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Jubilation in North camp, and
Round 17, 1984

CENTRAL TOPS THE LADDER

North Adelaide yesterday knocked the Magpies off their perch on top of the ladder with a shock 76-point victory at Football Park.

This followed last week's 90 point annihilation of another premier-ship candidate, South Adelaide, sending the competition into turmoil. And in doing so, the exultant Roosters have not only recaptured lost esteem after a dismal start to the season, but also floored the critics within and outside the club.

Central District is the new table leader following its 43 point victory over Sturt on Friday night, the Blues' ninth loss in 10 weeks.

North coach Mike Nunan only recently said his side was the worst in the League.

Yesterday, amongst the jubilation, he spoke of nothing but praise for his gallant men and the way they have recovered.

"We were playing the top side and the players had a niggling doubt about their own ability, but we managed to settle down in the second half and produce the football of which we are capable," he said.

Power

It was Port's biggest loss this season, a magnificent effort by North considering it trailed by two points at half-time.

But Glenelg remained off the pace following a 16 point loss to another rejuvenated finalist from last year—Norwood.

The lead changed seven times before the Redlegs unleashed the awesome power they are capable of producing and tightened their grip on fifth spot.

They are still two victories clear of West Adelaide, with only five rounds before the finals.

The Bloods topped Woodville by 42 points, vengeance for the loss to it in round nine which could ultimately cost them a place in the finals.

South kept within reach of a double chance in the major round with a 35 point victory over West Torrens at Adelaide Oval.

The remaining matches for the top four sides fighting for the minor premiership are:

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CENTRAL v Port, Glenelg, Torrens, Woodville, North. PORT v Central, South, Woodville, Sturt, Torrens. GLENELG v North Central, South, Torrens, Woodville. SOUTH v Sturt, Port, Glenelg, West, Norwood.

The final five seems set. West is the only side which seems capable of replacing Norwood, and must play Torrens, North, Norwood, South, Sturt.

Norwood plays Woodville, Sturt, West, North and South.

Fiery Redlegs snare finals berth

Norwood will make the finals for the thirteenth successive season and continue its greatest era since the turn of the century.

That was the clear message at the Parade after beating Glenelg by 16 points in a punishing and exciting showdown.

The Redlegs have copped the wrath of "poisoned pens" after some shameful performances this season, but yesterday's win was full of merit and they deserve nothing but praise.

Norwood displayed the courage and tenacity it takes to win finals. It won the hard ball where there was no room for the faint-hearted, and refused to be intimidated under the intense pressure.

Recovery

For Glenelg it was yet another case of bad kicking, bad football. It has lost five matches and yesterday was the fourth time it had either had more or the same number of scoring shots.

Coach Graham Campbell spoke of the free kicks paid to Norwood in front of goal. The Redlegs kicked six goals from free kicks, Glenelg one.

But the frees were there, and as difficult as it might be to accept, nothing should be taken away from the Redlegs.

Glenelg led by 28 points midway through the second term, but at no stage did it look com-

fortable and a Norwood recovery was imminent.

Norwood was far superior in and around the packs. Keith Thomas, Garry McIntosh and Michael Aish were hungry for the ball and fed their teammates with 101 disposals between them.

Add on four goals from Aish, 10 marks from Thomas, and some crunching tackles and magnificent smotherers from McIntosh, and Glenelg's deficiency in this area was highlighted.

Glenelg, at times, had too many receivers. Some players were not prepared to go in as hard for the ball.

It was the brilliant efforts of big men Stephen Kernahan and Peter Carey, who switched in ruck from centre half-forward, which kept Glenelg well in the game at the crucial stages.

They amassed between them 29 kicks, 15 marks, nine handballs, 37 hit-outs, and Kernahan led the goalkicking with five.

Another who rated highly for the Tigers was wingman Tony Symonds.

