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Eagles hunt Port

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Two down, one to go. That's the message the Eagles fired at reigning premier Port Adelaide in yesterday's crushing 37-point win against Glenelg at Football Park.

Anyone who was prepared to write-off the Eagles following the club's triple run of outs against North, Glenelg and Port back in May must now have second thoughts.

North felt the sting of the new Eagles a week ago and yesterday it was Glenelg's turn to discover why the Eagles are being touted as a genuine premiership threat.

Next Saturday they will be gunning for Port — at the home of the Magpie, Alberton Oval.

The Eagles were at times arrogant, at times brutal in their dismissal of Glenelg, coasting to a 19.18 (132) to 14.11 (95) victory.

From midway through the first term until late in the third quarter 19 goals were scored, with the Eagles booting 16 of them.

Scott Morphett led the way with eight goals for the victors, rocketing himself to the head of the South Australian National Football League goalkicking list.

Glenelg's cause was not helped when its goalsneak, John Fidge, EAGLES 3.6 10.9 16.15 19.18 (132) GLENELG 4.2 6.6 9.7 14.11 (95)

SCORERS — Eagles: Morphett 8.4, Neave 4.2, James 2.0, Payze 1.2, Prymke 1.1, Negri, Pyman, McCarthy 1.0, Maynard 0.2, Totham 0.1, rushed 0.6. Glenelg: Russell 4.3, Fidge 3.2, Mansell, Bromilow 2.1, Viska, Gibbs, Chigwidden 1.0, Hauth, Salisbury, Donovan 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST — Eagles: Morphett, Payze, Klemm, Neave, Maynard, Lynch, Fuller, Negri. Glenelg: Mansell, McIntosh, Russell, Bromilow, Symonds.

INJURIES — Gleneig: Fidge (knee), Elias (late withdrawal from team, groin).

UMPIRES: Laurie Argent, Rick Kinnear. CROWD: 6559.

had to leave the field with a knee injury during the third term. With him sidelined, there was no hope of a stirring comeback like Glenelg was able to muster the week before against Central, when it snatched a dramatic six-point win.

Fidge injured his left knee, but it is not thought to be serious. However, he did appear hampered by an injured right hand during the match, something that affected his ability to contest overhead marks.

Glenelg booted the first four goals of the match, but thereafter was forced out of the contest by Eagle players determined to win the hard ball.

"When the pressure was applied after the 15-minute mark, we had players who did go missing," Glenelg coach Kym Hodgeman said.

"You can't say anything about the umpires and you definitely can't say anything about them today.

"But credit to the on-ball players of the Eagles, players like Peter Maynard, Darren Klemm, Ron Fuller, Stuart Totham and Simon Neave — when the pressure was on, they were there.

"It's a mind game. They (Glenelg players) are not tough enough mentally.

"I don't think we know how to play the mind game of football. Under pressure they panicked.

"The Eagles were so much better under pressure. But it's a learning experience for the younger guys."

Hodgeman surprisingly was not fazed by the fact West Adelaide's

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win against South Adelaide has jeopardised Glenelg's hold on a position in the top five. West now trails Glenelg by just one game plus percentage.

"That just makes the players realise it is going to be a tough season. The next three or four weeks will determine if we make the finals," Hodgeman said.

"I don't just want to stay in the top five — the top three is not an impossible task and we will keep persevering to do that.

"We have to keep persevering to keep at it."

Hodgeman said there were some bright aspects of the performance, especially the effort by Darren Mansell, who was close to best on ground, and Hodgeman is adamant: "The skills are there, just not over four quarters."

The Eagle defence was outstanding. Robert Lynch barely allowed his opponents a kick all day, Damian Meade was at his rugged, rebounding best, Garry Haylock and Paul McInneny were effective while key backmen Rob Trkula and Jason Spehr gave good service for most of the game.

Across centre, Andrew Payze and Fuller added a touch of class to their many possessions and on-ballers Maynard, playing against the club that sacked him last year, acting captain Klemm and Neave were unbeatable.

