

Norwood gambles and loses

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The Norwood Football Club selectors should junk all their good-luck charms — they don't work.

Certainly not yesterday in the gambling casino that was Football Park, where Norwood lost not only the match to Glenelg but also dynamic centreman Garry McIntosh.

Norwood, beaten convincingly by 39 points, gambled heavily before the game when it decided to include McIntosh. It was known before the match that he was in trouble because of a left ankle injury, but it took the risk and played him.

Glenelg had watched him attempt to train late last week and knew he would be a liability. It became obvious in the opening minutes that he was hurting when he refused to kick with his left foot as normal.

Then 10 minutes into the third term he limped off the ground for good after damaging his right ankle. Afterwards he could walk only with the aid of a crutch and he now seems certain to miss several games.

While McIntosh's injury — and the loss at half-time of Andrew Aish with

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NORWOOD	4.3	12.6	15.7	16.7	(103)

a hamstring problem — might in some way explain Norwood's defeat, there were other more tangible reasons for the embarrassment in front of a crowd of 18,625.

Too many Norwood players gave it away too soon and too easily. Their lack of commitment in only the first game of the season was puzzling, especially after an impressive second quarter when Norwood came from 15 points down at the end of the first term to lead by 20 points at half-time.

With Michael Aish, in particular, and Justin Scanlon terrorising the Glenelg defences, Norwood careered to what appeared to be a match-winning break.

It was quick and slick and apparently in control. The failure of the McIntosh gamble seemed insignificant as Norwood kicked 8.3 to Glenelg's 2.4 in 30 minutes of super football.

But at half-time Glenelg coach Graham Cornes made one decision that turned the game around. He

switched Scott Salisbury on to Michael Aish. It was a move that succeeded beyond his wildest dreams as Salisbury harassed and defended Aish right out of the game. From being a massive influence in the second term Aish was quite comprehensively quashed — and so was Norwood.

It must have worried a few wise Norwood heads to see how easily and completely Norwood was shut down when Salisbury took just one player out of the game.

While Norwood gambled and lost, Glenelg took a big risk and struck a jackpot.

Steve Copping was in serious doubt before the game because of a thigh injury. He had a fitness test in the morning and full forward Adam Garton, who had played in the reserves on Saturday, had been asked to bring his gear to the ground and prepare himself to play.

But Copping did play — and what a performance it was. From a forward

pocket he kicked three goals in a superb first quarter, got another in the second and then two more in the third to finish with six — a score that could so easily have been eight or nine but for some wayward kicking because of the pain in his thigh.

When he jogged off the ground in the last quarter Glenelg was safe from defeat and Bruce Winter, his Norwood opponent, must have heaved a sigh of relief.

Copping, together with Kym Hodgeman in the centre and follower-rover Chris McDermott, masterminded Glenelg's victory.

Hodgeman, switched to the centre because of an injury to Alan Stringer, stung Norwood repeatedly with his fire and quick hands and was further evidence of the wonderful versatility of the Glenelg players.

Glenelg also boasted a marvellously skilled and aggressive defence.

GOALS — Glenelg: Copping 6, Carey 3, Maynard 2, Hodgeman 2, Woodlands 2, Marshall, Kernahan, Kidney, Kruse, Salisbury, 1. Norwood: K. Thomas 4, M. Aish 3, Hall 3, Hein, Scanlon, Payne, A. Aish, R. Maynard, Bode, 1.

BEST — Glenelg: Hodgeman, Copping, McDermott, Gibbs, Kernahan, W. Stringer, Maynard, Duthy, Norwood: M. Aish, Scanlon, Tanner, Hein, Hall.



PREPARING FOR THE NEXT ONE? ... As the last dejected Norwood player enters the race after yesterday's defeat by Glenelg at Football Park, the Norwood brains trust starts analysing where things went wrong. Seated (from left) are league coach Neil Balme, reserves coach Glen Rosser and sidelined league captain Neville Roberts. Standing at left is Norwood football director Wally Miller.

