

REDLEGS DUMPED OUT OF FIVE

North Adelaide and Norwood are licking their wounds today after a day of agony and anguish in the countdown to the finals.

Star North rover Tony Antrobus suffered a broken left collarbone in a collision with a West Adelaide player as the Roosters scrambled to a seven-point victory.

And Norwood was thumped out of the five to be replaced by Woodville.

Norwood has lost its past five matches - its longest losing streak since 1969 - and has not missed the finals since 1971.

North's medical team was confident last night that Antrobus would be available for the finals.

It is a serious blow to the Roosters, but they should still capture the minor premiership.

Should they move straight into the second semi-final, Antrobus might have enough time to recover.

North's triumph virtually threw the Bloods out of the finals race.

And Norwood might be the next to go.

The Redlegs lost to Glenelg by 40 points at the Bay and were replaced in fifth spot by Malcolm Blight's brave Warriors whose 51-point win over West Torrens gives them a good chance of making the finals for only the second time.

It has been an incredible recovery from the pits for Woodville.

They have finished bottom for the past six years and were bottom again only nine weeks ago.

By Ashley Porter

Norwood might have to win its remaining three games against Sturt (Parade), South (Football Park) and Port (Alberton) to avoid missing the finals.

Coach Neil Balme said: "Five weeks ago I would have said we can make it, but now, maybe not."

"If we don't win our remaining games we won't deserve to be there."

Port Adelaide crushed Sturt by 40 points, but it too may have paid a hefty price for victory.

Star centre half-back Martin Leslie was helped off after straining a knee and the extent of the injury will not be known until today.

Another key defender, Steve Curtis, also hurt a knee, but is expected to play against Glenelg on Saturday.

Sturt also suffered with an ankle injury to Adrian Moscheni which could put him out for the remaining three minor rounds.

Central District, which beat a determined South Adelaide by seven points, is concerned about Rene Van Dommele who severely sprained a wrist. He will have precautionary X-rays today.

REDLEGS SINK IN BAY QUAGMIRE

Accomplished Glenelg was a finely-tuned Rolls Royce and Norwood a tractor bogged in the heavy going at the Bay yesterday.

Such was the clear difference in quality between the two clubs.

And this Rolls had a distinct message when it sounded the horn: "Move over, we're going for successive premierships."

The tractor had maintenance trouble after an early burst and spluttered its way right out of the top five.

The Rolls was chauffeur-driven by captain Peter Carey, who gave his teammates a smooth, comfortable ride with his strong rucking and marking.

"Super" played a super game.

The tractor didn't have a regular driver - there were part-time operators Wayne Tanner, Tom Warhurst, and Neville Roberts.

But this machine had no real direction and there were definite signs of rust threatening to end its life prematurely in 1986.

And there was no instruction manual on how to drive to win.

The Rolls, by contrast, didn't need the manual - it breezed along, especially in the second half.

Norwood simply wasn't good enough.

Glenelg applied footy's fundamentals in a no-nonsense, professional approach.

It was superior in the following basics - discipline, speed, skill, commitment and confidence.

And it raised a big question mark alongside Norwood's much vaunted "character."



Gordon Campbell

No doubt there is character still at the Parade but its potency has been diluted by some stronger brews emerging at the business end of the season.

Fear of failure is an amazing, prime motivator and it brought out the best in the Tigers.

They faced the prospect of a Norwood hell-bent on ending its major form slump to stay in the top five and quashing the nine-year losing hoodoo at the Bay.

But Glenelg again proved it is made of sterner stuff than the Redlegs and the character tag sits more comfortably on its broad shoulders.

Norwood had the chance to "do a Glenelg."

The Tigers were faced with a similar losing run when they visited Norwood as the underdog in round 10. They won against the odds.

The Redlegs yesterday went steadily down the gurgler 15 minutes before half-time and they gave only token yelps in the second half.

The reshuffled line-up, including brilliant rover Richard Anderson, surprisingly on a wing, had little effect.

Livewire Garry McIntosh spent most of the first half roaming around the forward line without his usual spark - his ankle is obviously not right.

Forward Simon Neave was useful in the second term, Michael Taylor won some kicks, and ruckmen

John Hall and Neil Hein weren't Norwood's worst.

But Keith Thomas would have been embarrassed by his match stats of five kicks and champion Michael Aish didn't fare much better - nine kicks thanks to Scott "Scrooge" Salisbury.

Salisbury also offered attacking moves to complement his shadowing expertise.

Tigers' damaging forward Stephen Copping booted the second-quarter goal that gave his side the initiative.

And he guided through his third soon after half-time to give Glenelg control of the game.

Centreman Kym Hodgeman improved after a slow start but rover Chris McDermott was at his consistent best.

Tony Hall, like Copping, was a constant threat forward.

Copping typified Glenelg's desperation when he beat two opponents to handball to Hodgeman in an outstanding solo effort in the second quarter.

Fierce tackling was a highlight of Tiger pressure.

And the discipline to run harder for that extra metre made it even more impressive.

Robin Kidney was among the best exponents of the skillful defensive action.

Full forward John Seebohm's superb one-handed "slips catch" was a feature of the final term when the game was all over.

The sad tale for Norwood is that it was almost "gone" at half-time when Glenelg had doubled its score from twice as many scoring shots.

The Tigers have won their past four games and will finish the minor round with the double chance.

Norwood should win at least two of its remaining matches to make the major round.

