

# ROBRAN'S RAIDERS

By Alan Shiell

## STRIKE AGAIN!

Coach Barrie Robran conceded North Adelaide had arrived as a new league football force after it disposed of Norwood, last year's premier, in a bruising battle at the Parade yesterday.

"Yes, we have arrived," said Robran. "But the sign of a good side is one that goes on with it week after week.

"I don't wish to have one-game stars. I want consistent performers."

Robran's Roosters are now Robran's Raiders, having run over Glenelg, West Adelaide, and Norwood after losses to South Adelaide and Central District.

North is playing with a vigor and aggression not seen from it since it won the 1971 and 1972 premierships.

Norwood could not, and sometimes appeared unwilling, to cope with it.

Call them rough, call them rugged. The Roosters attacked the ball relentlessly, like hungry men wanting to eat it.

"Yes, there is more vigor and strength in our game this year," Robran admitted. "And we are getting to opponents more quickly.

## 'We've arrived — Barrie

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"We are playing disciplined football now. Some players weren't doing as they were told before. Now they are more disciplined and the results are there.

"We must maintain it." North's next test is against Port Adelaide at Prospect on Saturday. Win that and the Roosters will be crowing even louder.

Not bad for a side that finished bottom last year, with only five wins in 22 matches.

South is entitled also to rate itself a new power, perched proudly at the head of the premiership table as the only team to win four of the first five games.



IT was just like the memorable North Adelaide premierships wins of 1971 and '72... the atmosphere in the Rooster dressing room reflected a great win over last year's premiers, Norwood. Singing North's club song are (from left) Barry Stringer, Brenton Hartfield, Trevor Hill, Wayne Stringer, David Tiller, Dean Conder and Mark Downie.—Picture by Ray Titus

By Stephen Price

Two Jack Oatey proteges met as opposing coaches for the first time at Glenelg Oval yesterday and it was the old fox John Halbert who made their score one-nil.

His Tigers ripped Central District apart in a devastating eight-goal burst in the last term to romp in by 36 points.

And Hicks summed up his feelings on his Oatey background: "It's sure not doing me much good at the moment, is it?"

But Hicks may be being a little hard on himself. For three quarters Central had looked the winners, and it was only a blinding burst by Glenelg that gave it the game.

Players like Peter Carey, Peter Whiting and Paul Weston lifted themselves with raw courage to boost an ordinary Glenelg attack and make it shine.

### 8 goals

With these three helping a valiant Malcolm Greenslade, who had played well all day, Central collapsed.

Glenelg rattled on eight goals without reply from Central to dance away with it in the end.

That period was the only time for the entire game that either sides attack really got on top.

For the first three quarters it was a battle of defences, due mainly to a strong southerly breeze.

Bay players like Kuhl-

# So it's one up to John

Glenelg 14-14, Central 8-14



Halbert... made it one-nil

mann, Lihou, Holst and the Bradley brothers slogged it out all day to give their forwards the opportunities they finally capitalised on in the final term.

Likewise Central's Danny Harrington, Bill Cochrane and Michael O'Brien turned Glenelg out consistently all day.

When the defences weren't at work it was Glenelg's Glenn Todmann who was supreme in mid-field. He opened at centre and won there all day.

Todmann was a Bay discard 12 months ago and played last season at Port Augusta. He has returned and given them some much needed strength around the field.

The strong wind definitely played a big part in the

game. Hicks thought Central's third quarter with the wind was the main contributing factor to its loss.

"We needed to be a few up at three-quarter time, but as it turned out we were only 12 points clear," he said.

"Our third quarter with the wind was not good and Glenelg just ran away in the final term," he said.

Halbert thought his side played into the wind well in both the first and third quarters.

He expressed pleasure with the effort of Greenslade who made his first appearance as a forward with the club.

Others to impress for Glenelg included David Bradley, Steve Copping and Nick Crabb.



