



Sunday Mail

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Football Park

Table with 5 columns: Team, Kicks, Handballs, Goals, Points. Rows: Adelaide (155), Hawthorn (69)

BEST — ADELAIDE: McGuinness, Marshall, Jarman, Smart, Tregenza, Negri, Warhurst, Klug, Lee, Maynard. HAWTHORN: Anderson, Pritchard, Allan, Wittman.

SCORERS — ADELAIDE: Lindner 4.2, Klug 4.1, McIntyre 4.0, McGuinness 3.0, Maynard 3.0, Smith 2.1, Marshall 2.0, Hart 1.1, A. Jarman 1.0, Fielke 0.1, Hocking 0.1, McDermott 0.1, rushed 0.3. HAWTHORN: Dunstall 2.2, D. Jarman 2.1, Morrissey 2.0, Anderson 1.2, Dear 1.2, Wittman 1.0, Allan 0.3, Brereton 0.2, Platten 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — ADELAIDE: McDermott (concussion). HAWTHORN: Robran (knee), D. Jarman (ankle), Collins (broken nose), Brereton (hip).

REPORTS — D. Brereton (Hawthorn) by field umpires Peter Cameron and Hayden Kennedy for allegedly striking C. McDermott (Adelaide) with a right forearm to the head during the last quarter. P. Dear (Hawthorn) by umpire Kennedy for allegedly charging McDermott in the same incident.

UMPIRES — Peter Cameron, Hayden Kennedy. CROWD — 44,902.

SANFL



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Table with 5 columns: Team, Kicks, Handballs, Goals, Points. Rows: Glenelg (154), Norwood (83)

BEST — GLENELG: Symonds, Chigwidden, Gibbs, Hele, Murphy, Seebohm, Rouvray, Russell. NORWOOD: Aish, Rowe, Hall, Payne, Pike, Halfpenny.

SCORERS — GLENELG: Symonds 6.4, Murphy 6.3, Russell 5.2, Salisbury 2.2, Chigwidden 2.1, Hallahan 1.1, Bartlett 0.2, Liptak 0.2, Rouvray 0.1, Gepp 0.1, rushed 0.3. NORWOOD: Pike 3.1, Payne 3.0, Aish 2.1, Bowman 1.1, Rowe 1.0, Thomas 1.0, McNeil 1.0, Muster 1.0, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — NORWOOD: Molloy (strained left knee ligaments), Tanner (strained left knee ligaments), McNeil (hamstring), Balme (slight concussion).

UMPIRES: Michael Abbott, Laurie Argent.

Alberton

Table with 5 columns: Team, Kicks, Handballs, Goals, Points. Rows: Port (110), West (86)

BEST — PORT: Ginever, M. Williams, Brown, Northeast, Borlase, McKay. WEST: Mellor, Byrne, Kerr, Banfield, Ebert, Schumann.

SCORERS — PORT: Tylor 4.3, Borlase 4.1, Brown 2.4, Ginever 2.1, Smallridge, McKay, Hughes 1.0, Settre, M. Williams, S. Williams 0.2, Fellowes 0.1, rushed 0.4. WEST: Byrne 2.2, Fitzsimmons, Rehn 2.1, Mellor 2.0, Winter 1.1, Banfield, Blythe, Kerr, Goss 1.0, Fielke, Schumann 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — PORT: Rizonico (corked thigh). WEST: Ravasi (concussion), Carlson (knee).

UMPIRES: Les Harrison, Mark Barnett.

Prospect

Table with 5 columns: Team, Kicks, Handballs, Goals, Points. Rows: North (128), South (120)

BEST — NORTH: Mail, Dittmar, Redden, Barratt, Nunan, Parsons, Ryan, McAdam. SOUTH: Page, Kappler, Troy, Bickley, Schmid.

SCORERS — NORTH: Dittmar 7.2, Mail, Nunan 3.1, Parsons 2.2, Barratt, Marshall, McAdam, Bennett 1.0, Sanders, Perkins 0.2, Redden, Atkinson 0.1, rushed 0.2. SOUTH: Schmid 5.2, Woodlands 4.2, Stoeckel 3.2, Cameron 3.0, Hewitt, Page, Winton 1.0, Bickley 0.3, Naley 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — NORTH: Roe (corked thigh) off midway through second quarter, Marshall (calf) off midway through third quarter.

UMPIRES: Jeff Jeanes, Stephen Semmler.

Table with 2 columns: Venue, Attendance. Rows: Football Park (5376), Alberton (5191), Prospect (3282), Total (13,854)

SA draw

Tomorrow: 8pm — Sturt v. Eagles (Football Park).

Saturday: Double-header — 12.30pm, Central v. Sturt, 3.20pm, Port v. North (Football Park); 2pm, Norwood v. South (Norwood); West v. Glenelg (Richmond).

