

LEGS MAULED

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Premiership table

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
CENTRAL*	13	4	1	2143	1503	58.78	27
PORT*	13	5	0	2037	1591	56.15	26
NORWOOD	12	7	0	2113	1579	57.23	24
GLENELG	12	7	0	2106	1579	57.15	24
STURT*	11	7	0	2070	1809	53.36	22
North*	10	7	1	1807	1542	53.96	21
Woodville	7	12	0	1990	2260	46.82	14
Torrens	7	12	0	1690	2149	44.02	14
West	6	13	0	1760	2128	45.27	12
South	1	18	0	1269	2845	30.85	2

* Playing today.

Football Park

WOODVILLE	5.2	10.7	17.10	27.18	(180)
WEST	6.3	10.5	12.7	15.9	(99)

BEST— WOODVILLE: Nichols, Templeton, Negri, Klug, Lunn, Fuller, Champion, Panizza, Totham. WEST: Shaw, Winter, Twomey.

GOALS— WOODVILLE: Nichols 13.6, Harper 3.4, Klug 3.0, Templeton 2.0, Cox 1.1, Fuller 1.1, Champion 1.0, Panizza 1.0, Totham 1.0, Jolly 1.0, Harris 0.2, Klemm 0.2, rushed 0.2. WEST: Kreuter 4.0, Sporn 3.1, James 3.0, Patterson 1.1, Larkins 1.1, Bennett 1.1, Shaw 1.1, Lamb 1.0, Twomey 0.1, Nicholls 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES: WEST — Winter (knee).
UMPIRES — Max Cussocrea, David Weston.

Adelaide Oval

TORRENS	5.8	10.12	16.13	24.14	(158)
SOUTH	2.1	7.4	10.11	15.16	(106)

BEST— TORRENS: M. Edmonds, Payze, Christensen, M. Long, Werner, Clarke, Geyer, Spiel. SOUTH: Kappler, Brookes, Butler, Baker, Whitford, Smart, Valente.

GOALS— TORRENS: Werner 7.5, M. Edmonds 5.2, Christensen 3.1, Hanna 2.2, Payze 2.1, Spiel 2.0, Robson 1.2, M. Long 1.0, Toohey 1.0, rushed 0.1. SOUTH: Stoeckel 5.3, Smart 2.2, Aitken 1.2, Kappler 1.1, Brookes 1.1, Schmid 1.1, West 1.0, Bennett 1.0, Valente 1.0, Page 1.0, Campbell 0.3, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES: TORRENS — Pisani (corked thigh), Morphett (knee strain).
UMPIRES — David Elliott, David Schultz.

Glenelg Oval

GLENELG	6.3	11.7	12.9	16.12	(108)
NORWOOD	2.1	4.5	8.8	10.11	(71)

BEST— GLENELG: W. Stringer, Maynard, A. Stringer, Carey, Salisbury, McDermott, MacTavish, West, Hewett. NORWOOD: Fosdike, Scanlon, McIntosh, Anderson, Aish, Rowe, R. Maynard, Balme.

GOALS— GLENELG: Melican 4.2, West 3.0, Winton 2.1, McDermott 2.0, Christie 2.0, Schneebichler 1.2, A. Stringer 1.0, Marshall 1.0, Hodgeman 0.2, Maynard 0.1, Chigwidden 0.1, rushed 0.3. NORWOOD: R. Maynard 2.2, Balme 2.1, Rowe 2.0, Aish 1.2, Staritski 1.1, Ducker 1.0, McIntosh 1.0, Fosdike 0.2, Munnis 0.1, B. Maynard 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — NORWOOD: John Hall (concussion), Lester Ross (sprained ankle).
UMPIRES — John Hylton, Neville Thorpe.

Leading goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
S. Nichols (Woodville)	17	13.6	84.29
J. Roberts (North)*	18	—	74.38
S. Hodges (Port)*	17	—	53.28
L. Schache (Sturt)*	18	—	51.19
I. Willmott (Sturt)*	11	—	47.20
D. Smith (Port)*	18	—	43.16
R. Mandermaker (Central)*	13	—	41.20
D. Payne (Norwood)	15	—	38.19
R. Maynard (Norwood)	19	2.2	38.17
J. Klug (Woodville)	17	3.0	34.18
D. Kickett (Central)*	14	—	33.22
M. Aish (Norwood)	16	1.2	33.13
I. Hanna (Torrens)	19	2.2	32.21
K. Harris (Woodville)	19	0.2	31.26
C. Budarick (Glenelg)	13	—	31.21
D. Kitschke (Sturt)*	18	—	31.17

* Playing today.

