

# Bays' bite hurts Legs

Glenelg, magnificent Glenelg. The Tigers have picked up the shreds from last year's grand final and come back fighting on all paws.

They brushed Norwood aside by eight goals at Football Park yesterday and once again showed Escort Cup form means nothing.

The match had the trimmings of a final ... 16,174 enthusiastic fans, fierce tackling and the "Budget" cost \$2.

Despite the tremendous start to season '88, Glenelg coach Graham Cornes refused to get carried away with the victory and put the result into perspective ... two premiers-ship points.

But it was the way in which Glenelg captured those points which should have given him and supporters heart once again.

Glenelg tackled harder than ever before. From midway through the second term, Norwood was rarely allowed to break clear and was forced into making errors under pressure.

Norwood began as if it was starving for the ball.

Stephen Rowe took 41 seconds to put the first goal on the board for the season, Richard Anderson and Craig Balme quickly followed suit, while Glenelg struggled and took 10 minutes to get the ball into its forward lines.

And when Glenelg passed half-forward, Craig Woodlands was tackled hard and was caught for holding the ball. Norwood led by 16 points at quarter time, and the second term began goal-for-goal with the worst play of the day being Mark Donovan's handball straight to Norwood forward Craig Kelly who ran into an open goal.

Nothing seemed to be going right for Glenelg, but things quickly changed.

John Schneebichler marked and goaled, and minutes later, Warren Ralph did the same thing twice to give Glenelg an 11 point lead at half-time.

The third quarter produced only three goals, but it contained some of the best football.

The ball consistently rebounded from the backlines, and as the pressure mounted, the men were sorted out from the boys.

There were some fine examples of tackling and pressure... when Glenelg wingman Tony Symonds courageously burst in front of a pack, and by knocking the ball forward a few times while being chased, was able to find Nick



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Chigwidden who kicked a goal off the ground.

And then there was the time Glenelg checked so closely Garry McIntosh and Steve Richardson had difficulty in getting rid of the ball until finally a pass went out to Paul Sheedy who was swamped by Tigers and, to the roar of the crowd, was caught for holding the ball.

Norwood's fate seemed set when young Victorian recruit Jarrod Thorpe had a shot for goal on the siren and hit the post.

## Stopped to a walk

The last quarter, as the scoreboard suggested, was the Glenelg Football Show, and only a goal by Kelly at the 27 minute mark saved Norwood from embarrassment.

Norwood stopped to almost a walk and it was emphasised when Thorpe had plenty of time to dispose of the ball on Norwood's right forward flank.

Symonds pounced on the lad, and with some hurried kicks and handballs, Glenelg moved the ball to the other end of the ground within 30 seconds and David Marshall goaled.

This superb play put Glenelg 23 points in front, and to great disappointment of Norwood fans, from then on their side did not raise a whimper.

Norwood made an error before the game. It played Michel Aish who was suffering from the 'flu and he could not resume after half-time.

Its biggest downfall was in the forward lines, and with due respect to a honest competitor in Craig Balme, he's not the answer at full forward.

In fairness to him, Norwood just didn't have players with ability who could give him more opportunities.

Rover Richard Anderson had a brilliant first half, collecting 17 kicks, but like so many of his teammates, his effort waned.

The puzzling thing about Norwood was that it was good enough to match Glenelg for three quarters when it trailed by only four points, but then couldn't go on with the job.

After the match, coach Neil Balme suggested there was a complete lack of self-confidence within his side to go on with the job.

He was probably right, but nothing should be taken away from Glenelg which tackled and chased so hard that Norwood made elementary mistakes.

Glenelg had many winners, none better than centreman Alan Stringer who consistently fought tenaciously for the ball and helped his side move out of the centre square.

His outstanding efforts were epitomised when he fed a handpass to ruckman Gary Christie, and after a few giant strides, he kicked a towering punt kick from centre half-forward between the goalposts.

Ralph kicked 3.4, but he could have easily booted seven goals had he not missed set shots.

