Norwood 12.9 (81) d Glenelg 10.7 (67)

Legs in late goals blitz

By DOUG ROBERTSON ORWOOD slam-

med on six goals in 10 minutes late in the last term yesterday to sink Glenelg by 14 points in a super-tense knockout first semi-final at Football Park.

Norwood's amazing and gutsy comeback, in which it pulled back a 23-point deficit from the 16-minute mark, earned it a crack at the Eagles in next week's preliminary final.

The Redlegs needed their legendary fighting spirit to stop Glenelg's threatening run which started when it dropped the high-risk shortkicking style from halftime.

Norwood had dominated play with clean skills, hard tackling and run but it could not kill off the Tigers, who hindered their own efforts with appalling skills and repeated, unforced turnovers.

A reluctance to call holding-the-ball decisions did not help Norwood and caused skipper Anthony Harvey to speak to umpire Ron Bettridge at the first break. But, once the Redlegs' lone ruckman Jon Yerbury took command, its defence tightened - especially



DETAILS



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12.9 3.3 5.6 4.3 NORWOOD 7.4 **GLENELG**

BEST - Norwood: Yerbury, Pitt, Clements, Bowman, Neill, R. James, S. Bassett. Glenelg: Cook, Kelly, Gigney, Burke, Chigwidden, Carr, Picioane.

SCORERS - Norwood: Warrior 2.1, Pascoe, Bowman 2.0, Harvey 1.2, Cunningham, R. James 1.1, Borlace, Crouch, S. Bassett 1.0, Thiessen 0.1, rushed 0.3. Glenelg: Jameson 3.1, McEntee, Bode 1.1, Carr, Higgins, Bartlett, Cook, Howard 1.0, Mellody, Chigwidden, Burke 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Norwood: Obst (calf), Bowman (stitches to eye, chin), McCormack (hit to head). Glenelg: Golding (bruised ribs, AC strain, withdrew from selected squad), Hele (shoulder), Scripps (ankle sprain), Cornes (ankle sprain), Raidis (hamstring).

UMPIRES - T. Pfieffer, R. Fox, R. Bettridge.

provided a bustling target at half-forward, Norwood looked capable of taking over.

It went into its attacking 50 metres 30 times to 20 in the first half but led by just nine points at the long break. The Tigers returned renewed with Simon Nicholas, who started in ruck for the injured Matthew Golding, at half-forward, Alistair Burke and Brett Higgins on the wings and Martin Mellody and Paul Rouvray in defence.

The Tigers unleashed what looked to be a match-winning transformation and Norwood almost wilted. Nick Chigwidden, Matthew Kelly, Sudjai Cook -- and Lachlan Bowman Matthew Bode ex- into the term. Bowman,

ploded and Chad Cornes awoke when put in ruck. The Tigers found fight. Their skills became precise, they had more at the ball and protected the ball carriers. But, when Norwood's Scott Borlace tumbled through his only goal after Rouvray fumbled a loose ball, the cracks began to reappear. Glenelg kicked the next two goals but, by then, the Redlegs had started to run again and forwards Eugene Warrior and Andrew Pascoe at last looked dangerous. They kicked three goals in five minutes then Adam Crouch evaded Cook's outstretched fingers to thread through a snap Steven Pitt, Robert Glenelg's best against to give Norwood a one-Neill and Troy Clements his former club - and point lead 25 minutes

who had stitches in his chin and eyebrow at the last break, pulled in two big marks and goaled twice to crush Glenelg.

"(Glenelg) dominated in the third quarter but we probably just held them up enough to be in touch - we could have been out of the game at three-quarter-time," Redlegs coach Peter Rohde said. "What we have is the ability to score quickly. Had we had that 10-minute burst at the start we would have blown the game apart."

Glenelg's fightback was meritorious but it yielded when it needed to be strong and lost a game it should have won. Coach Tony McGuinness lamented the lack of a genuine ruckman and his side's disgraceful use of the ball in the first half.

"I wouldn't have thought it was the pressure. We couldn't find targets up forward so we went short and the more we went short the more we overused the ball or selected the wrong target," he said. "In finals like that we need another key forward. We got shown up in the two finals."

Glenelg lost Simon Hele (shoulder) in the first term then Michael Raidis (hamstring), Justin Scripps (ankle) and Cornes (ankle) broke down.

Top Tiger puts future on the line

By WARREN PARTLAND

LENELG coach Tony McGuinness is expected to make a decision on his future this week.

The former Crows captain says further talks with the club in the next few days will determine his plans for the 2000 season.

"I haven't done a lot of groundwork on next year," said McGuinness, who admitted to having had informal talks with several AFL clubs. "I've been focused on getting Glenelg in the finals.

"Now that unfortunately is done with, I will sit down and have a look where I will go. At the moment, I am just bitterly disappointed."

McGuinness has held the Glenelg role for two years, taking the club into the qualifying final after finishing bottom in his first season at the helm.

Yesterday he was left shattered by an exasperating first semi-final loss to Norwood. That dropped the Tigers out of the premiership race.

After remaining in the players' race for 15 minutes reflecting on the loss, McGuinness admitted a feeling of disbelief.

He compared the disappointment to the Crows' 1993 AFL preliminary final loss to Essendon after leading by seven goals. McGuinness said Glenelg needed another

four key players, including a ruckman and key forward, to step up to another level. "We, basically, played all year without a ruckman," he said. "And we desperately

need a strong centre half-forward. "I'll go through the process of talking with the club about what is required to improve again and whether it is prepared to go the distance and make that happen.

"Finishing bottom last year is not esteem building but we have all gone some way to earning respect again this year.

"There is a lot of potential at Glenelg but that is a dangerous word. It's what the potential is prepared to do and what the people who have got to improve the potential are prepared to do."

FIRST SEMI-FINAL STATISTICS

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