They benefited from a solid ruck effort by Romano Negri.

In an attack dominated by Morphett, seven other players also made it on to the goalkicking list.

"We've knocked two of them off, now there's one to go," was the only reference Eagles coach Neil Balme would make to the triple disaster of May. Balme has maintained you can only take one game at a time ... yesterday is forgotten and the Eagles' most important

happens to be against Port.

"They looked a little unsure of themselves early. There were a couple of balls they should have gone for but didn't," Balme said.

"They very much now are play-

match is their next one, which just

"They very much now are playing as a team, learning what the next bloke is doing.

"I was not happy with the last quarter (when outscored 3.3 to 5.4). They didn't want to work and didn't kill them off. But we were playing one of the contenders for our spot and we beat them."

It was an impressive win, with the Eagles prepared to do the hard work — and being rewarded for it.

It also was a timely reminder to old Torrens and Woodville fans that the time may be ripe to sign up as members of the new Eagles. The club is having an open night at the Oval Av clubhouse from 6-8pm on Thursday to try to convince those wavering about whether or not to lend their support to the new team that this may be the year of the Eagle.

P.C. Pts 22 22 20 20 16 1848 South 1405 56.81 Eagles North 1360 52.01 1734 1261 57.90 53.69 50.06 Port ' 1470 1268 1606 Gleneig 1612 West 1359 1442 48.52 14 Central 1291 1517 45.98 Norwood 44.40 1573 Sturt * Denotes bye in 17th series

SANFL PREMIERSHIP TABLE

SA goalkickers

	Rd 17	Total
S. Morphett (Eagles)	8	57
J. Stevenson (Sturt)	1	54
R. Mandemaker (Central)	-	41
M. Dittmar (North)	-	40
S. Schmid (South)	-	32
D. Payne (Norwood)	1	32
S. Sims (North)	4	29
P. Bennett (North)	1	28
G. Cameron (South)	2	28
G. Mellor (West)	4	26
N. Chigwidden (Gleneig)	1	27

SA draw

18th SERIES — Seturday — FOOTBALL PARK: Norwood v West. ADELAIDE OVAL: Sturt v Gleneig. ALBERTON OVAL: Port v Eagles. PROSPECT OVAL: North v Central. South bye.

Crowds

	0.50
Football Park	6559
Adelaide Oval	3595
Elizabeth Oval	3053
Prospect Oval	2693
Total	15,900

CENTRAL	2.3	5.5	11.9	13.10	(88)
NORWOOD		5.7	7.10	11.14	(80)
SCORERS — Ce	ntrel: Lyni	13.3, In	gerson 2.1	Chaplin, F	locking,

Sutton 2.0, Girdham, Lounder 1.0, Coffee 0.3, Platten 0.2, Holmes 0.1. Norwood: Ducker 6.0, McIntosh 2.0, Murdoch, Rowe 1.1, Payne 1.0, Aish 0.3, Fosdike, Signoriello 0.2, Thomas, Warhurst 0.1, rushed 0.3.

BEST — Central: Girdham, Ingerson, Holmes, Lynn, Chaplin, Coffee, Handley, Platten. Norwood: McIntosh, Rowe, Tanner, Ducker, Fosdike, Ryan.

INJURIES — Central: Lynn (strained hamstring), Holmes (bruised knee). Norwood: Scanlon (ankle), Rowe (knee).
UMPIRES — Kevin Chambers, Mark Mackie.

