

NORWOOD HITS THE PITS

Norwood's morale and premiership standing hit rock bottom yesterday after being humiliated by a 64-point hiding from West Adelaide.

And a dejected, bewildered coach Neil Balme said there was "no apparent answers" to the Redlegs' massive on-the-field problems.

By Ashley Porter

He described his team's performance as the worst and most disappointing since he took over as coach in 1980.

When asked whether he would call for soul-searching meetings of players and team personnel to discuss Norwood's dismal start to the season, Balme replied: "We've already done that."

"We had a few meetings during last week to find out where we are going wrong."

"There was one problem which was obvious today — our attitude. We were weak, we didn't want to play."

It was revealed West also held a series of summit talks last week to discuss team problems, and obviously coach Neil Kerley found the answers.

"It all gets down to attitude," he said.

"Unlike last week against Port we wanted the ball, our attitude was much better, we were aggressive and the commitment was there."

Kerley then spoke of West's fine team effort yesterday, mentioning numerous players from the backlines to the forward lines and the inspirational efforts of those in the centre square.

For the first time since winning last year's premiership, the Bloods put in an impressive four-quarter effort and made Norwood look inept.

But an even happier man because of a return to form by his side should be South Adelaide coach Graham Cornes after his team beat Glenelg by 23 points at Football Park.

It was a tremendous effort by the disciplined Panthers who were up against a side brimming with confidence after tossing Sturt the previous round.

The low scoring match was a battle of defences, and tempers flared on several occasions during a tough third term.

In other matches, Central District remained unbeaten with an impressive 74 point victory over West Torrens at Elizabeth while Sturt over-powered North Adelaide by 27 points at Prospect.

And now the bottom two sides — North and Norwood — are geared for a showdown at Football Park next Saturday.

They are the only teams which have not won a match after three rounds, and there is no doubt their selectors will have a late night on Thursday after training.

ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Central	4-6	12-10	13-12	21-20	146
Torrens	5-1	7-1	10-3	11-6	72

BEST-CENTRAL: Roe Ruciack, Platten, Prior, Hannam.
TORRENS: Enright, Collier, Stretch, Sarau, Schimmelbusch.

SCORERS-CENTRAL: Wright 4.2, Wilson 4.0, Ruciack 3.1, Roe 2.2, Connolly 2.0, Platten 1.5, Bubner 1.4, Beythein, Cousins, Norsworthy 1.1, Edwards 1.0, rushed 0.3. TORRENS: Roberts 3.1, Hank 3.0, Lindsay 2.1, Grbac, Querzoli, Schimmelbusch 1.0, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES-CENTRAL: Wilson (concussion), van Dommele (bruised back), Hannam (thigh), Bubner (ankle).

REPORT—John Roberts (West Torrens) by boundary umpire Randall Sheppard in the third quarter for striking an unnamed Central player.

UMPIRES—Laurie Argent, Neville Thorp.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	2-5	7-7	10-11	14-16	100
Glenelg	1-3	5-5	8-6	11-11	77

BEST-SOUTH: Naley, Martin, Fairclough, Hateley, P. Brooksby, Schneebichler, Bennett, Butler, Dewhurst, G. Brooksby, Cornes. GLENELG: Symonds, McGuinness, Kernahan, Seebohm, Motlop, Gibbs.

SCORERS-SOUTH: Cornes 3.2, Hateley 3.0, Schneebichler 2.1, Hewitt 2.0, Slattery 1.4, Martin 1.3, Would 1.0, Irvine 1.0, Butler 0.1, Naley 0.1, Honor 0.1, rushed 0.3. GLENELG: Motlop 4.0, Twelftree 2.3, McGuinness 2.0, Kernahan 1.1, A. Stringer 1.0, Holst 1.0, Nichols 0.3, Carey 0.1, Hall 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES-GLENELG: Farquhar (ankle), Twelftree (shoulder).

REPORT—GLENELG: Alan Stringer for wilfully wasting time by throwing the ball into the crowd during the third quarter by field umpire John Hyton.

UMPIRES—John Hyton and Brenton O'Connor.

NORWOOD OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	7-1	12-9	18-12	24-17	161
Norwood	3-3	5-5	9-8	14-13	97

BEST-WEST: McKinnon, Mickan, Kantilaftas, Fielke, Williams, Smith, Hamilton, Grosser, Summerton.

