

SANFL SCOREBOARD

Norwood Oval

NORWOOD	8.6	9.12	12.18	17.22	(124)
Sturt	2.2	5.4	6.5	7.9	(51)

BEST - NORWOOD: Burns, Cowham, Primus, D'Antiochia, Irvin, Russell, Patterson, Pitt. **STURT**: Threadgold, Kitschke, Ahchee, Sutherland, Obst, Viney.
SCORERS - NORWOOD: Pitt 4.2, Robran 3.0, Primus 2.1, Irvin 1.4, Bowman, Pascoe, Prime 1.2, D'Antiochia, McIntosh 1.1, Davey, Hart 1.0, Patterson 0.3, Russell 0.2, Burns 0.1, rushed 0.1. **STURT**: Sutherland 2.1, Schultz 2.0, Wigney 1.3, Smart 1.1, Richter 1.0, Trimboli 0.2, Ahchee 0.1, rushed 0.1.
INJURIES - Norwood: Hart (groin).
UMPIRES: Ron Bettridge, Jeff Jeanes.

Alberton Oval

PORT	8.9	9.12	13.16	21.18	(144)
Glenelg	2.0	7.7	13.8	19.11	(125)

BEST - PORT: Hodges, Ginever, McKay, Spalding, Poole, R. Smith, D. Smith. **GLENELG**: Chigwidden, Liptak, Hele, Mansell, McGuinness, Bailey, McRae.
SCORERS - PORT: Hodges 10.3, Pedler 4.3, Malakellis 2.4, McKay 2.1, Mcleod 2.0, Ginever 1.0, Williams, R. Smith, D. Smith, Borlase, Hull 0.1, rushed 0.2. **GLENELG**: Liptak 5.2, Caldow 4.2, Mansell, McGuinness, West 2.1, McRae 1.1, Stuart, Chigwidden, Symonds 1.0, Cox 0.1, rushed 0.2.
INJURIES - PORT: Wakelin (jarred knee).
UMPIRES: Kevin Chambers, David Elliott.

Prospect Oval

EAGLES	4.4	8.4	15.7	17.14	(116)
North	4.2	9.6	11.8	15.12	(102)

BEST - EAGLES: Morphett, Niemann, Kluzek, M. Hannam, Phillipou. **NORTH**: Phillips, Atkinson, Louder, Gerke, Mancini, Jeffries, Nunan.
SCORERS - EAGLES: Phillipou 4.3, Walker, S. Sziller 2.1, J. Sziller, Schache, M. Hannam 2.0, Nicol 1.2, Morphett 1.1, Taylor 1.0, Kluzek, Camporeale 0.1, rushed 0.4. **NORTH**: Rosenboom 3.1, Phillips, Mancini 3.0, Atkinson, Squire 2.1, Jeffries 2.0, Nunan, Francou, Turner 0.2, Bamford, Soderstrom, Walsh 0.1.
INJURIES - EAGLES: Camporeale (corked thigh).
UMPIRES: Tim Pfeiffer, Troy Burton.

SANFL ladder

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
EAGLES	21	18	3	0	2565	1753	59.40	36
PORT	21	14	7	0	2483	1952	55.99	28
CENTRAL‡	21	13	8	0	2201	1821	54.72	26
NORWOOD	21	10	11	0	1913	1845	50.90	20
GLENELG	22	10	12	0	2067	2381	46.47	20
North	21	9	12	0	2150	2282	48.51	18
West*	20	8	12	0	1774	2061	46.26	16
South*	20	7	13	0	1816	2226	44.93	14
Sturt	21	5	16	0	1858	2506	42.58	10

* To play today ‡ Bye.

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	Games	Rd 24	Total
S. Hodges (Port)	21	10	107
A. Richardson (Central)	21	0	73
S. Simister (West)	20	0	68
A. Taylor (Eagles)	20	1	58
C. Prime (Norwood)	19	1	53
R. Rosenboom (North)	19	3	50
S. Phillipou (Eagles)	18	4	46
D. Squire (North)	21	2	43
R. Handley (Central)	19	0	41

Hodges a hero as Bays fall to Port

By LAWRIE MCCAULEY

Rampaging Port Adelaide full forward Scott Hodges added to his aura as a Magpie champion in a sensational, match-winning display at Alberton Oval yesterday.