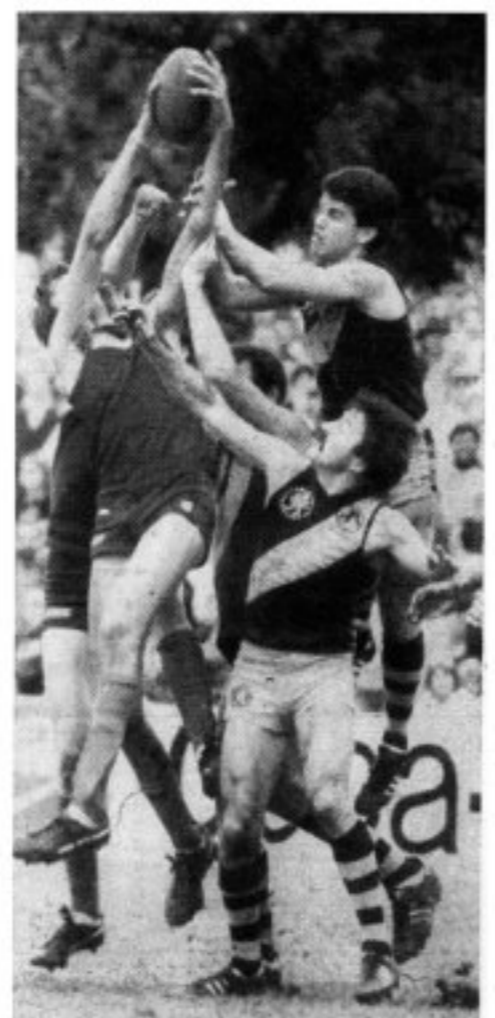
Creative

In contrast, Norwood had a host of players who battled tirelessly, and for most of the game, re-

warded Thomas, McIntosh and Aish for their efforts.

Rover Greg Thomas showed character by lifting his game after half time and kicking three of his four goals, Phil Gallagher was again creative on a wing, while Neville Roberts made his return noticeable with four goals.

And then there was Bruce Winter. He was playing his 300th game, and judging from the desire, enthusiasm and resilience he displayed in defence, he could go on forever.



Norwood ruckman Neil Hein pulls down a strong mark despite strong opposition from Glenelg's Ross Gibbs

League details

FOOTBALL PARK

Friday's match

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Central	5-3	12-8	19-12	24-13	157
Sturt	3-3	6-9	10-10	16-18	114

BEST—CENTRAL: Platten, Wilson, Fraser, Vivien, Krieg, Norsworthy, Graham, Van Dommelle, Roe, Edwards. STURT: Fry, Motley, Benson, Brown, Paynter, McKechnie, Craig, Smith.

GOALSCORERS—CENTRAL: Fraser 7.3, Platten 4.2, Graham 3.0, Wilson 2.3, van Dommelle 2.1, Vivian 2.0, Beythien 1.1, Nolan 1.0, Krieg 1.0, Norsworthy 1.0, Edwards 0.1, Roe 0.1, rushed 0.1. STURT: Davies 4.4, Brown 4.4, Paynter 3.2, Barbary 2.1, Motley 1.1, Craig 1.0, Benson 1.0, Hollis 0.2, Wilson 0.1, Smith 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES—STURT: Downes (shoulder).

UMPIRES—Graham Hilton, Mark Mackie.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	2-2	8-3	15-8	24-12	156
Port	5-3	8-5	10-7	12-8	80

BEST.—NORTH: Hart, Jarman, Tiller, Phillips, Campbell, PORT: Bradley, Anderson, Kennedy, Evans, Belton.

SCORERS.—NORTH: Hart 6.1, Dietrich 5.2, Klomp 3.2, Parsons 3.0, Monaghan 2.0, Simmons 2.0, Phillips 1.1, Hay 1.1, Redden 1.1, Campbell 0.2, rushed 0.2. PORT: Evans 7.2, Williams 2.0, Belton 1.1, Russell 1.0, Harrison 1.0, rushed 0.5.

INJURIES.—NORTH: Gehling (right hamstring).

UMPIRES.—Rick Charlesworth, Rick Kinnear.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	2-3	7-9	13-12	18-14	122
Torrens	1-8	2-11	7-13	12-15	87

BEST—SOUTH: White, Darren Kappler, Palmer, McIntyre, Slattery, Fairclough, Naley, Harris. TORRENS: Enright, Stretch, Lindsay, Johanson, Schimmelbusch, Taylor, Collier.

SCORERS—SOUTH: Harris 5.0, Slattery 3.2, Schneebichler 2.2, Darren Kappler 2.1, D. Hewitt 2.1, Naley 1.3, Woud 1.1, Butler 1.0, Fairclough 1.0, Cornes 0.1, Dewhurst 0.1, rushed 0.2. TORRENS: Roberts 5.1, Taylor 3.1, Payze 2.0, Cunningham 1.1, Schimmelbusch 1.1, Dillon 0.3, Hanna 0.2, Stretch 0.2, Sims 0.2, Collier 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES.—SOUTH: Dewhurst (rib or kidney damage) Woud (sore hand). TORRENS: Symonds (strained driving muscle) Hanna (bruised knee).

UMPIRES—Laurie Argent, Jim Field.