John Schneebichler had a good league debut for Glenelg at centre half-forward. He kicked only one goal, but his work rate was high and he created many fine passages of play.

Tony Symonds made a welcome return to SA league football, and as the game wore on, he got better.

Norwood tried Tony Francis and Thorpe for the first time, and Francis was by far the better player. He did some clever things and his goal from a left foot snap on the left flank was a gem.

Thorpe seemed nervous and struggled to recover after making some early mistakes. He should have realised he had teammates who were doing the same.

## Football Park

GLENELG	2.3	8.8	9.10	17.14	(116)
NORWOOD	4.7	6.9	8.12	9.14	(68)

**BEST** — GLENELG: A. Stringer, Seebohm, Marshall, Symonds, Schneebichler, McDermott, Salisbury. NORWOOD: Anderson, McIntosh, Francis, Rowe, Hall.

**GOALS** — GLENELG: Ralph 3.4, Chigwidden 2.1, Marshall 2.0, Mc Dermott 2.0, Woodlands 1.2, Budarick 1.2, Gibbs 1.1, Schneebichler 1.1, Carey 1.0, Christie 1.0, Salisbury 1.0, Symonds 1.0, Hodgeman 0.1, rushed 0.2. NORWOOD: Kelly 2.2, Balme 2.1, Rowe 1.3, Payne 1.2, Anderson 1.1, Francis 1.1, McIntosh 1.0, McNeil 0.1, Thorpe 0.1, Hall 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**UMPIRES** — Laurie Argent, Ross Campbell. **INJURIES** — GLENELG: Woodlands (knee), Grenvold (hand). **CROWD** — 16,174.

## Reserves

Glenelg	1.1	7.4	9.6	13.18	(96)
Norwood	2.4	6.10	10.16	11.20	(86)

**BEST** — GLENELG: Deane, Thompson, Bromilow, Ormsby, MacTavish, Melican. NORWOOD: Schueze, Van Der Meer, Stariski, Green, Pascoe, Faulk.

**GOALKICKERS** - GLENELG: Mansell 3, Bromilow 3, Maynard 2, Bartlett 2, McArdle, Poynter, Jameson. NORWOOD: Gray 3, Muster 2, Disbury 2, Pascoe, Visser, Green, Keenan.

## Next Saturday

West v Woodville (Football Park).  
Central v North (Elizabeth).  
Port v Sturt (Alberston).  
Torrens v South (Thebarton).

# 'NEW' STRINGER LAYS DOWN LAW

By Ashley Porter

A policeman from Redhill played a key role in Glenelg's stunning eight-goal victory over Norwood at Football Park in yesterday's opening to the season.

He wasn't on the field, but he was the man behind Alan Stringer's fantastic best-on-ground performance.

Stringer has never looked fitter in an opening round and it was due to the policeman laying down the law about his Glenelg and Redhill mate running every day.

The result of the pre-season hard work was obvious as Stringer showed extra pace and stamina to set up Glenelg's persistent drive into attack in a brilliant last quarter.

Stringer finished with 20 kicks, eight marks and 19 handballs, and belied the common belief among other club supporters that his game revolved on hard tackles and no class.

Glenelg fans should also have been delighted with the performances of recruits Warren Ralph, John Schneebichler and Gary Christie.

Ralph kicked 3.4, missing four set shots, but showed signs that he will be a huge asset this season.

Despite the impressive victory, coach Graham Cornes did not get carried away and was mindful of the fact it was only the first match of the season.

"It doesn't mean much, other than two premiers-ship points," he said.

But there was no question he was delighted in the way his

players tackled, chased hard and backed-up each other in a fine display of teamwork.

Norwood coach Neil Balme was far from impressed. He said he felt "bitterly disappointed" with the effort and was concerned with the fact his players failed to contest the last quarter.

"As the game wore on we couldn't keep working and running," he said. "We were looking for something easy all the time. We had players expecting others to do the hard work."

"We had no second effort. When we lost the ball, there was not enough chasing.