GLENELG NORWOOD

Player	Kicks	Mks	H'ball	H.O.	Pts.	Player	Kicks	Mks	H'ball	H.O.	Pts.
Carey	10	6	2	13	7	A. Aish	8	2	3		4
Copping	14	11	5		8	M. Aish	24	12	8		8
Donovan	8	2	6		4	Balme	9	3	3		4
Duthy	2	-	4		7	Bode	3	3	4		3
Gibbs	14	5	4		7	Gallagher	9	-	10		4
Henwood	11	4	7	14	6	Hall	7	7	7		6
Hodgeman	25	5	10		8	Hein	5	6	3		6
Kernahan	20	4	6		7	Jarvis	6	1	4		4
Kidney	10	1	5		6	Kelly	5	4	6		3
Kruse	5	1	2		4	B. Maynard	4	1	8		3
McDermott	18	4	19	1	8	R. Maynard	6	-	2		3
Maynard	17	5	7		7	McIntosh	2	-	7		2
Murphy	5	3	6		5	Payne	8	3	7		4
Marshall	8	6	8		6	Scanlon	15	7	5		7
Salisbury	5	1	8		7	Stewart	2	1	3		2
A. Stringer	8	2	4		3	Tanner	16	2	13		7
W. Stringer	18	5	2		7	Taylor	11	1	6		4
Seeborn	4	2	7		4	K. Thomas	21	2	7		6
West	5	3	2	1	3	Warhurst	7	4	3		4
Woodlands	12	7	6		5	Winter	6	2	4		3
Totals	219	77	120	29		Totals	174	61	113		

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.c.
SOUTH	1	-	138	81	2	63.01
NORTH	1	-	133	86	2	60.73
GLENELG	1	-	142	103	2	57.96
PORT	1	-	111	84	2	56.92
WOODVILLE	1	-	102	97	2	51.26
TORRENS	-	1	97	102	-	48.74
STURT	-	1	84	111	-	43.08
NORWOOD	-	1	103	142	-	42.04
WEST	-	1	86	133	-	39.27
CENTRAL	-	1	81	138	-	36.99

Advertiser trophy

Early leaders

Port Adelaide's Dwayne Russell, South's Darren Kappler, North's David Wildy, Woodville's Ralph Sewer and Glenelg's Kym Hodgeman are the early three-point leaders in voting for *The Advertiser Trophy*.

Votes for yesterday's matches at Football Park:

(Woodville v Torrens)

R. SEWER (Woodville)	3
B. LINDSAY (West Torrens)	2
R. JOLLY (Woodville)	1

(Glenelg v Norwood)

K. HODGEMAN (Glenelg)	3
S. COPPING (Glenelg)	2
C. McDERMOTT (Glenelg)	1

Crowds for first series

FOOTBALL PARK (Port v Sturt)	9970
PROSPECT OVAL (North v West)	about 4200
ELIZABETH OVAL (Central v South)	3877
FOOTBALL PARK yesterday:	
(Woodville v Torrens; Glenelg v Norwood)	18,625
Total	about 36,672

THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

SATURDAY — FOOTBALL PARK: South v West; ADELAIDE OVAL: Sturt v Norwood; GLENELG: Glenelg v Port; THEBARTON: Torrens v North; WOODVILLE: Woodville v Central.

FOOTBALL NATIONAL SCOREBOARD

H'THORN	2.4	5.7	11.9	17.11	(113)	Healy, Williams, Copper, Duursma	North: German, McCann, J. Krakouer, Atkins, McDonald
CARLTON	4.3	5.6	7.10	11.11	(77)	F'SCRAY	4.4 10.13 10.14 14.23 (107)
Goals — Hawthorn: Buckenara 4, Byrne 3, DiPierdomenico, Loveridge, Kennedy 2, Ayres, Robertson, Abbott, Platten. Carlton: Kernahan, Ashman, Rhys-Jones 2, Johnston, Meldrum, Maclure, Kenny, Madden.						St KILDA	4.4 4.5 9.13 12.18 (90)
Best — Hawthorn: Platten, Loveridge, Greene, Buckenara, DiPierdomenico, Lester-Smith. Carlton: Hunter, Shine, Blackwell, Dorotich, Rhys-Jones, Johnston.						Goals — Footscray: Beasley, Petraglia 3, Sewell, Royal 2, Rolfe, Wallis, Daniels, McLeon. St Kilda: Foschini 7, Gotch 2, Narkle, Lockett, Owen.	
SWANS	3.1	12.3	16.4	20.6	(126)	Best — Footscray: Hardie, Hawkins, Wallis, Royal, Petraglia, McGuinness. St Kilda: Foschini, Odgers, Elphinstone, Jones, McConville, Wittey.	
NORTH	4.1	5.3	12.7	15.11	(101)	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	— Claremont 33.18, South Fremantle 10.9; Swan Districts 21.20, East Perth 22.12.
Goals — Swans: Copper 8, Edmond, Healy, Williams 2, Daniher, Bolton, Wright, P. Morwood, T. Morwood, Bayes. North: German 4, P. Krakouer, Aitken 2, Ryan, McDonald, Law, Jonas, Arceri, J. Krakouer, Koop.						TASMANIA — NTFA: Longford 22.25, North Launceston 11.16; George Town 12.9, East Launceston 7.9.	
Best — Swans: Ironmonger, Carroll, Wright,						RUGBY LEAGUE — SYDNEY: North Sydney 9, Eastern Suburbs 8.	