LEGS MARCH ON

By Lawrie McCauley

Norwood yesterday strengthened its bid to end Glenelg's two-year reign as SANFL top dog with a dramatic five-point cliffhanger victory at Glenelg Oval.

The Redlegs' first tritable - but it was a costly double-chance in the finals. win.

knee during the opening Adelaide Oval. term and could miss the rest of the season.

Pyke, 21, was taken to Hutt St Hospital after the game, where a full medical test will determine the extent of the injury.

Pyke, who has played 36 league games, is a State cricketer and also may be in doubt for the start of the Sheffield Shield season.

Bays slump to fifth

Glenelg slumped to fifth position on the table after the 13.14 to 14.13 loss.

Late in the third term it trailed by seven goals and its late surge narrowly failed to net the premiership points.

Less than two minutes was played in the time-on period which aided Norwood's bid to hang on grimly.

Glenelg now faces a difumph at the Bay in 10 years ficult task to overhaul consolidated their second either Port Adelaide or placing on the premiership Woodville for the coveted

 Port Adelaide yester-Key defender James day jumped from fifth to Pyke suffered strained me- third position with a 23.17 dial ligaments to his right to 20.19 win against Sturt at

> Sturt provided a stiff challenge for three quarters but was outscored nine goals to four in the third term.

Magpie forward pocket Darryl Borlase booted 10 goals in a best on ground display.

But again the win was tarnished by ankle injuries to follower Bruce Abernethy and back pocket Colin Bald.

Bald is causing more concern at the moment and will have X-rays to determine the full extent of his injury.

However, Port medicos believe both players still are a chance to play in next weekend's vital confrontation with Glenelg in a game that could determine which side makes the top three.

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 West Torrens scored a massive 102 point win against South Adelaide at Football Park.

Ruckman-forward Chris Lindsay booted 10 goals, teammate Michael Edmonds bagged six goals and South full forward David Stoeckel kicked seven goals.

 Woodville has the chance to reclaim a top three berth if it beats West Adelaide in the late game of the Football Park double-header today.

The Warriors have the same number of wins (12) as Port but have a weak percentage and need victory against the Bloods to advance from fourth to third position.

The early game, from 12.30 pm, sees North Adelaide and Central District do battle.

Premiership table

	w	L		A	70	PTS
NORTH*	15	3	1938	1539	55.74	30
NORWOOD	13	6	2187	1726	55.89	26
PORT	12	7	1950	1855	51.25	24
WOODVILLE*	12	6	1858	1928	49.08	24
GLENELG	11	8	2231	1823	55.03	22
West*	8	10	1963	2060	48.79	16
Torrens	7	12	1832	1823	50.12	14
Central*	6	12	1771	2040	46.47	12
South	5	14	1601	2121	43.01	10
Sturt	4	15	1808	2224	44.84	8
* To play today		10000	2002/2010			

Leading Goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
J. Roberts (North)	18	-	84.35
S. Nichols (Woodville)	18	-	81.37
R. Mandemaker (Central)	18	-	80.37
J. Seebohm (Glenelg)	19	1.2	56.36
D. Smith (Port)	17	2.1	51,26
I. Willmott (Sturt)	14	3.3	50.26
D. Stoeckel (South)	14	7.1	50.17
G. Dietrich (Torrens)	14	3.0	44.16

Football Park

TORRENS SOUTH

3.2 10.5 19.7 28.11 7.8 11.11

BEST-

Torrens: C. Lindsay, Payze, Edmonds, Fotia, McGrath, Robson, South: Kappler, Stoeckel, Christie, Hewitt.

GOALS— Torrens: C. Lindsay 10.0, Edmonds 6.2, Dietrich 3.0, Hanna 2.2, McGrath 2.0, Fotia 1.3, Payze 1.1, Harper 1.0, Pisani 1.0, Whitehouse 1.0, Taylor 0.1, rushed 0.2. South: Stoeckel 7.1, Pitman 1.2, Foster, 1.2, Kappler 1.1, Hampel 1.0, Eddy 0.2, Bode 0.1, Dickinson 0.1, rushed 0.1. UMPIRES — Laurie Argent and Daryl Schramm.

