

Redlegs just keep Glenelg at bay

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NORWOOD was forced to overcome a gutsy fight from a plucky Glenelg to claim a six-point victory in a highly entertaining confrontation at The Parade last night.

It was far from a polished performance from the Redlegs but their persistence prevailed and they were able to bounce back after the mauling from North Adelaide.

The Tigers have shown plenty of encouraging signs already this season and last night's spirited effort was another display of substance.

There was no straying from the hectic pace early as both teams attacked the contest with a positive mindset and a willingness to move the ball with speed. Not that the battle was devoid of defensive pressure, with players having no hesitation applying the selfless acts and ensuring opponents had little time to ponder their options.

The Tigers nailed the first two goals within four minutes of the opening bounce courtesy of Ben Sawford and Josh Scott, who intercepted a Norwood kick, to make an early statement.

But the Redlegs responded immediately with goals to speedsters Davin Ferreira, used as a key weapon deep in attack, and Anthony Wilson.

Both sides were guilty of turnovers, most the result of players prepared to take the game on and create opportunities.

Matthew Fuller was his usual brave and busy self in defence for the Redlegs and youngster Lachlan Pascoe kept a tight rein on Ruory Kirkby.

Tigers captain Andrew Bradley thrived in the heat, Matthew Snook got his hands to plenty of ball and Sawford was a spark for the visitors.

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REDLEGS V TIGERS

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GLENELG	4.1 6.5 8.7 10.8	68

BEST

Norwood: Fuller, Wilson, Baulderstone, Cachia, Levicki, Georgiou, Roocke.

Glenelg: Bradley, Sawford, Agnew, Snook, Curran, Reinbrecht.

GOALS

Norwood: Persinos 3, Johnston 2, Panos, Ferreira, Wilson, Jefferies, Dawe.

Glenelg: Scott 3, Alleway, Reinbrecht, Johansen, Rioli, Proud, Sawford, Nicholson.

INJURIES

Norwood: Bode (ankle).

UMPIRES

Haussen, Broadbent, Lewis.

CROWD

3741 at Coopers Stadium, Norwood.

the second quarter when co-captain Jace Bode was helped from the ground because of an ankle injury.

As the second term lengthened so too did the skill error count from the home side and missed targets became an issue.

The Tigers forwards were able to apply plenty of pressure and prevent the Redlegs escaping from defence with any certainty.

However, for all the Tigers' healthy production, they trailed on the scoreboard late in the first half.

A Tigers behind levelled the half-time scores before former Redleg Dylan Reinbrecht kicked the opening goal of the third quarter.

The sloppy decision making, mostly created by the relentless Tigers pressure, continued to be a problem for the Legs but they kept persisting and maintained constant contact on the scoreboard.

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SOUTH ADELAIDE	4.2 7.3 13.4 17.6	108
CENTRAL DISTRICT	1.4 6.6 8.8 11.11	77

BEST South Overall, Fields, Seccull, Veide, Schwarz, Liddle. **Central:** Barmby, Hoskin, D. Fort, Jansen, Presbury. **GOALS South** Overall 4, Eddy 3, Seccull, Gulden 2, Crabb, Liddle, Irra, Cross, Barnes, Rankine. **Central:** Hoskin 3, Templeton, D. Fort 2, Jansen, Dew, Habel, Hill. **INJURIES Central** Templeton (hamstring). **UMPIRES** Bowen, Bau, Cook. **CROWD** 2037 at My Money House Oval, Elizabeth.

