

	<b>NORWOOD</b>	2.1 5.3 5.6 7.7	<b>49</b>
	<b>GLENELG</b>	1.2 4.3 5.5 6.6	<b>42</b>

PARTLAND'S BEST

**Norwood:** Kennerley, Boyd, Lowden, Richards, Heard, Lowe. **Glenelg:** Bailey, Proud, Pink, Partington, Hosie, McBean.

GOALS

**Norwood:** Lowe 2, Nelligan, Kennerley, Jarvis, McLean, Spence. **Glenelg:** Hosie 3, Reynolds 2, Searle.

UMPIRES

Morgan, Scott, Harris.

Played at Coopers Stadium

WARREN PARTLAND

NORWOOD is on the verge of clinching the vital double chance in the finals after overcoming Glenelg by seven points in a tough slog at The Parade on Friday night. The Redlegs continued to enhance their premiership credentials on the back of an eighth successive victory, lifting them to second on the ladder.

They are just percentage below top-placed North Adelaide, although the Roosters have a game in hand, and are a game plus percentage above fourth-placed Tigers with only one round remaining. Appropriately, acting captain Jacob Kennerley proved the hero for the Redlegs, kicking a goal 20 minutes into the final quarter to give his side a seven-point buffer in the low-scoring affair. This was never going to be a pretty contest given the slippery, muddy conditions and it was body-on-the line stuff in search of terri-



Norwood's Josh Richards looks to clear the ball forward at The Parade on Friday night. Picture: Peter Argent.

tory gains.

The Redlegs needed less than two minutes to nail a goal when Connor McLean kicked truly from a set shot, before the pattern of the encounter was established.

Harry Boyd was supreme in ruck for the home side and his teammates fed off his efforts to dominate the clearances. Kennerley thrived in the conditions, leading from the front with his desire for work. The Tigers' issues in ruck were

again exposed, while ball magnet Matthew Snook was having trouble breaking free of the Nick Lowden tag. The Redlegs' control of the stoppages failed to be reflected on the scoreboard, however, and the Tigers struck back after 15 minutes when Luke Reynolds showed his trademark accuracy to goal.

Baynen Lowe bagged two opportunistic goals for the Redlegs early in the second term as the home side scrambled to a 13-point

advantage to pose plenty of questions of the Tigers outfit.

The Tigers' defence was seriously challenged for a lengthy period, only for Lachie Hosie to kick two goals in six minutes to have the game on an even keel.

Darcy Bailey was prominent in defence for the Tigers, constantly mopping up to give his side rebound, and the influence of Liam McBean grew after being thrown into ruck.

# Tigers fall short against Redlegs

– Brett Hand, Senior Coach

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Coopers Stadium, Friday 12th August, 7:40pm

We knew after a week of rain and games on Norwood Oval that the parade was going to be a slog and we came well prepared for this.

The first quarter was a good indication of the type of game that it was going to be, with 53 tackles laid and numerous repeat stoppages. We struggled to deal with Norwood's ruck strength and they got on top of the clearance situation during the first quarter. But our defence was resolute and brought some excellent tackling and pressure around the contest, not allowing Norwood any easy forward entries. We managed to level the scores midway through the first term and unfortunately a late goal to Norwood gave them a five point lead at quarter time.

The second quarter was one where a couple of costly errors cost us two goals, but we

continued with our great pressure and tackling across the ground with another 54 tackles being made for the quarter. Our midfield managed to gain some ascendancy with Liam McBean moving into the ruck, who used his experience to give our mids first use. We turned an eight clearance deficit at quarter time into a three clearance positive during the second quarter. Luke Partington was getting his hands to the ball and as a collective unit they started to gain some ascendancy. After kicking two behinds from snaps during the first quarter, Lachie Hosie found his range with his set shots and kicked two goals for the quarter. We went into the main break six points behind.

The third quarter was another extremely even quarter in terms of clearance numbers and inside 50s, with both teams having three shots on goal. Lachie

kicked his third for the game and we managed to kick 1:2 whilst Norwood managed to kick 0:3. We lifted our pressure around the source, with 37 tackles for the quarter, and we had more of the ball. We had difficulty in finding space inside 50 to add more to the scoreboard, going into third time one point down but with plenty of belief.

The last quarter started with Norwood winning a clearance and unfortunately our backs slipped in the terrible conditions and they scored a goal early on, which put us seven points behind. It was pleasing to see the players regroup and continue to play the wet weather footy we had been playing and not lose their focus, with the ball spending a lot of time inside our forward 50. Eventually Reynolds was able to kick truly for us, narrowing the gap to a point. The next 5-6 minutes were a tough,

physical contest and we were unlucky not to have a mark paid to Lachie late in the quarter. From there, Norwood managed to find a way to kick a goal to put them seven points up.

Unfortunately we didn't walk away with the win but I was pleased with the way we went about the game and with a little bit of luck the result could have been different. This wasn't to be, so we walk away taking a lot from the game knowing that style of footy is going to hold up against the good teams in the finals. With 144 stoppages and 241 tackles made in the game, we have focussed on recovery this week and getting ourselves prepared to repeat that type of effort again against an improved Central Districts side at ACH Group Stadium.

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NORTH ADELAIDE	17	13	4	1522	1104	26	57.96%	W L W W W W W W W W L W W L L W W W
ADELAIDE	17	12	5	1620	1170	24	58.06%	W W L W W W W W L L W W W L W L W W
NORWOOD	17	12	5	1220	1045	24	53.86%	L L W W L L W W L W W W W W W W W W
GLENELG	17	11	6	1254	1182	22	51.48%	W W W W L L W W W W W W L L W W L L
STURT	17	10	7	1179	1081	20	52.17%	W L W W W W W L L W L L W W W L W L
WOODVILLE-W TORRENS	17	9	8	1184	1188	18	49.92%	L W W L W W L W W L W L W L L L W
SOUTH ADELAIDE	17	8	9	1086	1116	16	49.32%	W W L L L W L W L W L L W L W L W
CENTRAL DISTRICT	17	4	13	1040	1367	8	43.21%	L W L L L L L L L W L W W L L L L
PORT ADELAIDE	17	4	13	1001	1418	8	41.38%	L L L L W L W L W L L L L L W L L
WEST ADELAIDE	17	2	15	1066	1501	4	41.53%	L L L L L L L L L L L L L L W L W L