Norwood has jeopardised a double chance — and perhaps a place in the finals — after a tame effort against Glenelg at the Bay.

It buried itself under pressure with the 37-point loss and now faces a battle for survival against Sturt at the Parade, North Adelaide at Prospect and Port Adelaide at Football Park.

And Glenelg, tagged a "has-been" only a few weeks ago, again has emerged a premiership contender.

Norwood ruckman John Hall was knocked out in the first quarter and was carried off the field. However, he is expected to play this week. Doubt surrounds defender Lester Ross who sprained his left ankle.

The magnificent run to the major round series will continue at Football Park today when the other finals



An eye for an eye

TWO OF footy's toughest customers, Scott Salisbury (Glenelg) and Garry McIntosh (Norwood) exchange pleasantries yesterday. Picture: STUART HANNAGAN

aspirants clash — Port v Sturt (12.30) and Central District v North (3.20).

The double-header is expected to attract, and certainly deserves to attract, about 30,000 fans including an army of Victorian Football League coaches, officials and scouts.

Regardless of the results of these crucial matches, the final five contest will remain open and the flag is there for the taking.

Apart from table leader Central, none of the top six teams are safe — and that includes second-ranked Port which has a tough road home.

Woodville is the only side which competed in last season's major series and is out of this year's race.

But it recovered some esteem at Football Park yesterday by crushing West Adelaide, a recent giant-

killer, by 81 points.

The hero was full forward Stephen Nichols, who with 13.6, took his season tally to 84.29, well within reach of the magical "ton".

He kicked two goals in the first quarter, three in the second, three in the third and five in the last.

Nichols leads North's John Roberts, who plays today, by 10 goals in the contest for the Ken Farmer Medal.

Rubbing salt into West's wound was the fact its captain Peter Winter may have damaged cartilage in his left knee. The injury will be assessed again today.

West Torrens, after a struggle, beat South Adelaide by 52 points at Adelaide Oval.

This saw Torrens move to eighth place and West slump from seventh to ninth, five victories clear of the hapless Panthers.

Tigers on a stroll

By **LEO SCHLINK**

A sense of great expectation enveloped a cluttered Glenelg Oval yesterday.

But alas, hopes of a gladiatorial confrontation between heavyweights Glenelg and Norwood faded rapidly into the realms of fantasy.

The host club, rarely raising its display to an inspiring level, seemingly had little difficulty as it forged to an invaluable, but unexciting 37-point success.

The importance of Glenelg's win, however, remains. It did, in phases, achieve an irresistibly high skill level, particularly with its kicking, but in the final analysis it was the master in a dour contest.

There was, of course, more than the occasional spice of malice and, given the surprisingly less-than-authoritative influence of umpires John Hylton and Neville Thorpe, it was equally notable outbreaks of pushing and shoving did not escalate into something more substantial.

Norwood's assignment was made all the more difficult midway through the first term when its leading ruckman John Hall was concussed at an apparently innocuous boundary throw-in accident.

