

South still a force



Football Park

EAGLES 2.1 6.4 12.8 17.10 (112)
West 4.4 6.5 7.9 9.11 (65)

BEST - EAGLES: Niemann, Pyman, Neave, Geyer, Bulluss, Spehr, Morphett, Schwarz, S. Sziller. WEST: Fogden, Fitzsimmons, Banfield.

SCORERS - EAGLES: Niemann 8.0, Morphett, Neave, S. Sziller 2.0, Taylor 1.4, Phillipou 1.2, Klømm 1.0, Schwarz, Pesch 0.1, rushed 0.2. WEST: Byrne 3.0, Fitzsimmons, Mellor 1.1, Deptula, Patterson, Sim, Banfield 1.0, Morris 0.2, Simpson, Carlson, Fielke, Kerr, Colbey 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES - Mark Westgarth, Richard Williams.

Adelaide Oval

SOUTH 6.4 9.6 13.9 17.15 (117)
Glenelg 3.5 5.8 11.8 13.11 (89)

BEST - SOUTH: Clarke, Naley, Bone, Heath, Trevena, Cameron, Grummet, Koster. GLENELG: Mansell, Flower, Fidge, Duthy, Hallahan, Kretschmer, Seeböhm. GOALS - SOUTH: Mills 4.0, Bone 3.3, Naley, Heath, Stoeckel 2.0, Trevena 1.3, Battams 1.1, Cameron, Clarke 1.0, Troy, Brain, Koster 0.1, rushed 0.5. GLENELG: Fidge 7.2, Hallahan 2.1, Kretschmer 2.0, Chigwidden 1.1, Bow 1.0, Russell, McGuinness, Salisbury 0.2, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES - David Elliott, Craig Doddridge.

Elizabeth Oval

CENTRAL 5.4 16.7 21.9 24.12 (156)
Sturt 0.5 1.7 2.12 5.15 (45)

BEST - CENTRAL: Ingerson, Coffee, Hocking, Abbott, Girdham, Stevens, Sutton, Chaplin, Lynn, Geister. STURT: Paynter, Viney, Stevenson.

GOALS - CENTRAL: Coffee 8.3, Sutton 6.0, Handley 3.5, Hocking 2.0, Mandemaker 1.2, Tongerie, Reimers, Green, Cummings 1.0, rushed 0.2. STURT: Schaefer 2.1, Field 1.2, Arnol 1.1, Tanner 1.0, Gask 0.2, Kitschke, Obst, Russell, Bagshaw 0.1, rushed 0.5.

UMPIRES: Laurie Argent, Mark Mackie.

Football Park

PORT 8.2 13.3 18.4 21.8 (134)
North 2.3 8.2 9.11 14.16 (100)

BEST - PORT: Buckley, Hutton, Delaney, Hughes, Abernethy, D. Smith, M. Williams, Northeast. NORTH: Atkinson, Mancini, Sanders, Barratt, Gerke.

SCORERS - PORT: Abernethy, D. Smith 4.0, Borlase, Brown 3.1, Tylor 3.0, Hutton 2.1, R. Smith, Buckley 1.0, M. Williams 0.2, Bond 0.1, rushed 0.2. NORTH: Mancini 3.3, Atkinson 3.2, Sims 3.0, Klomp 2.1, Holland 2.0, Hamilton 1.3, Perkins, Krieg, Parsons, Bennett 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES - PORT: R. Smith (thigh), Tylor (ankle), Abernethy (thigh). NORTH: Redden (severely winded), Ryan (ankle).

UMPIRES - Kevin Chambers, Tim Pfeiffer. ends

SA ladder

Table with columns: Team, W, L, D, F, A, %, Pts. Lists teams like PORT, EAGLES, GLENELG, NORTH, WEST, South, Norwood*, Central, Sturt, * Bye.

SA goalkickers

Table with columns: Player, Games, Rd 18, Total. Lists players like M. Tylor (Port), S. Morphett (Eagles), M. Jones (Norwood), M. Russell (Glenelg), C. Lamb (Glenelg), T. Modra (West), G. Molloy (Norwood), D. Borlase (Port), C. Burton (North).

SA crowds

Table with columns: Venue, Total. Lists Adelaide Oval, Elizabeth Oval, Prospect Oval, Total.

SA draw

Round 20: Saturday - North Adelaide v. South Adelaide, Eagles v. Glenelg (Football Park), double header, Sturt v. Norwood (Adelaide), Port Adelaide v. West Adelaide (Alberton). Bye - Central District.

By Lawrie McCauley

South Adelaide is back in business ... delivering a strong message to the top five clubs that it is still in this year's race for a spot in the major round.

The Panthers brushed aside Glenelg to score a convincing 28-point win at Adelaide Oval yesterday, 17.15 (117) to 13.11 (89).

Its big-man strength and ferocious attack on the footy proved too much for Glenelg. The win stamps South as a real threat in the remaining weeks of the minor round.

The win puts South just one win plus percentage out of the top five, with critical games coming up in the next fortnight against North, West, Sturt, bye, Norwood and the Eagles.

"It was a good, strong team effort," South coach John Reid said. "The final five will be determined at the end of the

minor round. We can't worry about that now. We have to play each game and see what happens."

The Panthers' Matthew Clarke and Daryl Heath were important contributors in ruck and attack and Mark Naley was sensational in and around the packs, assisted by Gary Cameron and Trent Mills.

Randall Bone found some lost form, first in defence and then when moved closer to goal; Darren Trevena was a work-horse from his half-forward flank; and, defenders Mac Grummet, Matthew Rogers, Paul Page and Michael Bennett stood out.

Mills was given a chance to prove himself in a roving role when Andrew Osborn was a late withdrawal with 'flu. He booted four goals.

South led by 17 points at quarter time and 22 points at the long break. But Glenelg hit back with five goals to snatch the lead early in the third.

Trailing by seven points, South had to find something special. It was able to do so - and in the process chalked up win number three on the trot (following wins against Port and Central). Not bad for a team that prior to those three victories had lost eight of its previous nine games!

Glenelg coach Kym Hodgeman classified the loss as a "slight hiccup".

"No doubt their (South) commitment level was higher than ours," he said.

Darren Mansell was a winner at centre, Campbell Flower was impressive on his wing, John Fidge booted seven goals and Chris Duthy was solid in defence.

South player statistics table including Kicks, Marks, Handballs, Frees, Scores, Hit, Tackles.

Glenelg player statistics table including Kicks, Marks, Handballs, Frees, Scores, Hit, Tackles.

Reserves

Table with columns: Team, W, L, D, F, A, %, Pts. Lists GLENELG South, BEST - GLENELG, SOUTH.