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Footy bombshell - South seeks Sturt merger

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- Footy fan N. McKenny of 26/2 Burlington St, Walkerville wins \$10 worth of scratch tickets with this week's entry:
- Don Scott, former Hawthorn champion (and South Adelaide coach for a brief period), commenting on a recent AFL match: "And Taylor of Collingwood led into a crowded space."
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A stirring philosophy amid the gloom

John Reid probably surprised those not close to him on Saturday night when he wore a smile in the South Adelaide social clubrooms at St Mary's.

His beloved club was hurting badly with the news its future was in grave doubt, and his team had just suffered its worst loss since 1988, a 20-goal thrashing to Glenelg at the Bay.

Amid the emotion, shared by the slightly bigger-than-usual crowd at the after-match presentations, coach Reid put everything into perspective.

Standing by his side were his wife, Di, and two of their triplets, 12-year-old daughters Hayley and Kirsten.

Reid could have been excused for dwelling on South's gloom, even pointing the blame.

Instead, he pointed out the members of this proud club were still better off than many other people.

He reflected on an occasion when he took his players through the wards of the Adelaide Children's Hospital to show them the true meaning of despair and how there was always someone worse off.

And Reid said no matter what happened to his club, and no matter how badly his players had been beaten by Glenelg, they had more reasons to be happy than the sick and the handicapped.

To him, South's plight was far from being the end of the world.

He was still grateful that last week he had been able to watch his son Justin play his first game of footy, cook a barbecue for his staff at Capita Financial Group, and watch a netball game with his family.

Support, not criticism

And during the presentation night on Saturday, the members offered him only support, not criticism.

Understand Reid's philosophical outlook on life, and one can understand why he is able to cope with one so-called crisis after another at South.

Reflecting on the game at the Bay, which almost went goal-for-goal until the eighth minute mark of the second term, Reid also avoided taking the easy way out of publicly condemning his own men.

Instead, he praised the opposition for its terrific performance.

Reid, and his players, also refused to acknowledge the week's events at South had anything to do with the result, explaining the mental and physical commitment was there, but the ability on the day was not.


Glenelg showed no mercy. Maybe other sides would have relaxed after half-time with a 43-point lead having played a tough game only five nights earlier.

But not Glenelg. Like a truly professional side, it went at full pace until the end. South didn't stop trying either.

It was Glenelg's awesome strength and brilliance, rather than South's ineptness, which created the 20-goal margin.

FOOTBALL

with
Chief Football Writer Ashley Porter



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|---------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Glenelg | 4.2 | 12.10 | 21.13 | 29.19 | (193) |
| South | 3.2 | 6.3 | 7.6 | 11.7 | (73) |

At times South let itself down with poor disposals, but generally, it contested as well as possible and performed many of the basic things of footy.

The difference was Glenelg played an attacking game. It had enough confidence and talent to take the risks and leave South floundering.

As an example, when players gathered for a ruck formation around the ground, South captain Michael Bennett did the usually correct thing by positioning himself to receive the ball from the ruckmen, while his opponent, Peter Maynard, was 20 metres downfield.

Time and again, players like Chris McDermott and the vastly improved Matthew Liptak gained possession and found Maynard on his own.

Had Bennett stood alongside Maynard, South's chances of winning the ball in the pack would have been far less.

This example of confidence among Glenelg teammates, taking what they believed was a small risk and playing an attacking game, was widespread and the results were on the scoreboard.

A side with equal ability and confidence could have turned this feature of Glenelg into goal opportunities but South lacked the ability.

South's conservative, orthodox team pattern allowed it to be competitive for a while, but Glenelg's authoritative and attacking style enabled it to assert power.

Had it not been for a fantastic performance by Nigel Smart at centre half-back, and David Stoeckel kicking eight of South's 11 goals, the result would have been completely humiliating.

This pair clearly was South's best, while Glenelg had numerous players on an exceptionally high level.

Tony Symonds, like Maynard, repeatedly found the right position and guided Glenelg into attack. John Fidge was devastating at full forward kicking 9.7 and missing some easy shots, while Robbie Thompson and Ross Gibbs were solid and creative in defence.

Michael Murphy, playing his first senior game for Glenelg for three years at centre half-forward, was another of the many contributors to an excellent team effort.

As Reid explained, last week has gone and this one surely couldn't be as bad. Could it?

