

Gutsy Glenelg playing the percentages

By DOUG ROBERTSON

GLENELG'S modest percentage threatens its finals chances despite a gutsy seven-point last-gasp victory over Norwood at The Parade on Friday night.

The Tigers - who won 9.12 (66) to 8.11 (59) with a fighting 4.2 to 3.1 last quarter - have a percentage of 51.0 and returned to the five this week with 16 points from 14 games. Sixth-placed Sturt (52.73 per cent) is a win behind but has almost a two percentage point break on Glenelg. The Blues have a bye to come on August 21.

West (54.58) is fourth, also on 16 points, but leads Glenelg by more than 3.5 per cent, which is virtually another win, with its bye on August 21. Glenelg has the bye the week before when West and Sturt meet at Adelaide Oval in a clash with far-reaching ramifications for the three clubs and seventh-placed Central District (49.39), which is two points and a touch over 1.5 per cent behind Glenelg.

Glenelg can effectively kill off Central's challenge when they meet on Saturday at the Bay but the Tigers are likely to be without Paul Rouvray (concussion) and under-rated defender Michael Raidis (hamstring) - both injured in a tough contest against Norwood. Glenelg is all

guts, which paid off on Friday after looking overwhelmed in the first term when Norwood kicked 3.4 to 0.4 in perfect conditions. Glenelg kicked its first goal 16 minutes into the second term but outscored Norwood in the last three quarters.

The pain of the Redlegs' loss was compounded with rookie half-forward Stuart Bown breaking his leg just before half-time when accidentally kicked in a pack, then Scott Direen was concussed midway through the final term. Bown's injury unsettled Norwood's attack but coach Peter Rohde said it was inefficiency around goals that cost it victory.

"We're not quite potent enough up forward," coach Peter Rohde said. "We miss someone like Cristian O'Brien who can kick three or four goals in a quarter and really blow the opposition out of the water. It (loss) was a reality check for us. We didn't make the most of our chances and we didn't have enough contributors on ball." O'Brien, who kicked five goals in the reserves, and Ben Wilson will come under consideration to play North Adelaide at Adelaide Oval on Saturday.

Injured John Cunningham and Anthony Harvey are expected to be fit but Jon Yerbury (thigh) and Todd Davey (strained buttocks) are doubtful.

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PREMIERSHIP TABLE

SMOKE FREE CUP SEASON

Table with columns: Team, W, L, D, F, A, P.c, Pts. Lists teams like Norwood, Port, Eagles, West, Glenelg, Sturt, Central, South, North.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Table with columns: Player, Club, Rd 16, Total. Lists players like J. Burton, A. Richardson, G. Mellor, D. Hams, R. Neill, M. Pavlich, D. Myles.

Summary table for Glenelg vs Norwood with columns: Player, Goals, Points.

BEST - Glenelg: Higgins, Chigwidden, Byrne, Viska, Cook, Kelly, Picioane. Norwood: Bowman, Cotton, Pitt, Thiessen, Bassett, Obst, Fleming.

SCORERS - Glenelg: Chigwidden, Cook, Byrne 2.1, Golding, Burke 1.1, Crosby 1.0, Sherwood, Nicholas, Healey 0.1, rushed 0.4. Norwood: Marsh 3.2, Thiessen 2.2, Bown 1.1, Warrior, Fleming 1.0, Dickie, Kemp, Direen, S. Bassett, Obst 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Norwood: Bown (suspected broken leg), Davey (buttock strain), Yerbury (thigh), Direen (concussion). Glenelg: Raidis (hamstring), Rouvray (concussion).

CROWD - 5636 at The Parade.

UMPIRES - R. Bettridge, T. Dey, D. Woodcock.

BEST ON GROUND - L. Bowman (Norwood).

TOP TEAM MAN - S. Cook (Glenelg).

Summary table for Eagles vs Port with columns: Player, Goals, Points.

BEST - Eagles: Biglands, Pesch, Pearce, Ugrinic, Cicolella, Whelan, Hall, Rogers, McCarthy. Port: Sheehan, Morgan, Brown, Carter, Leys, Obst.

SCORERS - Eagles: Pesch 5.2, Darzanos 2.1, Floreani 2.0, McCarthy, Biglands, Phillipou, M. Kluzek 1.1, Pearce, Colville 1.0, Dylan, Ugrinic, Wiggins, Whelan 0.1. Port: Holmes 3.1, Fraser, Poole 2.0, Evans 1.2, O'Loughlin 1.1, Hahn, McGuinness 1.0, Brown 0.2, Obst, Vines 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES - Eagles: Pavlich (withdrew before game), Phillipou (shoulder), Hall (ankle).

