

Inspirational Aish

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Football Park

PORT	9.7	15.8	21.11	26.12	(168)
Eagles	3.2	7.7	13.8	21.13	(139)

BEST — PORT: D. Smith, Bond, Brown, Ginever, Borlase, Angove. **EAGLES:** Chapman, Nicol, Rogers, Breuer, Prymke, Payze.

GOALS — PORT: Taylor 6.2, Borlase, Bond 6.1, Lyle, Smith 2.1, Cockatoo-Collins 2.0, McKay, Brown 1.0, Angove 0.2, Ginever, Williams 0.1, rushed 0.2. **EAGLES:** Taylor 5.3, Nicol 4.1, Breuer 3.1, S. Sziller, Niemann 2.1, Payze 1.2, Morphett, Rogers, Kluzek, Prymke 1.0, Neave, McInnenny 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — PORT: Tylor (concussion), Rizonico (groin). **EAGLES:** Schwarz (ribs).

UMPIRES: Kevin Chambers, Tim Slaven.

Adelaide Oval

CENTRAL	7.7	11.11	16.14	24.15	(159)
South	4.4	7.8	12.13	15.17	(107)

BEST — CENTRAL: Chaplin, Bell, Cummings, Saywell, Stevens, Handley, Laird, Tongerie. **SOUTH:** Heath, Stoeckel, Koster, Osborn, Mitton, Harris.

GOALS — CENTRAL: Cummings 6.1, Tongerie 4.2, Handley 3.2, Chaplin 3.1, Luhrs, Bell 2.2, Coffee 2.0, Reimers, MacGowan 1.0, Ingerson 0.2, rushed 0.3. **SOUTH:** Stoeckel 5.2, McIntyre 3.4, Mitton 1.3, Polkinghorne 1.2, Bonner, Parker 1.1, Quinn, Trevena 1.0, Osborn 1.2, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — SOUTH: Naley (dislocated right elbow, off in first minute).

UMPIRES: David Elliott, Tim Pfeiffer.

Norwood Oval

NORWOOD	2.4	8.8	11.14	17.17	(119)
Glenelg	3.6	4.10	8.12	13.15	(93)

BEST — NORWOOD: Balme, Kelly, Eames, Pitt, Prime, Tumes, Smallridge. **GLENELG:** Chigwidden, Lamb, Kretchmer, Hele, Gibbs.

GOALS — NORWOOD: Prime 7.2, Ducker 2.4, James 2.1, Aish 2.0, Pitt 1.3, Smallridge 1.1, Smart 1.1, Kelly 1.0, Eames 0.1, D'Antiochia 0.1, Patterson 0.1, rushed 0.2. **GLENELG:** West 4.2, Russell 3.3, Flower 2.0, McRae 1.2, McGuinness 1.2, Kretchmer 1.1, Chigwidden 1.1, Barton 0.1, rushed 0.3.

UMPIRES: Craig Doddridge, Richard Williams.

Richmond Oval

STURT	4.3	8.4	13.12	19.19	(133)
West	3.3	7.8	13.11	15.14	(104)

BEST — STURT: Arnol, Baker, Richter, Viney, Sanderson, Underwood. **WEST:** Fitzsimmons, Andriske, Mickan, McKinnon, Palmer, Banfield.

GOALS — STURT: Arnol 12.3, Obst 2.2, Richter 2.0, Johns 1.2, Trimboli 1.1, Sanderson 1.0, Baker 0.3, Sutherland 0.1, Underwood 0.1, Wyatt 0.1, rushed 0.5. **WEST:** Palmer 6.1, Loving 3.2, McNamara 2.4, Symes 1.2, McKinnon 1.2, Fitzsimmons 1.0, Woosnam 1.0, Banfield 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — WEST: Patterson (broken collarbone), Carlson (hamstring). **STURT:** Sutherland (corked thigh).

UMPIRES: Laurie Argent, Ron Bettridge.

SANFL ladder

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
PORT	15	12	3	0	1912	1599	54.46	24
EAGLES	15	10	4	1	1659	1350	55.13	21
GLENELG	15	9	5	1	1838	1554	54.19	19
CENTRAL	15	9	6	0	1633	1418	53.56	18
NORWOOD	15	9	6	0	1651	1471	52.88	18
South	15	7	8	0	1606	1509	51.56	14
North*	14	5	9	0	1122	1455	43.54	10
West	15	3	12	0	1392	1694	45.11	6
Sturt	14	2	13	0	1244	2008	38.25	4

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	Games	Rd 17	Total
M. Tylor (Port)	15	6	69
C. Prime (Norwood)	14	7	55
A. Taylor (Eagles)	15	5	54
P. McIntyre (South)	12	3	51
G. Coffee (Central)	18	2	51
J. Fidge (Glenelg)	8	0	43
J. Arnol (Sturt)	15	12	39
D. Woosnam (West)	13	1	36
S. Patterson (Norwood)	15	0	35
T. Cummings (Central)	14	6	33
S. Loving (West)	15	3	32
C. McRae (Glenelg)	11	1	30
C. Palmer (West)	9	6	29
R. Handley (Central)	14	3	28

SA crowds

Football Park	10,138
Adelaide Oval	2,278
Norwood Oval	5,095
Richmond Oval	1,536
Total	17,047

SA Draw

ROUND 18 — Saturday: North v. Norwood (Football Park), Central v. Port (Elizabeth), West v. South (Richmond), Eagles v. Sturt (Richmond). **Bye:** Glenelg.

Norwood yesterday celebrated the surprise return of Magarey Medallist and club champion Michael Aish with an emphatic 26-point victory over premiership contender Glenelg at The Parade.

Former State captain Aish, who had not played football since September 5 last year, was rushed into the Norwood side when Billy Dolan withdrew because of the after-effects of concussion.

