

# West's match in five-minute blitz

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The first five minutes of yesterday's clash at Football Park gave West Adelaide the confidence to win and pushed Glenelg into a position from which, ultimately, it could not recover.

We are talking five minutes of quality, inspirational footy that was good enough to set the scene for a stunning 16.5 (101) to 14.9 (93) upset.

It was raining, visibility was poor — and West played like a team of superstars in that first 300 seconds!

Glenelg went into the match forewarned that West was on the verge of causing a boilover after it had beaten Norwood and narrowly lost to Port in the previous two weekends.

But no-one could have expected the kind of initial burst the Bloods were able to produce yesterday.

Just before time-on of the first quarter, West led 8.1 to 1.0. The first five minutes produced four of those goals.

"I'm very disappointed," said Glenelg coach Kym Hodgeman after the game.

"What I asked for at the start of the game was for our players to play in front.

"In the first five minutes they (West) kicked four goals — their key position players were in front, and it was very telling.

"If they (Glenelg players) learned something from it, well and good.

"It's a costly lesson but they know that.

"At least they didn't throw in the towel and I'm pleased with that."

WEST	8.1	9.3	15.4	16.5	(101)
GLENELG	2.1	3.5	7.6	14.9	(93)

**SCORERS — West:** Banfield 3.1, Winton, Morris 3.0, Simpson, O'Donohue 2.0, Patterson 1.1, Ravesi, Rehn 1.0, Grosser 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Glenelg:** Elias 3.0, Hele 2.2, Russell, Barton 2.0, Symonds 1.3, Mansell, Seeborn 1.1, Gepp, Hauth 1.0, Chigwidden 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**BEST — West:** Banfield, Carlson, Goss, Ravesi, Rehn, Morris. **Glenelg:** Chigwidden, Elias, Bartlett, Hele, Martin, Battiston.

**INJURIES — West:** Kennedy (hamstring). **Glenelg:** Christie (knee).

**UMPIRES:** Laurie Argent, Mark Barnett.

**CROWD:** 2878.

West's explosive start was sparked by on-ball playmakers Peter Banfield and Phillip Morris while wingman Michael Kennedy also generated enormous drive.

Unfortunately for West Kennedy had to leave the field in the second term with a hamstring strain but he had been in brilliant touch until then.

Brian Winton also started like a steamtrain with three goals in the opening quarter, until Allan Bartlett was shifted on to him at the 19 minute mark. He earned only one more kick for the rest of the match.

Banfield was unbeatable all day and his 30 kicks, eight handballs and three goals hurt Glenelg immeasurably.

West had the breeze in the first term and it was obvious Glenelg had to hit back in the second term after trailing 2.1 to 8.1. But West would not allow it.

The main stumbling block in that stanza was wingman Darren Carlson who picked up 11 kicks and three handballs — twice as many stats as any team-mate.

He stood out, but again West combined brilliantly. It was hard going against the breeze but the

Bloods doggedly stuck to their task.

Glenelg had plenty of the ball in the first half, but under the intense pressure West was applying, it could not establish any sort of pattern.

It also could not penetrate the committed West defence, superbly led by full back Glen Goss and Paul Ravesi.

The Bays trailed 3.5 to 9.3 at half-time.

Banfield was great in the first half — and even better in the second, when he picked up the majority of his possessions.

He combined well with the dominant ruckman on the field, Shaun Rehn, to be the main motivating force. But again it was teamwork and a spirited resolve to attack the footy that continually drove West forward.

Six individual goalscorers found the mark for West in the third term while Glenelg at last started to show some signs of fighting back by booting four into the breeze.

But the damage was done. By three-quarter time, West led 15.4 to 7.6.

Remarkably, Glenelg went close

to stealing the game in the run home.

With Simon Hele (beaten by Carlson in the first half and shifted to a roving role) and Adrian Battiston picking up kicks all over the ground, Glenelg slammed home 7.3 to 1.1 in the final quarter to lose by just eight points.

Rover Nick Chigwidden was outstanding for Glenelg, for the entire match, while Craig Elias, Bartlett, Hele, Eric Martin and Battiston also did well.

