

EAGLES GO WEST

A struggle for Sturt

Blues beaten but only just bettered

By Ashley Porter

Ladder

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
NORTH	4	0	0	501	292	63.18	8
WEST	4	0	0	477	331	59.03	8
TORRENS	3	1	0	479	367	56.62	6
NORWOOD*	2	1	0	314	245	56.17	4
GLENELG	2	2	0	386	348	52.59	4
Central	2	2	0	404	444	47.64	4
Port*	1	2	0	305	321	48.72	2
Woodville	1	3	0	336	484	40.98	2
Sturt	0	4	0	320	504	38.83	0
South	0	4	0	319	505	38.71	0

* Playing tomorrow.

Goalkickers

	Games	'day	Total
A. Jakovich (Woodville)	4	2.1	19.14
R. Mandemaker (Central)	4	4.6	19.13
L. Schache (Torrens)	3	1.2	12.7
P. Harper (Woodville)	4	1.1	12.2
J. West (Glenelg)	4	3.1	12.1
P. Patterson (West)	4	5.2	11.4
D. Kitchie (Sturt)	4	2.0	11.4
S. Hodges (Port)	3	—	10.8
S. Tasker (North)	4	7.3	10.7
G. Fielke (West)	4	2.0	10.5
C. Lindsay (Torrens)	4	0.1	9.2
D. Visser (Norwood)	3	—	9.0

Football Park

North 3.3 9.11 14.16 20.22 (142)
South 2.4 2.6 5.9 8.12 (60)

BEST — NORTH: Hart, D. Jarman, A. Jarman, Sims, Redden, Klomp, Smart, Trenorden, Tasker.
SOUTH: Dewhurst, Bennett, Butler, Kappler.
GOALS — NORTH: Tasker 7.3, Hart, D. Jarman 3.1, Sims 2.3, Klomp 2.1, Bennett 2, A. Jarman 1.3, Smart 0.2, Tiller, Burton, Craig, Clisby 0.1. Rushed 4. **SOUTH:** Winton 2, Patterson 1.1, Stoecke, Kappler, Honor, White, Bickley 1, Woodlands, Copping 0.2. Rushed 0.2.
Injuries — North: Sanders (broken ankle), Redden (arm). **South:** Stoeckel (shoulder), Dillon (shoulder), Bennett (broken nose).
Umpire — Rick Kinnear, Graeme Schultz.

Glenelg

Glenelg 3.1 7.7 11.12 12.15 (87)
Sturt 4.1 5.1 7.5 10.9 (69)

BEST — GLENELG: Chigwidden, Hodgeman, MacTavish, West, Symonds, Seebohm, Marshall; STURT: Paynter, S. Russell, Willmott, Lennon, Lienert.
GOALS — GLENELG: West 3.1, Chigwidden 2.3, Melican 2.2, Hodgeman 2.2, Bartlett 2.0, Symonds 1.0, Marshall 0.2, Bartlett 0.1, Salisbury 0.1, MacTavish 0.1, Hewett 0.1, rushed 0.1; **STURT:** Willmott 5.1, Kitchie 2.0, K. Russell 1.1, Paynter 1.1, Wark 1.0, Field 0.1, Radbone 0.1, rushed 0.4.
Umpires — Laurie Argent, Mark Mackie.

Woodville

Central 3.7 8.10 15.15 21.20 (146)
Woodville 2.6 3.8 4.11 5.16 (46)

BEST — CENTRAL: Krieg, Coffee, Bubner, Jonas, Sullivan, Lally, Mandemaker, Ingerson, Thomas, Graham. **WOODVILLE:** Parsons, McDonald.
SCORERS — CENTRAL: Mandemaker 4.6, Ingerson 3.3, Jonas 3.2, Hocking 3.0, Lally 2.1, Schwerdt 2.0, Graham 1.1, Gilbert McAdam 1.1, Krieg 1.0, Sullivan 1.0, Girdham 0.2, Braddy 0.1, rushed 0.3. **WOODVILLE:** Jakovich 2.2, Lynch 1.2, Harper 1.1, Harris 1.0, Cox 0.2, Klemm 0.1, Martin 0.1, Parsons 0.1, rushed 0.6.
Injuries — Central: Graham (mouth), Girdham (hip), Gilbert McAdam (knee). **Woodville:** Jakovich (knee).
Umpires — Jeff Jeanes (replaced Steve Semmler), David Trembath.

