

Chigwidden inspires Tigers' fighting win

By PAUL DOWLING

Glenelg captain Nick Chigwidden yesterday added further credence to his club's belief that he should have been given a chance in the AFL, with a supreme four-quarter performance against West Adelaide.

Chigwidden, the Tigers' best and fairest player of the past three years, covered every inch of Glenelg Oval to collect 23 kicks, 15 handballs and three goals, inspiring his team to a comfortable 22-point win.

Chigwidden, taken by Sydney as the 36th pick in the 1988 national draft but eventually delisted, has made a habit of racking up impressive statistics in his eight-year career.

But now the defensive side of his game sets him apart from other rovers with prolific possession rates. At 25, his AFL chance has gone but Glenelg wonders what might have been.

Yesterday Chigwidden tackled, shepherded and smothered with as much zeal as he won possession. His first quarter was particularly devastating.

"Nick Chigwidden and (wingman) Simon Hele are team leaders and today

they led from the front," Glenelg coach Mark Williams said.

Glenelg's midfielders won it the game. Hele had nearly 30 possessions, as did Phil McGuinness, whose penetrating kicks to the full forward line invariably resulted in goals.

Craig McRae, perhaps the quickest player in the SANFL, used his pace to telling effect and Darren Mansell, who started in the centre but played the second half in a forward pocket, made a significant contribution despite still being lethargic from German measles. But Glenelg was not always dominant.

West, desperate to atone for its hiding at the hands of Central last week, started competently into the breeze and, through the strength of Tim Symes and Paul Patterson, the ball-getting ability of Chris Barratt and Scott Loving and the opportunism of Steven Hamilton, led by two points after a frantic first quarter.

The Bloods grabbed an 11-point lead in a less entertaining second term and appeared to have the resources to win.

But Williams, in his brief coaching career has never hesitated in making

GLENELG	5.6	6.8	12.10	14.16	(100)
WEST ADELAIDE	6.2	8.5	8.9	11.12	(78)

BEST - Glenelg: Chigwidden, Hele, Barton, McGuinness, McRae, Stuart, Deane. West: Goss, Davis, Loving, Barratt, Simister, Hamilton, Chandler.

SCORERS - GLENELG: Chigwidden 3.0, Mansell, McGuinness 2.1, Berbakov 2.0, Barton 1.3, McRae 1.2, Deane, Smith 1.1, Hele 1.0, Kretschmer 0.2, McCully, Martin, Bartlett, Redshaw 0.1, rushed 0.1 West: Simister 4.5, Hamilton 2.2, Pope 2.0, Symes 1.1, Mellor, Patterson 1.0, Loving 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES - West: Blythe (corked thigh). **UMPIRES** - Michael Abbott, Gary Wyld. **CROWD** - 3054.

BEST ON GROUND, TOP TEAM MAN - N. Chigwidden (Glenelg).

RESERVES - Glenelg 16.5 (101) d West 14.15 (99).

BEST - Glenelg: Gibbs, Brown, Symonds, Boyle, Dittmar. West: Unavailable. **GOALS** - Glenelg: Gibbs 9, Caldwell 4, Schrapel, Symonds, Goodridge. West: Unavailable.

changes when problems arise, and in the second half he recast his line-up.

Centre half-forward Allan Bartlett switched with centre half-back Hamish Stuart, Michael Barton moved on to the ball, McRae shifted to a wing, Mansell and Peter Berbakov went to forward pockets and Dwaine Kretschmer, in his first game of the season and sporting protective eye glasses, moved to the pivot. Later he swapped with McRae. The revamp had the desired effect as Glenelg added 6.4 to 0.4 in a match-winning third term.

"If things aren't working it's no use dying wondering what might have happened," Williams said. "We are fortunate in that most of our players can

play at either end of the ground - and that's the trend in the AFL these days. To the players' credit it (the revamp) didn't unsettle them."

West was one or two players short in the midfield running department but at least this week it did not hoist the white flag as it had at Elizabeth.

Its constant "endeavor and commitment to each other and the ball" pleased coach Geoff Morris. The Bloods even had a chance of victory in the last quarter until their unforced turnovers returned to haunt them.

"In the end that was what cost us," said Morris, who knew he needed to snatch yesterday's game in preparation for clashes against Port and the Eagles.

