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Strong Legs stomp Tigers

Glenelg fell victim to the Arnold Schwarzenegger of the SANFL yesterday when its finals run was terminated by a superior Norwood at Football Park.

Norwood's 44-point win - its ninth from 12 elimination finals over the past 14 years - was an emphatic reminder it is not without a chance of contesting successive grand finals.

Its telling last quarter, kicking 8.5 until Glenelg scored a complimentary 3.1 during time-on, was awesome.

Glenelg, only permitted entry to the finals series because of Norwood's win over North Adelaide last week, threatened to recover in the third quarter. But its Fightback was straight out of Dr Hewson's book of lost causes.

This was a magnificent response by the Redlegs to the call by coach Neil Craig to work that bit harder to cover the loss of their captain, Garry McIntosh, sidelined nursing the right ankle he broke during training on Tuesday night.

Frustration for the vanquished

Other vital elements were the authority displayed by Norwood's big men, an impressive team game and unquestionable discipline.

The Redlegs made a brisk start, kicking three goals in the opening seven minutes, and always had Glenelg desperately chasing and battling to recover.

Norwood controlled the early play because its big men, especially Matthew Robran at full forward, mastered the art of knocking the ball to the ground and found their smaller teammates who made better position in front of the packs.

Glenelg, which had beaten Norwood in their three encounters this year, was denied the chance to create smooth flowing play because of the tight checking imposed by the Redlegs. As the match - indeed the season - drew to a close, the frustration was clearly evident on the vanquished.

Norwood kept itself in front by the many other qualities which indicates a good side, including countless smotherers and strong

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shepherding.

It cruised to a 23-point quarter-time lead, and increased the pressure to 41 points midway through the second. But Glenelg responded with two quick goals caused by a lapse in concentration and discipline by Norwood.

Glenelg, however, squandered a half-time lead with three poor attempts at goal, and this hurt was compounded by an additional five misses at the start of the third term.

Desperate for accuracy, Darren Mansell, one of Glenelg's best, kicked three brilliant goals on the run, and it was only intermitting goals from Norwood which allowed it to lead by 10 points at three-quarter time.

Glenelg seemed to be on a roll and threatened to steal this sudden-death final. But, ultimately, it was only wishful thinking by its fans as Norwood released punishing blows.

The Tigers were hurt by the loss of Peter Berbakov when he had his left leg broken within 40 seconds of the start of the last term.