Adelaide Oval

PORT STURT 3.6 8.12 17.14 23.17 (155) 5.6 10.11 14.14 20.19 (139)

BEST-

Port: Borlase, Obst, Johnston, Ginever, Phillips, Anderson, Curtis, Simpson, Delaney. Sturt: Downes, Paynter, Field, Whittlesea, Smith, McGown, Dilena, McCarthy, Reynolds.

Port: Borlase 10.1, Smith 2.1, Obst 2.1, Tylor 2.0, Lum 2.0, Simpson 1.2, Johnston 1.1, Curtis 1.1, Phillips 1.0, Abernethy 1.0, Anderson 0.2, Dalkin 0.1, rushed 0.7. Sturt: Paynter 5.0, Whittlesea 3.3, Willmott 3.3, Dilena 3.0, Field 2.1, Underwood 2.0, Reynolds 1.2, Moscheni 1.1, McGown 0.1, Klomp 0.1, Richter 0.1, Daish 0.1, Heinrich 0.1, rushed 0.4. INJURIES - Port: Abernethy (ankle), Bald (ankle ligaments). UMPIRES - Ross Campbell, Colin Ricketts.

Glenelg Oval

NORWOOD GLENELG

6.6 12.7 14.12 14.13 5.8 9.11 13.14

BEST-

Norwood: McIntosh, Rowe, McNeil, Ducker, Taylor, Murdoch, Richardson. Glenelg: McDermott, Salisbury, Carey, Maynard, Gibbs, Marshall.

GOALS-

Norwood: McNeil 4.0, Ducker 3.4, Kelly 3.2, McIntosh 1.1, Rowe 1.0, Fosdike 1.0, Murdoch 1.0, Payne 0.3, Taylor 0.1, Neagle 0.1, rushed 0.1. Glenelg: Maynard 3.0, Gibbs 2.1, Kidney 1.3, Seebohm 1.2, MacTavish 1.1, Weckert 1.1, Kernahan 1.1, Winton 1.0, Carey 1.0, A. Stringer 1.0, McDermott 0.2, Marshall 0.1, rushed 0.2. INJURIES - Norwood: James Pyke (strained medial ligaments, first term), Craig Balme (bump to

head third term). UMPIRES - David Elliott and Neville Thorp.

Reserves

Gleneig BEST - GLENELG: MacFarlane, Chigwidden, Mansell, Bromilow, Thompson, Giles. NORWOOD: Klaebe, Connelly, Faull, B Maynard,

McIndoe 2, Bromilow 2, Bartlett 2, Chigwidden, Jameson, Thompson, Bailey. NORWOOD: Connelly 4, Muster 3, Swanbury 2, Mazey 2, Zadow, Hawes, Melican, Faull.

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GOALS — GLENELG: Woodlands 4, Mansell 2, Hall 2, Schmid 2,

Reserves Ladder

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
CENTRAL	17	2	0	2423	1475	62.16	34
GLENELG	13	6	0	2092	1690	55.31	26
TORRENS	12	7	0	1918	1861	50.75	24
WOODVILLE	10	9	0	1890	1920	49.61	20
PORT	9	9	1	1942	1675	53.69	19
West	9	10	0	2034	2044	49.88	18
Sturt	9	10	0	1682	1728	49.33	18
Norwood	9	10	0	1744	1849	48.54	18
South	5	13	1	1643	2051	44.48	11
North	1	18	0	1363	2438	35.86	2

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Winners: Torrens, Port, Norwood

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Hall returns in brilliant style

Exciting Glenelg star, Tony Hall, made a sensational return to football at The Bay yesterday.

The veteran of 85 league games and one for SA, started at centre-half back in the reserve grade clash with Norwood.

