

Major Sturt setback: Feast faces knee surgery

# Bays find lost form

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Glenelg finally ended its horrid four-game losing streak with a scrappy but promising 51-point victory over a desperate Sturt in the AFL curtain-raiser at Football Park yesterday.

Glenelg's solid 20.11 (131) to 12.8 (80) win also brought more troubles to the Blues with star ruckman and State squad member Simon Feast likely to have knee surgery this week.

Feast, who came into the game with a chronic left knee problem, lined-up at full forward and struggled throughout the often scrappy affair before coming off after falling heavily late in the game while rucking.

Glenelg was too desperate and too skilful for the Blues.

Midfielders Lynden Bow, Simon Hele, Nick Chigwidden, Jon Symonds and follower Chris McDermott simply had too much of the ball and too much time to use it effectively.

A lack-lustre first half resulted in more ball-handling errors than the mini-league match. Glenelg scratched back the ascendancy in the second term, as the lead changed five times, then produced a 13.6 to 6.4 last half - indicating it is slowly getting back on the rails.

"I don't think there should be any headlines saying Glenelg's back because we've just won one game and it's a platform where you can improve and go on from if you're focused," said Glenelg coach Tony Symonds.

"We're back in the driver's seat but we haven't gone anywhere yet."

Veteran Glenelg goalsneak Jim West proved a match-winner with 5.1 and always provided an attacking focus. He was Glenelg's only clear forward winner in the first half but when Mark Soderstrom (3.1) and Mark Tylor (3.0) broke into the game the Tigers stormed home.

Defender Ben Thompson and Grant Reubenicht rebounded strongly and Stewart McCully (21 hit-outs) and Ben Roehrich, in a rare appearance in ruck, dominated the taps.

Quite simply, Sturt's mistakes cost it the two premier-ship points.

"In each game we've played our turnovers have been a factor and also our inability to score.

**GLENELG** 3.2 7.5 11.7 20.11 (131)  
**STURT** 3.2 6.4 8.6 12.8 (80)

**BEST** - Glenelg: McDermott, Thompson, Bow, West, Chigwidden, Symonds, Hele. Sturt: Hall, Pitura, Nelson, Obst, Raidis, Gray, Atkinson.

**SCORERS** - Glenelg: West 5.1, Soderstrom 3.1, Bow, Read, Tylor 3.0, Hele, Moss 1.1, Chigwidden 1.0, Symonds 0.2, Thompson 0.1, rushed 0.4. Sturt: Hall 4.4, DeRon, Obst 2.0, Nelson, Irvine, Kennett, Maloney 1.0, Judd 0.2, Pitura 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**INJURIES** - Sturt: Lennon (hamstring) replaced in selected side by Mark Pitura, Feast (knee), DeRon (thigh). Glenelg: Kretschmer (hamstring).

**UMPIRES** - Daniel Kowal, Ron Bettridge, Andrew Schwaffer.

**BEST ON GROUND** - Chris McDermott (Glenelg). **TOP TEAM PLAYER** - Mark Pitura (Sturt).

"In the first three quarters we had the ball in our scoring zone more than they did but we didn't have the players to finish it off," said Sturt coach Phil Carman.

"We haven't got a full forward to kick three or four goals a game. The skills were disappointing. Glenelg had four or five disposals linked together but we have an inability because we have only one or two and then break down. If we could have more of that going into our forward lines we could kick more goals."

Carman said losing Bruce Lennon before the game, injured at State training on Wednesday, reflected badly on Sturt's man-power.

The pace picked up after half-time and both teams threw their bodies in wildly, particularly Glenelg half-back Mark Viska whose vigorous approach attracted harsh words from umpire Ron Bettridge and Sturt's Brodie Atkinson.

The Blues follower, almost unsighted in the opening quarter, finished with 26 possessions and with Ben Nelson and lightning-quick Damien Obst stimulated Sturt. Brad Hall was the best big man on the field and dominated at half-forward even after Alan Bartlett moved on to him and the much shorter Luke Ottens went to the back pocket to mind Stephen White.

SANFL debutant Mark Pitura (ex-Collingwood) blitzed Glenelg with pace and aggression early, before fading through lack of match fitness.



BIG MEN FLY ... And Glenelg goalsneak Jim West holds the mark. Picture: RAY TITUS.

## SANFL LADDER

	W	L	D	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Central District	8	2	-	1058	665	61.40	16
Norwood	7	3	-	921	842	52.24	14
Port Adelaide	6	3	-	843	649	56.50	12
West Adelaide	5	5	-	801	747	51.74	10
North Adelaide	4	5	-	771	818	48.62	8
Eagles	4	5	-	679	721	48.50	8
Glenelg	4	5	-	755	809	48.27	8
Sturt	3	7	-	705	1068	39.76	6
South Adelaide	2	8	-	853	1067	44.43	4

## THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Round 12: Saturday - Eagles v Port (Football Park), North v Central (Prospect), Sturt v West (Adelaide), Norwood v Glenelg (Norwood).  
Bye: South.

