

TOP DOGS

Our best is still to come, says Cowboy

Central District broke clear as the only undefeated side in the competition with a stirring 15-point win against Port Adelaide at Elizabeth Oval yesterday.

And a delighted coach, Kevin Neale, warned the best was still to come.

Among the highlights:

● **BUMPER** crowds totaling 42,241 people watched yesterday's five games.

● **REIGNING** premier Glenelg and Sturt opened their winning accounts for the season with victories of more than 10 goals;

● **CENTENARY** year celebrations at West Adelaide were soured further by the Bloods' third successive loss, this time a hammering at the Bay.

State selectors today will name the initial SA squad to play Victoria at Footy Park on Wednesday, May 27.

An even balance of SANFL and VFL players is expected.

Parochial

The Bulldogs, who missed the finals last year, have accounted for North, Woodville and Port in an impressive opening to their 1987 premiership quest.

They poured on the pressure in front of a largely parochial home crowd of 13,673.

"We are getting better each week but by no means are we near our best," said a delighted 'Cowboy' Neale.

"We can hone in on our skills and team play.

"We've got more character these days."

Port coach Russell Ebert accused his players of not being alert enough during the important clash.

Glenelg had a goal feast,

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piling on 30.21 to 17.16 against an inept and undisciplined West.

John Seebohm booted seven goals while Kym Hodgeman and Craig Woodlands notched five apiece.

West coach John Cahill said it was the worst he had seen his defence play.

Sturt emerged from two forgettable appearances to thrash Adelaide Oval co-tenant South 21.20 to 11.19.

"Our first half was terrific - that set it up," said Sturt coach Mervyn Keane.

"Our 26 shots to eight was an indication of that.

"It was vitally important we got a couple of points.

"We are still in the embryo stage of getting a really good side together."

Norwood captain Michael Aish said his side's commit-

ment was "virtually non-existent" against North, who powered to a 16.13 to 10.13 win.

"You can't win games going half-hearted," he said.

However, North won at a cost as Steven Trigg will visit a specialist today to assess a knee injury.

Woodville escaped with an 18.10 (118) to 14.20 (104) victory against Torrens.

"It was an undisciplined second quarter," said Torrens coach Paul Weston.

"The players didn't own up to their team responsibilities.

"Woodville knew it could win, we didn't believe in ourselves.

"There's no doubt we've turned the corner. We've just got to start winning these types of games."

Bumper crowds

SA footy fans again gave our home-grown product a big vote of confidence by turning out in force for round three matches yesterday.

SANFL general manager Mr Leigh Whicker said the league was delighted with "another bumper crowd of 42,241 attending the five games".

"We have started fairly well and already are about 19,000 up on the same time last year - and we are averaging more than 40,000 a round," he said.

Biggest crowd of the day was at Football Park where 17,295 watched the double-header in which Woodville escaped with a 14-point win against Torrens and North ran away with a six-goal victory against Norwood.

Tigers draw blood in goal kicking spree

Glenelg went on a goal scoring rampage to record its first win of the season against an inept, undisciplined West Adelaide at Glenelg Oval yesterday.

The Tiger's were outstanding in most departments, but it is hard to determine just how impressive their win was.

While the Bay's had winners all over the ground, West was reduced to a struggling group of individuals with little method or direction.

Only vice-captain Clayton Lamb with 6.3 from a forward pocket and on the ball, offered any real resistance to the Glenelg onslaught.

The Bay's running players were permitted a tremendous amount of latitude by their opponents and repeatedly drove Glenelg into attack where an efficient forward line capitalised.

The Blood's defence was powerless to stop the Bay forwards who were made to look a first class unit by their loose checking opponents.

Glenelg has tasted victory for the first time but West, now languishing near the foot of the table, has a long, hard season ahead of it.

A despondent John Cahill conceded after the game the Bloods now face an uphill battle to reach the finals in their centenary year.

"We're going to have to show a lot of courage to get back into the race from here on in," he said.

"That is the worst I have seen our defence play.

"We have too many players out of form and not enough fighting for the ball.

"The Glenelg run on players and rovers were allowed far too much latitude."

Veteran Kym Hodgeman was the most dominant

performer in this department.

From the opening bounce, the gritty rover completely demoralised West with his pace and creativity.

On countless occasions the famous No. 24 guernsey was seen to take possession of the ball without a West Adelaide opponent in sight.

He roamed the ground as he pleased and finished with 22 kicks, nine handballs and five straight goals.

Captain Chris McDermott was as superb as ever and his 11 kicks were complimented by 25 pin-point handballs.

Along with wingman David Marshall he was responsible for setting up countless opportunities for full-forward John Seebohm and the rest of the Glenelg forward line.