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All the details

RICHMOND OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
North	0-3	4-7	5-11	8-13	61
West	2-0	3-5	6-6	8-6	54

BEST - North: Hart, A. Jarman, Campbell, D. Jarman, Sanders, Parsons, Robertson, Tiller. West: D. Herbert, Grosser, McKinnon, Rennie, Twomey, Fielke, Mickan, Dreher, Williams.

SCORES - North: Hart 4.1, Campbell 2.0, Paynton 1.1, Robertson 1.1, D. Jarman 0.2, Bennett 0.1, rushed 0.7. West: Miller 2.2, Lamb 1.1, Burton 1.1, O'Riley 1.0, Mickan 1.0, Forster 1.0, Luders 1.0, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - North: Antrobus (broken collarbone), Campbell (foot). West: Luders (back).

UMPIRES: Daryl Schramm and Neville Thorp.

WOODVILLE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Woodville	2-1	6-8	11-10	17-13	115
Torrens	6-0	6-3	9-3	10-4	64

BEST - Woodville: Parker, Harris, Taylor, Haylock, McDonald, Lunn, R. Fuller, Martin. West Torrens: Payze, Calsey, B. Lindsay, Hanna.

GOALS - Woodville: Nicholls 5.0, Haylock 4.0, Harris 3.2, Sewer 2.3, Taylor 1.2, McDonald 1.1, Bowman 1.0, Templeton 0.1, Schwartz 0.1, rushed 0.3.

West Torrens: Hill 3.2, Payze 2.0, Hanna 2.0, B. Lindsay 1.1, Brown 1.0, Sawford 1.0, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES: West Torrens Sawford (suspected broken thumb), Turner (badly bruised hip). WOODVILLE: Nil.

UMPIRES: David Weston, Stephen Semmler.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
PORT	4.2	7.7	8.11	10.12	72
STURT	2.0	4.1	4.3	4.8	32

BEST - PORT: S. Williams, Anderson, Harris, Ginever, Kinnear, G. Boyd. STURT: Darrington, Paynter, Whittlesea, D. Smith, Spiel, Viney.

SCORES - PORT: O'Brien 2.5, S. Williams 2.1, R. Smith 2.0, Mahney 1.1, Anderson 1.1, Hynes 1.0, Clifford 1.0, D. Smith 0.1, G. Boyd 0.1, Ginever 0.1, rushed 0.1. STURT: Fielke 2.0, Darrington 1.1, Wark 1.0, Hicks 0.2, Kitschke 0.1, Underwood 0.1, Martin 0.1, Spiel 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - PORT: Martin Leslie (knee), Stephen Curtis (knee) both in the second term. STURT: Adrian Moscheni (ankle ligaments) final term.

UMPIRES - John Hyllon and Mark Mackie.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Central	5-1	8-4	13-9	15-9	99
South	4-3	5-8	8-9	13-14	92

BEST - CENTRAL: Krieg, Bubner, Cousins, Roe, Trigg, Prior, Shields, Hannam, SOUTH: Troy, Dickinson, Martin, David Koppler, Bennett, Schneebichler, Christie, Butler.

SCORES - CENTRAL: Mandemaker 5.1, Bubner 3.0, Graham 2.1, Robertson 2.0, Shields 2.0, Braddy 1.0, Nolan 0.3, Prior 0.1, Krieg 0.1, Flintoff 0.1, rushed 0.1. SOUTH: Hewitt 4.2, Brockhurst 2.5, David Koppler 2.1, Fairclough 2.0, Stoekel 1.1, Christie 1.0, Campbell 1.0, Troy 0.4, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - CENTRAL: Van Dommele (sprained wrist), Prior (broken nose), Boettger (bruised thigh). SOUTH: Johns (ankle).

UMPIRES: Laurie Argent and Graham Hilton.

GLENELG OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Glenelg	2-4	6-8	11-10	15-11	101
Norwood	1-2	3-4	7-5	8-7	55

BEST - Glenelg: Carey, Copping, McDermott, Salisbury, Hall, Hodgeman, MacFarlane, Kernahan. Norwood: Tanner, Warhurst, Roberts, Taylor, McIntosh.

GOALS - Glenelg: Copping 5.2, Hall 2.1, Marshall 2.1, Henwood 2.1, Seebohm 2.1, McDermott 1.0, Woodlands 1.0, Symonds 0.3, Salisbury 0.1, rushed 0.1. Norwood: Roberts 3.1, Neave 2.0, Hein 1.0, Payne 1.0, Taylor 1.0, Thomas 0.1, Aish 0.1, Anderson 0.1, Murdoch 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - Glenelg - Reid (eye).

UMPIRES - Rick Kinnear, Ross Campbell.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
North	14	5	-	2215	1686	28	56.78
Glenelg	12	7	-	2134	1768	24	54.69
Central	11	7	1	1959	2047	23	48.90
Port	11	8	-	1923	1868	22	50.73
Woodville	11	8	-	2051	2120	22	49.17

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Norwood	10	9	-	2033	1910	20	51.56
West	8	11	-	2098	2028	16	50.85
Sturt	7	12	-	1820	2054	14	46.98
South	5	13	1	1961	2068	11	48.67
Torrens	5	14	-	1600	2236	10	41.71

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Y/day	Total
S. Nichols (Woodville)	18	5.0	67.28
I. Willmot (Sturt)	18	-	61.36
R. Davies (South)	15	-	62.19
G. Dietrich (North)	8	-	53.19
P. Meurel (West)	18	-	48.21
S. Copping (Glenelg)	16	8.3	45.28
J. Roberts (Torrens)	12	-	43.23
T. Hall (Glenelg)	17	2.1	42.20