Hall, who will move to VFL club Hawthorn next season, was shifted to a forward pocket late in the

game against Norwood. He showed he is still a dynamic influence in the forward line by kicking two goals in Glenelg's 20.23 to 15.5 victory.

Hall, 22, had not played a match since snapping the medial ligaments of his right knee during the Escort Cup series on April 20.

The decision to play Hall at centre halfback was an unusual move for a player being groomed for centre half-forward in the league

Hall had kicked six goals and won the Jack Oatey medal for best on ground, from centre half-forward in Glenelg's grand final win over North last year.

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League team manager, Rex Leahy, said selectors had opted to play Hall in defence yesterday to help build his confidence.

He said Hall could get a clear run at the ball out of the back line, whereas he would be required to do more turning and twisting in the forward line.

Leahy was full of praise for the way Hall had maintained training throughout the long months of rehabilitation.

Even when barely able to walk, he was at each Glenelg training session, handballing and marking to ensure his lightning-fast hands stayed in touch.

Yesterday's reserves match also signalled the return of teammate Alan Stringer, who had not played for three weeks because of a dislocated bone in his left wrist.

Stringer is expected to force his way back into the league side on a halfforward flank.



Tony Hall

Stringer and Hall both played in Glenelg's back-toback premiership sides.

Glenelg consolidated second position on the reserves premiership table with its commanding win against Norwood.

FREES

NORWOOD			KICK	S			FREES					GLENELG	KICK			
HUIIWUUD	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	М	H/B	FOR	AG	GLS	BHS	HJO	ULLINLLU	1	12	13
DUCKER	1	5	3	2	11	5	7	2	1	3	4		KIDNEY	2	4	1
KELLY	3	2	3		8	6	1	1	4	3	2	2	SEEBOHM	2	1	
PAYNE	4	4	2	2	12	3	8	3	. 2		3		MacTAVISH	3		2
RICHARDSON	5	4	5	5	19	5	10	1	2				BUDARICK	2		1
SHEEDY	1	4	1		6	4	4	1	2			2	KRUSE	4	4	
McNEIL	3	4	1	7	15	6	2		2	4			MAYNARD	7	5	3
FOSDIKE	3		5		8	5	9	1	1	1			KERNAHAN	3	3	6
TAYLOR	3	7	5	5	20	6	5	1			1		MARSHALL	2	7	5
TANNER	2	4	3	1	10	3	6						HEWETT	2	8	1
SAMPSON	1	2	2	2	7	1	5	2					W. STRINGER	3	1	1
R. MAYNARD	1	1			2	1	13	2	1				MURPHY	4	2	1
PYKE	3				3	1	1						GRENVOLD	2	2	1
ROSS	2	4		1	7	3	6	1	1				GIBBS	4	3	6
WARHURST	2	3			5		2	5				k	WEST	2	3	
MURDOCH	3	4	3		10	2	10	3		1			DONOVAN	1	1	
BALME	4	1			5	2	9	1			1	10	CAREY	1	1	6
McINTOSH	5	3	2	1	11	3	24	5	2	1	1		SALISBURY	1	6	2
ROWE	7	5	2	2	16	5	11	1	2	1			McDERMOTT	6	1	6
DISBURY	1	1	3	1	6	3	4		2			11	WINTON			2
NEAGLE		3		3	6	2	5	2			1		WECKERT		1	1
RUSHED											1		RUSHED			
TOTAL	54	61	40	32	187	66	141	32	22	14	13	25	TOTAL	51	53	45

