Norwood 16.8 (104), Glenelg 13.7 (85) THIS WEEK Tomorrow: City v Country (Football Park)

Saturday: Woodville v North (Football Park) Central v Sturt (Elizabeth) West v Port (Richmond) Monday: Torrens v South (Football Park)

Redlegs dim Bays' glow

Football Park

3.2 9.3 14.7 16.8 (104) Norwood 8.3 11.4 13.7 (85) Gleneig

BEST - NORWOOD: Ducker, Rowe, Tanner, D'Antlochia, Robran, Smart, Payne, Warhurst, Staritski, Jarman. GLENELG: Melican, Thompson, Jameson, Liptak, Bromilow, Murphy, Duthy

GOALS — NORWOOD: Smart 5.2, Weeding 3.2, Payne, Tanner, Maynard 2.0, Rowe 1.2, James 1.0, Jarman, Thomas 0.1. GLENELG: Fidge, Chigwidden 2.1, Hodgeman 2.0, Symonds 1.3, Jameson, Lamb, Liptak, Christle, Elias, Deane 1.0, Bartlett 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — NORWOOD: Robran (sprained left ankle). G. Tanner (slight concussion).

REPORTS — Allan Bartleft (Glenelg) by field umpire S. Semmler for allegedly striking Brett James (Norwood) in

the second term.

UMPIRES — Steve Semmler, David Weston. CROWD - 12,785.

Ladder												
	w	L	D	F	A	%	Pts					
GLENELG	5	1	0	760	527	59.05	10					
PORT*	4	1	0	624	451	58.05	8					
NORTH*	3	2	0	501	425	54.10	6					
WOODVILLE*	3	2	0	541	480	52.99	6					
TORRENS*	3	2	0	464	448	50.88	6					
Norwood	3	3	0	616	642	48.97	6					
South*	2	3	0	508	541	48.43	4					
West*	2	3	0	428	621	40.80	4					
Central*	1	4	0	454	589	43.53	2					
Sturt* * To play.	0	5	0	421	593	41.52	ō					

Goalkickers										
	Games	Y'day	Tota							
J. Fidge (Glenelg)	6	2	41							
A. Jackovich (Woodville)	5	0	27							
S. Hodges (Port)	5	0	27							
D. Stoeckel(South)	5	0	21							
J. Weeding (Norwood)	6	3	18							
R. Mandermaker (Central)	5	0	14							
D. Niemann (Torrens)	5	0	13							
S. Schmid (South)	5	0	12							
I. Muster (Norwood)	4	0	12							
D. Smart (Norwood)	5	5	12							
L. Schache (Torrens)	5	0	11							
M. O'Brien (Sturt)	5	0	11							
G. Wanganeen (Port)	4	0	11							

	Footypant										
Game		Marg.	TAB No	Div							
1	Carlton	61-70	7	\$17.50							
2	St Kilda	11-20	2	\$ 3.95							
3	Norwood	11-20	2	\$ 5.60							
	FOO	TY TREB									
	TAB nos	- 7, 2, 2 -	- \$22,190								

Winners: Cartton, St Kilda, Norwood

SA Draw

Tomorrow: City v. Country (Football Park). Saturday: Woodville v. North Adelaide (Football Park); Central District v. Sturt (Elizabeth); West Adelaide v. Port Adelaide (Richmond).

Monday (May 28): West Torrens v. South Adelaide (Football Park).

Reserves

3.4 10.7 16.10 (106) Glenelg 2.0 8.4 10.7 13.7 (85) Norwood 5.4

BEST -- GLENELG: Hallahan, Barton, McGuinness, Mansell, Stuart, Hewett, Battison. NORWOOD: Ryan, Deconti, Murdoch, Klaebe, Almond.

GOALS - GLENELG: Mansell 4, Barton, Williams 2, Hele, Rouvray, McGuinness, Hewett, Cameron, Hallahan, Thornborrow, Moss. NORWOOD: Murdoch , Ippindo, King 2, Kelly, Crosby, Molloy, Sheldrick, Pike, Nicholls, Lane.

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w	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
6	0	0	752	516	59.31	12
3	2	0	632	557	53.15	6
3	3	0	525	478	52.34	6
3	2	0	589	556	51.44	6
3	2	0	513	493	50.99	6
3	2	0	411	507	44.77	6
2	3	0	482	511	48.54	4
1	4	0	460	559	45.14	2
1	4	0	369	449	45.11	2
1	4	0	424	531	44.40	2
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Neil Balme is a firm believer in the well-worn adage that actions speak louder than words.

