

FOOTYScoreboard

Football Park

PORT	5.5	10.7	18.15	21.20	(146)
STURT	2.4	4.7	6.8	11.12	(78)

BEST— PORT: D. Smith, Anderson, Curtis, Johnston, Ginever, Phillips, Borlase, O'Brien, Harrison. STURT: Dilena, Paynter, Klomp, Reid.

GOALS— PORT: D. Smith 7.2, Borlase 4.3, Harrison 3.1, Fiacchi 2.3, R. Smith 2.0, Ginever 1.2, Hodges 1.2, Curtis 1.1, O'Brien 0.1, rushed 0.5. STURT: Benson 3.3, Kitschke 2.1, Dilena 2.0, Paynter 2.0, Klomp 1.3, Reynolds 1.0, Derrington 0.1, Oatey 0.1, Russell 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — Sturt: Fry (bruised heel), Wark (bruised ankle).

UMPIRES: Laurie Argent, Colin Ricketts.

Elizabeth Oval

CENTRAL	3.3	9.3	16.6	24.12	(156)
NORTH	2.6	7.11	8.13	9.15	(69)

BEST— CENTRAL: Anderson, Shields, Bubner, Lally, T. Roe, van Dommelle, S. Lee, McGrath, Braddy, Mandemaker. NORTH: Bennett, Jarman, White, J. Roe, Roberts.

GOALS— CENTRAL: Shields 6.5, Bubner 5.1, Mandemaker 3.3, S. Anderson 2.1, Flintoff 2.1, Braddy 1.0, Beythien 1.0, Trimbole 1.0, McGrath 1.0, Graham 1.0, Lally 1.1. NORTH: Roberts 4.3, Burton 2.0, Stephen Riley 1.0, Arnold 1.2, White 1.3, Bennett 0.1, Parsons 0.2, D. Jarman 0.2, Hart 0.1. Rushed: 0.1.

INJURIES — CENTRAL: McGrath (bruised knee). NORTH: Sanders (ankle), Sims (bruised hip) and Carlaw (gash above eye).

UMPIRES — Rick Kinnear, Darryl Schramm.

Norwood Oval

NORWOOD	7.1	11.5	15.7	18.13	(121)
GLENELG	3.3	7.5	10.8	15.9	(99)

BEST— NORWOOD: Rowe, Aish, McIntosh, McNeil, Connelly, Richardson, Fosdike, Hall, Helyar. GLENELG: Kernahan, McDermott, Maynard, Hodgeman, Marshall, West, Donovan, Gibbs.

GOALS— NORWOOD: Rowe 4.2, McNeil 3.1, Aish 2.2, Connelly 2.1, Roberts 2.1, Payne 2.1, Pyke 1.1, Richardson 1.1 Fosdike 1.0, Swanbury 0.1, rushed 0.2. GLENELG: Hodgeman 5.1, Seebomh 3.0, Marshall 2.0, Woodlands 2.0, McDermott 1.0, Budarick 1.0, Kernahan 1.0, Kidney 0.3, West 0.1, Carey 0.1, Maynard 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — NORWOOD: Roberts (hamstring). GLENELG: Kruse (ankle).

REPORTS — GLENELG: Gibbs, by, field umpire Abbott for allegedly wasting time.

Thebarton Oval

SOUTH	5.3	8.3	9.5	14.5	(89)
TORRENS	2.4	5.10	9.20	10.21	(81)

BEST— SOUTH: Stasinowsky, Kappler, Baker, Hewitt, Dickinson, Renfry, R. Campbell. TORRENS: B. Lindsay, Christensen, Fotia, Hodson, Robson, Enright, Payze, C. Lindsay, Taylor.

GOALS— SOUTH: Stasinowsky 5.1, Bennett 2.0, Taylor 2.0, Harris 1.1, Renfry 1.0, Kappler 1.0, Jarvis 1.0, Brockhurst 1.0, Whitford 0.1, Dewhurst 0.1. TORRENS: K. Taylor 2.6, Fotia 2.2, Dietrich 2.1, C. Lindsay 2.0, Hodson 1.1, Payze 1.0, Barratt 0.3, B. Lindsay 0.2, Christensen 0.1, Graham 0.1.

INJURIES — TORRENS: Dietrich (bruised heel), Baker (hamstring).

UMPIRES — Ross Campbell, Stephen Semmler.

Richmond Oval

WOODVILLE	4.3	9.9	13.14	22.21	(153)
WEST	8.6	10.10	14.13	16.17	(113)

BEST— WOODVILLE: Fuller, McDonald, Nichols, Martin, Schwarz, Rogers, Panizza, Parker. WEST: Lamb, Herbert, Dreher, Harbinson, Grosser, Burgess, Shaw.

GOALS— WOODVILLE: Nichols 7.4, Schwarz 3.1, Grant 3.1, Templeton 2.5, Panizza 2.1, Harris 2.0, Sewer 1.1, Haylock 1.0, Taylor 1.2, McDonald 0.3, rushed 0.3. WEST: Woodhall 6.6, Herbert 3.1, Larkins 2.3, Grosser 1.3, Lamb 1.2, McKinnon 1.0, Sporn 1.0, Twomey 1.0, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — WOODVILLE: Harris (depressed checkbone).