NORWOOD: McIntosh, Jenkins, Aish, Maynard.
SCORERS-WEST: Williams 3.2, Lindner 4.4, Smith 4.3, Morris 4.0, Fielke 2.1, Grosser 1.3, Rechner 1.2, Mickan 1.0, Bennett 1.0, Borchard 1.0, McKinnon 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORWOOD: Roberts 3.3, Thiel 3.1, Aish 2.1, Maynard 2.1, Gallagher 1.2, Hein 1.1, McIntosh 1.1, Marano 1.0, McCarthy 0.1, Jarvis 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES-WEST: Morris (groin), Lamb (hamstring), Dreher (thigh). NORWOOD: McCarthy (concussion).

UMPIRES—Des Foster, Adrian Forster.

PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	5-5	9-8	12-15	16-19	115
North	4-0	6-3	8-3	14-4	88

BEST-STURT: Motley, Craig, Heinrich, Radbone, Paynter, Frost, Fielke. NORTH: Antrobus, Eaves, Riley, Arnold, Phillips, Redden, Armfield.

SCORERS-STURT: Fielke 4.3, Davies 4.2, Whittlesea 2.1, Barbary 2.1, Derrington 2.0, Radbone 1.3, Downes 1.2, Brown 0.2, Craig 0.1, Moscheni 0.1, rushed 0.3. NORTH: Dietrich 4.1, Phillips 3.1, Eaves 3.0, Riley 1.0, Antrobus 1.0, Simmons 1.0, Bennett 1.0, Hill 0.1, Brealey 0.1.

INJURIES-STURT: Davies (sore back). NORTH: Antrobus (swollen left wrist).

UMPIRES—Geoff Bowles, Bob Scholefield.

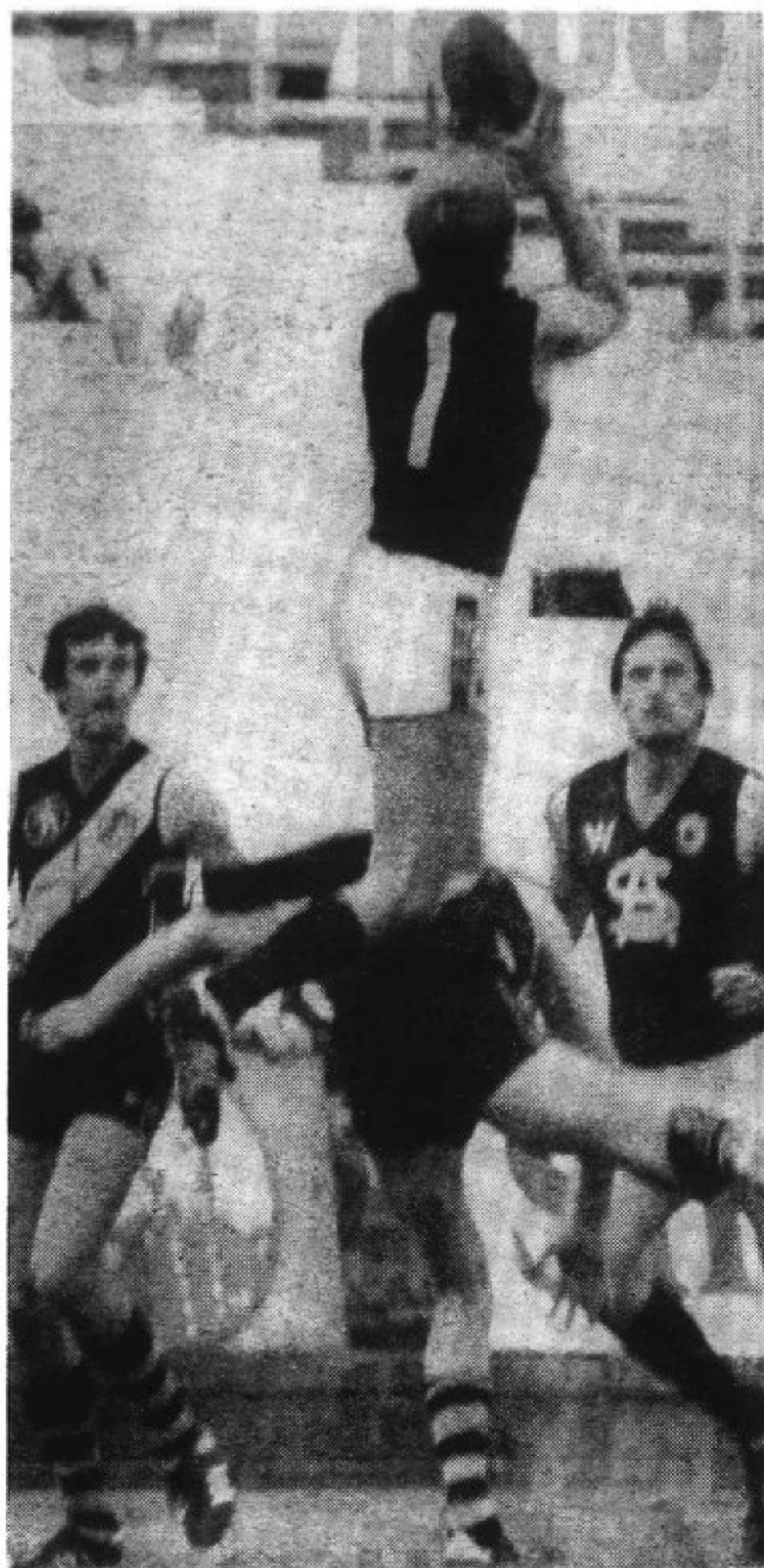
LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yest	Total
G. Dietrich (North)	3	4-1	15-8
T. Evans (Port)	2	—	15-2
J. Roberts (Torrens)	3	3-1	12-6
R. Davies (Sturt)	3	4-2	12-5
W. Wilson (Central)	3	4-0	10-5
C. Fielke (Sturt)	3	4-3	9-5
N. Roberts (Norwood)	3	3-3	9-5
C. Scheer (Woodville)	2	—	9-2
M. Wright (Central)	3	4-2	8-3