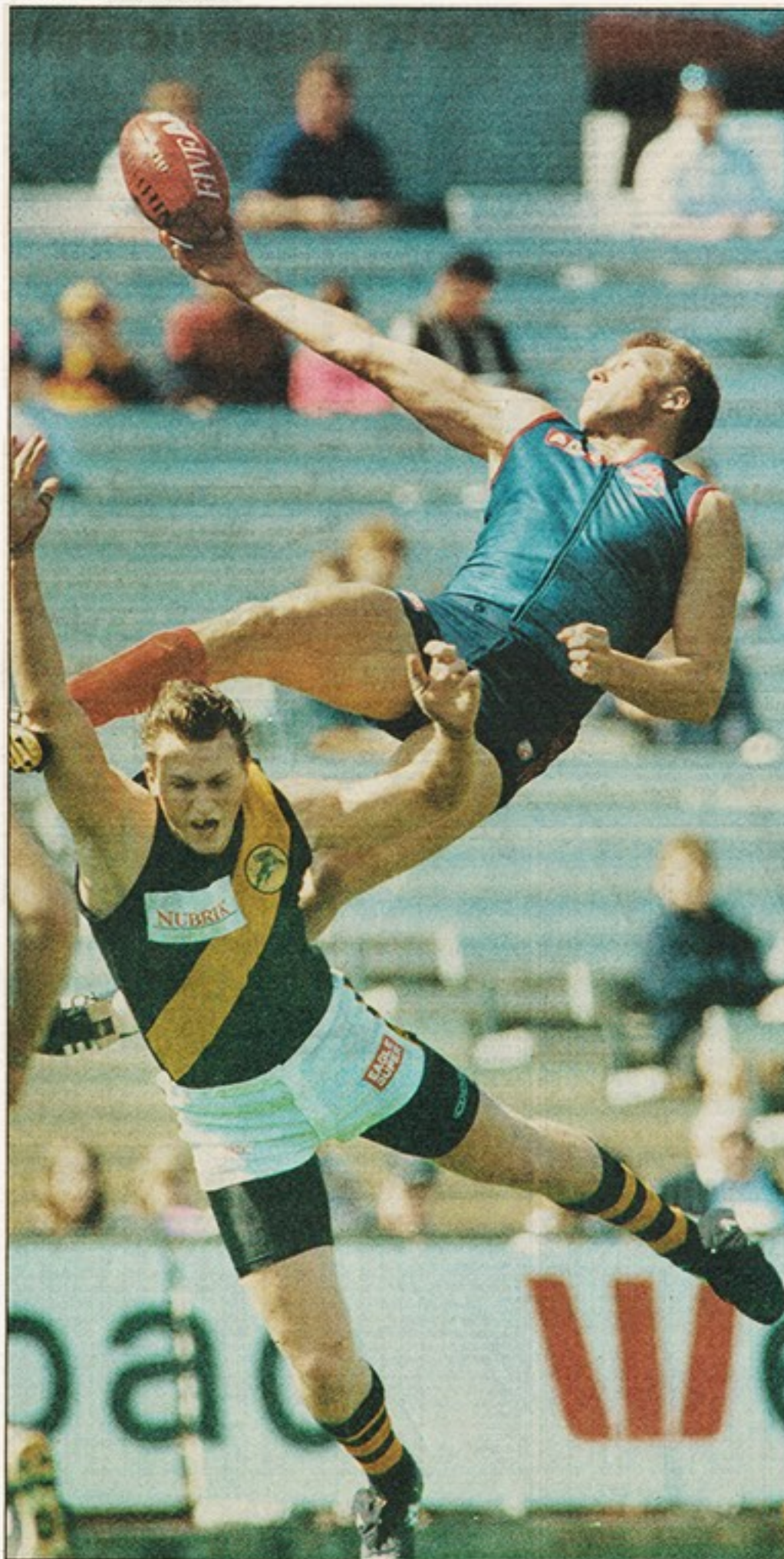
A significant change in Norwood's make-up was the switching of Robran with ruckman Matthew Primus. While Robran asserted his authority, allowing Norwood to clear consistently from the centre square, Primus had a positive effect and forced Glenelg coach Mark Williams to move his best big man, Stuart McCully, to full back.

The move brought almost immediate results as Primus pushed one of his immaculate knocks down to the waiting hands of Billy Dolan to set the last-quarter steamrolling of Glenelg in motion.

The sealing goal came a few minutes later when Primus chased vigorously and applied a magnificent tackle on Ben Roehrich. This allowed Kym Russell to kick Norwood's 17th goal and boost the margin to 34 points.

Glenelg was floored. After pouring so much fruitless energy into that mid-game, third-quarter revival, it had neither the talent nor the physical ability to respond to Norwood's surge of power.

PICTURE: NEON MARTIN



Norwood's Matthew Robran soars for a one-handed mark in a dominant performance

Strong pressure on defence

Norwood's half-forward line of Nathan Irvin, Lachlan Bowman and Steven Pitt was lethal, and was well supported by Simon Cowham on a wing and Stephen Patterson on the ball.

The defence withstood enormous pressure, with the leading light being first-year SANFL player Nathan Bassett. One might dare to say he lived up to his name by hounding the opposition.

Ultimately, Norwood's array of superior big men proved a telling factor.

The threat from the Tigers came in the form of swift and creative players Mansell, Simon Hele, Nick Chigwidden and Philip McGuinness, who gathered more possessions and placed added pressure on Norwood's defence.

The Schwarzeneggars also terminated Glenelg in last year's first semi-final.

SANFL SCOREBOARD

Football Park

NORWOOD	7.6	12.6	14.9	22.14	(146)
Glenelg	4.1	8.4	12.11	15.12	(102)

BEST - NORWOOD: Irvin, Pitt, Cowham, Primus, Russell, Robran, Patterson. GLENELG: Mansell, McGuinness, West, McRae, Chigwidden.

SCORERS - NORWOOD: Irvin 4.3, Pitt 4.2, Patterson 4.1, Robran 2.1, Fleming 2.0, Loffler, Davey, Bowman 1.1, Dolan, Russell, Cowham 1.0, Primus 0.1, rushed 0.3. GLENELG: Mansell 4.1, Barton 3.2, West 2.2, Chigwidden 2.1, Caldwell 2.0, Cox 1.0, Liptak 1.0, McGuinness 0.2, McRae, Berbakov 0.1, rushed 0.2..

