

### McDermott, Fidge out for month

SANFL premiership leader Glenelg has received a major setback with the loss through injury of key players Chris McDermott and John Fidge for up to five weeks.



PETER PRIME

McDermott limped from the ground late in the game against South Adelaide at Football Park and is understood to have a serious hamstring injury.

And star forward John Fidge was stretchered from the field after 28 minutes with a dislocated left shoulder. It was re-set by doctors during the game.

The injuries highlighted a sensational 13th round of football which included several upsets, the reporting of Norwood defender Brenton Klaebe and the continuation of the fight for the key fifth spot.

Klaebe will face SANFL Commissioner Mr Brian Martin, QC, on Tuesday night after being reported during the clash against a revitalised Central District at Elizabeth Oval.

He had his number taken by field umpire Michael Abbott for allegedly striking Tony Lynn during the first term.

Such is the unpredictability of the competition that only Sturt cannot make the five.

Neil Kerley's Bulldogs were outstanding yesterday and are continuing their push for a major round berth.

And their cause was helped no end with five clubs ahead of them on the league table all losing.

Ninth-ranked Woodville is just one game outside the five after its eight-point win over West Adelaide at Richmond.

The Warriors were humiliated by Central District last week, but yesterday were inspired by a magnificent performance from captain Romano Negri and an eight-goal effort from centre-half-forward John Klug (including six goals in a superb second quarter).

Glenelg, despite its injury problems, proved too strong for South Adelaide at Football Park to win by 76 points, while Sturt won its second game of the season with a 40-point victory over disappointing West Torrens at Adelaide Oval.

In the other match, Port Adelaide took the vital two premiership points with a 21-point win over North Adelaide at Prospect.

### Tigers blitz South in 10-minute barrage



SEAN MUNDAY

A Chris McDermott-led second half recovery at Football Park yesterday nipped in the bud what was shaping up to be a fairy tale victory to John Reid's vastly improved South Adelaide.

After more than an hour of a giving a convincing performance as the sleeping giant of the competition, Glenelg kicked itself into gear and brushed aside a determined first half challenge thrown out by the Panthers.

Glenelg overcame the loss of star goal-sneak John Fidge, who was gingerly taken by stretcher down the players' race with a dislocated shoulder after just 28 minutes of play, and a two-goal deficit at both quarter and half-times, to pull off a convincing 76-point win.

For two quarters South dominated the game. South players worked hard to win the race to the fall of the ball but proved unable to capitalise on the possessions they won, and by the time the shadows lengthened over the ground so had the odds on the Panthers bringing down the ladder-leader.

Nigel Smart was evident in his role as a key play-maker for the Panthers and the characteristically solid defence of David Kappler, Michael Whitford, Peter McCarty and Steven Schmid was intact for much of the first half, but the statistics tell the story of how South squandered the golden opportunities it was so graciously handed by the napping Tigers.

Twelve scoring shots for a mere 4.8 in the first quarter while Glenelg managed 3.2 from five kicks for goal, then 66 kicks to Glenelg's 49 in the second term and South could eke just

a 14-point buffer by half-time — a buffer which was breached in a flurry of action in the opening minutes after the long break.

With the loss of Fidge, first Allan Bartlett then Clayton Lamb, and finally in an inspired move in the third quarter John Seeborn was given the job at full forward.

With Seeborn up from centre half-back, Gary Christie dominating the ruck work and McDermott dictating the terms of play with a morale-boosting third quarter, a barrage of five goals in under 10 minutes put the game beyond the reach of the Panthers who were to score just 2.3 in the second half with just one point in the final term.

Glenelg coach Graham Cornes rightly complimented his players for not being overly crestfallen after a first half and coming back from just six days' rest since last Sunday's gruelling encounter with Port and a fairly hard week on the training track.

With its place in the five still secure the loss doesn't spell the end of the road for South Adelaide which has two games against lower sides to look forward to.

Meanwhile Glenelg has time to contemplate how dangerous it can be to give confident lower sides breathing space early in a game before taking on Woodville next week.

However, a couple of serious injuries in the Glenelg camp — McDermott (hamstring, 4-5 weeks) and Fidge (dislocated shoulder, 4-5 weeks) — may present problems for the Tigers in their bid to cement their place at the head of the ladder.

#### Football Park

Glenelg	3.2	5.9	12.13	21.19	(145)
South	4.8	7.11	9.14	9.15	(69)

**BEST — GLENELG:** McDermott, Seeborn, Christie, Marshall, Lamb, Chigwidden, Thompson. **SOUTH:** Smart, Whitford, McCarty.

**GOALS — GLENELG:** Lamb 5.2, Hallahan, Seeborn 3.1, Deane 2.1, Liptak, Symonds 2.0, Bartlett, Fidge, Marshall, Maynard 1.1, McDermott 0.3, Chigwidden 0.2, Bromilow, Gibbs 0.1; rushed 0.3. **SOUTH:** Stoeckel 2.3, McIntyre 2.0, Harrison 1.2, Trevena, Whitford, Heath, Baker 1.0, Smart 0.3, Hewitt, Bickley 0.2, Battams, Bennett 0.1; rushed 0.1.

