

Football Park

NORWOOD	2.4	4.5	11.11	14.14	(98)
South	3.5	6.7	6.7	11.12	(78)

BEST — NORWOOD: Maynard, Pitt, Tumes, James, McIntosh, Burns. SOUTH: Koster, Naley, Kappler, Trevena, Polkinghorne, Page.

SCORERS — NORWOOD: Maynard 3.4, Patterson 2.1, McIntosh 2.0, Smart 1.1, Prime, Eames, Kelly, Modra, Tanner, Thompson 1.0, Byrnes 0.2, Ducker, Pitt, O'Brien, Burns 0.1, rushed 0.2. SOUTH: McIntyre 3.3, Page 2.1, Aulich 1.2, Trevena 1.1, Darcy, Matheson, Powell 1.0, Rogers 0.2, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES — NORWOOD: Mark Ducker (hamstring). UMPIRES: Mark Westgarth, Craig Doddridge.

Adelaide Oval

STURT	5.1	8.4	19.8	24.10	(154)
North	4.3	5.7	7.11	14.13	(97)

BEST — STURT: Johns, Sutherland, Richter, Obst, Gray, Baker, Lienert, Arnol, Underwood. NORTH: Phillips, Nunan, Perkins, Perry, Hodges.

SCORERS — STURT: Arnol 6.3, Sutherland 3.1, Trimboli 3.1, Lienert 3.0, Obst 3.0, Sanderson 1.1, Baker 1.0, Richter 1.0, Salisbury 1.0, Viney 1.0, Gray 1.0, Dent 0.3, rushed 0.1. NORTH: Nunan 3.1, Barratt 2.1, Hodges 2.1, Turner 1.2, Squire 1.2, Wellman 1.1, Dyett 1.0, Woolford 1.0, Phillips 1.0, Perkins 1.0, Jeffries 0.3, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES: Ron Bettridge, Kevin Chambers.

Elizabeth Oval

EAGLES	5.6	9.10	14.17	18.18	(126)
Central	2.6	5.10	5.15	11.18	(84)

BEST — EAGLES: J. Sziller, Chapman, Neave, Spehr, Schache, Prymke, Ugrinic, S. Sziller. CENTRAL: Macgowan, Girdham, Schwerdt, Saywell.

SCORERS — EAGLES: Schache 6.6, Nicol 3.3, Morphet 2.3, Kluzek 2.1, S. Sziller 2.0, Payze, Phillipou, J. Sziller 1.0, Chapman 0.1, rushed 0.4. CENTRAL: Tongerie 3.2, Schwerdt 3.1, Saywell 2.2, Luhrs 1.2, Coffee, Cummings 1.1, Chaplin, Handley, Macgowan 0.2, Girdham 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — CENTRAL: Potter (corked thigh). UMPIRES: David Elliott, Tim Pfeiffer.

Richmond Oval

GLENELG	6.3	12.6	15.6	17.10	(112)
West	2.3	4.5	7.10	9.15	(69)

BEST — GLENELG: West, Gibbs, Hele, Marshall, Hamilton, McRae, Barton. WEST: Banfield, McKinnon, Bowtell, Mickan, Grosser.

SCORERS — GLENELG: West 7.1, Fidge 3.2, McRae 3.1, Kretschmer 1.2, Barton 1.1, Bailey, Hallahan 1.0, Stuart 0.1, rushed 0.2. WEST: C. Palmer 3.2, Mellor 2.1, Woosnam 1.3, Fogden 1.2, Carlson, Grosser 1.0, Edwards, Fitzsimmons, McKinnon 0.1, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES — WEST: Andriske (concussion and bruised kidney, off early third quarter).

REPORT — WEST: C. Palmer by umpire Abbott for striking Hocking late in second quarter.

UMPIRES: Michael Abbott, Tim Slaven.

SANFL ladder

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
EAGLES	20	15	4	1	2300	1717	57.26	31
PORT*	20	15	5	0	2553	2155	54.23	30
GLENELG	20	12	7	1	2370	2003	54.20	25
NORWOOD	20	12	8	0	2261	1962	53.54	24
CENTRAL	20	12	8	0	2180	1914	53.25	24
South	20	9	11	0	2127	2045	50.98	18
North	20	6	14	0	1657	2269	42.21	12
West	20	4	16	0	1733	2327	42.68	8
Sturt	20	4	16	0	1858	2646	41.25	8

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	Games	Rd 23	Total
M. Tylor (Port)	20	0	87
P. McIntyre (South)	17	3	75
C. Prime (Norwood)	19	0	72
A. Taylor (Eagles)	19	2	71
J. Arnol (Sturt)	20	6	64
G. Coffee (Central)	20	1	57
J. Fidge (Glenelg)	11	3	53
C. Palmer (West)	14	3	45
D. Woosnam (West)	17	1	44
S. Patterson (Norwood)	20	2	44

SA crowds

Football Park	3,026
Adelaide Oval	2,910
Elizabeth Oval	5,710
Richmond Oval	2,051
Total	13,697

SA Draw

Saturday or Sunday — Double-header, Football Park — Elimination Final: Central v. Norwood. Qualifying Final: Port v. Glenelg.