INJURIES - GLENELG: Berbakov (broken leg). UMPIRES: Tim Pfeiffer, Richard Williams. (Elimination final).

Football Park

PORT	3.6	8.7	12.9	16.15	(111)
Central	2.4	8.9	9.11	14.14	(98)

BEST - PORT: Spalding, Ginever, Malakellis, Borlase, Fiacchi, Tylor, Chalmers. CENTRAL: Girdham, McKinnon, Windsor, Stevens, Luhrs, Cook, Wakelin.

SCORERS - PORT: Hodges 5.4, Malakellis 3.2, Ginever 3.0, Borlase 2.1, Olsen 1.2, Williams 1.1, D. Smith 1.0, Pedler, Hull, Carter 0.1, rushed 0.2. CENTRAL: Cook 3.1, Richardson 2.1, Handley 1.2, Stevens, Luhrs 1.1, Reimers, Girdham, Macgowan, Arnold, Schwerdt, Roberson 1.0, Healy 0.3, Ellis 0.2, McKinnon 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - PORT: Williams (hamstring). CENTRAL: Ingerson (sprained ankle).

UMPIRES: Michael Abbott, Ron Bettridge. CROWD: 21,178.

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	Games	Rd 25	Total
S. Hodges (Port)	23	5	119
A. Richardson (Central)	23	2	79
S. Simister (West)	22	0	71
A. Taylor (Eagles)	21	0	59
C. Prime (Norwood)	19	0	53
R. Rosenboom (North)	20	0	52
S. Phillipou (Eagles)	19	0	46
D. Squire (North)	22	0	45
R. Handley (Central)	21	1	42
T. Symes (West)	22	0	41

SA draw

MAJOR ROUND - Saturday (Football Park): 12.30pm, First semi-final - Central v. Norwood. 3.20pm, Second semi-final - Eagles v Port.

Norwood	Kicks Hballs Marks			Frees			Scores			RT	Total
	F	A	G	F	A	G	F	A	G		
D. LOFFLER	5	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
M. ROBRAN	15	4	4	5	0	2	1	5	0	0	3
T. DAVEY	13	12	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
B. DOLAN	16	4	4	1	5	1	0	0	0	2	2
L. BOWMAN	7	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
N. IRVIN	20	6	8	0	1	4	3	0	0	1	1
D. BYRNES	10	13	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1
K. RUSSELL	16	14	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
S. COWHAM	11	13	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
S. BURNS	13	8	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	2
J. MILLAR	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
N. BASSETT	9	6	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	2
J. D'ANTIOCHIA	11	6	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. TUMES	7	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. DANIELS	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
M. PRIMUS	5	2	4	1	3	0	1	30	0	0	0
S. PITT	15	3	7	0	0	4	2	0	0	1	1
S. PATTERSON	22	4	1	1	3	4	1	0	0	0	0
C. BALME	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
D. FLEMING	8	5	7	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	209	123	66	23	26	22	14	43	16		

GOALS DIST. OF GOALS

FREE	PLAY	MARK	TOTAL	0-15	15-30	30-45	45+
1	17	4	22	7	6	8	1

Glenelg	Kicks Hballs Marks			Frees			Scores			RT	Total
	F	A	G	F	A	G	F	A	G		
D. MANSELL	13	3	6	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	1
D. CALDOW	6	4	5	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
J. WEST	10	6	8	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
P. MCGUINNESS	18	5	3	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	2
H. STUART	6	4	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	2
M. BARTON	9	9	2	3	0	3	2	1	3	3	3
C. MCRAE	15	7	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
D. BAILEY	12	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
S. HELE	13	7	3	3	1	0	0	0	3	3	3
C. FLOWER	11	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
P. HAMILTON	7	9	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
P. BERBAKOV	14	1	6	1	1	0	1	1	3	3	3
G. REUBENICHT	5	8	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
B. ROEHRICH	4	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. COX	5	5	2	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	1
S. MCCULLY	3	4	3	2	3	0	0	20	2	2	2
N. CHIGWIDDEN	16	9	3	3	2	2	1	0	4	4	4
M. LIPTAK	11	10	5	2	0	1	0	0	3	3	3
E. MARTIN	5	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
J. SYMONDS	8	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
TOTALS	191	113	70	26	23	15	12	25	28		

GOALS DIST. OF GOALS

FREE	PLAY	MARK	TOTAL	0-15	15-30	30-45	45+
1	7	7	15	3	3	4	5