

Runaway Bays blaze to top of ladder

GLENELG	5.3	10.7	19.10	21.15	(141)
SOUTH	3.4	7.8	11.10	17.16	(118)

SCORERS — Glenelg: Chigwidden 5.1, Russell 5.0, Murphy 3.3, Rouvray, Liptak 2.0, Mansell, Hallahan, Jameson 1.1, Salisbury 1.0, Lamb, Symonds 0.2, Christie 0.1, rushed 0.3. **South:** Page 4.0, Woodlands, Schmid 3.3, Grummet 3.1, Bickley 1.3, Heath, Troy, Naley 1.1, Stoeckel 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST — Glenelg: Chigwidden, Jameson, Christie, Russell, Hele, McIntosh, Liptak. **South:** Bone, Page, Schmid, Kappler, Bennett, Heath.

INJURIES — Glenelg: Hallahan (suspected broken collarbone), Reubenich (broken finger).

UMPIRES: Michael Abbott, Richard Williams.

CROWD: 4651.

An electrifying third quarter blitz by Glenelg smashed South Adelaide out of contention in last night's round three contest at Football Park.

A sensational nine-goal spree, sparked by live-wire rover Nick Chigwidden, was enough to maintain Glenelg's unbeaten run at the head of the South Australian National Football League premiership table.

But Bay coach Kym Hodgeman still was reserved after the 21.15 (141) to 17.16 (118) triumph.

His players will be back on the training track tonight even though Glenelg has the bye this weekend. That's because Glenelg has two tough games coming up within four days of each other — against North on April 21 and against Port on April 25.

"It was a great win in the end and what I was pleased about was their level of concentration and discipline," said Hodgeman.

"We set it up for ourselves in the second quarter when we got a four goal break. Some may say it was the third term, but I asked for more concentration and discipline in the second quarter and they gave it.

"They were in first for the ball and gave team-mates heaps of opportunities and our conversion rate was much better this week.

"But it's only three games in and although it's pleasing to win them

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we have to work hard and get physically fit for the North and Port games."

Glenelg players knew at half-time they were in for a long night when Paul Hallahan (suspected broken collarbone) and Grant Reubenich (broken finger) were sidelined for the rest of the match.

But they rallied — none more so than Chigwidden who covered for the loss of Hallahan with a powerful display as rover.

Not only did he kick five goals, but every time he got the ball (he picked up 28 possessions) he did something useful with it.

South coach John Reid was disappointed with the workrate out of the centre square, particularly in the first and third terms when Glenelg ran riot.

"Glenelg ran harder, crumbed better and had more numbers at the fall of the ball," he said.

"So often it was three against two or two against one. I'm buggered if I know how we got within 23 points of them."

South managed to add some respectability to the scoreline by persisting against the odds.

Young Randall Bone, who was playing under-17s last year and last night made only his second league appearance, was outstanding at centre half-back.

However, Bone's more seasoned opponent, Michael Murphy, hit back with three goals in the second half.

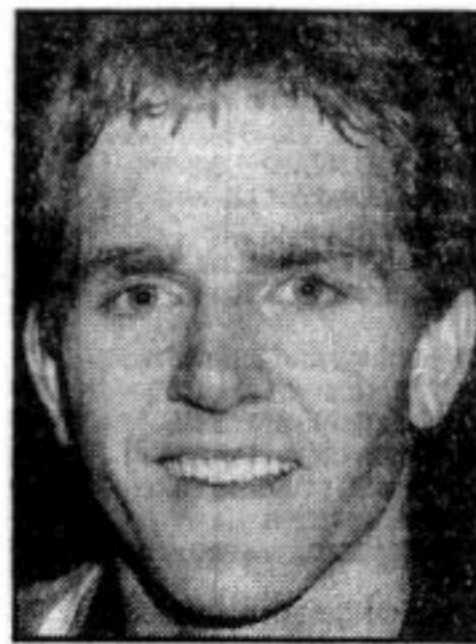
Paul Page booted four goals and Craig Woodlands, Steven Schmid and Mac Grummet chipped in with three apiece.