Aiming high, but still a long way to go... Eagles ruckman Romano Negr shows his joy at Elizabeth Oval yesterday



By ASHLEY PORTER

THE Eagles soared to their first South Australian National Football League minor premiership with a convincing 42-point win over Central District at Elizabeth Oval yesterday.

They replaced Port Adelaide, which had the bye, on top of the ladder while Central lost its valuable double chance.

It means Port will play Glenelg, which beat West Adelaide by 43 points at Richmond Oval, in the qualifying final. Central will play Norwood, a 20-point winner over South Adelaide, in the elimin-

ation final. The SANFL will tomorrow confirm whether the finals, played as a double-header, will be on Saturday or Sunday. If the Crows beat Hawthorn in the AFL elimination final in Melbourne today, the SANFL will avoid a clash with Adelaide's AFL second semi final match.

The Eagles also clinched the minor premiership in the reserves and under-19s, and their under-17s finished third. Sturt, for the second time this season, crushed North Adelaide, by 57 points, but failed by 143 percent to haul itself off the bottom.

# Glenelg to face tougher tussle with Port

By ALAN SHIELL

Strong-marking forward Jim West's seven goals spearheaded Glenelg's comfortable 43-point win against West Adelaide in a scrappy struggle at Richmond Oval yesterday.

While Glenelg did enough to put the result beyond doubt early, it rarely stretched out as it will have to against Port Adelaide in next weekend's qualifying final.

Down 49 points at half-time — 4.5 to 12.6 — West outscored Glenelg 5.10 to 5.4 in the second half, but clearly did not convert enough of its scoring opportunities.

So the Bloods finished a disappointing, frustrating season in second-last place on the league ladder, after only four wins from 20 minor-round matches — the same as wooden-spooner Sturt.

If West sometimes played yesterday as though it was relieved its season was finished, Glenelg hardly looked to have sufficient spark to ignite the finals series.

# Optimism mounts as Sturt signs off in style

By PETER PRIME

Sturt, unheralded and unfashionable for much of the winter, bid adieu to season 1993 with a 57-point belting of North Adelaide at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

Disappointingly, the Blues' victory was not enough to see them escape pocketing their fifth consecutive wooden spoon, but there remains considerable optimism for next year.

It was Sturt's fourth win of the season and proof that Haydn Bunton's coaching methods are paying dividends.

Sturt's third quarter in particular was magnificent when it booted 11.4 to tear the hearts out of the Roosters.

Sturt had winners everywhere yesterday, especially in that second half.

At half-time the scoreboard showed a 15-point advantage to the Blues. Then came a transformation that left the Roosters in tatters.

Andrew Johns was a dynamic performer for Sturt and Scott Sutherland and the experienced John Richter also played important roles.

The Blues defence was superb — tight, tough and virtually impregnable.

North did showed some grit and determination in the last quarter but the game was over by then.

Other Sturt players to do well were Corey Gray, Damian Obst, Brendon Baker and full-forward Jody Arnol (six goals).

North was best served by Brenton Phillips, while Tim Nunan, Tim Perkins, Devan

# GIANT LEAP FOR EAGLES

This gave it the wooden spoon for a club-record fourth successive season.

However, Sturt's recent form has been most encouraging and West can think itself lucky not to have taken over its dubious bottom spot.

After contesting the 1990 grand final and dumping Kevin Morris as coach, West has finished sixth and now eighth during Neil Kerley's return to the club.

His position as coach is being reviewed. Kerley has stated he wants to continue at the helm. Port's Mark

Tylor won the Ken Farmer Medal as the league's top goalkicker for a second successive season, this time with 87 goals with South's Peter McIntyre on 72.

The Magarey Medal count will be held on Tuesday night week. Among the top contenders are Sturt's Andrew Johns and North's Brenton Phillips.

Johns yesterday clinched the \$2000 Sunday Mail-Booze Brothers Stats Star Award from Phillips.

But coach Mark Williams was satisfied enough with the day's events.

"We're very happy to be back on winning terms again. Now we will start regrouping. Third spot has given us a great opportunity in the finals," Williams said.

