



SANFL ROUND 12

Mitton the destroyer for dogged Panthers

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Trevor Mitton proved the difference between South Adelaide and Glenelg in their absorbing tussle yesterday at Adelaide Oval

When the game was there to be won little forward Mitton more than most, strode out and grasped the opportunity - wrenching the initiative from Glenelg.

Trailing by 14 points, 10 minutes into the final term, South looked gone. But eight kicks and two more goals to tenacious Mitton turned the tables.

In the first half South was in control but could not convert chances. Ten minutes into the third term South led 5.11 (41) to 1.5 (11).

Glenelg was struggling but a stirring 30-minute comeback netted it 8.3 to South's 1.1.

South now was the struggler - enter Mitton the destroyer.

The 11.14 to 10.8 win was the third in a row for South, yet even that was not enough to push it into the top five. Glenelg now has lost two on the trot but remains third on the premiership table.

"In the first half we had complete dominance but were only four goals ahead," South coach Ken Sheldon said. "There's the old saying that inaccurate kicking is bad football and we have

SOUTH ADELAIDE	2.7	4.10	6.12	11.14	(80)
GLENELG	1.1	1.4	6.7	10.8	(68)

BEST - South: Lamb, Battams, Groom, Mitton, Cameron, Page, Whitford, Mills. **Glenelg:** Mansell, Deane, McRae, McGuinness, Chigwidden, Bailey, Redshaw

GOALS - South: Mitton 3.2, Keam 2.2, Lush 2.0, Cameron 1.3, Lamb 1.1, Dillon, Bone 1.0, Page, Keogh, Groom 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Glenelg:** Mansell 2.1, Barton 2.0, Chigwidden 1.3, Martin 1.1, McGuinness, McRae, Berbakov, Kupsch 1.0, Kretschmer, Deane 0.1, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES - D. Elliott, R. Williams.
INJURIES: Glenelg: Bailey (Hamstring), Redshaw (knee).
BEST ON GROUND: J. Lamb (South).
BEST TEAM MAN: M. Battams (South).
CROWD - 3012 at Adelaide Oval.

to wear that. The lesson for today was that with Glenelg kicking those eight goals to one, we must maintain concentration.

"The real plus, the real benefit for the South Adelaide Football Club, was the four-goal turnaround from the 10-minute mark of the fourth quarter. It was a genuine character-building win."

Jamie Lamb and Matthew Battams continued to bob up to inflict damage on Glenelg. Chris Groom did good work, especially at centre half-back, while Mitton, Gary Cameron and Paul Page also were four-quarter performers.

Glenelg's chances should not have relied so heavily on just 30 minutes of very good play.

"Our first half was disgraceful but the boys showed character to

get back into the game. South did well in the finish," coach Mark Williams said.

In the first half Glenelg had 22 fewer kicks than South, 18 fewer marks and 23 fewer handballs. On-batters Phil McGuinness, Nick Chigwidden, Darren Mansell (especially when "resting" at full forward in the third term), Brett Deane, Craig McRae and raw ruckman Tony Redshaw all lifted an extra cog in the second half and were the leading lights in a disappointing day. Dean Bailey also rated highly until a hamstring injury forced him out of the contest, significantly at the time South was mounting its late charge.

SANFL LADDER

After 12 series

	W	L	D	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Eagles	9	2	-	1399	1045	57.24	18
Central District	7	4	-	1214	951	56.07	14
Glenelg	6	5	-	1070	1124	48.77	12
Port Adelaide	5	6	-	1139	1082	51.28	10
West Adelaide	5	5	-	903	999	47.48	10
Sth Adelaide	5	6	-	946	1194	44.21	10
North Adelaide	4	6	-	978	1074	47.66	8
Norwood	4	7	-	910	1037	46.74	8
Sturt	3	7	-	1019	1072	48.73	6

Round 13

Sunday: Norwood v West Adelaide (Football Park), Sturt v Eagles (Adelaide), Glenelg v Central District (Glenelg), North Adelaide v South Adelaide (Prospect).

Bye: Port Adelaide.

Crowds

Football Park (Eagles v Central)	4804
Richmond Oval (West v North)	2328
Alberton Oval (Port v Norwood)	4819
Adelaide Oval (South v Glenelg)	3012

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Club	Rnd 12.	Tot
S. Simister	(West)	5	46
A. Rich'n	(Central)	2	45
A. Taylor	(Eagles)	4	44
S. Hodges	(Port)	2	39
C. Prime	(Norwood)	4	33
M. Tylor	(Port)	1	27
S. Phillip.	(Eagles)	0	26
J. Arnol	(Sturt)	0	25