Seebohm looks as good as ever in the vital attacking position.

He now is consistently able to mark strongly and kick accurately while also possessing the ability to scout packs and snap goals brilliantly.

Craig Woodlands, forever the opportunist on a half forward flank, booted 5.5 from his 12 kicks.

And prolific kick getter David Kernahan was yet another able to perform with very little attention from his West rivals.

Although obviously delighted with his team's opening win of the season, coach Graham Cornes was not about to become overjoyed with the win.

He realised his side's opposition was rather less than formidable.

"We don't really no how West is," he said.



Paul Dowling

"It was a very good team effort, as it has to be when you kick 30 goals.

"They beat us easily in an Escort Cup match but we were a different team today, as they were.

"The half back line played well, our players on the ball played well.

"There were a few errors in defence but who can be unhappy with a win like that."

For West Adelaide, positive aspects from the game were harder to find.

Apart from Lamb, youngster Ray O'Riley was a West player who did give his all.

Full-forward Glenn Goss showed plenty of promise in a four goal first quarter but his influence on the game was stifled by Mark Donovan after quarter-time.

Centre-half-forward David Twomey displayed patches of brilliance while Victorian recruit Merv Harbinson at times was damaging.

But it was mainly Lamb who was responsible for giving the Blood's total its respectability.

Apart from steering through six majors from his own boot, his 15 kicks and three handballs also set up several others.

With Lamb and Goss on top in the first quarter, West looked as if it may make a contest of the match. But with its 19-goal first half, Glenelg put the issue beyond doubt and most of the interest after the long break centred on whether the Bay's could reach the 200 point figure.

GLENELG	KICKS				FREES				GOALS			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
WOODLANDS	3	5	1	3	1	1	1	1	5	5		
SEEBOHM	4	2	4	1	11	6	5	1	7	2		
HODGEMAN	8	7	3	4	22	7	9	4	1	5		
BUDARICK			2	5	3	10	5	2	1	2		
WEST												4
MARSHALL	7	7	2	7	23	8	3	1	2	3	2	
GRENVOLD	1	1	1	1	4	1	7	1	1			
A. STRINGER									3	1	2	
KERNAHAN	5	7	8	5	25	9	7	1				
W. STRINGER									3	1		
MURPHY	2	2	1	4	9	2	13	2	1	1		
SALISBURY	3	1	6	2	12	4	6	2	1	1		
GIBBS	5	3	4	1	13	4	3	2				
HASELOROVE									2			1
DONOVAN	4	2			2	5	1	2	1	2		
CAREY	2	3			2	7	4	3	1	2		37
MAYNARD	2	4	8	3	17	5	13	2	1	3	3	
MCDERMOTT	3	2	2	4	11	4	25	1	2	3		
KIDNEY	4	5	1		10	3	14	2	3	1		
RUSSELL	1	1	1		3	3	8	1	1	1	5	
RUSHED												2
TOTAL	56	57	52	52	217	83	149	22	21	30	21	47

WEST	KICKS				FREES				GOALS			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
O'RILEY	5	6	3	3	17	1	8	3	1	1	2	
GOSS	4	1	1	1	7	6	5	1	4	5		
JOHNSON			2	3	7	3	5	1	1	1	2	4
HARBINSON	5	7			12	1	5	1	2	1	2	
TWOMEY	5	2	5	1	13	2	1	1	1	1	3	3
LARKINS	1	2	4	3	10	3	8	2				1
SPORN	4	2	3	1	11	5	6	4	2	2		1
LAMB	3	4	4	4	15	3	3	2			6	3
MCKINNON	1	4	2	1	8	3	5	1	1	1		
RYAN			4	1	5	4	4					1
DREHER			2	3	5	2	3	2	1			
RENNIE			1	4	7	1	2	1				1
KANTILAFAS									1			
MILLARD	1				2	1	1					
BURGESS	4	1	4	4	13	3	3	2				2
MALCOLM	1		1		2	1	3					25
D. HERBERT			2	6	8	1	3		1	1		
GROSSER	4	2	1	3	10	1	5	2				
BELTON	3	2	5	5	15	3	9	2	3			10
KREUTER							1	2				
RUSHED												
TOTAL	43	39	48	39	169	46	83	21	62	17	16	46

Premiership table

	W	L	F	A	%	Pts
Central	3	0	389	264	59.57	6
Port	2	1	381	293	56.53	4
Norwood	2	1	396	318	55.46	4
North	2	1	324	292	52.60	4
Woodville	2	1	367	336	52.21	4
Torrens	1	2	310	288	51.84	2
Glenelg	1	2	401	375	51.68	2
Sturt	1	2	334	433	43.55	2
South	1	2	237	373	38.85	2
West	0	3	312	479	41.00	0