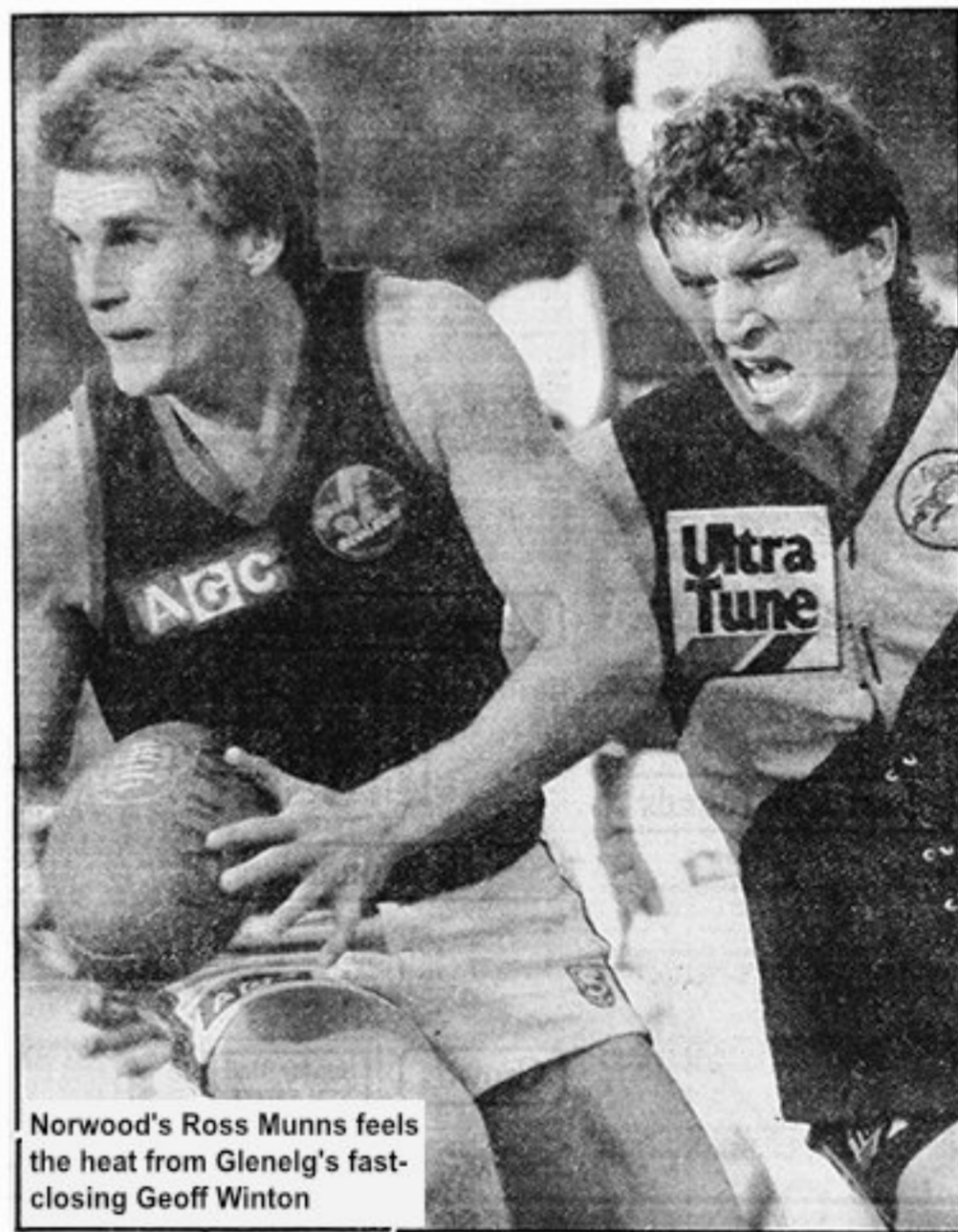
Coach Neil Balme, always generous in praise of victorious opposition, preferred after the match to dilute the importance of Hall's absence, but the virtually unquestioned dominance by Glenelg's bigger players — Peter Carey, Gary Christie and Chris Melican — was significant. Before a healthy, vibrant crowd, which contained former Hawthorn coaching legend Allan Jeans and tennis star Brod Dyke, Norwood initially was imposing. Its reign in perfect conditions, however, was fleeting.

It sped to a 10-point lead and then seemed content to sit broodingly on its heels as Glenelg inexorably got its act together.

Glenelg coach Graham Cornes admitted later to having gambled twice.

The first was to include Wayne Stringer, after a long absence because of injury.

The second was to play Magarey Medal favorite Chris McDermott, who had struggled with influenza during the week.



Norwood's Ross Munns feels the heat from Glenelg's fast-closing Geoff Winton

Stringer was a spectacular success.

McDermott was superbly effective during the middle stages before being summoned to the interchange bench for a short break.

Later, Cornes also requested an audience with defender Jim West who then strolled to the forward lines and collected three goals. It was that type of day for Glenelg.

Norwood, conversely, seemed lethargic and, ironically, was boosted most often in the first half by the efforts of captain Michael Aish, who was returning to league football after recovering from an energy-sapping virus.

It was feeble during the second term, when it had advantage of a healthy breeze and had no remedy for Glenelg's counter-punching defence, which created oodles of chances for Tiger mid-fielders, most notably Alan Stringer and Peter Maynard.

Defensive work was shoddy

As Balme pointed out, Norwood's defensive work in this area was shoddy.

Unbalanced by Hall's premature departure — high-marking back pocket Brenton Maynard leapt into the breach to share rucking duties with Craig Balme — Norwood somehow managed to initiate a third-quarter revival.

It outscored Glenelg 4.3 to 1.2 to spark visions of a fierce last-quarter contest. It was thriving on the efforts of wingman Duncan Fosdike and Stephen Rowe.

With Richard Anderson partially compensating for Aish's gradual decline, which was understandable in the circumstances, and Norwood's generally greater intensity, the match finally seemed alive.

But goals to McDermott and West snuffed the life from a tame Redleg spirit. Glenelg, single-minded in its pursuit of excellence, was clinical to the end. At least half the crowd had something to remember.

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