Thebarton

West 5.2 10.4 13.9 16.11 (107)
Torrens 0.2 2.5 5.10 9.13 (67)

BEST — WEST: Cordy, Lamb, Twomey, Patterson, Winter, Burgess, Bartsch, O'Donohue. **TORRENS:** Robson, Geyer, Foote, B. Lindsay, Schwartz.
GOALS — WEST: Patterson 5.2, Twomey 3.2, Grosse 2.2, Bayes 2.0, G. Fielke 2.0, Miller 1.1, Cordy 1.0, Lamb 0.1, Bennett 0.1, rushed 0.2. **TORRENS:** M. Hannam 2.2, Whitehouse 2.1, Smith 1.2, Morphet 1.1, Schache 1.0, Eichner 1.0, Toohey 1.0, Payze 0.2, Foote 0.2, B. Lindsay 0.1, Harper 0.1, C. Lindsay 0.1.
Injuries — WEST: McKinnon (calf).
Umpires — Max Cuzzocrea, Neville Thorp.

Crowds

Football Park	3409
Adelaide Oval	7420
Thebarton	7675
Woodville	4184
Total	22,688

The Kevin Morris magic continued at Thebarton Oval yesterday and the Bloods are still unbeaten and boiling.

After the fantastic build-up to the unlikely match-of-the-day against West Torrens, the showdown proved relatively tame after the Eagles were held goal-less in the first term and then struggled before losing by 40 points.

But the encounter between two of the big improvers of '89 still attracted 7675 fans, one of the biggest attendances at Thebarton for some years.

North Adelaide, which crushed South Adelaide by 82 points at Football Park, has joined West as the only unbeaten sides after the fourth series. It will conclude tomorrow night at Football Park, and should Norwood topple Port Adelaide, the reigning premier will be left in seventh spot with only one victory, against Sturt in the opening round.

Torrens slipped to third, but while it can still stake finals claims, it faces tough assignments over the next three weeks against North (Football Park), Glenelg (Glenelg) and Port (Thebarton). And West has the opportunity to prove itself beyond doubt against Norwood (Football Park), Port (Richmond) and North (Prospect).

Glenelg, as expected, rebounded to beat Sturt at Adelaide Oval, but had to fight hard and the margin was only 18 points.

Central District had a 100-point percentage-boosting victory over a disappointing Woodville at Woodville Oval, but it was still not enough for it to sneak into the top five for the first time this season.

Woodville's problems were compounded when full forward Allen Jakovich was carried off during the third term with a left knee injury. Club officials were unsure of the extent of the damage until a full assessment today.

Central had its scares ... Phil Graham was carried off on a stretcher late in the second term with a facial injury, but was able to resume.

And Gilbert McAdam was forced off at three quarter time with a knee problem, but officials later revealed it was not serious.

Roger Girdham suffered a knock to his hip, but like Graham and McAdam, will be available for Saturday's big clash with Port at Alberton Oval.

The scoreboard at the Adelaide Oval showed Glenelg defeated Sturt by 18 points yesterday.

But in some ways the scoreboard lied.

The 18-point margin was flattering to the Blues which struggled to keep up with a more talented and committed opponent and if it was not for some profligate use of the ball by Glenelg, Sturt would have been on the wrong end of a flogging.

The excuse of a hard-game-on-Monday-night which some Sturt supporters may have been relying on failed.

The final quarter when Sturt might have been expected to have run out of gas was their best as players who had hardly raised a sweat for three quarters suddenly decided to have a go and reduced the final margin to a respectable figure.

Glenelg's win can be put down to the dominance of its little men, especially Nick Chigwidden, Kym Hodgeman and Tony MacTavish.

While big Brett Lienert for Sturt managed to get his hand on the ball more often than his Glenelg opponents, Chigwidden and Hodgeman took it away once it hit the ground to move the side into attack.

Last week West Adelaide managed to tag Chigwidden and Hodgeman out of the game and Glenelg lost. This week Sturt had no-one who could do such a job and they suffered accordingly.

Chigwidden in particular was everywhere, hurting Sturt enormously and placing the Blues defence under extreme pressure.

Jim West at centre-half-forward took control after an indifferent first term to further stress the Sturt defence while David Marshall and Tony Symonds stung the Sturt defenders.

Big Chris Melican was a constant threat at full forward, and his two goals in the first quarter before the rain arrived and while Sturt was playing some of its best football were more than useful.

Despite the ball coming into the forward lines, Glenelg did not take full advantage of it.