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SEEBOHM	2	1			3	2	1		4	1	2	Г			
MacTAVISH	3		2	1	6	2	8	1	1	1	1				
BUDARICK	2		1		3	3									
KRUSE	4	4		4	12	5	5	2	1						
MAYNARD	7	5	3	4	19	7	9	1	4	3		П			
KERNAHAN	3	3	6	1	13	3	8		2	1	1				
MARSHALL	2	7	5	2	16	6	4		1		1	1.			
HEWETT	2	8	1		11	3	3								
W. STRINGER	3	1	1	2	7	2	10		4	1					
MURPHY	4	2	1	2	9	4	11	2	3						
GRENVOLD	2	2	1	1	6	3	4		1						
GIBBS	4	3	6		13	4	2	2	2	2	1				
WEST	2	3			5	1	2	1							
DONOVAN	1	1		3	5	3	3	2							
CAREY	1	1	6	2	10	6	16	8	2	1		29			
SALISBURY	1	6	2	4	13	2	4	2	3			1			
McDERMOTT	6	1	6	6	19	4	25	1			2	1			
WINTON			2	4	6	3	4			1					
WECKERT		1	1	1	3	3	3			.1	1	3			
RUSHED											2				
TOTAL	51	53	45	39	188	69	129	22	32	13	14	35			



'Legs learn a lesson

Norwood and Glenelg each learned valuable lessons during yesterday's dramatic cliffhanger at the Bay.

And those lessons, if heeded, can only serve to make the two sides even more of a premiership threat in the finals.

Norwood held on to win 14.13 (97) to 13.14 (92) to register its first win at Glenelg for 10 years.

It also helped consolidate the Redlegs' position on the second rung of the premiership ladder.

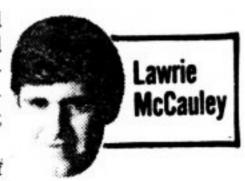
But coach Neil Balme was not particularly pleased.

Toward the end of the third term, Norwood held a commanding 14.10 to 7.10 lead.

But that advantage gradually was eroded by a fiercely committed Glenelg side that suddenly found new resolve in its quest for the premiership points.

In the final term, Norwood could register just one point as Glenelg steamrolled its way to near victory.

Balme conceded his side was "lucky" to hold on for a five-point win and stressed his side did not cope with the pressure situation very well.



He now is in his eighth season as coach of Norwood and has been involved in the finals every year. He knows what finals footy is all about and told his players they can expect that kind of pressure for four quarters of every finals match.

Glenelg coach Graham Cornes was lamenting time ran out when it appeared his side finally had the measure of the 'Legs.

The lesson Olenelg players must learn is that they can not afford to let top sides like Norwood gain the early initiative.

The loss now has sent Glenelg to fifth spot on the premiership table and places it in jeopardy of missing out on a finals doublechance.

It has a tough build-up to the major round with games against Port (at Alberton), West (Richmond) and Sturt (Adelaide).

Despite the dominance of Norwood in the first half and Glenelg in the second, the match proved a highly entertaining and physically aggressive confrontation.

Best-on-ground honors were keenly pursued by Garry McIntosh and Chris McDermott from start to finish.

McDermott picked up an amazing 19 kicks and 25 handballs to continually set Glenelg alight. He was a constant threat around the packs and got many of his teammates going in the frantic second half.

But McIntosh, despite having "only" 11 kicks and 24 handballs, deserves the nod for best afield.

Those statistics do not fully show how his fierce tackling and relentless harrassment of Glenelg players made him such a tremendous headache for opposition players.

He was the player who guided the side and served as the major inspiration when the team was running hot AND when it badly needed someone to lead it to victory.

Rover Stephen Rowe also was a powerful influence around the packs and was able to find open space far too often.

Rookie Tim McNeil booted four valuable goals and outfoxed his opponents many times with his clever reading of the ball; Mark Ducker was a threat close to goal; Michael Taylor continued his masterly form; Roger Murdoch was a rock in defence and follower Stephen Richardson picked up many possessions.

Glenelg did not have many winners in the first two terms but there was a feast of them to join McDermott in the run home.

Scott Salisbury made life tough for anyone who tried to stand in his way; Peter Carey rucked well throughout and dished out 16 handballs; Peter Maynard was a force as a follower and even more so in the forward lines, where he booted three goals; Ross Gibbs helped show the way with some inspirational work and David Marshall also flashed in and out of the game to good effect.

Glenelg's quest for a top three berth, and a finals double-chance, really relies on the side winning all three remaining minor round games.