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	For	Agst	Pts	%
CENTRAL	2	—	360	240	6	60.00
*PORT	—	—	259	166	4	63.94
SOUTH	1	1	332	268	4	53.55
STURT	1	1	350	323	4	52.01
WEST	1	1	323	314	4	50.71
*WOODVILLE	1	1	255	231	2	52.47
GLENELG	1	2	279	280	2	49.91
TORRENS	1	2	309	406	2	43.22
NORTH	—	3	262	349	—	42.88
NORWOOD	—	3	298	430	—	40.93

* Play today



South's Graham Cornes soars for the mark of the day

CORNES IS THE BAYS' BOGEYMAN

South 14-16 (100) d Glenelg 11-11 (77)

For the fifth time in succession South Adelaide coach Graham Cornes has held the upper hand over his former club by guiding the Panthers to a disciplined win against Glenelg at Football Park yesterday.

At the helm of South for the second season, Cornes is yet to taste defeat against the side for which he played 317 games between 1967-82.

And, at 36-years-of-age, Cornes, who came off the interchange bench and went to full forward during the first term contributed more than his share towards the win.

For one moment during the second quarter there were scenes reminiscent of the halycon high-leaping days of Cornes at Glenelg. He soared above the pack in the goal-square to pull down a magnificent high mark and followed it with a goal.

"I'm always very keen to do well against Glenelg," Cornes said after the Panthers win.

"And the fact I'm playing against my former side and so determined to win seems to rub off on some of the other players."

His teammates certainly seemed fired-up.

Almost to a man they threw themselves in fiercely and South's defence, always a strong point, was rock solid.

But leading the Panthers charge was livewire rover Mark Naley.

After suffering a knock to the head during the second term, resulting in blurred vision, Naley was led from the ground.

Showing the courage for which he is renowned he returned only moments later, and in the third term picked up a stagger-

By Peter Cornwall

ing 11 kicks, while in the final quarter he had a further six.

With 24 kicks and 12 handballs for the match Naley, Magarey Medal runner-up in 1981 and 1982, was clearly best-on-ground.

Checked

Last week a winning Glenelg forward line contributed greatly to the Bays' 25-point win against Sturt.

Yesterday it wasn't allowed to fire.

Phil Brooksby was magnificent on Tiger full forward Greg Nichols, restricting him to just three behinds, and brother Graham clearly beat Peter Carey and Stephen Kernahan who were changing at centre half-forward.

For Kernahan, after a magnificent match-winning display last week, it was just one of those days when nothing seemed to click.

After taking 17 marks against Sturt, he pulled down just four against South.

For that, much credit must go to the tight-checking South defence.

While the Brooksby's stood out, the fearless Robin White, Michael Bennett and captain Stuart Palmer combined well to rebound consistently.

Yet Glenelg, which had as much of the play as South, could certainly have been accused of wasting opportunities, with some foolish short passing and handball in attack.

"It was a frustrating performance," coach Graham Campbell said after the game.

"We were always close but we never quite got there."

After the Bays great win over Sturt last week, Campbell was mystified by what he described as a "dramatic turn-around."

"I thought we were steamrolling in the right direction."