Win or lose, the Redleg mentor is always very approachable and steadfastly refuses to make excuses for his team's deficiencies.

Balme has seen it all. He more than any knows the highs and lows associated with football.

And so it was deep under the confines of Football Park yesterday after the Redlegs had cast aside some lingering doubts with a courageous 19point victory over previously unbeaten Glenelg.

Surrounded by the backslapping, joyous throngs, Balme, in his post-match analysis, said he was pleased to win, agreed it was a good team performance and maintained it was the first time this season his side had put together four quarters of football.

To be fair, there was little more he could say - that summed it up perfectly.

Balme is a man whose presence commands respect, but for the most part this winter he has had to put up with a team that rarely feels disposed towards playing together for any sustained period.

But that nightmare ended yesterday when the Redlegs burst Glenelg's unblemished record with solid. courageous effort.

Norwood, so patchy thus far in 1990, had few chinks in its armour, while for the first time this season, the Tigers struggled — especially in attack.

The Redlegs' tackling was venomous and highly effective, while Glenelg failed to come to terms with Norwood's pressure, desperation and efficiency - especially after halftime.

Norwood's defence in Mark Ducker, Tom Warhurst, Justin Scanlon, Matthew Robran, Lester Ross and "Mr Versatility" Rodney Maynard was magnificent — as precise and as clinical as a surgeon with scalpel.

Having created the winning break late in the final term, the Redlegs hung on for dear life against a gutsy opponent who battled it out to the end.

Glenelg has let its football do all the talking this season. It faltered yesterday, but it is an undeniable jewel in SA's football crown and will be a powerhouse come September. As one supporter claimed after the battle, it is virtually impossible these days to keep on winning week in, week out.

Sure, it's no consolation to coach Graham Cornes today, but Glenelg's best — like that of Norwood — is yet to come.

Ducker at full-back was superb yesterday. He had the enormous contract of trying to subdue Glenelg's powerhouse goal-kicking ace, John Fidge. And he did the job brilliantly, restricting Fidge to 2.1.

Around the packs Stephen Rowe was another strumental in his side's triumph, young Grant Tanner on his wing did much damage with his pace and brilliance

and Jerry D'Antiochia was

also a worthy contributor. Then there was Doug Smart, a football enigma. He's unfashionable, ungainly and unpredictable, but Smart can be a defender's nightmare.

The former North star, who many forget is still a raw youngster, booted five great goals and provided the Glenelg brains-trust with an enormous headache.

For Glenelg, ruckman Chris Melican was a shining light with a tireless effort on the ball.

In defence, Rob Thompson battled the odds in a continuation of his good form, while Matthew Liptak, Rod



Jameson and Jason Bromilow who shadowed Andrew Jarman — were best of the others.

In short it was a superb contest - not so much for its skills or brilliance, but because of the commitment shown by both teams.

It deserved far more than a

crowd of 12,785.

What the coaches said:

NEIL BALME (Norwood): "I was very pleased with the effort. It's the first time all year we've played four good quarters of football."

☐ GRAHAM CORNES (Glenelg): "Norwood was just too desperate. We couldn't find the right balance to counter their good players."

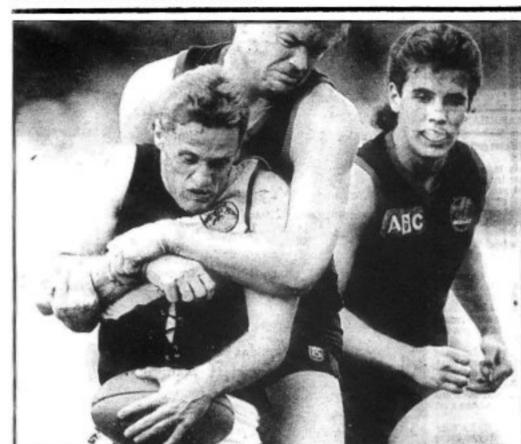
Bartlett on striking charge

■ GLENELG forward Allan Bartlett will face SANFL commissioner Mr Brian Martin QC on Tuesday night after being reported for allegedly striking at Football Park yesterday.