"We'll come up better next weekend. We worked pretty hard today. We have to take that workrate into the qualifying final."

West coach Neil Kerley said: "We lost it in the first quarter when we didn't take advantage of the wind."

"Glenelg was much quicker, more alert and controlled the packs early. But I was pleased with our second half."

Williams replaced full forward John Fidge early in the last quarter, to ensure his fitness. Fidge, who strained a calf last week, kicked three goals, had a hand in others and will have benefited from the run.

The Bloods had no counter to Tiger ace West's powerful marking, whether he was in a forward pocket, at the goalfront or at centre half-forward.

Ross Gibbs was typically cool in defence for Glenelg, Simon Hele and David Marshall were regular providers across centre, Paul Hamilton did some good work across half-back, and Craig McRae was a slippery three-goal half-forward.

West's best players were scarce, although Peter Banfield, Robin McKinnon, Dean Bowtell, Mark Mickan and Leon Grosser probably paid their way the most.

FOOTNOTE: West general manager Doug Thomas will be the subject of a report by all six umpires to the umpires' selection board for unflattering comments he allegedly made to them at half-time.

Glenelg	Kicks				Marks				Handballs				Frees				Scms	M	Hts
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	F	A	G	B			
P. MCGUINNESS	4	2	3	3	12	0	0	1	0	2	1	4	7	0	0	0	0	5	
J. FIDGE	5	4	1	0	10	4	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	
J. WEST	4	7	4	4	19	5	3	3	14	0	1	2	1	4	0	2	7	1	
D. MARSHALL	2	2	4	2	10	3	1	2	2	8	3	1	2	5	11	1	2	0	1
H. STUART	1	4	1	1	7	1	3	1	0	5	0	3	0	0	3	0	2	0	1
C. MCRAE	2	4	3	4	13	0	0	1	0	1	4	2	1	0	7	0	1	3	1
S. HELE	6	7	4	5	22	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0
D. BAILEY	8	3	4	1	14	1	1	1	0	3	3	2	2	1	8	1	2	1	0
L. BOW	2	3	3	3	11	0	0	1	2	3	1	2	3	0	6	0	1	0	0
P. HAMILTON	1	4	3	3	11	0	1	0	1	2	4	0	4	5	13	1	2	0	0
A. BARTLETT	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	
R. THOMPSON	5	3	3	1	12	1	0	1	0	2	2	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	
C. LAMB	3	1	4	0	8	0	0	1	0	1	3	2	4	1	10	1	2	0	0
J. HOCKING	0	2	0	1	3	0	1	1	2	4	1	1	1	2	5	0	2	0	0
R. GIBBS	4	7	7	4	22	1	4	2	3	10	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	
S. MCCULLY	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	2	2	5	0	1	0	0
D. KRETSCHMER	5	4	1	0	10	1	1	0	0	2	2	1	3	1	7	0	1	2	0
P. HALLAHAN	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	1	0
M. BARTON	3	2	6	3	14	0	2	5	0	7	3	5	3	1	12	0	1	1	0
C. FLOWER	5	1	4	2	12	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	0	0
TOTALS	58	60	60	42	220	19	19	24	13	75	27	26	33	28	114	8	28	17	10

West	Kicks				Marks				Handballs				Frees				Scms	M	Hts
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	F	A	G	B			
L. GROSSER	5	2	2	1	10	1	0	0	1	2	2	3	5	5	15	0	0	1	0
C. PALMER	2	2	3	2	9	0	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	3	2
G. MELLOR	5	1	5	5	16	1	0	1	2	4	0	0	3	2	5	1	1	2	1
D. WOOSNAM	0	0	3	3	6	0	0	1	2	3	1	3	1	1	8	1	2	1	3
M. GADE	1	2	0	1	4	0	2	0	0	2	1	2	2	2	7	3	1	0	0
J. ANDRISKE	5	2	0	0	7	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
G. FELKE	3	4	3	7	17	0	2	1	3	8	2	2	2	3	9	4	0	0	0
P. BANFIELD	2	5	5	4	16	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	4	3	11	1	0	0	0
D. CARLSON	5	4	4	3	16	1	0	0	2	3	0	2	2	0	4	3	0	1	0
A. ODEA	1	2	3	0	6	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	4	1	0	0	0
T. SYMES	3	1	3	2	9	1	1	0	1	3	4	1	2	0	7	1	0	0	0
M. SIMPSON	1	3	1	5	10	2	1	1	4	8	3	2	1	2	8	1	0	0	0
D. BOWTELL	2	2	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	6	2	1	0	0
S. PORTER	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
M. PALMER	3	1	5	5	14	2	1	4											