CROWD - 3798 at Woodville Oval.

UMPIRES - M. Avon, T. Slaven, A. Vickers.

BEST ON GROUND - R. Biglands (Eagles).

TOP TEAM MAN - D. Sheehan (Port Adelaide).

Summary table for West vs Central with columns: Player, Goals, Points.

BEST - West: Symes, Andriske, Byrnes, Stewart, Mellor, Myles, Connell, DiRosa, Banik, McMahon. Central: Daniels, Lee, Cotter.

SCORERS - West: A. Richardson 5.2, Myles 4.2, Mellor, Symes 3.0, Kirey 2.0, Connell 1.1, DiRosa, Bruhn 1.0, Dempsey, Nathan 0.1, rushed 0.2. Central: Lockwood 3.2, Stevens 1.1, Switala, Lillico 1.0, Lee 0.3, Conway 0.2, D. Hicks, McArdle, Cotter, Arnold.

INJURIES - West: Twomey (knee strain).

CROWD - 2258 at Elizabeth Oval.

UMPIRES - C. Doddridge, D. Kowal, K. Chambers.

BEST ON GROUND - T. Symes (West Adelaide).

TOP TEAM MAN - B. Daniels (Central District).

Summary table for South vs North with columns: Player, Goals, Points.

BEST - South: Osborn, Ellen, Talbot, Cobb, Draper, Mills, Morgan, Crawshaw. North: Setchell, Naish, Byerlee, Fraser, Morton.

SCORERS - South: Draper 4.2, Ellen 3.1, Hams 3.0, Murray, Talbot, Genovese, McKeough, Perrie 2.1, Osborn 1.2, Smart 1.1, Mannion 0.1, rushed 0.2. North: Morton, Naish 3.0, Jeffries 2.1, Setchell 1.1, Pech, Fowden 1.0, Robertson, Parker, Lehmann, Reynolds 0.1.

INJURIES - North: Morton (hamstring).

CROWD - 1145 at Noarlunga Oval.

UMPIRES - R. Fox, G. Inge, T. Pfeffer.

BEST ON GROUND - A. Osborn (South Adelaide).

TOP TEAM MAN - S. Ellen (South Adelaide).

RESERVES

Norwood 7.13 (55) d Glenelg 4.7 (31); Port 14.10 (94) d Eagles 11.10 (76); Central 13.19 (97) d West 9.10 (64); North 11.14 (80) d South 9.10 (64). Premiership table: Central, Sturt 20, South 18, Port 17, Eagles 13, Glenelg 11, Norwood 10, West 9, North 8.

UNDER-19

Glenelg 19.13 (127) d Norwood 6.15 (51); Port 16.6 (102) d Eagles 8.6 (54); Central 15.9 (99) d West 12.7 (79); South 29.21 (195) d North 6.5 (41). Premiership table: Port 24, Central, South 22, Sturt 18, Eagles 16, Glenelg 10, North 6, Norwood, West 4.

UNDER-17

Norwood 17.21 (123) d Glenelg 11.5 (71); Eagles 19.13 (127) d Port 9.8 (62); Central 14.9 (93) d West 7.12 (54); South 17.7 (109) d North 11.13 (79). Premiership table: Eagles 22, Norwood 20, Central 18, South 17, North 16, Sturt 10, Port, Glenelg 8, West 7.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

NORWOOD v GLENELG

- Lachlan Bowman (Norwood) 3
Brett Higgins (Glenelg) 2
Nick Chigwidden (Glenelg) 1

EAGLES v PORT

- Rhett Biglands (Eagles) 3
Nick Pesch (Eagles) 2
Damien Sheehan (Port Adelaide) 1

CENTRAL v WEST

- Tim Symes (West Adelaide) 3
Jamie Andriske (West Adelaide) 2
David Byrnes (West Adelaide) 1

SOUTH v NORTH

- Andrew Osborn (South Adelaide) 3
Shane Ellen (South Adelaide) 2
Dean Talbot (South Adelaide) 1