In the second quarter, for example, Glenelg booted five points in succession before finally goaling. All but one of the points could and should have been goals. In the same period Sturt managed just one goal.

GLENELG		KICKS	M	H/O	BL	BS	H/O
MacDONNEL	6	2	5				
BARTLETT	5	3	1	2	1		
MacTAVISH	16	6	3		1		
SYMONDS	14	8	18	1	1	1	1
WEST	13	14	7	3	1	6	
MARSHALL	19	5	7		2		
HEWETT	19	5	3		1		
SALISBURY	7	2	8		1		
JAMESON							
THOMPSON	5	1	7				
SEEBOHM	10	6	3			1	
DONOVAN	6	1	7				
GIBBS	11	3					
RUSSELL	5	1	3				
MELICAN	6	4	3	2	2	12	
CHRISTIE	9	7	9			22	
MAYNARD	13	5	8				
HODGEMAN	21	6	6	2	2		
CHIGWIDDEN	20	6	12	2	2		
BOW			1				
RUSHED					1		
TOTAL	205	87	111	12	15	42	



PETER HAYNES reports
Glenelg went into half time 18 points clear, booted another 4.5 to 2.4 in the third term and looked set to have the game at its mercy.

Across half-back Robert Thompson and John Seebohm were well on top while MacTavish in the back pocket continued his fine form from the match against West to further frustrate Sturt.

But Sturt players who had been quiet all day, such as Damien Kitchie at centre-half-forward, suddenly decided to have a go and with Ian Willmott a focal point in the goalsquare peppered the scoring zone.

Willmott's effort was excellent. He booted 5.1 in a losing side and was a constant threat when the players up the field were able to get the ball down to him with any sort of system.

Sturt booted 3.4 to 1.3 in the final quarter and looked good enough to leave coach Rick Davies a frustrated man. When Sturt players had a go and used the ball properly, they looked good, but it was a case of too little, too late.

John Paynter, one of the most reliable players in South Australia, put in his usual sound match while Scott Russell picked up a lot of kicks.

Bruce Lennon in defence battled hard to be another player who could hold his head high.

Glenelg opened the game without Adam Garton, who injured a hand last week and did not recover in time. His place was taken by David McDonnell from the southeast, playing his first league game.

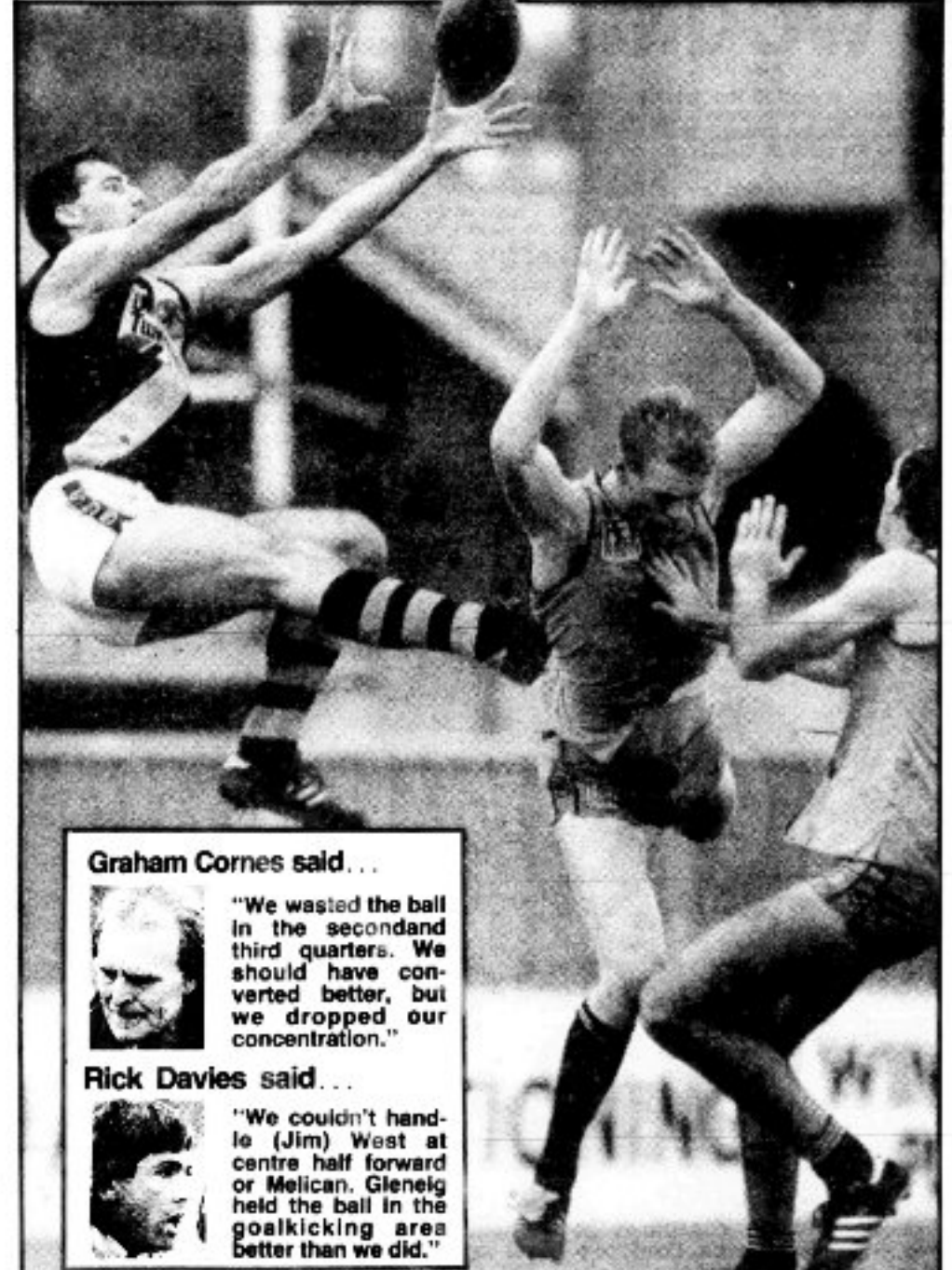
He had a few kicks and did a few useful things in a sound debut.

