

SANFL SCOREBOARD

SANFL ladder

Table with columns: Team, P, W, L, D, F, A, %, Pts. Lists teams: CENTRAL, PORT, EAGLES, GLENELG, NORTH, Norwood, South, Sturt\*, West.

SANFL goalkickers

Table with columns: Player, Games, Rd 4, Total. Lists goalkickers like S. Simister, A. Reade, S. Hodges.

Prospect Oval

Table with columns: Team, 1.3, 3.5, 7.10, 15.12 (102), 2.5, 4.8, 10.9, 12.13 (85).

BEST - NORTH: Squire, Phillips, Hill, Parker, Sutherland, Rosenboom, Tasker. NORWOOD: Millar, Cunningham, Keating, Harvey, Georgiou, Reade. D'Antiochia.

Woodville Oval

Table with columns: Team, 0.4, 3.7, 9.8, 14.18 (102), 2.2, 5.3, 12.5, 12.5 (77).

BEST - EAGLES: Payze, Niemann, McLure, Colville, Totham, Weidemann, Szifler, Bailey, Hall, Rogers. GLENELG: Burke, Hele, Thompson, Roehrich, Aulich, Waugh.

Noarlunga Oval

Table with columns: Team, 2.2, 7.7, 12.8, 21.11 (137), 3.3, 5.4, 9.5, 11.7 (73).

BEST - PORT: Hodges, Leys, Fiegert, Borlase, Northeast, Poole. SOUTH: Heath, Battams, Osborn, Lade, Johnston.

Football Park

Table with columns: Team, 2.2, 4.8, 11.11, 16.11 (107), 5.2, 6.3, 8.4, 10.4 (64).

BEST - CENTRAL: Lee, Potter, Stevens, Balkwill, Saywell, Schwerdt, Schaefer, Wakelin, Hicks. WEST: Andriske, Brebner, Watkins, Banik, Coghill.

Eagles in storming fightback

EAGLES 14.18 (102) GLENELG 12.5 (77)

By ANDREW CAPEL

An inspired Woodville-West Torrens stormed back from the brink of defeat to snatch a remarkable 25-point win against the previously unbeaten Glenelg at Woodville Oval yesterday.

After trailing by 15 points at the last change, the Eagles ran riot in the final term, kicking 5.10 to 0.0.

Such was the Eagles dominance in the last quarter, they had 20 shots at goal (five went out on the full) while the Tigers only went into their 50m arc twice.

The Eagles also had 52 more possessions in the last term with veterans Andrew Payze and David Niemann leading the onslaught.

It was the second time in three matches that the Eagles had won after trailing at every change.

While the Eagles had plenty of possession during the game, Glenelg used the ball more efficiently and looked more likely to win, especially after it held off a strong Eagles challenge midway through the third term.

The Tigers ran on strongly to beat Norwood last week but lacked any spark in the final term yesterday while the Eagles swarmed around the ball and were more desperate when the game was there to be won.

Payze was inspirational, gathering 31 possessions and kicking three goals from a wing, while Niemann dominated the ruck contests and in the air around the ground, finishing with the impressive statistics of 21 disposals, six marks, 25 hit outs and one goal.

Other fine contributors were classy rover James McLure, wingman Gavin Colville, centreman Stuart Totham and on-baller Wayne Weidemann while ruckman/forward Doug Bailey, who started on the bench, helped turn the game in the second half.

Glenelg worked solidly for three quarters, with its defence, led by Alistair Burke, Ben Thompson and Ben Roehrich, particularly impressive, but its midfield was completely outplayed in the final term.

Port recruit Mark Tylor kicked two goals from just three kicks at full forward in his first game for Glenelg but at times was starved of opportunities.

Eagles coach Bruce Winter praised the character of his players and said it was their eagerness to get front position in the final term which turned their fortunes.

"I thought we had plenty of the ball for three quarters but we let ourselves down with poor kicking," he said.

"The last quarter we got in front, won the hard ball and finally got some value for our possessions. The last quarter was outstanding."

A stunned Glenelg coach Tony Symonds was devastated by the last quarter fadeout and said it would take him several days to work out what went wrong.

"It's not acceptable this year and we have to take a good look at the reasons why we lost and make the appropriate changes," he said.

Eagles statistics table with columns: Player, Kicks, Marks, Handballs, Frees, Scores, Hit, Tackles.