"We fell apart for a number of reasons, including a lack of self-confidence.

"Too many of them showed no responsibility. They were thinking the mistakes were always someone else's fault."

Norwood's biggest problem yesterday was obvious — lack of ability in the forward lines.

Craig Balme tried hard at full-forward but he is not the answer for the position.

The match was a great opening to the season, attracting 16,174 fans.

The SA National Football League charged \$2 for its "Budget" publication, claiming it was a special edition because it also covered next week's matches.

## Glenelg pays price of victory

Glenelg defender David Grenvold suffered a right hand injury and did not resume after half-time. X-rays showed no damage. And Norwood follower Michael Aish did not resume after half-time because of the effects of the 'flu.

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GLENELG	KICKS					M	H/B	FREES		G/S	B/S	H/D
	1	2	3	4	TOT			FOR	AG			
WOODLANDS	4	1	3	5	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	
RALPH	1	5	3	2	11	10	1	1	3	4		
CHIGWIDDEN			1	4	5		5	1	1	2	1	
SYMONDS	3	4	6	10	23	9	14	3	1	1		
BUDARICK	2	4	4	5	15	6	3	2	2	1	2	
TEMAY	3	3	2	3	11	7	17	3	3			
MARSHALL	3	5	4	6	18	8	5	1		2	1	
A. STRINGER	3	6	7	4	20	8	19	3	3			1
HEWETT			3	3	6	1	2	1				
DONOVAN	3	1	4	1	9	3	5	1				
SCHNEEBICHLER	2	2		3	7	6	3	1	3	1	1	3
GRENVOLD	1				1	3						
SALISBURY	2	2	3	6	13	2	8	5	1	1		
WEST	2	3			5	1	3	3	1			
SEEBOHM	3	3	4	3	13		4	3				1
CAREY	1	1	3	2	7	1	4	2		1		
MCDERMOTT	6	4	1	3	14	3	17	2	2	2		5
HODGEMAN	4	3	3	3	13	6	10	3	2		1	
CHRISTIE	3	1	2	6	5	2	1	1	1		1	15
GIBBS	4	1	4	5	14	7	6	2	3	1	1	
RUSHED												2
TOTAL	47	51	53	65	216	86	133	38	26	17	14	41

NORWOOD	KICKS					M	H/B	FREES		G/S	B/S	H/D
	1	2	3	4	TOT			FOR	AG			
BALME	4	4	3	3	14	8	4	2	2	2	1	9
KELLY	3	1	1	4	9	5	8		4	2	2	
PAYNE	3	7	6	8	24	2	12		1	1	2	
AISH	1	3			4	2	1		1			
SHEEDY				1	1	1	4	1				3
THORPE	2	4	6	1	13	7	7	2	2		1	
RICHARDSON	1		3	4	8	2	11		2			
ANDERSON	11	6	2	6	25	3	6	2	5	1	1	
MCNEIL	5	5	5	3	18	2	3	3	2		1	
KLAEBE	2	2	2		6	4	9	3				
R. MAYNARD	2	4	4	2	12	4	9	2	1			
SCANLON	3	3	2	1	9	2	4	3	1			
MUNNS	1		2	2	5	2	3	1	3			
WARHURST			1	1	2	2	3	1				
HELYAR	2	3	1	1	7	1	7	2	2			
HALL	1	2	1	4	8	6	1	1	1	1	1	20
MCINTOSH	3	3	1	3	10	3	10	2	1	1	1	
ROWE	6	5	3	6	20	3	10	5	3	1	3	
FRANCIS			2	1	3				1	2	1	1
D'ANTIOCHIA				3	3							
RUSHED												
TOTAL	49	51	47	60	197	58	122	26	38	9	14	32



MOVE OVER, IT'S MACCA... Chris McDermott this time, firing out a handpass



THAT'S MINE... Glenelg's Mark Donovan marks as Jim West and Norwood's Craig Balme collide. Pictures: Ray Titus