UMPIRES: Graham Hilton, Neville Thorp.

Premiership table

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Central	1	0	0	156	69	69.33	2
Port	1	0	0	146	78	65.18	2
Woodville	1	0	0	153	113	57.52	2
Norwood	1	0	0	121	99	55.00	2
South	1	0	0	89	81	52.35	2
Torrens	0	1	0	81	89	47.65	0
Glenelg	0	1	0	99	121	45.00	0
West	0	1	0	113	153	42.48	0
Sturt	0	1	0	78	146	34.82	0
North	0	1	0	69	156	30.67	0

Leading Goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
Nichols (Woodville)	1	7.4	7.4
D. Smith (Port)	1	7.2	7.2
Woodhall (West)	1	6.6	6.6
Shields (Central)	1	6.5	6.5
Bubner (Central)	1	5.1	5.1
Stasinowsky (South)	1	5.1	5.1
Hodgeman (Glenelg)	1	5.1	5.1

Next round

Crowds

Sturt v Norwood (Football Park).	Football Park	14,054
Woodville v Central (Woodville).	Elizabeth	6100
North v South (Prospect).	Norwood	8250
MONDAY, APRIL 20	Richmond	4523
(Football Park double header).	Thebarton	4569
Torrens v West (12.30pm).	Total	37,496
Port v Glenelg (3.20pm).		

WHAT A START!

Last year's grand finalists Glenelg and North Adelaide suffered bruising defeats yesterday in an opening round full of drama.

The Roosters were hampered by 87 points by the Bulldogs after trailing by only four points at half time, while the Tigers lost to Norwood by 22 points.

And no one could have been more thrilled than Central coach Kevin Neale who claimed it was the first time the 'Dogs had "ever nailed a side".

North coach Mike Nunan, as expected, offered no excuses and praised the efforts of the opposition.

In other matches:

• Woodville continued its fantastic form to swamp West Adelaide by 40 points - its eighteenth victory in 21 contests.

• Port Adelaide issued an ominous warning with a 68-point thrashing of the youthful Sturt.

• South Adelaide came from behind to beat West Torrens by eight points.

Glenelg defender Ross

Top sides crash as Port fires

BY ASHLEY PORTER

Gibbs was the only player reported - for allegedly wasting time during the first term.

Gibbs was charged by field umpire Michael Abbott after giving away two 15-metre penalties in favor of Norwood's James Pyke.

The incidents brought Pyke within point blank range and he goaled to level the scores.

Woodville showed tremendous fighting qualities to beat West after trailing early in the last quarter.

The Bloods seemed to feel the effects of having two fewer days to recover from an Escort Cup match, but coach John Cahill offered no excuses.

"We tried to play with finesse rather than power and penetration," he said.

But despite Woodville's 40-point win, coach Malcolm Blight was not over excited and claimed his side could greatly improve.

"Our disposal in the third quarter was not the best because we had use of the ball but did not finish it off," he said.

The Warriors slammed 9.7 to 2.4 in a sizzling last term.

Stephen Nichols (Woodville) and Darren Smith (Port) head the goalkicking list after kicking seven.

Redlegs 'reborn' as Tigers tumble

A Stephen Rowe-inspired Norwood made lie of its disappointing Escort Cup performances with a hard-earned win at the Parade yesterday.

The Redlegs went into the game as underdogs after winning only two of their five Escort Cup games.

They also had lost their last six matches against Glenelg.

But Rowe, recruited from WA club South Fremantle, combined with captain Michael Aish and centreman Garry McIntosh, to guide Norwood to an impressive win.

Roving and resting in a forward pocket, Rowe picked up 20 kicks, 13 handballs and kicked 4.2.

It was a classical rover's game and the Tigers were powerless to stop it.

Despite Norwood's indifferent pre-season showings the win did not come as a surprise to coach Neil Balme. Amid a sea of doubt cast on the Redleg's competitiveness, he was confident his side still had the ability to be a force.

"They finally played up to their capabilities today," he said.

"They knew what they had to do and just kept working at it.

"They hadn't been doing that in previous weeks.

"It was a far more disciplined performance."

Glenelg didn't recover from a five goal burst from Norwood late in the first quarter.



Paul Dowling

Until the 20 minute mark honors had been even with both side's defences under great pressure.

But from that point until the quarter time siren the Redleg's forward line took complete control.

Rowe, Stephen McNeil, Neville Roberts, Michael Aish and Stephen Connelly all goaled to send Norwood into the second quarter with a 22-point lead.

Glenelg was able to match Norwood from then on but could not bridge the gap.

David Kernahan, Peter Maynard and Chris McDermott kept the Tigers in the game but the Redlegs were able to match every challenge thrown at them.

Kernahan in particular was in fine touch finishing the game with 21 kicks and eight handballs.

The game was still alive late in the last quarter as rover Kym Hodgeman spearheaded a courageous Glenelg revival.

