

Glenelg struggles to top of ladder



Glenelg's Peter Woite (left) has no need to worry about the outcome of this mark. Veteran Glenelg ruckman Peter Carey takes the mark safely over the top of Norwood defender Ian Stasinowsky at Football Park yesterday.

Glenelg	5.4	7.11	8.17	14.22	(106)
Norwood	3.1	6.6	7.9	9.13	(67)

By GEOFF KINGSTON

Glenelg looked uneasy and uncomfortable as it struggled to the top of the league football premiership table with a 39-point win over Norwood at Football Park yesterday.

It didn't look as though it would lose; it just couldn't shrug off a persistent Norwood side able to stay within touch for most of the game largely because of some shocking inaccuracies in front of goal by Glenelg.

It was a danger game for Glenelg and coach John Halbert, who stressed the point in his pre-match talk.

"In view of the upsets that occurred on Saturday it was imperative that we won against Norwood," Halbert said afterwards.

"We knew that a win would put us on top and give us a little breathing space which is going to be important because of the tough program we have ahead of us in the next three weeks.

(Glenelg's next three games are against Port at Football Park, Sturt at Glenelg and South at Football Park).

"Before the game I thought that with Aish back and Dalwood at centre half-forward, Norwood had come up with its best balanced side for the year, so yes, I saw it as a danger game for us," said Halbert.

"But our goalkicking was disgraceful and I really think that we let Norwood stay in the game

because of our inaccuracy."

Without detracting too much from Norwood's effort, Halbert is probably right.

At one stage in the third term Glenelg had kicked 8.15 to Norwood's 6.9 — 23 scoring shots to 15, yet it led by only 18 points, or three straight kicks.

The conditions certainly were wet and windy but many shots from within 20 metres should have been goals.

Glenelg also hit the post five times.

Glenelg was given tremendous drive from around the packs where Peter Carey, Graham Cornes, Colin MacVicar and rovers Peter McInerney and Kym Hodgeman created countless opportunities for teammates all over the ground.

Cornes, in particular, played a disciplined, yet at times, spectacular game either on the ball or when assigned to stop Norwood playmaker and centreman Phil Gallagher.

Steve Copping also harassed the life out of the Norwood defence.

His acceleration and ability to break past and through tackles to set up chances right across the forward line always had Norwood under pressure.

It was possibly his best game for the season.

At the other end of the ground Norwood could not find a strong, consistent ball getter in attack to support the incredible Michael Aish, who, in his first game for the season, showed again the special skill and class that belongs only to him.

Aish and young Nick Walker gave Glenelg plenty to think about as they worked desperately to keep Norwood in the game.

Walker, facing tremendous odds in ruck against Carey, MacVicar, Cornes and Colin Anderson did a fantastic job, especially in the field play.

His marking, strong running and creative play repeatedly unbalanced Glenelg. Had more Norwood players showed similar flair, Norwood might just have pinched the game off Glenelg.

GOALKICKERS — Glenelg: Walter 5.3, Carey 2.1, Hodgeman 1.3, McInerney 1.2, Anderson 1.2, Copping 1.1, Marshall 1.1, MacVicar 1.1, Caldwell 1.0, Weston 0.4, Woite 0.1, Bradley 0.1, rushed 0.2. Norwood: Kerley 3.1, Hoffman 1.2, Woodcock 1.1, Schmaal 1.1, Menzel, Gallagher, Resser, 1.0, Aish, Taylor, Dalwood, Finemann, Jenkins, 0.1, rushed 0.3.

BEST — Glenelg: Cornes, Copping, Hodgeman, McInerney, Weston, Carey, Farquhar. Norwood: Hoffman, Taylor, Walker, Aish, Gallagher. Umpires — P. Mead, R. Schalefield.

Tiger closes gap to leader

Glenelg rover Kym Hodgeman has edged closer to his West Torrens counterpart Bruce Lindsay in voting for "The Advertiser" Trophy.

Lindsay, who did not poll at the weekend, leads with nine votes, one more than Hodgeman.

Glenelg follower Graham Cornes and Sturt ruckman Rick Davies each polled full votes to join Neil Craig (Sturt), Russell Ebert (Port) and Phil Gallagher (Norwood) in third place with six votes.

Cornes edged out Steve Copping for best-on-ground vote at Football Park yesterday with a consistent game in defence and attack.

Davies was the dynamo who motivated the Sturt machine at Unley on Saturday, achieving maximum output in the crucial last quarter against Port Adelaide.

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He got first vote ahead of Ebert and Sturt until Eddie Fry.

North Adelaide centreman Greg McAdam beat three opponents to be best afield against West Torrens at Football Park.

South Adelaide captain Geoff Baynes was his usual efficient self, making opportunities all over the ground for teammates at Woodville Oval.

After a sluggish start, Mark Norsworthy was a courageous and inspirational rover for Central District against West, and capped his performance with five goals.

YESTERDAY FOOTBALL PARK

G. Cornes (G) 3
S. Copping (G) 2
K. Hodgeman (G) 1

SATURDAY ELIZABETH OVAL

M. Norsworthy (CD) 3
P. Jonas (CD) 2
D. Drew (WA) 1

FOOTBALL PARK

G. McAdam (NA) 3
B. Stringer (NA) 2
J. Riley (NA) 1

UNLEY OVAL

R. Davies (St) 3
R. Ebert (PA) 2
E. Fry (St) 1

WOODVILLE OVAL

G. Baynes (SA) 3
S. Butler (SA) 2
R. Hutton (W) 1

LEADERS—Lindsay (WT) 9, Hodgeman (G) 8, Cornes (G), Davies (St), Craig (St), Gallagher (N), Ebert (PA) 6, Hill (NA), M. Norsworthy (CD), Jonas (CD) 5.