West coach Kevin Morris didn't seem surprised by the end result.

"We've played pretty good footy the last three weeks," he said.

"And they were confident they could win this.

"We put the ideas in motion and they carried it out."

Morris was pleased with the attack on the footy. Because they had so much of it, particularly early, they were able to grow in confidence.

That confidence brought about an uncanny skill level, given the conditions, and to kick 8.1 in the rain during the opening term was almost a knock-out blow to Glenelg in itself.

But West did not rest after that initial outburst. It set up the win early, but ensured victory with great efforts in the second and third terms.

Glenelg had to replace Clayton Lamb (ankle) before the match when he failed to prove his fitness. He is expected to be sidelined for two weeks (or one game, as Glenelg has the bye after next weekend) and ruckman Gary Christie has a strained knee that will have to be examined properly today.

## SANFL PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	F	A	P.c.	Pts
North	8	2	1275	841	60.25	16
South	7	3	1233	955	56.35	14
Glenelg	6	4	1162	1049	52.55	12
Port	6	4	920	911	50.24	12
Eagles *	6	3	882	891	49.75	12
Central	3	6	799	852	48.39	6
West	3	7	869	1073	44.74	6
Sturt	3	7	852	1119	43.23	6
Norwood	2	8	842	1143	42.42	4

\* Denotes bye in 11th round

STURT	3.3	6.7	7.10	8.13	(61)
CENTRAL	2.2	3.4	7.7	8.11	(59)

**SCORERS: Sturt —** Schoell 2.1, Gask 1.2, Robinson, Paynter, Stevenson, Johns, Judd 1.0, Field, Bower, Argus 0.2, Graham, Welsby, Reid 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Central —** Mandemaker 4.1, Hicks 1.1, Schwerdt, Lynn, Coffee 1.0, Platten, Stevens 0.2, Chaplin 0.1, rushed 0.4.

**BEST: Sturt —** Richter, Stevenson, Paynter, Lienert, Schoell, Robinson. **Central —** Platten, Mandemaker, Allen, Chaplin, Schwerdt, Coffee.

**INJURIES: Sturt —** Reid (hamstring), Bubner (hamstring), Paynter (stitched forehead), Johns (stitched forehead), Bower (stitched head).

**UMPIRES:** David Elliott, Jeff Jeanes.

**CROWD:** 1740.

SOUTH	7.4	11.6	14.8	18.8	(116)
NORWOOD	1.2	4.4	4.10	6.14	(50)

**SCORERS — South:** Schmid 4.2, Brockhurst, Trevena, Troy 2.1, Kappler 2.0, Dewhurst 1.1, Winton, Heath, Naley, Page, Cameron 1.0, Dillon 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Norwood:** McNeil 2.3, Payne 2.0, Visser 1.2, Edmonds 1.0, Ross 0.2, Zealand, Thomas, Stevens 0.1, rushed 0.4.

**BEST — South:** Brockhurst, Battams, Naley, McCarty, Grummet, Heath, Dillon, Kappler, Trevena. **Norwood:** Thomas, Stevens, Visser.

**UMPIRES —** Rick Kinnear, Tim Pfeiffer.

**CROWD —** 2975.

NORTH	4.0	8.0	9.1	13.8	(86)
PORT	5.2	6.4	10.5	12.6	(78)

**SCORERS — North:** Dittmar, Hamilton 3.0, Bennett, Redden 2.0, Sims 1.1, Krieg, Marshall 1.0, Sanders, Saliba, Riley, Parsons 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Port:** P. Williams 2.1, McKay, Hutton 2.0, Ginever, Borlase 1.1, S. Williams, Mahney Brown, Northeast 1.0, rushed 0.3.

**BEST — North:** Sims, Sanders, Redden, Klomp, Saunders, Barratt, Marshall, Tasker. **Port:** Smallridge, Northeast, Hutton, McKay.

**INJURIES — North:** Ryan (back) withdrew before game, Burton (hamstring). **Port:** Fiacchi (kick on left elbow), Phillips (left calf strain), Boyd (laceration below left knee).

**UMPIRES —** Michael Abbott, Ron Bettridge.

**CROWD —** 4083.