Reserves

Table with 5 columns: Team, Kicks, Handballs, Goals, Points. Rows: Glenelg (116), Norwood (92)

BEST — GLENELG: Mansell, McIntosh, Reubenicht, McGuinness, McCully, Deane, Excell, Martin, Donovan. NORWOOD: Pittman, Hand, Heeps, Williams, O'Driscoll. GOALS — GLENELG: Mansell 6, McIntosh 3, Deane, Walder 2, Wingard, Hocking, Reubenicht, McGuinness, McNamara. NORWOOD: Ippindo, James 3, Tolhurst, Pittman 2, Heeps, King, Casey.

CROWDS DOWN Fans snub big Footy Park clash

By LAWRIE McCAULEY

One day into the South Australian National Football League season and crowds are already 3152 down on budget.

And it is Norwood and Glenelg fans who are to blame.

As Glenelg, Port Adelaide and North Adelaide kicked off the 1991 season with wins in the opening round, fans snubbed the big clash at Footy Park, where Glenelg scored a runaway 71-point win against Norwood.

Only 5370 fans attended (where 44,902 had been the night before to see the Crows tackle Hawthorn).

The league had budgeted for a crowd of 10,000.

Fortunately it picked up at the other two games.

At Alberton, 5191 (budget 5000) saw Port beat West 15.20 to 13.8 and at Prospect 3287 people (budget 2000) saw North topple night premier South 19.14 to 18.12.

Glenelg and Norwood have, without doubt, been the hardest hit of all clubs since the formation of the Crows.

Lost players to the Crows

They have lost players to the local side as well as many stars to rival AFL camps.

But good Foundation Cup performances by both sides and the emergence of many talented youngsters have not left them as crippled as many would have believed.

They turned on a close contest for three quarters — until Glenelg ran

riot in the final term, kicking 8.9 to no score to win 22.22 to 13.5.

Norwood was in trouble early when it lost Tim McNeil (hamstring) and Grant Tanner (knee) in the opening minutes. More seriously injured was young Glenn Molloy, who has strained knee ligaments.

Molloy's season will hinge on a medical examination of the knee today.

Adding to Norwood's woes was the slight concussion suffered by Craig Balme.

Glenelg had plenty to enthuse about the game. Apart from the steam-rolling finish, the Bays had three potent avenues to goal with Tony Symonds and Michael Murphy each kicking six along with full forward Mark Russell, who kicked five.

However, the league's leading goalkicker at the moment is North full forward

Michael Dittmar, who booted seven to lead the Rooster charge for victory.

Dittmar, who tried unsuccessfully to gain a clearance to North from Port last year, has settled in well at Prospect and will be a huge bonus for the club.

Port Adelaide, this year attempting to win its fourth consecutive premiership, emerged with an uninspiring 24-point win against the Bloods.

West's problems were compounded by injuries to Paul Ravasi (taken from the field with concussion) and new recruit Darran Carlson (knee).

The opening round will be completed tomorrow night when the new Eagles take on Sturt from 8pm at Football Park.

Central District does not play in round one, a result of the bye being enforced each weekend throughout the season.

Redlegs savaged by Tigers

By LAWRIE McCAULEY

Was Glenelg that awesome or Norwood that pathetic?

That's the question which remained with 5370 fans after yesterday's steam-rolling effort by Glenelg at Football Park in the opening round of SANFL matches.

Fans had expected a close finish. Norwood began the last term just 14 points in arrears, kicking with the aid of a three-goal breeze.

But what followed was either a startling capitulation by Norwood or a feat of near magic by Glenelg.

The Bays kicked 8.9 to nil in the final term and won by a whopping 71 points, 22.22 to 13.5.

Kym Hodgeman and Neil Craig both had their first outing as a league coach, for premiership points, and Hodgeman had plenty to be pleased about.

"Obviously it is a good start," he said.

"I was pretty pleased with the effort in the last quarter, the way we kept running and the way we persevered — but there were moments when we didn't play that well.

Craig had reason to adopt a sterner attitude. "For three quarters we were pretty reasonable," he said.

"But the sooner we realise, as a group of individuals and a club — me included — what is required to win a game of footy at this level the better off we're going to be.

Norwood had been in the thick of things for three quarters, largely due to great individual

efforts by Michael Aish (23 kicks, 17 handballs), Stephen Rowe (13 kicks, 23 handballs) and John Hall (37 hitouts).

But fill-in centreman Aish was tagged out of the match in the final term by Matthew Liptak and that robbed Norwood of much of its momentum.

Norwood had been plagued by injuries, losing centreman Grant Tanner (knee) and wingman Tim McNeil (hamstring) in the opening minutes. Glenn Molloy also suffered a serious knee injury before half-time and had to be taken from the field on a stretcher.

For Glenelg, Michael Murphy and best-around Tony Symonds each booted six goals while teammate Mark Russell kicked five — giving Glenelg plenty of potent options up forward.



Michael Murphy: Six goals.



Grant Tanner: Knee injury.

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