The 32-year-old finished his 319th match with eight kicks, three marks, five handballs, three tackles and two goals after playing the entire match out of a forward pocket.

An always gifted, elusive figure, Aish was a respectable contributor in a fine team performance which served to underline Norwood's rapid maturity.

The victory, to the delight of coach Neil Craig, ensured the Redlegs remained in contention for the double chance.

Third-placed Glenelg, conversely, was disappointing in its attempt to build on its 84-point win over Port Adelaide at Alberton Oval eight days earlier. Weakened by the pre-match withdrawal of full forward John Fidge (back), Glenelg nevertheless steamed to a 17-point lead midway through the first term.

Having peppered the southern goal, the Tigers might have fancied their chances of carrying off the \$15,000 winner-takes-all Fairmont Homes cheque.

But a superb second quarter, when Aish teamed with fellow forwards Chris Prime (seven goals) and Mark Ducker (two), turned the match.

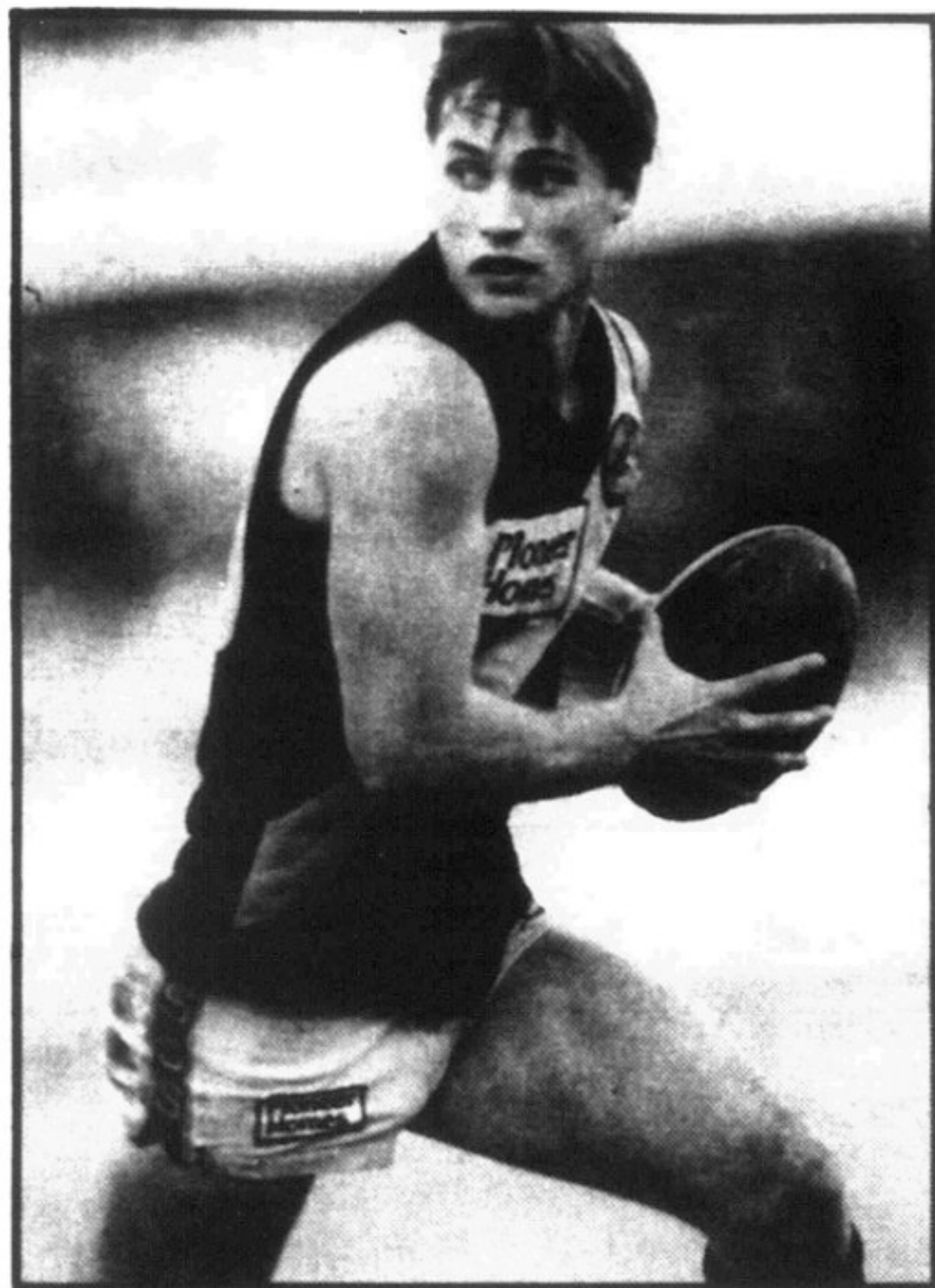
Adding 6.4 to 1.3, Norwood gave itself every chance of winning and, although unable to stretch its advantage to beyond 32 points, it was always in command, despite Glenelg's best efforts to rein it in.

Glenelg, as valiantly as it tried, seemed a touch off-key. It would always struggle to emulate the performance of the previous week.

But yesterday, there were dangerous signs of fragility.

Coach Mark Williams must have been disappointed. With the exceptions of Jim West and Mark Russell in attack, Glenelg was unable to threaten Norwood with the same firepower which had shaken Port.

Tiger captain Nick Chigwidden was an inspiration, but with 'Legs centreman Richard Kelly dominating the mid-field with wingman Anthony Eames, Norwood would never relinquish the upper hand.



Glenelg's Michael Barton dashes away with the ball



Glenelg skipper Nick Chigwidden handballs under pressure from Jerry D'Antiochia