

Bays spoil South party

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Glenelg not only crashed South Adelaide's house-warming party at Noarlunga yesterday - it took the cutlery, spilt its drink on the new carpet and woke the neighbours on the way out.

South, celebrating its first official match at the new Noarlunga Oval complex in front of 10,123 fans, went missing in the second half as Glenelg stormed to a party-spoiling 47-point victory.

A goal by Ben Aulich gave South a 10-point break early in the third quarter but the side was unable to score another goal until the 20-minute mark of the final term.

Glenelg, meanwhile, had booted nine majors and secured the Peter Carey-Peter Darley Cup.

Disappointed South coach Ken Sheldon, who said the big crowd was "truly magnificent", blamed the result on the side's "softest" football so far this season.

"A good majority of our players lost total accountability of their opponents from about the 10-minute mark of the third quarter and refused to get back on track and do their part towards a team victory," Sheldon said.

"Meanwhile, the game was lost.

"A few of our players said, 'well we deserve to win this today'. You deserve nothing in football unless you are hard-working.

"The reason South Adelaide lost it was simple. We lost the hardness. We had Glenelg by the throat and we thought we'd win. It's a simple lesson."

The first half was scrappy but it was the run of Glenelg's midfielders which split open the game after the break.

Wingman Jon Symonds (43 possessions), Phil McGuinness, Dean Bailey and Paul Hallahan started to find space, strong marking Jim West controlled centre half-forward until drifting out of the game later in the match.

And spectacular half-forward Justin Scripps (four goals) never was contained.

Then there was Paul Hamilton's disciplined effort at full back. The former Essendon premiership player held star South recruit Danny Del-Re goalless.

South had few four-quarter performers. Brilliant young South ruckman Brendon Lade was best afield in the first half, dragging down a dozen marks.

But a slight ankle problem forced him to rest deep in attack for most of the final half. Obviously this had some impact but Lade's ruck replacement, first-gamer Shane Sterzl, also revealed plenty of talent.

Glenelg coach Tony Symonds was pleased to leave Noarlunga with the two premiership points.

"South had everything to play for today and I suppose in some ways it makes it easier for you (Glenelg) coming in on a day like today to get their minds totally on the job," he said.

"They know it's going to be difficult - they know South are going to be fired up.

"I really gave it to our blokes at half time - I asked them for an effort."

Symonds said the club's long list of injuries had given other players a chance to play at league level.

"We've got six or seven of our top 20 out (but) we've probably found four or five guys who can play a lot of footy for us."

Sheldon said the Panthers were in a position to capitalise on the move south.

"So many people out there are prepared to cheer and support us if we can find that backbone of steel.

"I hate being beaten in such a way and I want them (the players) to be the same. You are either in the hard boat, or you are out," Sheldon said.

For the football trivia fans, Glenelg's Lyndon Bow had the first league kick at the new oval and South's Julian Farkas kicked the first goal.

SANFL SCOREBOARD

Glenelg	2.2	6.6	13.11	16.15	(111)
South	2.4	6.10	7.14	8.16	(64)

BEST - Glenelg: Symonds, Scripps, West, Hamilton, Hallahan, Bailey, McGuinness, Bartlett, Waugh, Chigwidden. South: Mills, Lamb, Polkinghorne, Powell, Lade, Sterzl, Aulich.

SCORERS - Glenelg: Scripps 4.2, West 2.2, Chigwidden 2.1, Angove 2.0, Mansell 1.2, Smith, Bartlett, Hallahan, Symonds 1.1, Waugh 1.0, Deane 0.2, Reubenicht, Kretschmer 0.1. South: Aulich 3.1, Lade 1.1, Farkas, Porter, Mitton, Osborne 1.0, Trevena 0.3, Del Re, Jackson, Powell, Polkinghorne 0.2, Ryan, McGuinness, Farkas 0.1.

INJURIES - Glenelg: Caldwell (ribs) and Strooper (driver) withdrew before game. South: Whitford (shoulder).

UMPIRES - Ron Bettridge, Kevin Chambers, Greg Inge.

CROWD - 10,123.

BEST ON GROUND - Jon Symonds (Glenelg).

TOP TEAM MAN - Paul Hamilton (Glenelg).



OUT IN FRONT... Glenelg defender Paul Hamilton (centre) shows desperation at the base of a pack during yesterday's historic clash at Noarlunga Oval. Picture: SARAH REED.

SANFL LEADING GOALKICKERS

Player	Club	Goals	Total
G. Coffee	(Central)	7	32.18
D. Del-Re	(South)	0	29.15
D. Woosnam	(West)	0	26.10
A. Pierri	(Norwood)	2	25.17
C. Waterhouse	(Port)	8	24.9
M Tylor	(Port)	7	23.9
T. Olsen	(Port)	2	21.9

SANFL LADDER

Team	W	L	D	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Port Adelaide	6	1	-	925	642	59.03	12
Central District	5	1	1	651	602	51.96	11
Glenelg	5	2	-	832	540	60.64	10
Norwood	4	4	-	771	773	49.94	8
South Adelaide	4	3	-	709	714	49.82	8
North Adelaide	3	4	-	709	677	51.15	6
West Adelaide	2	4	1	702	683	50.69	5
Eagles	2	5	-	605	793	43.28	4
Sturt	-	7	-	528	1006	34.38	-