SANFL LADDER

	W	L	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Eagles	7	-	929	597	60.88	14
Central District	4	2	646	464	58.20	8
Port Adelaide	4	2	729	592	55.19	8
Sturt	3	3	675	677	49.93	6
Glenelg	3	3	564	652	46.38	6
Norwood	2	5	530	638	45.38	4
West Adelaide	2	4	509	640	44.30	4
South Adelaide	2	4	497	674	42.44	4
North Adelaide	1	5	533	678	44.01	2

Round 8 - Friday: Port v West (Football Park). Saturday: Glenelg v Sturt (Glenelg). North v Central (Port Pirie). South v Norwood (Adelaide). Bye: Eagles

CENTRAL	4.4	6.8	13.13	17.18	(120)
STURT	2.1	3.5	3.7	3.12	(30)

BEST - Central: Haraida, Macgowan, Stevens, Girdham, Potter, Roberson, Abbott. Sturt: Lienert, Richter, Sutherland, Williams.

SCORERS - Central: Richardson 3.4, Macgowan 3.0, Ingerson, Hicks 2.2, Coffee, Handley 2.0, Girdham 1.2, Roberson, Healy 1.1, Reimers, Stevens, Potter 0.1, rushed 0.3. Sturt: Arnol 1.3, Trimboli, Brooks 1.0, Wigney 0.2, Ahchee, Sutherland, Stagg, Smart 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES - Sturt: Johns (groin), Kitschke (bruised rib), Stagg (concussion).

UMPIRES - Kevin Chambers, Richard Williams.

CROWD - 3828.

BEST ON GROUND - Brian Haraida (Central).

TOP TEAM MAN - Rick Macgowan (Central).

RESERVES - Central 19.21 (135) d Sturt 10.7 (67).

Ginever, Macgowan lead afield

Port Adelaide v North Adelaide

B. Phillips (North)	3
T. Ginever (Port)	2
S. Hodges (Port)	1

Glenelg v West Adelaide

N. Chigwidden (Glenelg)	3
G. Goss (West)	2
S. Hele (Glenelg)	1

Central District v Sturt

B. Haraida (Central)	3
R. Macgowan (Central)	2
S. Stevens (Central)	1

Eagles v Norwood

J. Sziller (Eagles)	3
A. Rogers (Eagles)	2
N. Pesch (Eagles)	1

Leaders: Ginever (Port), Macgowan

(Central) 9; S. Totham (Eagles) 8; S. Morphett (Eagles) 7; J. Sziller (Eagles), B. Lienert (Sturt) 6; S. Philipou (Eagles) 5; P. Chapman (Eagles), Chigwidden (Glenelg), T. Nunan (North), B. Phillips (North) 4.

EAGLES	0.5	4.10	10.12	14.12	(96)
NORWOOD	0.5	5.5	5.7	9.11	(65)

BEST - Eagles: J. Sziller, Rogers, Pesch, Nicol, Morphett, Thorne, Chapman. Norwood: Pitt, McIntosh, Modra, D'Antiochia, Kelly.

SCORERS - Eagles: Thorne, Taylor 4.3, Kluzek 2.0, Schwartz 1.1, Chapman, Di Biase, Payze 1.0, Niemann 0.2, J. Sziller 0.1, rushed 0.2. Norwood: Prime 5.4, Fleming 1.3, Ross, McIntosh, Davay 1.0, Hyde, Cowham 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPORT - Andrew Taylor (Eagles) by field umpire Ron Bettridge for allegedly striking Ben Modra (Norwood) during the second quarter.

INJURIES - Norwood: Byrnes and Bowman (badly corked thighs).

UMPIRES - R. Bettridge, T. Burton. **CROWD** - 3547.

BEST ON GROUND - J. Sziller (Eagles). **TOP TEAM MAN** - S. Nicol (Eagles).

PORT ADELAIDE	3.2	8.6	10.7	16.14	(110)
NORTH ADELAIDE	5.3	5.6	10.10	10.12	(72)

BEST - Port Adelaide: Ginever, Hodges, Hutton, R. Smith, Mead, Delaney, Borlase. North Adelaide: Phillips, Turner, Louder, Atkinson, Peucker.