But Glenelg snatched an early lead and never looked likely to surrender its hold on the match.

It started sensationally with Matthew Liptak picking up kicks at will, while centreman Rod Jameson and rover Hallahan also did as they pleased.

However Liptak faded out of the game and South captain Michael Bennett managed to curtail Jameson in the second half.

But the damage had been done. And Glenelg had more players ready to pick up where others left off.



Michael Murphy

intelligent, attacking drives and polished conversion.

The end result was a great advertisement for local football.

The game was hard-fought and provided plenty of fast-paced action.

But Glenelg spoiled the ending

30 minutes early with that scintillating third term.

In less than 15 minutes, it piled on seven goals without a miss.

Time and time again it rushed the ball out of the centre square and had eager forwards waiting to punish South.

Five goals to Chigwidden and full forward Mark Russell showed their contribution, while Murphy also deserved plaudits for the way he lifted in the second half, when he registered his three goals.

While it is early days, Glenelg appears to have a formidable team.

It perhaps started underdog last night against the reigning Foundation Cup premier, but it settled into its task quickly and professionally.

There was no drama or flashy football — just honest, disciplined passages of play that applied pressure on South for four quarters.

In the under-17s curtain-raiser, South Adelaide defeated Glenelg by 11 points — 10.10 (70) to 8.11 (59).



Nick Chigwidden

Although ruckmen Gary Christie (Glenelg) and Daryl Heath had an absorbing tussle, Glenelg's run-on players were far too sharp at the fall of the ball.

Quick, alert and team-oriented, they destroyed South with their



CATCH ME IF YOU CAN ... Glenelg full forward Mark Russell eludes South Adelaide full back Andrew Brockhurst at Football Park last night. David Kappler (South) and Tony Symonds (Glenelg) lend support. **Picture: MARK BRAKE**

GLENELG	KICKS				TOTAL	FREES					
	1	2	3	4		M	B	FOR	AG		
MANSSELL			5	5	10	2	5	2		1	1
MURPHY	4	3	2	4	13	8	9			3	3
CHIGWIDDEN	3	5	9	2	19	3	9			5	1
SYMONDS	1	3	2	2	8	2	7	1	2	2	1
LAMB	2	1	4	2	9	2	6	1	2	2	
MCINTOSH	2	3			5	3	4				
BOW	2	3	2	1	8	1	8				
SALISBURY	5	2	1	3	11	2	9	1	2	1	
MCKAY	1	2	1		4	2	7	1	1		
JAMESON	6	7	2	1	16	4	8	2		1	1
SEEBOHM	2	1			3	5	4	9	1	2	
RUSSELL	2	1	2		5	2	2	1	2	5	
GIBBS	3	4	5	4	16	7	6				
HELE	3	7	8	4	22	2	1	2			
GEPP	1	2	1	4	8	3	8		1		
CHRISTIE	2	4	4	4	14	7	2		1	1	16
ROUVRAY		1	3	4	8	1	4			2	
LIPTAK	8	1	3	3	15	1	13		2	2	
REUBENICH	2	1			3	1	3				
HALLAHAN	7				7	3	4			1	1
TOTAL	55	50	55	45	205	60	124	12	15	21	15

SOUTH	KICKS				TOTAL	FREES					
	1	2	3	4		M	B	FOR	AG		
WOODLANDS	2	4			6	6	6			3	3
SCHMID	3	3	3	3	12	8	4	2	1	3	3
CAMERON	3	2	1		6	2	3	1	1		
HEWITT	8	3			11	12	3	2			
STOECKEL	2	1	1	2	6	6	5	1			1
NALEY	1	6	2	5	14	1	2	1		1	1
PAGE	3	5	2	3	13	5	5		2	4	
TROY	2	10	3	5	20	7	10			1	1
BATTAMS	1	2	3	6	12	1					
DILLON	4	1	3	2	10	2	7	1			1
BONE	2	6	5	2	15	10	5	3			5
KAPPLER	3	3	2	6	14	1	4	2	1		
MCCARTY	5	3	3		11	6	2	1	2		
BROCKHURST	4	1	3		8	3	4	1	1		
GRUMMET	2		5	5	12	5	4			3	1
HEATH	3	1	3	7	14	5	2			1	1
BENNETT	2	2			4	6	5	7		2	
BICKLEY	3	3	3	4	13	7	13	1	2	1	3
DEWHIRST			1	2	3	1	9	1			
BRAIN	3	4	3	10	20	1	1				
TOTAL	50	59	44	54	207	84	96	15	12	17	18