Tigers rub salt into wounds

Football Park

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|---------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Central | 5.6 | 9.15 | 16.16 | 24.18 | (162) |
| Norwood | 0.2 | 2.6 | 8.10 | 10.12 | (72) |

BEST — CENTRAL: McAdam, Lee, Mandemaker, Smith, Louder, Ghazi, Handley, Coffee, Chaplin. **NORWOOD:** Jarman, Staritski, Smart.

GOALS — CENTRAL: Mandemaker 8.2, McAdam, Coffee, Chaplin 2.3, Lynn 2.0, Smith 1.3, Girdham, Handley, Ghazi 1.1, Schwerdt, Lee, Roe, van Dommele 1.0, Bubner 0.1. **NORWOOD:** Smart 4.0, Muster 3.2, Payne 2.0, Jarman 1.0, James, Weeding 0.3, Rowe, Ross, Kelly, Staritski 0.1.

UMPIRES — Rick Kinnear, Richard Williams.

Glenelg Oval

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|---------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Glenelg | 4.2 | 12.10 | 21.13 | 29.19 | (193) |
| South | 3.2 | 6.3 | 7.6 | 11.7 | (73) |

BEST — GLENELG: Fidge, Liptak, Symonds, Thompson, Christie, Maynard, McDermott, Bow, Gibbs. **SOUTH:** Stoeckel, Smart, Bickley, Kappler.

GOALS — GLENELG: Fidge 9.7, Maynard 3.0, Chigwid-den 2.2, Liptak, Symonds, Murphy 2.1, Hodgeman, McDermott 2.0, Jameson, Deane 1.1, Gibbs, Christie, Mansell 1.0, Bartlett 0.2, Bromilow 0.1, rushed 0.2. **SOUTH:** Stoeckel 8.2, Hewitt 1.2, Bennett 1.1, Trevena 1.0, Schmid 0.1, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES — Laurie Argent, Graeme Hill.

Alberton Oval

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|-------|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|
| Port | 4.2 | 8.2 | 12.4 | 19.7 | (121) |
| North | 2.2 | 6.6 | 9.8 | 12.11 | (83) |

BEST — PORT: Northeast, Fiacchi, D. Smith, Hodges, Foster, Tregenza, Abernethy. **NORTH:** Hart, Redden, Sanders, Sims, Ryan, Lehmann.

GOALS — PORT: Hodges 8.2, R. Smith 2.1, D. Smith, Wanganeen 2.0, Borlase 1.2, Mahney, Tregenza, Hynes, McKay 1.0, rushed 0.2. **NORTH:** Hart 5.1, Bennett 2.1, Stone 2.0, Lehmann 1.2, Jarman 1.1, Redden 1.0, Hill 0.2, Atkinson, Klomp, Sanders 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — PORT: Borlase (ankle). **NORTH:** Hill (knee).

REPORT — NORTH: Todd Stone, by umpire Michael Abbott, for allegedly striking Port's Paul Rizonico.

UMPIRES: Michael Abbott, Mark Mackie.

Ladder

| | W | L | D | F | A | % | Pts |
|------------|---|---|---|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| GLENELG | 4 | 0 | 0 | 548 | 297 | 64.85 | 8 |
| PORT | 3 | 1 | 0 | 505 | 355 | 58.72 | 6 |
| NORTH | 2 | 2 | 0 | 371 | 354 | 51.17 | 4 |
| TORRENS* | 2 | 1 | 0 | 259 | 250 | 50.88 | 4 |
| WOODVILLE* | 2 | 1 | 0 | 270 | 279 | 49.18 | 4 |
| West* | 2 | 1 | 0 | 283 | 346 | 44.99 | 4 |
| Central | 1 | 3 | 0 | 393 | 434 | 47.52 | 2 |
| Norwood | 1 | 3 | 0 | 381 | 469 | 44.82 | 2 |
| South | 1 | 3 | 0 | 353 | 480 | 42.38 | 2 |
| Sturt* | 0 | 3 | 0 | 254 | 353 | 41.85 | 0 |

Goalkickers

| | Games | Y'day | Total |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| J. Fidge (Glenelg) | 4 | 9 | 34 |
| S. Hodges (Port) | 4 | 8 | 26 |
| D. Stoeckel (South) | 4 | 8 | 17 |
| A. Jakovich (Woodville)* | 3 | 0 | 12 |
| I. Muster (Norwood) | 4 | 3 | 12 |
| R. Mandemaker (Central) | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| D. Niemann (Torrens)* | 3 | 0 | 9 |
| M. O'Brian (Sturt)* | 3 | 0 | 9 |
| T. Stone (North) | 3 | 2 | 9 |
| P. Bullus (Torrens)* | 3 | 0 | 8 |
| J. Weeding (Norwood) | 4 | 0 | 8 |

* To play.