Hicks... too hard on himself

# LEAGUE DETAILS

## ADELAIDE OVAL

|         | 1st | 2nd  | 3rd   | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|
| South   | 4-8 | 7-12 | 12-15 | 14-16 | 100  |
| Torrens | 1-1 | 6-2  | 6-6   | 9-7   | 61   |

BEST-SOUTH: Hateley, Slattery, Baynes, Fry, Mousley, Bennett, Clarke, Butler. TORRENS: White, Floriani, Giles, Jackman, Cousins.

SCORERS-SOUTH: Slatter 3.4, Collins 2.0, Hateley 1.5, G. Brooksby 1.3, Hawkins 1.2, Earl 1.0, Harradine 1.0, Bennett 1.0, Baynes 1.0, Bracegirdle 1.0, Cox 1.0, Lewis 0.1, rushed 0.1. TORRENS: McSporran 3.0, Hewett 2.0, Hank 1.1, Hanna 1.1, Hamill 1.0, Grinter 1.0, Miller 0.1, Giles 0.1, Jackman 0.1, Enright 0.1, Azzopardi 0.1.

INJURIES-SOUTH: Earl (slight hamstring). UMPIRES: Peter Mead, Brenton O'Connor.

## UNLEY OVAL

|       | 1st | 2nd  | 3rd   | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|
| Sturt | 3-1 | 8-10 | 12-14 | 19-18 | 132  |
| West  | 4-6 | 5-8  | 9-13  | 12-16 | 88   |

BEST-STURT: Hardeman, Bagshaw, P. Heinrich, Davies, Downes, Lloyd. WEST: Gregg, Hamilton, Fielke, Donaldson, Kantilahtas, Tait.

SCORERS-STURT: Whelan 6.1, Heinrich 3.2, M. Howard 2.2, Hardeman 2.1, Reed 2.1, Downes 2.0, Bagshaw 1.2, Hargreaves 1.0, Sanders 0.2, Davies 0.2, Leonard 0.2, Zilm 0.1, B. Howard 0.1, rushed 0.1. WEST: Ravlich 4.4, Gregg 2.0, Hollick 1.3, Pierson 1.2, Greenwood 1.1, Donaldson 1.0, Grosser 1.0, Tait 1.0, Fielke 0.2, Weideman 0.1, Kantilahtas 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - STURT: Simmonds (cut knee), B. Howard (bruised thigh). WEST: Gregg (bruised knee), Hayes (cut eye). Both Luders and Meuret withdrew with strained medial ligaments.

UMPIRES—Laurie Argcutt, Trevor Thomas.

## NORWOOD OVAL

|         | 1st | 2nd  | 3rd  | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|------|------|-------|------|
| North   | 6-3 | 9-4  | 14-8 | 18-10 | 118  |
| Norwood | 3-6 | 8-10 | 9-13 | 14-16 | 100  |

BEST-NORTH: Conder, R. Robran, B. Stringer, Baruzzi, Pelle, Hill. NORWOOD: Button, Numan, Taylor, Jenkins, Menzel, Dunstan.

SCORERS - NORTH: Hartfield 4.2, Stringer 3.0, Doszua 3.0, Baruzzi 2.1, Tiller 1.2, Pelle 1.1, Dillon 1.0, Redden 1.0, Hill 1.0, Downie 1.0, Ellis 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORWOOD: Adler 4.3, Dunstan 4.0, Dalwood 2.0, Thiel 1.1, Michaljanney 1.0, Winter 1.0, Gallagher 1.0, Numan 0.2, Zubrinich 0.2, Jenkins 0.2, Woodcock 0.2, Fienemann 0.1, Button 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES—Rick Kinnear, Bob Scholefield.

## GLENELG OVAL

|         | 1st | 2nd | 3rd  | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|
| Glenelg | 2-2 | 6-8 | 6-10 | 14-14 | 98   |
| Central | 3-5 | 7-6 | 8-10 | 8-14  | 62   |

BEST-GLENELG: Todman, Holst, Kuhlmann, McInerney, Greenslade, Copping. CENTRAL: Harrington, Maksimovic, Norsworthy, W. Cochrane, O'Brien, R. Cochrane.