SCORERS - Port Adelaide: Hodges 6.3, R. Smith 4.2, D. Smith 2.0, Borlase, Hutton, Gaffney 1.1, S. Williams 1.0, Spaiding 0.3, Tylor 0.2, rushed 0.1. North Adelaide: Bennett 2.3, Phillips, Rosenboom 2.0, Turner 1.4, Squire, Sanders 1.1, Atkinson 1.0, Walsh, Francou, Gray 0.1.

INJURY - Port: Rizonico (hamstring).

UMPIRES - T. Pfeiffer, A. Vickers. **CROWD** - 4870.

BEST ON GROUND - B. Phillips (North Adelaide).

TOP TEAM MAN - T. Ginever (Port Adelaide).

RESERVES - Port 19.23 (137) d North 9.14 (68).

Glenelg	Kicks				Marks				Handballs				Frees	Scores	Hit	Tackles					
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4					F	A	G	B	
P. BERBAKOV	3	3	2	0	8	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2		
B. SMITH	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1		
C. MCRAE	3	2	2	6	13	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	3	2	7	3	2	1	2		
S. FISHLICK	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0		
A. BARTLETT	1	2	3	4	10	0	2	1	2	5	2	0	2	0	4	2	1	0	1		
M. BARTON	4	4	2	4	14	0	0	2	1	3	2	0	4	0	6	2	3	1	3		
S. HELE	5	3	3	10	21	1	1	2	3	7	2	4	1	1	8	2	1	1	0		
N. CHIGWIDDEN	8	2	8	5	23	2	1	2	2	7	5	3	4	3	15	0	1	3	0		
B. DEANE	5	2	4	3	14	0	0	2	2	4	4	2	0	4	10	2	1	1	0		
E. MARTIN	2	0	2	1	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1		
H. STUART	2	0	6	3	11	0	1	0	1	2	0	3	1	1	5	2	0	0	4		
S. MCDONALD	2	2	4	2	10	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	2	2	6	4	0	0	2		
G. REUBENICHT	1	1	3	3	8	1	1	1	0	3	0	1	2	2	5	0	0	0	0		
B. ROEHRICH	1	2	1	1	5	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0		
S. ANGOVE	2	3	1	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1		
S. MCCULLY	1	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	1		
D. MANSELL	2	3	5	1	11	0	2	5	0	7	1	1	1	0	3	0	2	2	1		
P. MCGUINNESS	7	3	6	6	22	2	3	1	2	8	2	1	3	0	6	1	1	2	0		
D. KRETSCHMER	0	2	2	2	6	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	2		
T. REDSHAW	3	1	0	1	5	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1		
TOTALS	52	37	57	57	203	9	12	20	21	62	28	19	25	18	90	28	21	14	16	27	25

West	Kicks				Marks				Handballs				Frees	Scores	Hit	Tackles						
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4					F	A	G	B		
A. POPE	1	3	3	3	10	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	
S. SIMISTER	2	1	3	3	9	1	1	3	4	9	0	1	1	2	4	0	3	4	5	0	0	0
G. MELLOR	4	3	1	2	10	2	1	1	2	6	0	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	0	1	2	2
P. PATTERSON	3	1	5	0	9	2	0	3	0	5	2	2	1	0	5	0	1	1	0	4	1	1
T. SYMES	2	1	0	4	7	2	0	0	2	4	2	1	0	2	4	0	2	1	1	6	1	0
S. HAMILTON	8	4	4	1	17	2	1	2	0	5	2	1	3	0	5	0	1	2	2	0	0	0
G. FIELKE	1	1	6	1	9	0	0	2	0	2	2	3	1	4	10	3	1	0	0	0	3	3
S. LOVING	7	2	9	4	22	3	2	7	1	13	1	1	1	1	4	3	1	0	1	0	2	2
C. MANSELL	1	2	5	2	10	1	0	2	1	4	2	3	2	2	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
M. PALMER	1	1	5	4	11	0	0	1	4	5	1	3	2	1	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
A. GREEN	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
R. MCKINNON	3	3	1	2	9	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	2	2
D. CHANDLER	1	3	2	1	7	2	2	1	1	6	1	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	1
G. GOSS	2	5	2	1	10	0	3	0	0	3	1	2	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
T. EDWARDS	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B. DAVIS	2	1	0	1	4	1	0	1	2	4	0	1	1	7	9	1	2	0	0	11	0	0
J. ANDRISKE	6	2	2	2	12	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	0	4	1	4	0	0	0	2	2
C. BARRETT	5	4	1	6	16																	