SA Draw

Today: Torrens v. Sturt (Football Park).
Tomorrow — 8pm, West v. Woodville (Football Park).
Round 5: Saturday — West v. North (Football Park);
South v. Central (Adelaide); Port v. Torrens (Alberton);
Woodville v. Glenelg (Woodville).
Monday (May 14) — 8pm, Norwood v. Sturt (Football Park).

It was always going to be an uncomfortable afternoon for Panther coach John Reid at Glenelg Oval yesterday.

After all, South had just experienced one of the most catastrophic, strife-torn weeks of its long history — a period of pain and considerable turmoil with news it was flat broke and talking of a possible amalgamation.

And if that wasn't a bitter enough pill to swallow for Reid, his brigade were up against that lean, mean football machine in unbeaten Glenelg — a daunting enough prospect in itself.

Oh, how utterly predictable it turned out to be, with the cunning, street-wise Tigers continuing South's nightmare with a 120-point thumping.

Quite simply, Glenelg was in no mood to sympathise with long-suffering South yesterday.

After an opening term where the Panthers were spirited and more than competitive, Glenelg just ran away with proceedings to whitewash a dejected, disappointing opposition.

It might sound a little hackneyed, a bit too much of a football cliché, but South was beaten by a better team yesterday — a far superior, slick combination.

Testimony to its domination was a paralysing eight goal second-quarter blitz, followed by a nine goal effort in the third and a burst of eight more goals in the final 30-odd minutes.

Lots of talent in Tiger lair

But still coach Graham Cornes wasn't happy, claiming Glenelg's effort and the day in general was nothing to dwell on.

To be sure, there is just too much talent and toughness evident in the Tiger lair to think the club won't play an enormous role in the major round come September.

Almost all its players contributed yesterday, while sadly South paled into insignificance.

Spearhead John Fidge was the first link in an impressive chain, the origin of which started deep in the Tiger's defence.

The tall, powerful full forward finished with 9.7

WHAT THE COACHES SAID

GRAHAM CORNES (Glenelg): "South was spirited early as we expected it would be, but it wasn't able to sustain it. It wasn't a day to dwell on. I didn't think we played that well."

JOHN REID (South): "There are no excuses. We've got a responsibility to do better. It was the end of a pretty ordinary week."

Footypunt

| Game | Central | Marg. | TAB No | Div |
|------|---------|-------|--------|---------|
| 1 | Central | 81-90 | 9 | \$52.35 |
| 2 | Glenelg | 91+ | 10 | \$ 1.85 |
| 3 | Port | 31-40 | 4 | \$ 3.25 |

FOOTY TREBLE
TAB nos. — 9, 10, 4 — \$35,893.60
Winners: Central, Glenelg, Port.



and just as easily could have booted 13 goals.

And what about promising young Matthew Liptak — one of the best — and bravest yesterday?

He gathered 24 kicks and 18 handballs to send his side into attack repeatedly.

In fact, after quarter time, the ball was spirited up forward so often it became monotonous.

But it was through the centre of Glenelg Oval that the Tigers wrought their greatest havoc.

Tony Symonds on his wing was brilliant, gathering numerous touches, Gary Christie, playing his 150th league game, had a big influence in ruck and then there was the likes of Peter Maynard and Chris McDermott in the Tiger engine room.

The Glenelg defence was constantly nagging and harassing.

Robbie Thompson played superbly across half-back, Lynden Bow was another who interrupted the South flow repeatedly while Ross Gibbs even managed a goal from the backlines — if in fact he was in defence!

South was just very ordinary yesterday — a hiding it hasn't experienced for sometime.

But Panther full forward David Stoeckel was magnificent, finishing with 8.2 out of his side's total of 11.7.

He marked superbly all day and easily had the better of recruit Craig Elias who played so well against Port Adelaide spearhead Scott Hodges last Monday.

Another who can hold his head high is defender Nigel Smart, a player of immense talent who has enjoyed a great start to the season.

Thereafter South just struggled.