After trailing by 29 points at three-quarter time the Bays edged to within 16 points after three goals from Hodgeman and one from John Seebomh.

But as it had done all day, Norwood was able to steady under pressure and hold Glenelg at bay.

A naturally disappointed

Glenelg coach Graham Cornes, said his side was "about half a yard behind all day."

"We conceded the centre to often and didn't get enough from our forward line.

"Once we had the ball in attack we didn't fight hard enough to hold it there.

"The Norwood backline was able to run the ball out of defence too easily."

Some of the gloss was taken off Norwood's victory with the injury to veteran forward Neville Roberts.

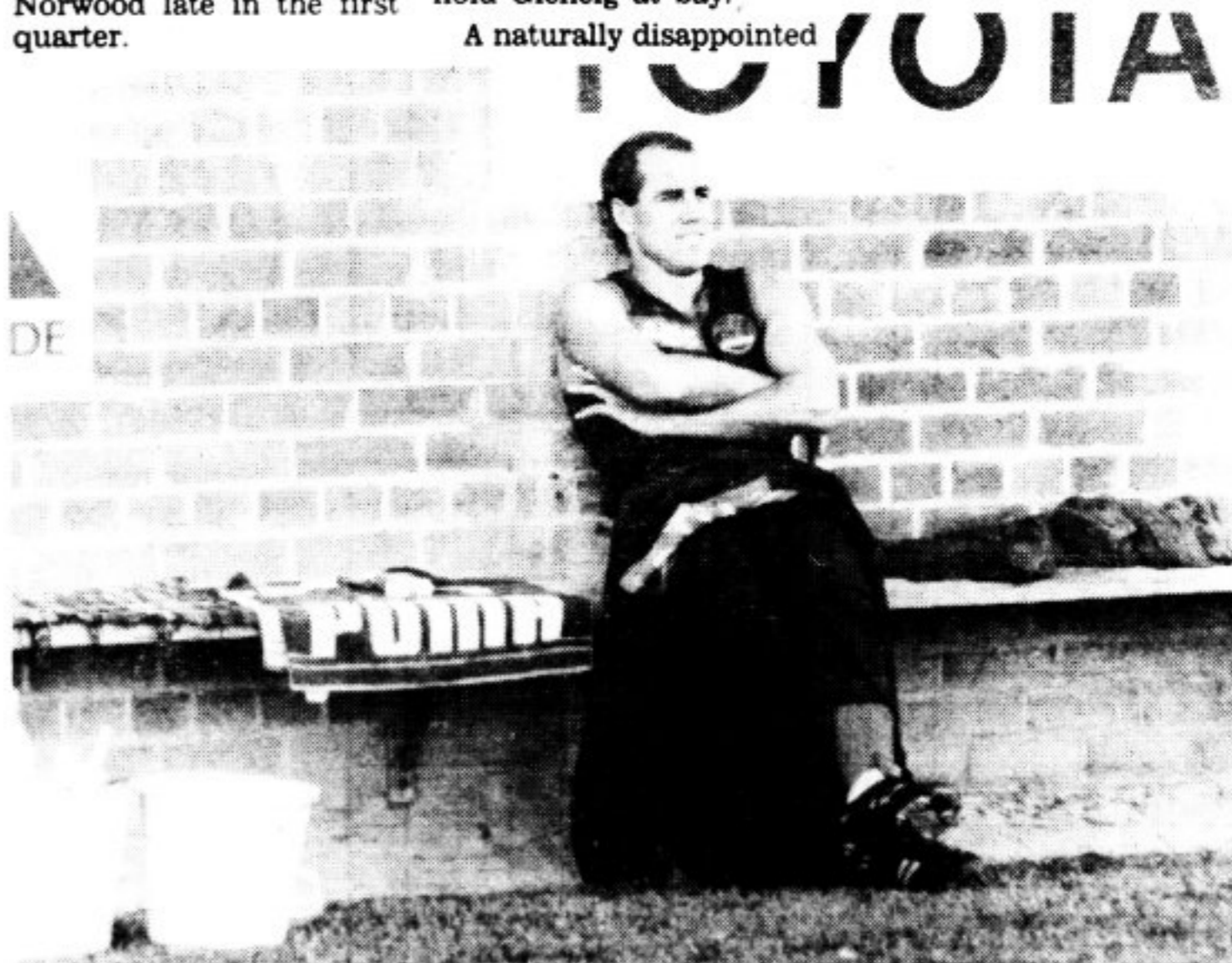
The goal-kicking ace strained a hamstring late in the second quarter and is likely to miss at least two games.

But encouraging performances from Central District recruit Stephen Connelly and highly promising youngster Tim McNeil auger well for a successful season for the Redlegs.

Suddenly, Norwood has found the balance, method and cohesion which was sadly lacking in the Escort Cup series.

Suggestions the Redlegs this year could miss the five for the first time since 1969, are likely to be unfounded.

It's a lonely life on the bench



Norwood's 'Rocky' Roberts sits it out on the sidelines