SCORERS-GLENELG: Greenslade 3.1, Carey 2.2, MacVicar 2.1, Whiting 2.1, Hodgeman 1.2, Copping 1.1, McInerney 1.1, Weston 1.2, Holst 1.0, Lunnis 0.1, Todman 0.1, rushed 0.1. CENTRAL: Norsworthy 2.0, Jonas 1.1, Maksimovic 1.0, Schultz 1.0, McClay 1.0, Duckworth 1.2, Beythien 1.0, Gilles 0.2, Van Dommele 0.1, Graham 0.1, Harrington 0.1, Vivian 0.1, rushed 0.5.

INJURIES-GLENELG: Nick Crabb, slight concussion.

UMPIRES—Des Foster, Steve Semmler.

## FOOTBALL PARK

|           | 1st | 2nd  | 3rd  | Final | Pts. |
|-----------|-----|------|------|-------|------|
| Port      | 2-8 | 5-14 | 8-19 | 9-26  | 80   |
| Woodville | 2-3 | 2-6  | 5-15 | 10-18 | 78   |

BEST-PORT: Cahill, Clifford, Eckerman, Giles, G. Phillips, WOODVILLE: Maylin, Sewer, D. Hewitt, Roberts, Hutton, Tyrrell.

SCORERS-PORT: Evans 3.4, Clifford 2.1, Cunningham 1.3, Curtis 1.1, Cahill 1.7, Hofner 1.1, Paletic 0.1, Kinnear 0.1, Williams 0.1, Giles 0.1, rushed 0.5. WOODVILLE: G. Hewitt 3.4, Mildenhall 1.2, Carty 1.2, Close 1.2, Roberts 1.0, Maylin 1.0, Rainbird 1.0, D. Hewitt 0.3, Sewer 0.2, rushed 0.2.

Umpires: Ric Charlesworth, Roger Magor.

## PREMIERSHIP TABLE

|           | W. | L. | D. | F.  | A.  | Pts | %     |
|-----------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| South     | 4  | 1  | —  | 458 | 384 | 8   | 54.39 |
| Torrens   | 3  | 1  | 1  | 500 | 463 | 7   | 51.92 |
| Glenelg   | 3  | 2  | —  | 477 | 436 | 6   | 52.25 |
| Port      | 3  | 2  | —  | 400 | 401 | 6   | 49.94 |
| North     | 3  | 2  | —  | 481 | 495 | 6   | 49.28 |
| Centrals  | 2  | 2  | 1  | 478 | 467 | 5   | 50.58 |
| Norwood   | 2  | 3  | —  | 551 | 485 | 4   | 53.19 |
| Sturt     | 2  | 3  | —  | 431 | 537 | 4   | 44.80 |
| Woodville | 1  | 4  | —  | 500 | 487 | 2   | 50.66 |
| West      | 1  | 4  | —  | 472 | 599 | 2   | 44.28 |

## LEADING GOALKICKERS

|                       | Games | Yest | Total |
|-----------------------|-------|------|-------|
| G. Hewitt (Woodville) | 5     | 3.4  | 26.20 |
| Adler (Norwood)       | 4     | 4.3  | 17.14 |
| Evans (Port)          | 5     | 3.4  | 15.15 |
| Pierson (West)        | 5     | 1.2  | 15.6  |
| P. Heinrich (Sturt)   | 5     | 3.2  | 14.9  |

## CROWDS

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Norwood           | 9664   |
| Football Park     | 8876   |
| Unley             | 6191   |
| Adelaide Oval     | 9163   |
| Glenelg           | 8094   |
| Fifth round total | 41,988 |

## Next Games

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| Saturday, May 12 —   |
| South v Glenelg (Football Park); Torrens v Sturt (Thebarton); Central v Woodville (Elizabeth); West v Norwood (Richmond); North v Port (Prospect). |