

Football Park

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| NORWOOD | 2.6 | 5.9 | 9.10 | 12.16 | (88) |
| Sturt | 3.0 | 5.2 | 7.3 | 10.4 | (64) |

BEST — NORWOOD: Aish, Rowe, McIntosh, Tanner, Pittman, Thomas, Mellow, Robran. **STURT:** Viney, Sanderson, Welsby, May, Paynter, Schoell.

SCORERS — NORWOOD: Jones 3.1, Bozicevic 3.0, Mollóy 1.3, Pike 1.2, Mellow 1.1, Pittman, Thomas, Ross 1.0, Tanner, Aish 0.2, McIntosh, Ducker 0.1, rushed 0.3. **STURT:** Viney 4.0, Stevenson 3.2, May 2.1, Packer 1.0, Graham 0.1.

INJURIES — NORWOOD: Modra (groin). **STURT:** Packer (slight concussion), Sheldrick (corked thigh).

UMPIRES: Laurie Argent, Craig Doddridge.

Football Park

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| EAGLES | 2.4 | 5.5 | 11.5 | 16.10 | (106) |
| Glenelg | 1.6 | 5.6 | 8.9 | 11.13 | (79) |

BEST — EAGLES: Niemann, Lynch, Nicol, Di Biase, Pyman, Schwarz, Fuller, Bulluss. **GLENELG:** Kretschmer, Chigwidden, Hele, Gibbs.

SCORERS — EAGLES: Nicol 4.1, Morphet 3.3, Di Biase, Neave 2.0, Spehr 1.3, Payze 1.1, Pyman, Schwarz, Lindsay 1.0, rushed 0.2. **Glenelg:** Fusco 4.1, Lamb 2.5, Kretschmer 2.0, Chigwidden, Hele, Hallahan 1.0, Russell, Keast, Bartlett 0.1, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES — GLENELG: Gibbs (calf), Mansell (strained back).

UMPIRES: Kevin Chambers, David Elliott.

Richmond Oval

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| WEST | 2.3 | 4.11 | 8.17 | 14.17 | (101) |
| Port | 2.3 | 4.4 | 7.8 | 13.11 | (89) |

BEST — WEST: Ravesi, Patterson, Lindner, Fielke, Rehn, Grosser, Goss. **PORT:** Buckley, Chalmers, Delaney, Brosnan.

SCORERS — WEST: Modra 4.4, Goss, Simm, Grosser 2.1, Woosnam 2.0, Morris 1.3, Patterson 1.2, Fielke 0.2, Byrne, Lindner 0.1, rushed 0.1. **PORT:** Tylor 4.2, Smallridge, Rizonico 2.0, Abernethy 1.2, Ginever 1.1, M. Williams, Smith, Grimm 1.0, Settre 0.2, Ahern, Burton 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — WEST: Mickan (knee).

UMPIRES — Richard Williams, Jeff Jeanes.

Prospect Oval

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| SOUTH | 7.5 | 8.8 | 12.10 | 14.17 | (101) |
| North | 3.4 | 6.8 | 8.14 | 14.16 | (100) |

BEST — SOUTH: Bone, Naley, Page, Kappler, Koster, Osborne, McCarty. **NORTH:** Redden, Riley, Atkinson, Nunan, Krieg, Mancini.

SCORERS — SOUTH: Bone 5.2, Osborne 2.0, Stoeckel, Page 1.3, Troy, Naley, Groom 1.1, Grummet, Bennett 1.0, Trevena, Koster, Kappler 0.1, rushed 0.3. **NORTH:** Hill, Atkinson 3.3, Morton 2.1, Riley 2.0, Mancini 1.1, Redden, Bennett, Dyett 1.0, Nunan 0.2, Phillips, Turner 0.1, rushed 0.4.

UMPIRES: Darren Trenerry, Mark Westgarth.

Ladder

| | W | L | D | F | A | % | Pts |
|----------|---|---|---|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| WEST | 2 | 0 | 0 | 248 | 179 | 58.08 | 4 |
| SOUTH | 2 | 0 | 0 | 246 | 193 | 56.04 | 4 |
| CENTRAL* | 1 | 0 | 0 | 135 | 82 | 62.21 | 2 |
| NORWOOD | 1 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 64 | 57.89 | 2 |
| PORT | 1 | 1 | 0 | 204 | 206 | 49.76 | 2 |
| Eagles | 1 | 1 | 0 | 196 | 226 | 46.45 | 2 |
| North | 0 | 2 | 0 | 205 | 216 | 48.69 | 0 |
| Glenelg | 0 | 2 | 0 | 172 | 251 | 40.66 | 0 |
| Sturt | 0 | 2 | 0 | 146 | 223 | 39.57 | 0 |
| * Bye | | | | | | | |

SA goalkickers

| | Games | Y'day | Total |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| A. Modra (West) | 2 | 4 | 14 |
| R. Bone (South) | 2 | 5 | 10 |
| C. Lamb (Glenelg) | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| S. Morphet (Eagles) | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| C. Groom (South) | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| M. Williams (Port) | 2 | 1 | 6 |

SA crowds

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|---------------|--------|
| Football Park | 8419 |
| Richmond | 5671 |
| Prospect | 3747 |
| Total | 17,837 |

Newcomer Nicol sinks the Tigers



LEO SCHLINK

The Eagles yesterday atoned for a disastrous start to the season by comfortably defeating highly-rated Glenelg at Football Park.

