

SANFL SCOREBOARD

SANFL ladder

Table showing SANFL ladder with columns for P, W, L, D, F, A, %, and Pts. Includes teams like NORWOOD, GLENELG, EAGLES*.

SANFL goalkickers

Table of SANFL goalkickers listing names, Games, Rd 3, and Total points.

Football Park

Table for Football Park showing scores for CENTRAL and Port.

Best players and GOALS for CENTRAL and PORT. Also lists INJURIES and UMPIRES.

Glenelg Oval

Table for Glenelg Oval showing scores for GLENELG and Sturt.

Best players and GOALS for GLENELG and STURT. Also lists INJURIES and UMPIRES.

Norwood Oval

Table for Norwood Oval showing scores for NORWOOD and South.

Best players and GOALS for NORWOOD and SOUTH. Also lists INJURIES and UMPIRES.

Prospect Oval

Table for Prospect Oval showing scores for NORTH and West.

Best players and GOALS for NORTH and WEST. Also lists UMPIRES.

SA crowds

Table showing SA crowds for various venues like Football Park, Glenelg Oval, etc.

Tigers too fast and too strong

BY PAUL DOWLING

GLENELG maximised its advantage in class and penalised Sturt's readiness to leave too much to too few in opening 1996 with a comfortable win yesterday at the Bay.

With its midfield and key position players dominant, Glenelg was never extended in slipping and sliding to a convincing but far from ominous 12.13 to 7.8 win.

Sturt, to beat West at Adelaide next week, needs much, much more from its long-serving senior players, its experienced recruits Brodie Atkinson, Kim Klomp and Mark Wade and also its youth fleet, which has been promising without delivering for too long.

It became obvious early Glenelg would boast too much pace, strength and experience for Sturt. When gilt-edged chances did fall to Sturt, two of its most seasoned performers - half-forward Andrew Geddes and full forward Bruce Lennon - failed to convert simple shots in front of goal.

Glenelg lost spearhead Dean Caldwell - stretchered off with an apparent knee injury - but it was able to cover his absence with North Gambler recruit Lucas Herbert and elusive half-forward Justin Scripps.

Sturt had stacked its forward line with Port Adelaide recruit Wade (centre half-forward) and North pick-up Klomp (half-forward) joining Lennon and Geddes up front

but the untidy way the ball was delivered cut Sturt's attack.

Sturt coach Phil Carman banked on Klomp's ball-getting ability in the square for the centre bounces with the former North strongman reverting to a forward flank after the battle had been decided. But Klomp was well held by Glenelg half-back Alistair Burke, as were most of the Sturt forwards.

Former Magpie Julian Burton replaced Lennon at full forward and responded by marking strongly and booting a badly need goal that brought Sturt to within 16 points after 20 minutes of the second term. He scored impressively again early in the third term, forcing Glenelg coach Tony Symonds to replace Ben Thompson with Ben Roehrich at full back.

But Glenelg was controlling most areas of the ground, especially the midfield, where rover Paul Hallahan and follower Simon Hele snared possessions at will.

With players tired and the ball heavy, the match degenerated into an unattractive slog in the final term.

Sturt played its most competitive football of the match but Glenelg wingman Dwaine Kretschmer thoroughly enjoyed the concluding stages - he collected 13 kicks in the last 25 minutes.

Statistical table for Glenelg vs Sturt, showing Kicks, Marks, Handballs, Frees, Scores, Hit, Tackles for individual players and totals.

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SA draw

Saturday: Sturt v West (Adelaide Oval), Central v North (Elizabeth Oval), Glenelg v Norwood (Glenelg Oval), Port v Eagles (Alberton). Bye: South.