

Bays scent finals

By PAUL DOWLING

Glenelg edged significantly closer to major-round participation and all but ended West Adelaide's finals dream with a 20-point win at the Bay yesterday.

Despite losing two of its major playmakers - Simon Hele and Michael Barton - before the game, Glenelg was able to hold off a persistent West and leap from sixth to fourth place on the SANFL ladder.

The Tigers have a bye in the last minor round but, even if they do not beat form team Port Adelaide next week at Alberton, they could still qualify for the major round.

West, which had its chances yesterday, now must beat South in the curtain-raiser to the Adelaide-Essendon game next week and Central at Elizabeth to have any shot at finals football.

The Bloods were not disgraced in defeat yesterday - their performance was infinitely better than that which earned them a two-point win over Norwood last week. But despite controlling much of the third quarter and the early part of the last, they could never wrest the initiative from an equally desperate Glenelg.

The game was fast, rugged and entertaining from the outset, with West jumping to a 13-point break in the first quarter before three goals in two minutes of time-on earned Glenelg a four-point, quarter-time lead.

Glenelg's centre half-forward Allan Bartlett was perhaps the most conspicuous player on the field early, enjoying the better of a tight duel with Scott Simister, booting two goals and being reported for a late tackle on Steven Hamilton.

But most of Glenelg's drive came from ruckman Stewart McCully, captain Nick Chigwidden and wingman Craig McRae, whose blistering pace was to hurt West all day.

The Tigers started the second term as they finished the first, with goals by Peter Berbakov and Jim West spearing them to a 20-point lead.

SANFL SCORES

Port	1.2	7.4	11.6	18.9	(117)
North	3.5	5.7	8.13	11.15	(81)
Sturt	6.3	12.6	13.9	16.15	(111)
Central	3.5	7.7	8.11	11.14	(80)
Glenelg	5.1	9.7	13.11	15.22	(112)
West	4.3	6.5	12.8	13.14	(92)

But West coach Geoff Morris arrested the trend by taking Chris Palmer from the ground, moving Simister to full forward, Greg Mellor to centre half-forward, Tim Symes to a forward pocket and Scott Loving on to the ball. Paul Patterson came off the bench to take over on Bartlett.

Two quick goals followed, one to Jamie Andriske and the other to Simister, who managed four shots at goal (for 1.2 and an out on the full) in the last 10 minutes of the quarter.

But opposite full forward Dean Caldwell temporarily shrugged off the close attention of Glen Goss to kick two time-on goals and restore Glenelg's breathing space at the long break.

Loving took control across the midfield for West in the third quarter. He booted two of his team's six goals for the term as the Bloods' challenge gained momentum.

Simister's third goal put West in front after 17 minutes of the third quarter but Glenelg responded with three late goals - two to Chigwidden and another to Caldwell.

Then, in the last quarter, each team wasted countless opportunities before rookie Simon Cox stamped some class on the game with a spectacular gather, spun out of trouble and, off-balance, goaled from 20m.

West, visibly deflated, immediately conceded another goal - to Phil McGuinness - and the contest was decided.

Football Park

PORT	1.2	7.4	11.6	18.9	(117)
North	3.5	5.7	8.13	11.15	(81)

BEST - PORT: Borlase, Delaney, Chalmers, R Smith, D Smith, Williams, Ginever, Spalding. **NORTH:** Tasker, Mancini, Turner, Atkinson, Perkins.

SCORERS - PORT: Hodges 5.1, Olsen 5.0, D Smith, McKay 2.0, Williams 1.2, Ginever 1.1, Pedler, Spalding 1.0, Borlase, McLeod 0.1, rushed 0.3. **NORTH:** Rosenboom 3.0, Turner 2.2, Tasker 2.0, Soderstrom 1.2, Jeffries, Bennett 1.1, Mancini 1.0, Nunan, Bamford, Sanders 0.1, rushed 0.6.

INJURIES - NORTH: Squires (strained forearm).

UMPIRES: Mick Abbott, Jeff Jeanes.

CROWD: 7535

Adelaide Oval

STURT	6.3	12.6	13.9	16.15	(111)
Central	3.5	7.7	8.11	11.14	(80)

BEST - STURT: Gray, Wigney, Brooks, Johns, Lennon, Smart, Richter, Obst, Kitschke. **CENTRAL:** Myles, Elks. **SCORERS - STURT:** Wigney 5.6, Sutherland 3.1, Kitschke, Gray 2.1, Lennon 2.0, White 1.1, Brooks 1.0, Rowley 0.1, rushed 0.4. **CENTRAL:** Myles 4.6, Roberson 2.1, Richardson 1.2, Luhrs, Platten, Handley, Ellis 1.0, Cotton 0.2, Macgowan, R. Cook 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - STURT: Thredgold (ankle), Sutherland (hamstring). **CENTRAL:** Schwerdt (broken finger).

UMPIRES: Kevin Chambers, Richard Williams

Glenelg Oval

GLENELG	5.1	9.7	13.11	15.22	(112)
West	4.3	6.5	12.8	13.14	(92)

BEST - GLENELG: McRae, McCully, Bailey, Berbakov, Hamilton, Bartlett, Chigwidden, McGuinness, Viska. **WEST:** Mellor, Loving, Simister, Morris.