It trails Norwood by two wins and Port and Wood-ville by one win — Wood-ville having the chance to extend that lead today if it can beat West Adelaide in the late game at Footy Park.

North Adelaide already is

Coaches comments

NEIL BALME (Norwood): "Our first half was pretty good.

"But in the last quarter the other side gained the initiative and we were lucky to win.

"Gienelg applied a lot of pressure and we didn't respond very well.

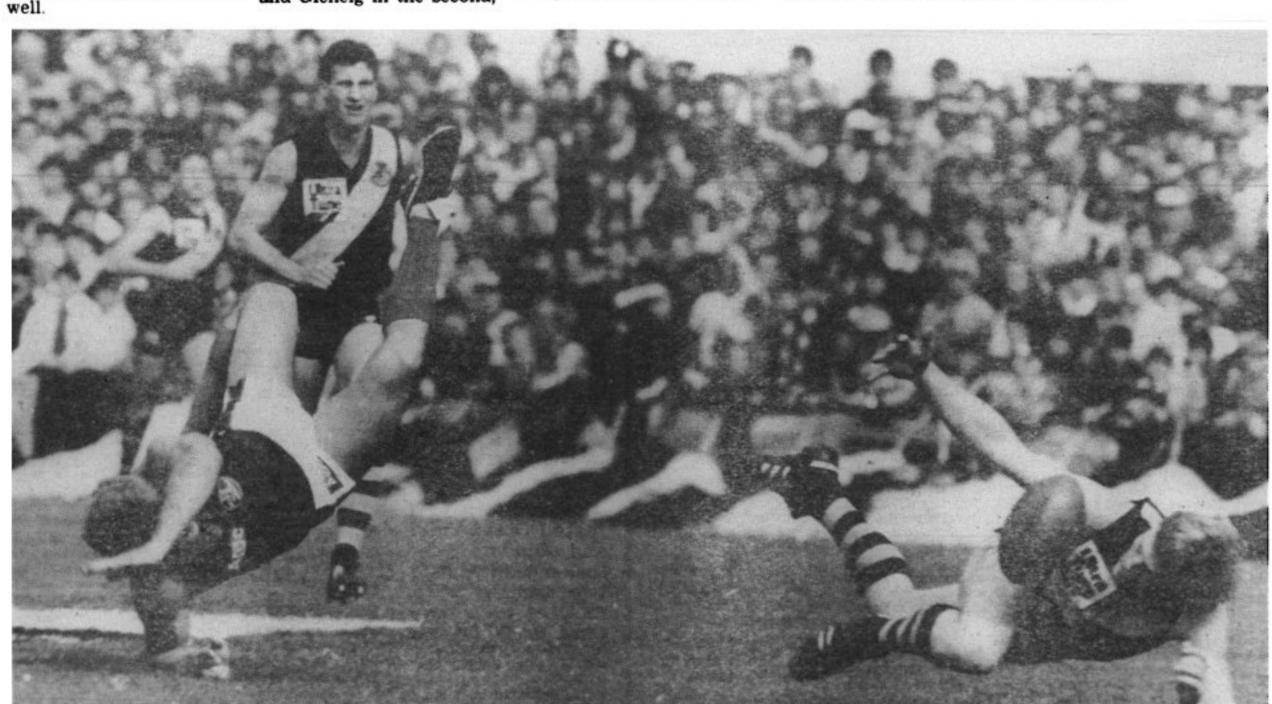
"That's something we'll have to learn from for the finals — it will be like that for four quarters in the finals."

GRAHAM CORNES (Glenelg): "We shouldn't have put ourselves in a position where time could run out on us."

assured of one top three position.

Norwood plays Sturt, North and Port in the run home; Port plays Glenelg, Central and Norwood while Woodville plays West, Central, Torrens and North.

Defending back-to-back premierships would be made extremely difficult for Glenelg from the elimination final.



Norwood's Stephen Richardson and Scott Salisbury collide enroute to the ball. Glenelg's Wayne Stringer looks on