Bartlett had his number taken by field umpire Steve Semmler following a second quarter incident involving Norwood youngster Brett James.

Redleg defender Matthew Robran was carried from the field on a stretcher after suffering a sprained left ankle in the dying minutes of the final term. The injury means Robran will be unable to take his place in City Allstars team for tomorrow's West End Challenge match against Country

Young Norwood wingman Grant Tanner (slight concussion) was his side's other casualty.



☐ HANDS OFF IT'S MINE ... Glenelg half-back Robble Thompson hangs on

grimly despite attention from Norwood's Craig Balme PHOTO: MARK BRAKE 🗦\$2000 Stats Star



First-year Gleneig rover, Matthew Liptak (pictured), has retained the lead in the Sunday Mail-Fosters-Booze Brothers Stats Star award, after the first match of round

The State Star is determined by the number of possessions. One point is allocated for each kick, two for each handball and three for each mark. The winner will receive a cash award and an attractive trophy. Current tallies:

PLAYERS Matthew Liptak (Glenelg) Andrew Jarman (Norwood) Stephen Rowe (Norwood) Chris McDermott (Glenelg) Justin Staritski (Norwood) Scott Lee (Central) Rodney Maynard (Norwood) Tony Symonds (Gleneig) Stephen Schwerdt (Central)

day	TOTAL
55 48 60 30 43 0 58 46 0	376 358 352 333 328 319 314 298 292 277

NORWOOD				FREES								
HOMHOOD	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	M	HO	FOR	AG	GLS	BHS	H.O
SMART	3	5	1	1	10	8	4		5	5	2	1
WEEDING	3	1	2	4	10	7	4		2	3	2	
PAYNE	8	2	1	5	16	6	9	2	2	2		
JAMES		6	3	3	12	3	12	3	1	1		
BALME	6	4		2	12	7	2	1	1			
THOMAS	2	1	5	3	11	2	8	1	4		1	
D'ANTOCHIA	6	6	5	4	21	7	7	2	2			
JARMAN	5	2	6	3	16	2	13		2		1	
G. TANNER	4	3	5	8	20	6	9	1		2		
SCANLON	3	1	1	3	8	4	8	2	2			
WARHURST	3	2	5	1	11	4	11	1	1			
MAYNARD	2	3	4	3	12	8	11	2		2		
ROSS		1	2	4	7	2	9					
DUCKER	1		1	1	3	1	8					
ROBRAN	7	3	4	2	16	3	4	1	2			
HALL	1	1			1	3	6	1	2			22
STARITSKI	3	5	8	2	18	5	5		2			
ROWE	5	3	4	10	22	6	10	1	3	1	2	
PITTMAN	1		1		2	2	4					10
ZIMMERMAN							1					
RUSHED												
TOTAL	62	49	58	59	228	86	145	18	31	16	8	44

GLENELG		KICKS						FREES				
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	M	N/B	FOR	AG	gLS	BHS	HO.
HODGEMAN	1	1	3	4	9	2	4	2	2	2		
FIDGE	2	3			5	3	1			2	1	
LAMB	3		1		4	3	4			1		-
ELIAS	3			1	4	5	3			1		
BARTLETT	3		4	1	8	4	1	2	5	- 920	1	
CHIGWIDDEN	1	3	3	2	9	1	11	1	1	2	1	
SYMONDS	4	2	1	2	9	5	11	2		1	3	
McDERMOTT	3	4	4	1	12		9	4	2			
JAMESON	5	3	5	2	15	3	7	1		1		
BOW	4	5	2	2	13	3	5	2		*		
MURPHY	6	2	4	5	17	8	6	5	2			
THOMPSON	4	4	6	4	18	3	3	2	1			
GIBBS	4	1	3	3	11		2	2	. 1			
DUTHY	1			1	2		3	2				
SEEBOHM	2			4	6	1	8		1			
MELICAN	1	1	7	2	11	7	13	1	2			22
BROMILOW	2	1	4	2	9	6	6	1				
LIPTAK	2	4	3	4	13	4	15	2		1		
CHRISTIE		2		1	3	1	3	1	1	1		3
DEANE		2	2	3	7	2	6	2	1	1		
RUSHED											1	
TOTAL.	51	38	52	44	185	63	121	31	18	13	7	25