Leading Goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
Mandemaker (Central)	3	6.1	18.7
D. Smith (Port)	3	3.0	18.4
Roberts (North)	3	5.1	16.9
Nichols (Woodville)	3	3.0	15.5
Seebohm (Glenelg)	3	7.2	15.2
Taylor (Torrens)	3	3.4	10.8
Stazinowsky (South)	3	2.2	10.6
Burton (North)	3	2.0	9.1

Glenelg Oval

GLENELG	7.4	19.10	23.15	30.21	(201)
WEST	7.2	11.9	14.2	17.16	(118)

BEST— GLENELG: Hodgeman, McDermott, Kernahan, Marshall, Seebohm, Maynard, Carey, Kidney, Woodlands, Gibbs. WEST: Lamb, O'Riley, Harbinson, Burgess, Belton.

GOALS— GLENELG: Seebohm 7.2, Woodlands 5.5, Hodgeman 5.0, Maynard 3.3, Marshall 3.2, McDermott 2.3, Budarick 1.2, Murphy 1.0, Kidney 1.0, Kernahan 1.0, West 1.0, Donovan 0.1, Russell 0.1, rushed 0.2. WEST: Lamb 6.3, Goss 5.0, Twomey 3.3, Harbinson 1.2, Herbert 1.0, McKinnon 1.0, O'Riley 0.2, Johnson 0.2, Larkins 0.1, Sporn 0.1, Rennie 0.1, rushed 0.1.

Football Park

Woodville	2.3	8.6	11.9	18.10	(118)
Torrens	4.3	4.6	9.16	14.20	(104)

BEST— WOODVILLE: Panizza, Rogers, Fuller, Grant, McDonald, Lunn, Schwarz. TORRENS: Christensen, Taylor, C Lindsay, B Lindsay, Payze, Fotia, Weston.

GOALS— WOODVILLE: Taylor 5.1, Nichols 3.0, Sewer 2.1, Fantasia 2.1, Panizza 1.1, Martin 1.1, Fuller 1.0, McDonald 1.0, O'Brien 1.0, Negri 1.0, Parker 0.1, Jolly 0.1, Rushed 0.3. TORRENS: Taylor 3.4, C Lindsay 3.1, B Lindsay 3.1, Morphett 2.0, Dietrich 1.2, Hodson 1.2, Christensen 1.0, Payze 0.2, Fotia 0.1, Weston 0.1, Rushed 0.6.

Football Park

NORTH	5.3	8.7	12.9	16.13	(109)
NORWOOD	1.2	5.5	6.8	10.13	(73)

BEST— NORTH: Hart, A Jarman, Parsons, Wildy, Tiller, Simmons, Sims, Burton, Roe, Sanders. NORWOOD: McIntosh, Kelly, McNeil, Richardson.

GOALS— NORTH ADELAIDE: Roberts 5, Bennett 4, Burton 2, Hart, D Jarman, Sanders, Carlaw, Arnold. NORWOOD: Pyke 2, Aish 2, R Maynard 2, Rowe, Payne, McNeil, Swanbury. INJURIES - NORTH - Hart (head), Trigg (knee). UMPIRES - Graham Hilton, David Trembath.

Adelaide Oval

STURT	3.9	11.15	17.18	21.20	(146)
SOUTH	1.3	4.4	7.12	11.19	(85)

BEST— STURT: Russell, Benson, McCarthy, Dilena, Whittlesea, Paynter, Heinrich, Underwood, Reid. SOUTH: Schneebichler, Jarvis, Kappler, Bennett, Pitman.

GOALS— STURT: Willmott 6.2, Kitschke 3.2, Russell 3.0, Benson 2.4, Paynter 2.2, Field 2.1, Dilena 1.4, Klomp 1.2, McGown 1.1, Whittlesea 0.1, rushed 0.1. SOUTH: Stoekel 3.2, Menzel 3.1, Stasinowsky 2.2, Dickinson 1.2, Fairclough 1.2, Pitman 1.1, Butler 0.2, Brockhurst 0.1, Taylor 0.1, Dewhurst 0.1, Jarvis 0.1, Foster 0.1, rushed 0.2. INJURIES - SOUTH: Dewhurst (slight concussion), Eddy (slight concussion), Brockhurst (groin). UMPIRES - Michael Abbott, John Hylton.

Elizabeth Oval

CENTRAL	3.2	8.6	12.9	17.12	(114)
PORT	0.3	4.4	9.6	15.9	(99)

BEST— CENTRAL: Little, J. Thomas, Anderson, Lally, Bubner, Flintoff. PORT: Curtis, Leslie, G. Boyd, J. Harvey, Lum