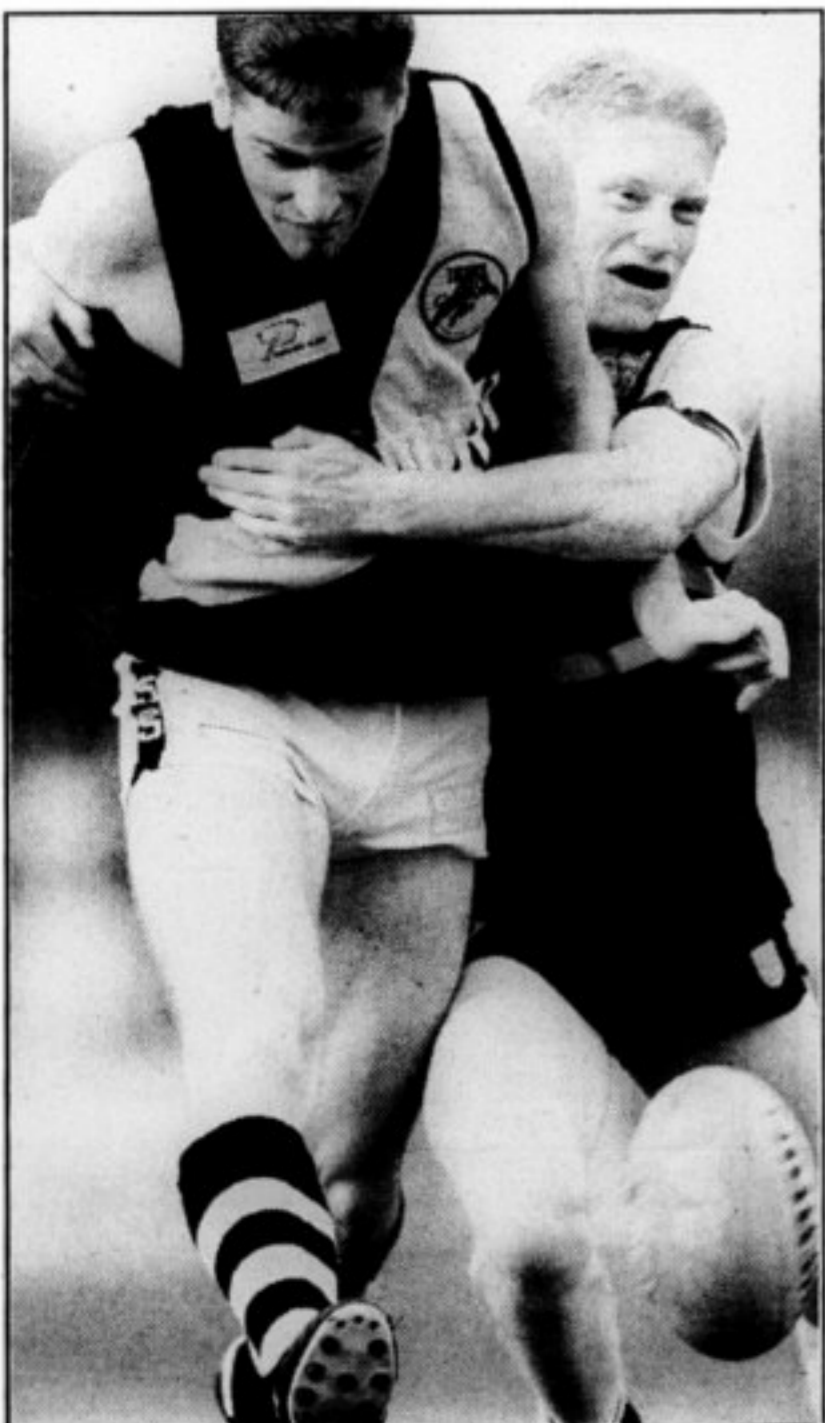
Glenelg statistics table with columns: Player, Kicks, Marks, Handballs, Frees, Scores, Hit, Tackles.

SA crowds

Table with columns: Venue, Total. Lists Prospect Oval, Woodville Oval, Noarlunga Oval.

SA draw

Thursday (2.45pm): Port v West (Football Park), North v Eagles (Adelaide Oval). Saturday: Central v Sturt (Elizabeth Oval), South v Glenelg (Noarlunga Oval). Bye: Norwood.



Eagle Gavin Colville tackles Glenelg's Rowan Waugh