Sturt	4.10	6.13	10.17	13.22	(100)
Port	2.2	8.4	11.8	14.12	(96)

GOALKICKERS — Sturt: Hollis 7.3, Magarey 2.1, Davies 1.3, Smith, Fry 1.2, Heinrich 1.1. Graham Friedrichs, Wilson 0.2, Zilm 0.1, rushed 0.3. Port: Evans 6.0, Clifford 3.0, Kinneer, Cahill, Cunningham 1.1, Williams, Faletic 1.0, Ebert 0.2, Granger, Abernethy, Agius 0.1, rushed 0.4.

BEST — Sturt: Davies, Fry, Graham, Hollis, Heinrich, Magarey. Port: Ebert, Williams, Clifford, Giles, Kinneer, Evans. Umpires — D. Foster, G. Hilton.

Premiership table

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.c.
GLENELG	5	1	—	800	480	10	62.5
WEST TORRENS	5	1	—	584	472	10	55.3
PORT ADELAIDE	4	1	1	863	457	9	65.4
SOUTH ADELAIDE	4	2	—	637	495	8	56.3
CENTRAL DISTRICT	3	2	1	643	673	7	48.9
STURT	3	3	—	678	653	6	51.0
NORTH ADELAIDE	2	4	—	655	648	4	50.3
NORWOOD	2	4	—	546	662	4	45.2
WEST ADELAIDE	1	5	—	501	802	2	38.4
WOODVILLE	—	6	—	485	1049	—	31.6

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Sat./Sun.	Total
EVANS (Port Adelaide)	6.0	40.14
WALTER (Glenelg)	5.3	24.7
HOLLIS (Sturt)	7.3	20.6
LINKE (South Adelaide)	1.3	18.10
SCHNEEBICHLER (South Adelaide)	6.0	16.7
FALETIC (Port Adelaide)	1.0	15.12
CARTY (Woodville)	3.2	15.12

Crowds

FOOTBALL PARK (NA v. WT) 8328	FOOTBALL PARK (PA v. G)
WOODVILLE OVAL (SA v. Wd.) 2426	ADELAIDE OVAL (SA v. WT)
ELIZABETH OVAL (CD v. WA) 6939	ELIZABETH OVAL (CD v. St.)
UNLEY OVAL (St. v. PA) 13,829	NORWOOD OVAL (N v. Wd.)
FOOTBALL PARK (G v. N) 9473	RICHMOND OVAL (WA v. NA)
Total 40,995	MONDAY FOOTBALL PARK SA Youth team v. NSW SA v. Qld.

NA	5.1	8.3	10.8	14.10	(94)
WT	1.4	2.4	5.7	8.7	(55)

GOALKICKERS — North: Pelle 3.2, Schlein, Doherty 3.1, Hartfield 2.0, B. Stringer, McAdam, Hill 1.0, Stanbridge, Gehling 0.2, rushed 0.2. Torrens — Primmer 2.0, Inglis 1.2, Jackman, Roberts 1.1, Lindsay, Hill, Hewett 1.0, rushed 0.3.

BEST — North: McAdam, Stringer, Riley, Hill, Cloke, Clisby, Nunan, Myles. Torrens: Enright, Primmer, Rendell, Marriott. Umpires — L. Argent, J. Hylton.

Reserves

GLENELG v. NORWOOD				
G	4.3	14.10	20.18	22.23
N	3.2	4.3	5.8	9.11

Goalkickers — Glenelg: Twelftree, Lunniss 5, Bliehn 4, Harrison 3, Colbey 2, Williams, Veide, Hurley. Norwood: Thomas 3, J. Zadaw 2, Leahy, Bell, Zubrinich, Clarke.

Best — Glenelg: Lunniss, Whiting, Twelftree, Veide, Hurley, Barratt. Norwood: Thomas, Burgess, Leahy, Sambell, Hinton, Winter.

Central	3.2	8.7	15.12	23.12	(150)
West	4.3	8.4	11.9	16.12	(108)

Goalkickers — Central: M. Norsworthy 5.1, Duckworth, Gillies 3.1, Lehmann, Wilson 2.1, Van Dammele, McLay 2.0, Trigg 1.3, Schultz, Jonas 1.1, Ruciack 1.0, rushed 0.2. West: Falting 5.1, Pierson 2.2, Rechner 2.1, R. Hamilton 2.0, Borchard 1.3, Meuret, Gregg 1.1, Gurney, Anderson 1.0, Morris 0.2, Beswick 0.1.

Best — Central: M. Norsworthy, Jonas, Van Dammele, Cowie, Vivian, McKay, Gillies. West: Drew, Borchard, Kennedy, Gregg, Hayes.

Umpires — J. Field, P. Moyle.

South	11.0	13.3	18.16	23.12	(150)
Woodville	2.6	3.6	6.10	10.11	(71)

Goalkickers — South: Hawkins 6.1, Schneebichler 6.0, Slattery 4.1, Cox 2.2, Naley 2.0, Linke 1.3, Hately 1.1, Collins 1.0, Butler, Fairclough 0.1, rushed 0.2. Woodville: Carty 3.2, Sapwell 3.1, D. Hewitt 2.0, Lukosius, Close 1.2, Sewer, Taheny 0.2.

Best — South: Baynes, Butler, Spiel, Cox, White, Hawkins, Schneebichler. Woodville: Hutton, Close, D. Hewitt, Sapwell, Taheny. Umpires — R. Charlesworth, A. Hudson.