Confronted with a Tiger outfit anxious to redeem itself for a demoralising loss to South Adelaide in the opening series, the Eagles were composed and persistent in posting a 27-point victory.

The nature of the triumph, as much as the margin, would have delighted Neil Balme, who must have watched with enormous satisfaction as unheralded centre half-forward Stuart Nicol booted four goals to sink the Bays.

The win heartened Eagles supporters left bitterly disappointed by the club's shocking performance the previous week against West Adelaide.

And few players drew more respect than Robbie Lynch, who had 10 goals kicked on him by Bloods forward Tony Modra, yet yesterday held Crow forward Michael Murphy kickless.

Lynch, it must be said, was one of several heroes for the Eagles, who worked brilliantly to highlight weaknesses in Glenelg's make-up; flaws exaggerated by injuries to in-form Ross Gibbs and Darren Mansell.

Seemingly fading from contention when they trailed by 14 points early in the third quarter, the Eagles rallied in spectacular fashion late in the term with four goals in six minutes.

Tackling with great ferocity, the Eagles combined spiritedly to surge to a useful 14-point margin at the final change.

At the heart of the

Eagles revival were ruckmen David Niemann and Robert Trkula, rover Michael Di Biase, centreman Ron Fuller, follower Peter Schwarz and striking centre half-forward, Nichol, whose auspicious SA debut was marked by four goals.

Foundation Cup premier Glenelg started promisingly, but could not penetrate an experienced Eagles defence, led by Andrew Taylor, Garry Haylock and Lynch.

It was forced to wait until the 21st minute before former Sturt junior and Amateur League recruit Peppe Fusco, a replacement for full forward John Fidge, goaled after a strong mark.

The Tigers attacked incessantly, but inaccuracy - mostly from the boot of half-forward Clayton Lamb, who kicked three points in the opening 18 minutes - prevented it from forging to the lead.

The second stanza belonged to Glenelg. Kicking into the breeze, the Bays added four goals, while restricting the Eagles to 3.1.

By gaining control of the midfield, through Darren Mansell and acting captain Nick Chigwidden, Glenelg was able to work into attack, where hard-running junior Dwayne Kretschmer capped his work with two inspiring goals.

| EAGLES | KICKS | | | | Frees | | GLS | | | |
|----------|-------|----|----|----|-------|----|-----|-----|----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | TOTAL | M | H/B | FOR | AG | H/O |
| MORPHETT | 1 | 1 | | 4 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| SPEHR | | 1 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| NEAVE | 2 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| MEADE | 3 | 3 | 2 | | 8 | 2 | 6 | | 2 | |
| TAYLOR | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | |
| LINDSAY | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 13 | | 1 | 1 |
| HAYLOCK | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 6 | | | 1 |
| FULLER | 6 | | 1 | 3 | 10 | 5 | 19 | | | |
| PYMAN | 6 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 2 | 5 | 3 | | 1 |
| TOTHAM | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 3 | |
| BULLUSS | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | |
| PAYZE | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 5 | 7 | | 1 | 1 |
| GEYER | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | |
| LYNCH | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 1 | 5 | 3 | | 1 |
| HEADLAND | | | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | |
| NIEMANN | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | 5 | 9 | | | 30 |
| SCHWARZ | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 4 | 10 | 1 | | 1 |
| DIBIASE | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 14 | 1 | | 2 |
| TRKULA | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | | | 9 |
| NICOL | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| RUSHED | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| TOTAL | 50 | 43 | 49 | 47 | 189 | 54 | 136 | 22 | 17 | 16 |

| GLENELG | KICKS | | | | Frees | | GLS | | | |
|------------|-------|----|----|----|-------|----|-----|-----|----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | TOTAL | M | H/B | FOR | AG | H/O |
| HALLAHAN | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 1 | 4 | | | 1 |
| FUSCO | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| BARTLETT | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 | | | 1 |
| KEAST | 7 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 6 | | | | 1 |
| MURPHY | | | | | | | 4 | | 1 | 4 |
| LAMB | 4 | | 4 | 4 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| HELE | 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 17 | 5 | 5 | | 1 | 1 |
| KRETSCHMER | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 17 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| BOW | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 8 | | 1 | |
| VISKA | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 6 | | 2 | |
| STUART | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 1 | |
| THOMPSON | 2 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 2 | 9 | | 2 | |
| DUTHY | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 | | 1 | |
| ROUVRAY | 2 | | 6 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 | |
| GIBBS | 6 | 7 | 2 | | 15 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 1 | |
| MELICAN | 2 | 1 | | 2 | 5 | 4 | 5 | | | 23 |
| MANSELL | 4 | 6 | 2 | | 12 | 7 | 9 | 1 | | |
| CHIGWIDDEN | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 11 | | | 1 |
| BROMILOW | | 1 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | |
| RUSSELL | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | | 1 | 1 |
| RUSHED | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| TOTAL | 50 | 48 | 45 | 45 | 188 | 65 | 108 | 17 | 22 | 11 |