STURT	3.4 9.4 11.7 14.9	93
WEST ADELAIDE	1.4 2.5 5.10 6.12	48

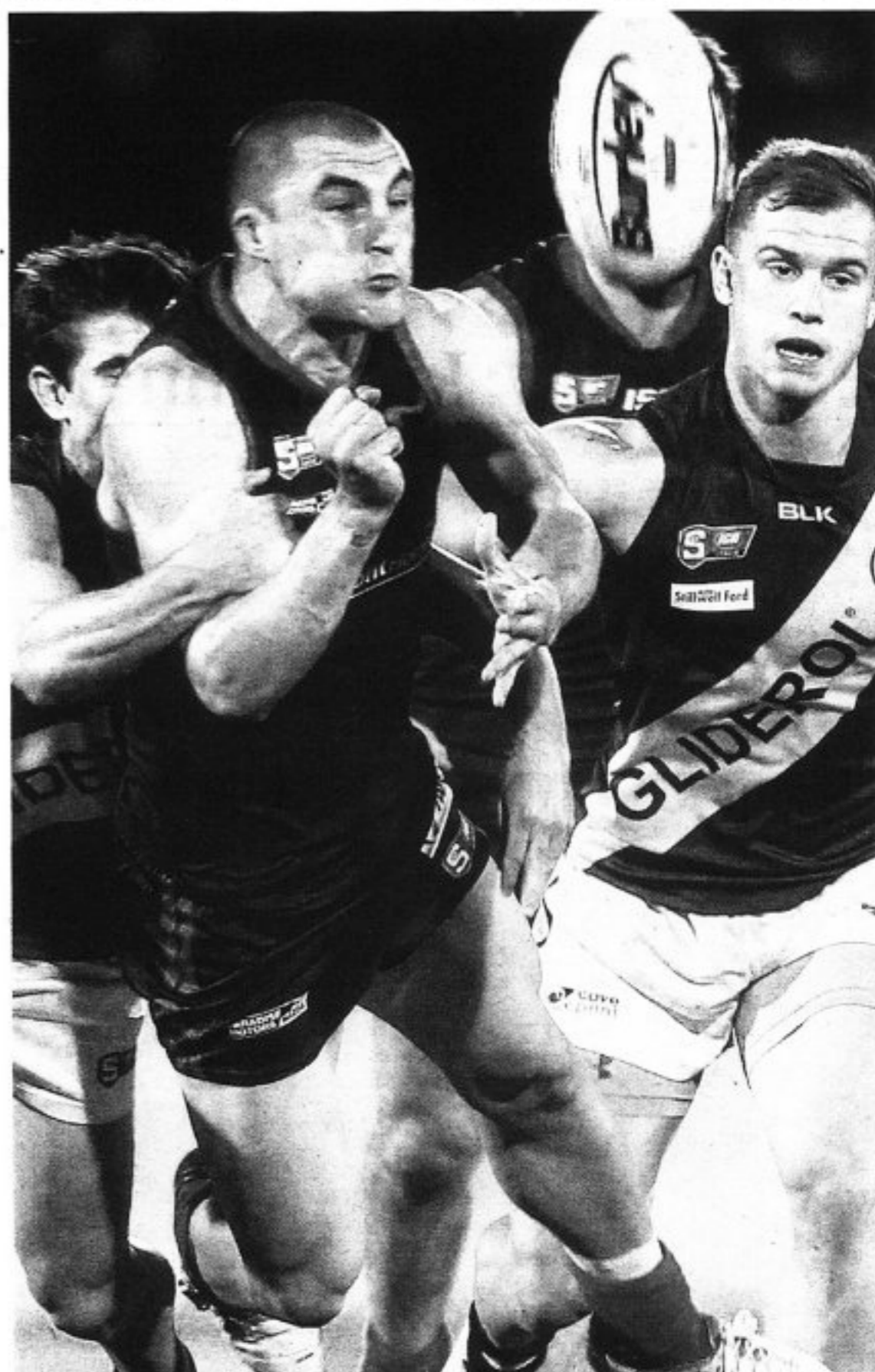
BEST Sturt Battersby, Kirkwood, Crocker, Stephens, Martin, Hone, F. Evans. **West** Stevens, Hartlett, Schmidt, Porplyzia. **GOALS Sturt** Hone, M. Evans, Carey, Martin, Beard 2, Harms, Crocker, Kirkwood, Lienert. **West** Noble 2, Stevens, Webb, Porplyzia, Schmidt. **UMPIRES** Hosking, Sobieraj, Medlin. **CROWD** 2020 at City Mazda Stadium, Richmond.

EAGLES	2.0 8.5 9.9 11.9	75
NORTH ADELAIDE	2.3 2.4 5.7 9.9	63

GOALS Eagles Petrenko, O'Brien, Allmond, Hayes, Goldsworthy, Giuffreda. **North** Wilkie, McKenzie, C. Craig, Ryswyk, Clisby, Shannon. **GOALS Eagles** Ainger, Yarran 2, Petrenko, Hayes, Borholm, Gaffney, Redden, Rowland, Goldsworthy. **North** Harvey 4, Wilkie 2, Barnes, McDonough, M. Thring. **UMPIRES** Hundermark, Philp, Crosby. **CROWD** 2021 at Maughan Thiem Hyundai Oval, Woodville.

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	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Stk	Chg	%	Pts
South Adelaide	4	4	-	-	427	273	4W	U1	61.0	8
Adelaide	3	3	-	-	324	177	3W	D1	64.7	6
Sturt	3	2	-	1	241	214	2W	U3	53.0	4
Norwood	3	2	-	1	235	261	1W	U3	47.4	4
Eagles	4	2	-	2	286	321	1W	U3	47.12	4
Glenelg	3	1	-	2	284	224	1L	D2	55.9	2
Central District	3	1	-	2	292	237	2L	D4	55.2	2
Port Adelaide	3	1	-	2	282	294	1W	D3	49.0	2
North Adelaide	4	1	-	3	318	423	2L	-	42.9	2
West Adelaide	4	-	-	4	230	495	4L	-	31.7	-



IN THE THICK OF IT: Norwood's Jaryd Cachia fires out a handball under pressure in the Redlegs' hard-fought win against Glenelg at The Parade last night.

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