He kicked 10.3 (three times hitting the post) which proved the telling difference in Port's 21.18 (144) to 19.11 (125) win against a courageous Glenelg.

The Bays now must play the waiting game to see if they make the SANFL finals. If North beats Norwood next weekend, Glenelg will miss the finals but if Norwood wins, Glenelg will live on to fight for the flag.

Glenelg players tried valiantly to secure their major round spot yesterday, but were unable to topple a classy Port machine. Port shot out to a commanding lead in the first term when, with the breeze, it slammed on 17 scoring shots to two for an 8.9 to 2.0 lead.

But then came the remarkable Glenelg fightback. Desperate and hungry Glenelg slowly pegged back the difference and 30 seconds in to the final term was two points shy of the home side.

Then controversy. Darren McKay kicked a goal from the top of the goalsquare and Glenelg defender Erik

Martin was penalised for a late tackle, giving McKay another easy set shot for goal, which he converted. The questionable double-penalty rocked Glenelg and the incident proved the turning point.

"Not too many sides kick 19 goals at Alberton and lose," lamented Glenelg coach Mark Williams.

"Scott Hodges was a fair difference. But given a chance to play in the finals, we will go in fairly confident. We certainly didn't lose any pride today."

Port already is guaranteed a double-chance in the finals and the game was a good, solid preparation for the finals and for the showdown with the Eagles at Alberton this Saturday.

"We started well but I thought we didn't attack the ball as hard in the third quarter; we weren't manning up as well as we should have," said Port coach John Cahill. Outstanding were Hodges and skipper Tim Ginever, who battled with Glenelg captain Nick Chigwidden. Wingman Darren McKay, defender Scott Spalding and ruckman Darryl Poole also contributed strongly.

Glenelg had runners like Chigwidden, Matthew Liptak (sensational with five goals in the second half), Simon Hele, Darren Mansell, Phil McGuinness and Craig McRae.

Roosters face last chance

By PAUL DOWLING

North Adelaide further enhanced its reputation as the best team outside the top three with a courageous 14-point loss to premiership favorite Woodville-West Torrens yesterday at Prospect Oval.

But North's season now hinges on Saturday's final minor round game against Norwood at Football Park.

Beat the Redlegs and North will displace Glenelg from the top five and face the same opponent again in the elimination final a week later. Lose and its season will come to a premature end.

"We played well but we weren't good enough," North coach Darel Hart said afterwards.

"But we didn't lose because we were soft, we lost because of our skill level."

Hart, while praising his host of inexperienced players for a gutsy performance, also highlighted several errors by those same players which ultimately cost North the game.

"There are a lot of lessons we can learn from today - but we're going to have to learn them quickly in time for next week," he said.

North's on-ballers Brodie Atkinson, Tim Nunan and Brenton Phillips yesterday did what most team's in the SANFL find impossible.

Aside from a decisive 20-minute period in the third quarter, they outplayed the Eagles' revered on-ball division with the sort of vigorous ball-getting and quick, accurate movement of the football for which their opponents have become known. Ruckman Phil Louder started it all. In ruck contests and value around the ground he had the better of Romano Negri and North's runners and forward line reaped the benefits.

The result was a surprising eight-point lead for the home team at half-time.

But, after the long break, Eagles coach Bruce Winter again underlined his team's versatility by swinging David Niemann - impressive at centre half-back in the first half - into the ruck. Niemann, as Winter observed later, swung the game for the Eagles in the third quarter.

His competitiveness at the centre bounces hauled Matthew Kluzek, and Jason and Steven Sziller back into the game as the visitors took control of the centre square.

A 20-minute period in the third term yielded seven-goals to the Eagles. While the burst did not kill off the plucky Roosters, it ultimately proved too much for them to come back from.