RICHMOND OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	9-7	18-9	24-12	29-16	190
Woodville	5-4	8-8	15-8	23-10	148

BEST.—WEST: Williams, Fielke, Weideman, Morris, onlen, Bennett, Grosser, Kantilafas, Luders, Burgess. WOODVILLE: Harris, Blight, Jacquier, McDonald, Beecroft, McLeod, Williams, Wright.

SCORERS.—WEST: Luders 7.3, Grosser 4.1, Conlen 3.0, Morris 2.3, Weideman 2.1, Smith 2.1, Watson 2.0, McKinnon 2.0, Fielke 2.0, Herbert 1.1, Bennett 1.1, Miller 1.0, Lamb 0.1, rushed 0.4. WOODVILLE: Beecroft 8.0, Jacquier 3.2, McDonald 2.0, Harris 2.0, Hearne 2.0, Bight 1.2, Koop 1.1, Wright 1.1, McLeod 1.1, Fuller 1.0, Haylock 1.0, rushed 0.3.

UMPIRES.—Peter Francis, Daryl Schramm.

NORWOOD OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	1-3	6-4	12-5	18-7	115
Glenelg	3-5	6-8	11-9	14-15	99

BEST.—NORWOOD: K. Thomas, McIntosh, Aish, Gallagher, G. Thomas, Winter, Fosdike. GLENELG: S. Kernahan, Carey, Symonds, Marshall, Seeborn.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Roberts 4.1, G. Thomas 4.1, Aish 4.0, Kelly 1.1, McIntosh 1.1, Hein 1.0, Fosdike 1.0, K. Thomas 1.0, Scanlon 1.0, Michalannev 0.1, Gallagher 0.1, Jenkins 0.1. GLENELG: S. Kernahan 5.1, Gibbs 2.2, Copping 2.0, Nichols 1.2, Kildney 1.1, Marshall 1.1, McDermott 1.1, Twelftree 1.0, Carey 0.3, Symonds 0.1, McGuinness 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES.—Des Foster, JohnHylton.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Round 17	Total
T. Evans (Port)	17	7.2	96.33
R. Davies (Sturt)	17	4.4	78.41
G. Dietrich (North)	16	5.2	75.37
B. Beecroft (Woodville)	14	4.1	70.26
N. Roberts (Norwood)	14	4.1	58.28
W. Wilson (Central)	17	2.3	57.23
R. Luders (West)	14	7.3	55.31

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	F	A	Pts	%
CENTRAL	13	4	2024	1608	26	55.75
PORT	13	4	2123	1737	26	55.00
GLENELG	12	5	2170	1787	24	54.84
SOUTH	11	6	2020	1627	22	55.50
NORWOOD	9	8	1853	1991	18	48.20
WEST	7	10	1856	2027	14	47.80
STURT	6	11	1984	2227	12	47.11
NORTH	5	12	1922	1922	10	50.00
TORRENS	5	12	1778	2239	10	44.26
WOODVILLE	4	13	1996	2572	8	43.70

CROWDS

(Friday night)	
Football Park ..	4566
(Saturday)	
Football Park ..	8685
Norwood	8920
Richmond	2060
Adelaide	3294

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY: West v Torrens (Football Park), South v Sturt (Adelaide), Central v Port (Elizabeth), Norwood v Woodville (Norwood). SUNDAY: Glenelg v North (Glenelg).

HEROES OF YESTERDAY

Tiger Rex has one regret

It is five years since a persistent groin injury ended the 258-game league career of Glenelg's Rex Voigt.

But the Bay fraternity still have fond memories of the nuggety back pocket, rover-cum-wingman.

The former Loxton boy was tremendously popular in his playing days from 1967-79. He is acknowledged as a great club man.

He still lives deep in Bay territory at Hove with his wife Angela and three sons, Shane, 7, Tabe, 5, and Ben, six months.

These days his thoughts are more towards invoicing and stock control than footy.

When he retired he bought a seven-day-a-week Serv Wel supermarket at Hackham West. It still takes much of his time.

Tradition

"I guess the groin injury persuaded me to go into business rather than pursue a coaching job," he said.

"It was really bad at the time.

"For about six months I could hardly turn over in bed."

Rex, now 36, approached his new business in the same way as his football—giving it everything he had.

For two years, he worked seven days a week, 13 hours a day, building it up.

Nowadays he takes some time off to spend with his family and go for the occasional run.

His big regret on leaving football so early was not playing 300 games.

"It would have given a club a little more tradition," he said.

"Glenelg is a relatively young club with only a few players reaching big totals.

"Three-hundred games would have given the youngsters something to aim for.