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### LEADING GOALKICKERS

Player	Club	Rd 11	Total
S. Hodges	(Port)	3	47.18
A. Reade	(Norwood)	8	35.25
S. Simister	(West)	7	33.31
D. Stoeckel	(South)	4	28.12
D. Flood	(Central)	3	27.11
J. West	(Glenelg)	5	25.14
D. Woosnam	(West)	3	21.10

### RESERVES

Glenelg 24.9 (153) d Sturt 9.9 (63).  
**BEST** - Glenelg: Gigney, Herbert, Johnson, B. Wilkinson, Hallihan, Edwards, Smart. Sturt: Cardone, Turner, Raymond, Thomas, Stevens, McEvoy.  
**GOALS** - Glenelg: Gigney 9, Muir 5, Hall, P. Sodomka, Bode 2, Smart, Johnson, Hallihan, K. Sodomka. Sturt: B. Croft, McEvoy 3, Brammy, Davies, Barker.

**CENTRAL** 5.0 10.2 13.4 15.6 (96)  
**PORT** 3.3 6.7 7.9 11.9 (75)

**BEST** - Central: Lee, Macgowan, Conway, Haraida, Schaefer, Abbott, Wakelin, Girdham, Laird. Port: Borlase, Mead, McGuinness, Wait, T. Malakellis.

**SCORERS** - Central: Conway 7.0, Flood 3.0, Luhrs 2.0, Cotton 1.2, Lee, Balkwill 1.0, Daniel 0.1, rushed 0.3. Port: Hodges 3.1, Wait 2.1, T. Malakellis 2.0, Dylan 1.2, Burgoyne, McGuinness, Ashley 1.0, McLeod 0.2, Mead 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**INJURIES** - Central: Saywell (flu) replaced in selected side by Luhrs, Flood (back). Port: Fiacchi (hamstring), Francis (corked thigh).

**UMPIRES** - Richard Williams, Kevin Chambers, Troy Burton.

**CROWD** - 12,318 at Alberton Oval.

**BEST ON GROUND** - Scott Lee (Central). **TOP TEAM PLAYER** - Rick Macgowan (Central).

**WEST** 2.2 11.4 15.8 17.12 (114)  
**NORTH** 4.1 7.3 7.8 10.6 (86)

**BEST** - West: Dempsey, Gilbert, Simister, Bennetts, Woosnam, Barrett, Coghill, Banik. North: Nunan, Rosenboom, Viney, Sandford, Gerke.

**SCORERS** - West: Simister 7.4, Woosnam 3.4, Dempsey 3.2, Symes, Brebner, Coghill, Hopkins 1.0, Morris 0.2. North: McCartney 2.0, Tasker 1.2, Parker, Woolford 1.1, Sandford, Hill, Nunan, Francou, Squire 1.0, Jeffries 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**INJURIES** - North: Sandford (shoulder), Saunders (ankle).

**UMPIRES** - Michael Abbott, Garry Wyld, Craig Doddridge.

**CROWD** - 2422 at Richmond Oval.

**BEST ON GROUND** - Greg Dempsey (West). **TOP TEAM PLAYER** - Wayne Rosenboom (North).

**NORWOOD** 4.4 9.10 14.18 21.19 (145)  
**SOUTH** 5.3 8.5 12.6 14.8 (92)

**BEST** - Norwood: Cunningham, Dickie, Georgiou, Reade, Harvey, Thiessen, Keating, Rowe, Millar, Bassett. South: Johnston, Genovese, Murton, Knight, Lade, Mellow, Polkinghorne.

**SCORERS** - Norwood: Reade 8.4, Cunningham 4.1, Bassett 2.2, Dickie, Millar 2.1, Rowe 2.0, Thiessen 1.1, Growden, Harvey, Georgiou, Keating 0.1, rushed 0.5. South: Stoeckel 4.1, Mellow 3.1, Lamb 2.2, Saunders 2.0, Osborn 1.1, Cameron, Murton 1.0, Mills, Johnston 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**INJURIES** - South: Battams (ankle) replaced in selected side by Mick Clohesy, Osborn (groin), Lamb (shoulder). Norwood: Eastaugh (knee), Millar (back).

**UMPIRES** - Derek Woodcock, David Elliott, Justin Schmitt.

**CROWD** - 2992 at Noarlunga.

**BEST ON GROUND** - John Cunningham (Norwood). **TOP TEAM PLAYER** - Anthony Harvey (Norwood).