SOUTH v GLENELG

Jamie Lamb (South)	3
Matthew Battams (South)	2
Darren Mansell (Glenelg)	1

WEST v NORTH

Brenton Phillips (North)	3
Scott Loving (West)	2
Brodie Atkinson (North)	1

LEADERS - 10: R. Macgowan (Central); 9: T. Ginever (Port), B. Haraida (Central); 8: B. Phillips (North), B. Lienert (Sturt), S. Totham (Eagles); 7: S. Morphett (Eagles), S. McCully (Glenelg), T. Nunan (North); 6: J. Sziller (Eagles), R. Girdham (Central), P. McGuinness (Glenelg), J. Andriske (West); 5: S. Phillipou (Eagles), T. Symes (West), C. Barrett (West); 4, P. Chapman (Eagles), A. Taylor (Eagles), N. Pesch (Eagles), A. Richardson (Central), S. Stevens (Central), N. Chigwidden (Glenelg), S. Burns, G. McIntosh, J. Ross (Norwood), B. Atkinson (North), T. Malakellis, D. Smith (Port), M. Powell (South), J. Brooks (Sturt).

Phillips closes on leader

Magarey Medallist Brenton Phillips' best-on-ground performance for North Adelaide against West Adelaide yesterday at Richmond Oval has him closing the gap on the leaders in *The Advertiser* Player of the Year award.

He now has eight votes, two behind pacesetter Rick Macgowan, of Central District.

EAGLES v CENTRAL

Stuart Nicol (Eagles)	3
Nick Pesch (Eagles)	2
Andrew Taylor (Eagles)	1

PORT v NORWOOD

Stephen Patterson (Norwood)	3
Garry McIntosh (Norwood)	2
Chris Prime (Norwood)	1

NORTH ADELAIDE	5.1	11.2	12.4	13.7	(85)
WEST ADELAIDE	2.3	4.10	9.16	11.16	(82)

BEST - North: Phillips, Atkinson, Louder, Jeffries, Mancini. **West:** Fielke, Loving, Simister, McKinnon, Goss.

GOALS - North: Rosenboom 3.0, Sanders, Turner 2.1, Mancini, Phillips 2.0, Squire 1.3, Louder 1.0, Walsh 0.1, rushed 0.1 **West:** Simister 5.4, Andriske 2.1, Symes 1.3, Hocking 1.1, Bilucaglia, Fielke 1.0, Hamilton, Mansell, Morris, Barrett 0.1, rushed 0.3.

UMPIRES - R. Bettridge, G. Inge.
INJURIES - West: Patterson (ankle).
BEST ON GROUND: B. Phillips (North).
BEST TEAM MAN: G. Fielke (West).

NORWOOD	2.3	10.6	13.8	17.11	(113)
PORT ADELAIDE	1.1	4.1	8.3	14.5	(71)

BEST - Norwood: Patterson, McIntosh, Prime, Kelly, Pitt, Balme, Millar, Thompson, Fleming. **Port:** Angove, Fiacchi, Bartsch.

GOALS - Norwood: Prime 4.2, Patterson 3.0, Fleming 2.2, Thompson 2.0, Irvin, Pitt 1.2, Cowham 1.1, Hart, Dolan, Burns 1, Russell 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Port:** Hodges, Pedler 2.1, Williams, Angove 2.0, Tylor 1.1, Ginever, Franics 1.0, R. Smith 0.1, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES - M Abbott, K. Chambers.
INJURIES - Norwood: Smart (ankle), Thompson (knee). **Port:** Angove (ankle).
REPORT: Troy Olsen (Port) by field umpire Michael Abbott for allegedly striking Steven Pitt with a clenched fist to the face in the third quarter.
BEST ON GROUND: S. Patterson (Norwood).
BEST TEAM MAN: G. McIntosh (Norwood).

WOODVILLE-W TORRENS	3.3	7.5	13.7	16.12	(108)
CENTRAL DISTRICT	2.3	5.7	7.11	9.17	(71)

BEST - Eagles: Nicol, Pesch, Taylor, J. Sziller, Kluzek, Hannam. **Central:** Handley, McKinnon, Potter, Stevens, Macgowan, Schwerdt.

SCORERS - Eagles: Taylor 4.2, Niemann 3.0, Morphett, Kluzek 2.1, S. Sziller, Pesch 1.1, Kennedy, Totham, Camporeale 1.0, Payze 0.2, rushed 0.4. **Central:** Richardson 2.3, Reimers 2.1, Schwerdt 1.4, Girdham, Tongerie 1.2, Handley 1.1, Windsor 1.0, McKinnon 0.2, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - Eagles: Spehr (hamstring), Totham (corked thigh), Hannam (groin), Morphett (ankle).

UMPIRES - Troy Burton, Tim Pfeiffer. **CROWD -** 4804.
BEST ON GROUND - Stuart Nicol (Eagles).
TOP TEAM PLAYER - Stuart Nicol (Eagles).