**INJURIES — GLENELG:** Fidge (dislocated left shoulder) McDermott (hamstring), Rouvray (bruised hip). **SOUTH:** Whitford (strained knee).

**UMPIRES —** Laurie Argent, Kevin Chambers.

#### Adelaide Oval

Sturt	2.3	7.8	10.13	15.16	(106)
Torrens	4.2	5.3	5.5	9.12	(66)

**BEST — STURT:** O'Keefe, Lienert, Whittlesea, Argus, Russell, Ey, Bower, Schoell, Richter, Moscheni. **TORRENS:** Neave, Pisani.

**GOALS — STURT:** Radbone 5.1, Ey 4.2, Higgins 2.2, Russell 2.0, Argus 1.3, Chaplin 1.1, Johns 0.2, Moscheni 0.1, rushed 0.4. **TORRENS:** Neave 3.2, Schache 2.3, Niemann, Popplestone, Morphet 1.1, Harper 1.0, Lindsay 0.2, rushed 0.2.

**INJURIES — STURT:** McCarthy (strained knee). **TORRENS:** Pyman (back).

**UMPIRES:** Graeme Hill, Mark Mackie.

#### Elizabeth Oval

Central	4.2	8.7	13.8	18.11	(119)
Norwood	4.7	6.10	12.13	14.14	(98)

**BEST — CENTRAL:** Hocking, Chaplin, Prior, Krieg, Mandemaker, McAdam, Schwerdt, Smith. **NORWOOD:** Thomas, Robran, Payne, Hand, Tanner, McIntosh, Jarman.

**GOALS — CENTRAL:** Coffee 4.3, Mandemaker 3.5, Chaplin 3.1, Lynn 3.0, Ghazi 1.1, Girdham, Schwerdt, Lee, Smith 1.0, rushed 0.1. **NORWOOD:** Payne 3.2, Pascoe 2.2, Smart, Jarman 2.1, Weeding 1.2, McIntosh 1.1, Thomas, Hand, Tanner 1.0, Rowe 0.3, rushed 0.2.

**INJURIES — CENTRAL:** Louder (corked thigh).

**NORWOOD:** Hall (jarred knee). **REPORT — NORWOOD:** Brenion Klaebe by field umpire Michael Abbott for allegedly striking Tony Lynn (Central) with a right forearm to the head in the first quarter.

**UMPIRES:** Michael Abbott, Richard Williams.

#### Richmond Oval

Woodville	3.0	12.3	15.6	19.8	(122)
West	6.10	8.11	11.16	16.18	(114)

**BEST — WOODVILLE:** Negri, Klug, Klemm, McDonald, Haylock, Grant. **WEST:** Ravasi, Winter, Goss, Grosser, A. Fielke, Nicholls.

**GOALS — WOODVILLE:** Klug 8.0, Jakovich 4.2, Grant 2.1, Klemm, Lunn, O'Dwyer 1.1, Haylock, Champion 1.0, Moore 0.1, rushed 0.1. **WEST:** Goss 6.3, Grosser 4.1, Hove 2.0, Foott, Fitzsimmons, Byrne 1.1, Banfield 1.0, Simpson, Nicholls, A. Fielke, G. Fielke 0.1, rushed 0.7.

**INJURIES — WOODVILLE:** Jakovich (hip), Jolly (twisted ankle), Lunn (concussion). **WEST:** O'Donohue (pulled hamstring).

**UMPIRES —** Rick Kinnear, Mark Barnett.

#### Prospect Oval

Port	4.3	6.5	9.7	11.10	(76)
North	3.6	6.9	6.11	7.13	(55)

**BEST — PORT:** Northeast, Tregenza, M. Williams, Johnston, Phelps, D. Smith, Harris. **NORTH:** Hart, McAdam, Sanders, Barratt, Klomp, Ryan, Bennett.

**GOALS — PORT:** D. Smith 3.2, Hodges 2.3, R. Smith, Hynes 2.0, Ginever 1.1, Mahney 1.0, Hutton 0.2, Tregenza, Wanganeon 0.1. **NORTH:** Hart 3.1, McAdam 2.1, Parsons 1.1, Sims 1.0, Bennett, Mjaskalo 0.2, Redden, Saunders 0.1, rushed 0.4.