CROWD — 3053

EAGLES				PHEES								
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MORPHETT	3	5	4	5	17	13	2	1		8	4	
McCARTHY	1	2		1	4	5	4			1		5
NEAVE	7	3	5	1	16	6	8	1		4	2	
JAMES	2	2	4	3	11	3	8	2		2		
PRYMKE	4	1	1		6	7	6		1	1	1	5
TOTHAM	2	2	4	1	9	2	10		2		1	1
PAYZE	6	8	5	8	27	4	5	1	4	1	2	
FULLER	2	4	4		10	2	12	1				
PYMAN	6	3	2	4	15	2	5	1	2	1		
MINNENY	2	1		2	5	1	2	1				
SPEHR	2	4	5	.4	15	4	9	1	1			
MEADE	3	4	1	1	9	3	9	2				
HAYLOCK	1	2	3	4	10	1	7					
TRKULA	1				1		4	1	1			
LYNCH		1	2	1	4	1	10		1			
NEGRI	2	4			6	7	6	1		1		13
MAYNARD	4	6	9	3	22	4	7	1	1		2	
KLEMM	5	8	5	1	19	7	12					
GEYER, S.				1	1		2					
O'DWYER							1					
TOTAL	53	60	54	40	207	72	129	14	13	19	18	24

GLENELG	KICKS						0.0000	FREES			20.000	
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL		HAS	FOR	AG	GLE	BHS	HC
MANSELL	2	5	6	9	20	11	10			2	1	
FIDGE	1	4	1		6	4	2			3	2	
BATTISTON		4		1	5		5					
ROUVRAY	2			1	3	2						
RUSSELL	3	1	4	6	14	7	2	1	1	4	3	
LAMB	2				2	1	6	1	2			
SYMONDS			7	10	17	3	5	1				1
HAUTH			2	1	3	2	3		1		1	
HELE	4	5	2	3	14	2	1	1				
VISKA	1	1	1	1	4		3			1		
McINTOSH	4	3	5	6	18	8						
THOMPSON	5	2	1	1	9	1	4	1	1			
BROMILOW	4	2	1	4	11	6	7	1	1	2	1	
SEEBOHM	1	4	1		3	1	2	1		-		1
GIBBS	4	5	2	1	12	6		1	1	1		
McCULLY	1		1		2	3	6		1			16
SALISBURY	2	2	3		7	3	8	2	4		1	
CHIGWIDDEN	3	3	1	3	10	1	13	2	2	1		
DONOVAN		2	2	1	5	1	5	1				
REUBENICHT	3	4	1	1	9	5	6				1	
TOTAL	42	44	41	47	174	67	88	13	14	14	11	18



LAST LAUGH... Peter Maynard, sacked by Glenelg after last season, helped bring about the downfall of his former team-mates with a fine game at Football Park yesterday.

Picture: NEON MARTIN

NORTH 5.7 10.10 12.12 21.15 (141) 1.3 4.4 5.7 6.8 (44) SCORERS — North Adelaide: Burton 5.3, Sims 4.2, Parsons 3.2, Sanders 2.0, Savage 2.0, Hamilton 1.1, Klomp 1.1, Bennett 1.0, Marshall 1.0, Perkins 1.0, Squire 0.1, Sallba 0.1, Barratt 0.1, rushed 0.3. Sturt: Sutterby 1.2, Stevenson 1.1, Bower 1.0, Schoell 1.0,

BEST — North Adelaide: Klomp, Sims, Burton, Hamilton, Krieg, Marshall, Sanders. Sturt: Paynter, Schoell, Judd, Lienert, Johns, Sutterby.

Williams 1.0, Field 1.0, Brookes 0.1, Graham 0.1, Johns 0.1, rushed

INJURIES — North: Bennett, Squire, Ryan (all stitches for head cuts).

CROWD - 2693.

WEST 4.2 8.6 9.9 14.10 (94)
SOUTH 1.3 5.4 8.6 10.10 (70)
SCORERS: West — Mellor 4.0, Morris 2.2, Fogden, Banfield 2.0,
Patterson 1.2, Byrne, Carlson, Gribble 1.0, Grosser 0.4, Ravesi 0.1,
rushed 0.1; South — Bone, Cameron 2.1, Stoeckel 1.1, Trevena,
Grummet, Dewhirst, Naley, Winton 1.0, Page 0.2, rushed 0.5.

BEST: West — Carlson, Ravesi, Patterson, Rehn, Banfield, Gribble, Kennedy; **South** — Trevena, McCarty, Schmid, Stoeckel, Brockhurst.

UMPIRES: M. Barnett, L. Harrison.

CROWD: 3595.