Sturt's start to the season has not been encouraging.

There is no doubt the side has talent and it will win soon, with its best opportunity being against South Adelaide next week.

But it will require a 100 p.c. effort by the players, not just a last quarter burst, to achieve the results.

STURT		KICKS	M	H/O	BL	BS	H/O
WARK	4	2	5	1			
WILLMOTT	11	6	2	5	1		
FIELD	10	1	3		1		
K. RUSSELL	10	2	6	1	1		
KITSCHKE	4	4	3	2		13	
GRIVELL	5		1				
RADBONE	10	3	5		1		
WHITTLESEA	13	2	8				
S. RUSSELL	15	4	7				
MOSCHENI	8	3	10				
REID	1		1				
McWILLIAM	8	2	4				
RICHTER	12	4	2				
WELSBY	5	2	3				
LENNON	8	4	4				
LIENERT	7	6	2			19	
PAYNTER	15	3	4	1	1		
EY	13	2	7				
McGOWN	12	1	2				
DARVENIZA	1		3				
RUSHED						4	
TOTAL	172	51	82	10	9	32	



Graham Cornes said...
"We wasted the ball in the second and third quarters. We should have converted better, but we dropped our concentration."
Rick Davies said...
"We couldn't handle (Jim) West at centre half forward or Melican. Glenelg held the ball in the goalkicking area better than we did."

SA draw

Round 4 (continued) — Tomorrow: Port v Norwood, Football Park.
Round 5 — Saturday: North v Torrens, Football Park. South v Sturt, Adelaide. Port v Central, Alberton. Monday, May 15: Norwood v West, Football Park. Glenelg v Woodville, Football Park.

Footypunt

Game	Winner	Marg.	TAB No	Div
1	North	81-90	9	\$7.45
2	Glenelg	11-20	12	\$6.20
3	West	31-40	14	\$5.15
4	Central	91-	20	\$9.25

FOOTY TREBLE
Tab Nos. — 12 14 20 — \$3428.85
Winners: Glenelg, West, Central

Reserves

Sturt 6.3 13.3 18.4 26.8(164)
Glenelg 5.4 11.6 13.10 15.12 (102)

BEST — STURT: Argus, McPhee, Noske, Reynolds, Veale, Miller, Oatey, Rinna; **GLENELG:** Angove, Russell, Liptak, Miller.
GOALS — STURT: Argus 6, Noske 6, Veale 3, Benson 3, Rinna 2, Crambra, Miller, Oatey, Patton, James, Cross; **GLENELG:** Bromilow 3, Miller 3, Thorne 2, Deane 2, Mansell, Cox, Liptak, Hallahan, Giles.

Glenelg's Chris Melican marks confidently over Sturt's David Welsby and Brett Lienert.