SCORERS - GLENELG: Caldwell 4.2, Bartlett 3.0, Chigwidden 2.3, McGuinness 2.1, Mansell 1.3, Cox 1.2, Berbakov, West 1.1, Symonds 0.2, McRae, Viska, Bailey 0.1, rushed 0.4. **WEST:** Simister 3.3, Loving 2.2, Mellor, Andriske 2.0, Barrett 1.2, Symes, Brosnan 1.1, Palmer 1.0, Fogden 0.1, rushed 0.4.

REPORTS - GLENELG: Bartlett by field umpire Pfeiffer for allegedly striking Hamilton with an elbow to the head in the first quarter.

UMPIRES: Tim Pfeiffer, Ron Bettridge

SANFL ladder

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
EAGLES*	20	17	3	0	2449	1651	59.73	34
PORT	20	13	7	0	2339	1827	56.14	26
CENTRAL	21	13	8	0	2201	1821	54.72	26
GLENELG	21	10	11	0	1942	2237	46.47	20
NORWOOD*	20	9	11	0	1789	1794	49.93	18
North	20	9	11	0	2048	2166	48.60	18
West	20	8	12	0	1774	2061	46.26	16
South*	20	7	13	0	1816	2226	44.93	14
Sturt	20	5	15	0	1807	2382	43.14	10
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	Games	Rd 23	Total
S. Hodges (Port)	20	5	97
A. Richardson (Central)	21	1	73
S. Simister (West)	20	3	68
A. Taylor (Eagles)	19	0	57
C. Prime (Norwood)	18	0	52
R. Rosenboom (North)	18	3	47
S. Philipou (Eagles)	17	0	42
D. Squire (North)	20	0	41
R. Handley (Central)	19	1	41
D. Fleming (Norwood)	20	0	38
J. Arnot (Sturt)	17	0	37
T. Symes (West)	20	1	34
D. Caldwell (Glenelg)	11	4	33
M. Tylor (Port)	20	0	30
D. Smith (Port)	19	2	29
G. Mellor (West)	16	0	28
J. Brooks (Sturt)	18	1	28
M. Barton (Glenelg)	20	0	28

SA draw

ROUND 24 - Saturday: Norwood v Sturt (Norwood), Port v Glenelg (Alberton), North v Eagles (Prospect). **Sunday:** West v South (Football Park).

Glenelg	Kicks				Marks				Handballs				Frees				Scores				Hit balls			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	F	A	G	B	F	A	G	B				
P. MCGUINNESS	7	4	6	8	25	0	0	0	3	3	1	1	1	0	3	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
D. CALDOW	2	4	1	2	9	2	4	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	4	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
J. WEST	3	4	1	2	10	1	4	1	2	8	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
C. MCRAE	7	8	3	7	25	0	0	1	5	6	3	4	4	2	13	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
A. BARTLETT	2	2	5	3	12	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	3	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	2
S. COX	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
G. WHITTLESEA	3	2	2	0	7	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	3	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D. MANSELL	3	4	3	4	14	1	0	1	1	3	2	3	2	3	10	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
C. FLOWER	3	3	1	1	8	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	2	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
M. VISKA	2	3	6	0	11	1	1	1	0	3	1	3	4	1	9	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
P. HAMILTON	4	1	1	2	8	0	1	3	0	4	0	3	3	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P. BERBAKOV	2	6	6	4	18	0	2	3	1	6	0	4	3	0	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
G. REUBENICHT	0	3	4	4	11	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	4	0	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
H. STUART	0	3	1	0	4	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
B. ROEHRICH	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
S. MCCULLY	0	5	3	0	8	0	2	2	0	4	2	3	2	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	41	1
D. BAILEY	3	3	2	6	14	1	1	0	2	4	2	5	1	0	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
N. CHIGWIDDEN	5	1	9	7	22	1	0	1	0	2	6	2	3	1	12	3	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	4
J. SYMONDS	5	2	2	2	11	2	0	0	1	3	1	0	2	1	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
E. MARTIN	1	1	4	2	8	1	1	2	1	5	0	4	3	1	8	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	52	59	60	60	231	12	20	18	22	72	24	41	39	17	121	23	18	15	22	42	15			

West	Kicks				Marks				Handballs				Frees				Scores				Hit balls			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	F	A	G	B	F	A	G	B				
A. POPE	3	4	2	4	13	0	0	0	2	2	3	1	2	2	8	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
C. PALMER	2	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
D. WOOSNAM	1	1	2	3	7	0	2	1	2	5	2	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
P. MELLOR	4	0	2	4	10	2	0	2	2	6	1	3	2	3	9	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
T. SYMES	1	3	4	0	8	1	3	4	0	8	3	2	1	0	6	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0
P. BROSNAN	1	5	3	4	13	1	1	2	1	5	2	1	2	2	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
G. FIELKE	6	2	3	4	15	1	0	0	4	5	0	1	2	4	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
S. LOVING	3	4	7	5	19	1	1	2	3	7	0	2	1	2	5	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	3
R. MCKINNON	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P. PATTERSON	1	2	3	7	13	1	1	1	4	7	0	2	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	2
S. SIMISTER	4	6	4	3	17	1	3	3	1	8	3	0	1	0	4	2	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
P. MORRIS	5	2	5	4	16	1	1	0	1	3	2	1	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
S. HAMILTON	8	1	4	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
A. GREEN	0	2	2	0	4	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
G. GOSS	1	3	4	0	8	0	2	2	0	4	1	0	0	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B. FOGDEN																								