pressured us into kicking badly and passing badly."

And it was players such as Clarke, Button, Gregg, Taylor and Dunstan who kept Norwood inching towards a win.

But when they looked as if they might grab it, Messrs. Cornes, Weston and Hodgeman shut the gate with a grand last quarter. And don't forget Peter McInerney's tackle.

*Hold that Tiger . . . Norwood's Paul Adler (obscured) and Michael Taylor try to stop Glenelg's Paul Weston getting his kick. But Weston keeps control, clears the ball and sends the Tigers into attack.*