LEADERS - 12: Damian Squire (Sturt). 10: Tim Weatherald (Sturt), Adam Pearce (Eagles). 9: Damien Arnold, Rick Macgowan (Central), Justin Cicolella (Eagles). 8: Bruce Lennon (Sturt). 7: Rhett Biglands, Gavin Colville (Eagles), Phil McGuinness (Port), Adam Crouch (Norwood), James Byrne (Glenelg), Daniel Hulm (Central). 6: Tim Symes, Matthew Twomey (West), John Cunningham, Steven Pitt (Norwood), Matthew Pavlich (Eagles), Stephen White (Sturt). 5: Lachlan Bowman, Anthony Harvey (Norwood), Julian Wait, Darryl Poole (Port), Matthew Bode, Matthew Golding (Glenelg), Simon Crawshaw (South). 4: Nick Chigwidden, Paul Rouvray (Glenelg), David Byrnes (West), Michael Stevens, Joe Hicks, Nathan Steinberner (Central), Matthew Powell (Sturt), Robert Neill (Norwood), Andrew Rogers (Eagles). 3: Danny Morton, Ben Setchell, Chris Naish, Scott Sutherland (North), Ben Kemp, Todd Davey, Damien Obst, Roger James (Norwood), Robert DiRosa, Matthew Connell, Matthew Bruhn, Mark Stewart (West), Sudjai Cook, Simon Hele, Chad Cornes (Glenelg), Jared Poulton, Danny Morgan, Sam Phillipou (Port).

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Saturday: Norwood v North (Adelaide Oval, 2.20pm), Sturt v Eagles (Unley Oval, 2.20pm), Port v West (Alberton Oval, 2.20pm), Glenelg v Central (Glenelg Oval, 2.20pm). Bye: South Adelaide.

Victory double over Redlegs keeps finals hopes alive

Tigers' timely strike

By DOUG ROBERTSON

GUTSY Glenelg last night pulled off a remarkable last-gasp win over Norwood by seven points to keep its finals campaign pulsating in a tense and physical clash at The Parade.

The tenacious Tigers took until the dying minutes to put Norwood away for the second time this season with an inspiring and memorable win.

Debutant Richard Crosby breathed life back into Glenelg's push with his only kick for the night when he struck a ball out of the air when entangled with Scott Bassett to level the scores at 8.10 apiece two minutes into time-on of the last term, after Norwood had led by 12 points 10 minutes earlier.

Lance Picioane added a point a minute later and James Byrne provided an avenue for Glenelg's desperate defenders 30 minutes into the term but kicked a minor score from 40m out on a slight angle. He made amends when a free was paid as Byrne attempted to mark against the flow of play. The ball was deep in Glenelg's forward lines when the siren blew, sending its fans and officials into hysterics.

Glenelg stalwart Nick Chigwidden, former Redleg Sudjai Cook and ex-West Adelaide ruckman Brooke Fogden turned the tide after a scrappy and uneventful first half. The Tigers could easily have crumbled to Norwood's pressure but it did not - which is a sign of a finals team.

Norwood's opening was simply awesome. Lachlan Bowman, Steven Pitt, Troy Clements, Dale Fleming and Todd Davey out-pressured the Glenelg forwards every time the ball stumbled their way.

DETAILS table showing scores for Glenelg vs Norwood and details for the match including scorers, injuries, umpires, and crowd.