Campbell described the loss of full back Michael Farquhar, who was carried from the ground with an ankle injury in the second term, as crucial.

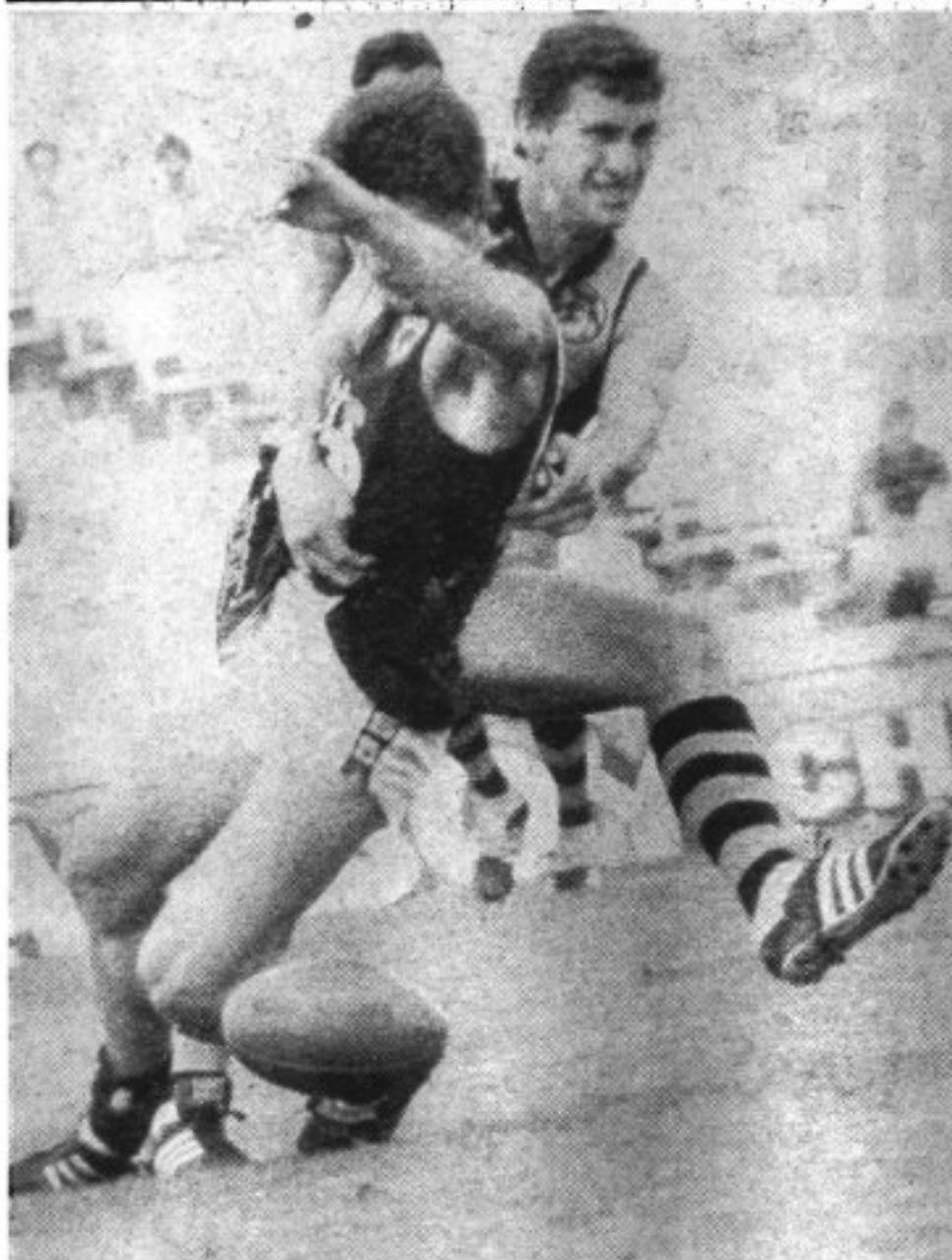
"We lean on him greatly in defence."

But the truth of the matter was that South, with a determined team performance, grabbed the lead at the 13-minute-mark of the first term and never looked like surrendering it.

And the real problems for Glenelg were in the forward lines.

Only with the appearance of Mark Motlop from the interchange bench did it have any zip there — Motlop finishing with four goals.

And South also had a winning centre line in Paul Martin, Craig Dewhurst and Ron Hateley, who with two quick goals in the dying moments, finally sealed Glenelg's fate.



Alan Stringer (Glenelg) tackles South's Mark Naley