**INJURIES — PORT:** Fiacchi (left ankle). **NORTH:** Sims (slight driving muscle).

**UMPIRES —** Steve Semmler, David Weston.

#### SA Ladder

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
GLENELG	10	2	1	1659	1195	58.13	21
PORT	10	3	0	1574	1287	55.01	20
NORWOOD	8	5	0	1409	1172	54.59	16
NORTH	7	6	0	1224	1095	52.69	14
SOUTH	6	7	0	1259	1385	47.62	12
Torrens	6	7	0	1099	1243	46.93	12
West	5	7	1	1306	1480	46.88	11
Central	5	8	0	1305	1449	47.39	10
Woodville	5	8	0	1215	1367	47.06	10
Sturt	2	11	0	1138	1515	42.89	4

#### SA Goalkickers

	Games	Rd 11	Total
S. Hodges (Port)	13	2	61
J. Fidge (Glenelg)	12	1	58
A. Jakovich (Woodville)	13	4	57
D. Stoeckel (South)	13	2	39
J. Weeding (Norwood)	12	1	39
R. Mandemaker (Central)	12	3	38
D. Jarman (North)	12	0	33

#### Crowds

Football Park	5125
Adelaide	4657
Elizabeth	5484
Richmond	2372
Prospect	7822
Total	25,460

#### Reserves

Glenelg	3.2	9.9	14.10	17.12	(114)
South	6.2	9.4	11.9	14.12	(96)

**BEST — GLENELG:** Howett, Cunningham, Salisbury, Hele, Barton, Battiston, Mansell, McIntosh. **SOUTH:** P. Keam, B. Perks, Quinn, Dewhurst, Osborn, Woodlands.

**GOALS — GLENELG:** Stuart 4, Barton, Howett, McGuinness, Gepp 2, Petrucco, Mansell, Battiston, Salisbury, Hele. **SOUTH:** P. Keam 8, Mitton, Osborn 2, Woodlands, D. Cox.

#### Reserves Ladder

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
GLENELG	13	0	0	1741	1183	59.54	26
NORWOOD	9	4	0	1313	1010	56.52	18
STURT	7	6	0	1415	1281	52.49	14
WOODVILLE	7	6	0	1399	1354	50.82	14
TORRENS	6	7	0	1323	1267	51.08	12
West	6	7	0	1167	1424	45.04	12
Port	5	8	0	1183	1202	49.60	10
South	5	8	0	1344	1462	47.90	10
North	4	9	0	1137	1382	45.14	8
Central	3	10	0	1095	1554	41.34	6

#### SA Draw

Round 14: Saturday — Double header: 12.30pm Central District v. South Adelaide; 3.20pm, West Torrens v. Port Adelaide (Football Park). 2pm, Glenelg v. Woodville (Glenelg); Norwood v. Sturt (Norwood); North Adelaide v. West Adelaide (Prospect).

#### POST-MATCH

##### THE COACHES

- JOHN CAHILL (Port):** "It was a hard slog and we're thankful to get away with the two points. Considering its injuries, North competed very well all day — as it has all season."
- MIKE NUNAN (North):** "Our effort was good, our ground play was alright, we had enough of the ball, but we just can't score. Whether we have the personnel to do that is the question."
- GRAHAM CORNES (Glenelg):** "Obviously a very pleasing second half after an indifferent and at times loose first half."
- JOHN REID (South):** "We tied them up pretty well until the third quarter when their centre line got on top and they controlled the ruck. When that happens you just can't win the ball game."
- RUSSELL EBERT (Woodville):** "Every game is important to every club as this series showed. We're still in the fight for the five because every player had a dip."
- GEOFF MORRIS (West assistant coach):** "You can't win by playing 15 minutes of football in the first quarter and 15 in the last."
- KEVIN HIGGINS (Sturt):** "I was obviously pleased with the defence. They had kicked only five goals up until halfway through the last quarter. The defence was the cornerstone of what we did, but everybody played well."
- ANDY BENNETT (Torrens):** Unavailable for comment.
- NEIL KERLEY (Central):** "I'm very happy. The commitment was the best it's been all year and our aggression was where it had to be — at the ball and at the opponent with the ball."
- NEIL BALME (Norwood):** "I thought we had a few opportunities that we couldn't quite capitalise on. Overall Central was more committed than we were. That's where they won the game."

##### REPORTS

Norwood defender Brenton Klaebe for allegedly striking Central forward Tony Lynn with a right forearm to the head, by field umpire Michael Abbott.

##### INJURIES

- Port Adelaide defender George Fiacchi (injured left ankle); North Adelaide's Steven Sims (slight driving muscle injury).
- Central ruckman Phil Louder (corked thigh); Norwood ruckman John Hall (jarred knee).
- Woodville's Allen Jakovich (hip), Randall Jolly (twisted ankle) and Alex Lunn (concussed).
- West Adelaide centre half-forward John O'Donohue (pulled hamstring).

##### THE STARS

- Sturt's Mark O'Keefe cut Torrens' dangerman Laurence Schache out of the match and set the trend for the Blues. Brett Lienert dominated the rucks, beating three opponents.
- Central rover Eddie Hocking was an inspiration for the Bulldogs with 15 kicks, nine marks and seven handballs.
- Woodville ruckman Romano Negri finished with 40 hit outs, 11 marks, 11 handpasses and eight kicks. Centre half-forward John Klug didn't have a kick in the first quarter but had nine in the second term, six of which resulted in goals. He finished with eight goals and contributed to three more.