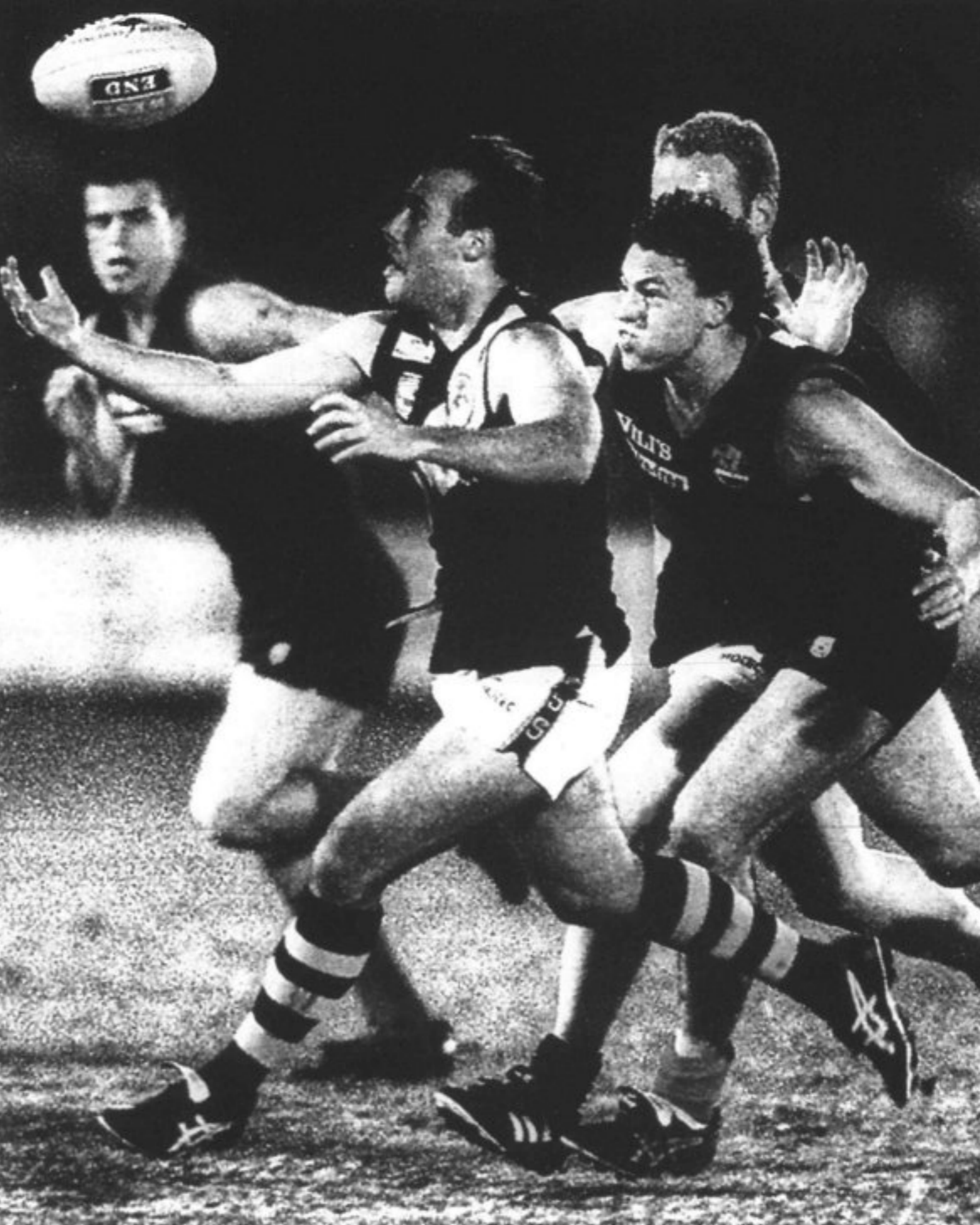
Pitt and Bowman were brilliant overhead and repeatedly drove the ball deep into the Redlegs' attacking zone for Stuart Bown - who came off in the second term with a suspected broken leg - Jarrod Cotton and Jason Marsh.

Norwood had all the play in the first quarter but kicked only 3.4 when it had the chance to set up a match-winning break. It took Glenelg until 16 minutes into the second term to post its first goal but the Tigers were slowly gaining drive from half-back and Matthew Golding began taking control of the air.

Norwood's defence, plus Cotton, James Thiessen and Damien Obst, who worked hard off the wing all night, kept the Redlegs 13 points up at the main break and held them in the game when Glenelg mounted its considerable challenge. Norwood ruckman Jon Yerbury sat out the third term with his left thigh heavily bandaged but was forced back onto the ground in the final

quarter after Mark Viska steamrolled Scott Direen while he was bent over the ball. Todd Davey (leg) came off three minutes into the third quarter as the Tigers lifted and looked the better team. Glenelg lost dependable defender Paul Rouvray with a knock to the head early in to the third term, which seemed to further spur Glenelg. Cook, ex-Redleg Richard Kelly, Chigwidden and Fogden began to exert a strong influence. Glenelg hit the front for the first time when Byrne goaled running inside the 50 metre arc, putting it one point up 25 minutes into the third term. Norwood answered with a point to Marsh with a wayward checkside from 15m which set up the stage for a brilliant final term.

RESERVES
Norwood 3.3 4.9 7.10 7.13 (55)
Glenelg 0.3 1.4 2.5 4.7 (31)
BEST - Norwood: Wilson, Molloy, O'Brien, Taylor, Dawes, Harrison, Loffer, D'Antiochia, Handke, Tanner. Glenelg: Robinson, McEntee, Winstanley, Fennell, Scripps.
GOALS - Norwood: O'Brien 5, Wilson, Molloy. Glenelg: Hosking, Tipumantamerra, McEntee, Fennell.



NIGHT TO REMEMBER: Glenelg's Simon Hele, playing his 150th league game, leads Norwood's Adam Crouch to the ball in the Tigers' stunning victory. Picture: RAY TITUS.