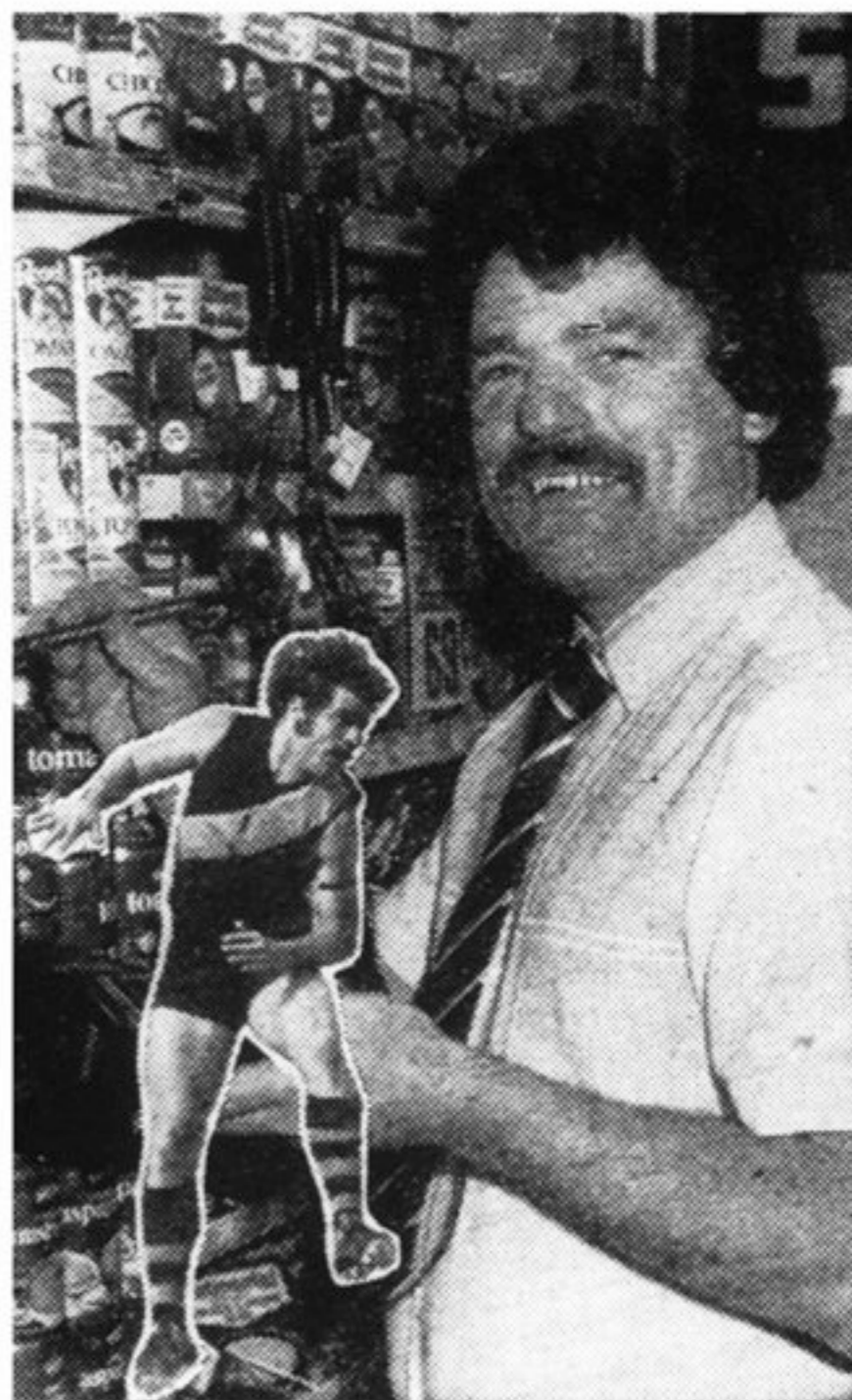
"That's why it was so good to see Peter Carey get 300 this season."

Rex has tremendous admiration for former teammates Carey, Graham Cornes and John "Snout" McFarlane.

"They've been able to go on for so long and still play good football," he said.

But Voigt admits to knowing little of the younger stars in today's football.

"With a seven-day-a-week business I don't get much chance to get to games but I often have the radio on when I'm working," he said.



Rex Voigt

"From what I have seen on replays there doesn't seem to be much difference between football today and back when I was playing.

"The competition seems to be much more even these days."

He said young players should be required to play at least five seasons or 100 games before they could transfer to the VFL.

"The clubs are mainly looking for juniors who can run and run.

"Back in my days you were at your peak around 23 or 24 but these days if you haven't made it by the time you are 20 you can forget it."