Premiership table

	W	L	D	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Glenelg	3	-	-	393	270	59.28	6
Eagles	2	-	-	228	151	60.15	4
North	2	1	-	355	274	56.44	4
Port	2	1	-	276	266	50.92	4
Central	1	1	-	198	173	53.37	2
South	1	2	-	386	346	52.73	2
Norwood	1	2	-	267	394	40.39	2
West	-	3	-	235	362	39.36	-
Sturt*	-	2	-	167	269	38.30	-

* Denotes bye

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Jameson boosts Bay hopes

By LAWRIE McCAULEY

Glenelg fans had good reason to celebrate after switching on the television at 1.30 yesterday afternoon.

The televised game between the Adelaide Crows and Sydney Swans was incidental — although it was good to see the Crows win.

What was more important for Glenelg, in light of tonight's game against South Adelaide from 8pm at Football Park, was that Rod Jameson didn't run out onto the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Glenelg officials knew that if it was a wet day in Sydney, Jameson would have played. A dry day meant Glenelg team-mate Allan Bartlett would get a run.

But those at the Bay were more concerned about the other option available to Crows' coach Graham Cornes — playing Jameson AND Bartlett and not taking a risk with Bruce Lindner.

Lindner, who was under an injury cloud with a hamstring strain, started the match but finished on the interchange bench.

Glenelg needs all the help it can get for tonight's big clash against a very powerful Panther outfit.

It has made three changes to the side that beat West Adelaide by 19

SOUTH v GLENELG
Football Park, 8pm

South Adelaide
F: Woodlands, Schmid, Cameron.
HF: Hewitt, Stoeckel, Naley.
C: Page, Troy, Battams.
HB: Dillon, Bone, Kappler.
B: McCarty, Brockhurst, Grummet.
1R: Heath, Bennett, Bickley.
Inter: Dewhurst, Brain.
Unchanged.

Glenelg
From: Mansell, Gibbs, McIntosh, Hele, Lamb, McKay, Symonds, Russell, Bow, Murphy, Chigwidden, Christie, Liptak, Reubenich, Seebohm, Hallahan, Jameson, Salisbury, Rouvray, Gepp.
In: Mansell, Reubenich, Murphy.
Out: Barton, Elias, Thornborrow.

points nine days ago.

Craig Elias, Michael Barton and Wayne Thornborrow were dropped back to the reserves on Saturday and all three did their best to prove selectors wrong.

Barton kicked six goals, Thornborrow five and Elias four to rank as the best three on the ground.

But Glenelg, which is sitting at the top of the premiership table, opted to pick Darren Mansell and Grant Reubenich — as well as slotting Michael Murphy back into the side from the Crows.

The Crows certainly have a way of interfering with Glenelg's planning. South, on the other hand, has not had such a problem, with only Nigel Smart lining up in the

Australian Football League premiership season so far.

South's side is unchanged from the one that demolished Norwood by 71 points in round two. Settled, confident and, as the Foundation Cup premier, a recognised force in night football conditions. That spells trouble for Glenelg.

So does the three-pronged South attack that has netted Steven Schmid (eight), Craid Woodlands (eight) and David Stoeckel (seven) 23 goals between them in the first two rounds.

Glenelg is at the top of the premiership table after big wins against Norwood and West — but South should prove too strong tonight.