

Central, Port dominate

CENTRAL District and AFL contender Port Adelaide both recorded strong wins in round nine to continue their dominance yesterday.

Port beat Glenelg, which dropped to seventh on the ladder, winning 20.8 (128) to 13.10 (88). Port's Crows' full forward Scott Hodges kicked seven.

Norwood's Andrew Pascoe went three better, landing 10 goals against Sturt at the Adelaide Oval. Norwood

won 18.11 (119) to 12.9 (81). The Eagles fared badly against a powerful Central, which won 16.10 (106) to 5.6 (36).

Lingering off-field politics and only one win from its last five games did not seem to deter South Adelaide for most of the close contest against West. West proved the fitter side with better ruck and forward skills, winning 15.8 (98) to 13.11 (89).

Port power subdues Bays

BY DOUG ROBERTSON

Glenelg's season rests in the balance after a dismal 40-point loss to Port Adelaide yesterday again exposed a lack of commitment by the Bays.

Port's win came because it constantly pressured the body, teamed effectively in attack, kicked accurately and boasted just too much talent.

It's running half-back line of Stephen Carter, Michael Wilson and Nigel Fiegert not only cut off the Bays' all too few forward thrusts but also forced them into repeated ball errors on the tight Glenelg Oval.

Glenelg outscored Port in the second half but, apart from a gutsy third term, it never looked a genuine threat. Port virtually won the game in the first half with 11.2 to an unforgiveable 3.5.

With just three wins from seven games, Glenelg remains planted in the bottom third of the premiership ladder.

The magic of Port's Scott Hodges, who kicked two almost miracle checkside goals (both from free kicks) within a minute in the last quarter, and the midfield strength of Daryl Borlase,

Port 20.8 (128) Glenelg 13.10 (88)

Daryl Poole and rookie Julian Wait in the last quarter, plus its miserly defence, simply overpowered Glenelg.

Traditionally, the Tigers perform well against Port at Brighton Rd and disappointed coach Tony Symonds said last week's bye and its preparation for the game could not have been better. It failed because too few players understood how to follow instructions.

The merciless Magpies controlled the game from the outset. Fabian Francis and super-talented rookie Peter Burgoyne hurt Glenelg across half-forward, and Hodges was always the main focus, although Ben Roehrich stuck to his monumental task all day.

When Poole was moved from half-forward to ruck after the break, Port curbed the influence of Stewart McCully who clearly won the centre hit-outs.

Port coach John Cahill, although disappointed with a lazy third term, said yesterday's "good win" was another step towards full power.

"We've still got a number of players out of form but one day it will all click and we'll be back at our best. It's not finals time yet," he said.

Port rover Phil McGuinness made a spirited start in his return game to his old home but Dwayne Kretschmer eventually limited McGuinness's influence and picked up 23 useful possessions.

Captain Nick Chigwidden and former Glenelg and Crows skipper Chris McDermott, playing just his second SANFL game since the inception of the national team, had plenty of the ball but made little effect on the outcome because of the enormous pressure they were put under by a lack of team-work.

SANFL SCOREBOARD

Adelaide Oval

Table with 5 columns: Team, Goals, Behind, Total, Points. Rows for Norwood and Sturt.

BEST - NORWOOD: Pascoe, Dickie, Cunningham, Tomich, Georgiou, McIntosh, Davey. STURT: May, Nelson, Maloney, Feast, Atkinson, Obst, Raidis.

SCORERS - NORWOOD: Pascoe 10.2, Reade 4.3, Thiessen 2.0, Cunningham, Twomey 1.1, Growden, Georgiou, Tomich 0.1, rushed 0.1. STURT: Irvine 2.3, Deron 2.1, Atkinson, Judd 2.0, Hall, Feast, Weatherald, Dennis 1.0, Obst 0.2, Lennon, O'Leary 0.1, Rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - NORWOOD: Fleming (fractured cheekbone). STURT: Klomp (hamstring) replaced in selected side by Irvine, Wade (concussion).

UMPIRES: Daniel Kowal, Michael Avon, David Elliott.

Elizabeth Oval

Table with 5 columns: Team, Goals, Behind, Total, Points. Rows for Central and Eagles.

BEST - CENTRAL: Cook, Saywell, Lee, Haraida, Wakelin, Cotton, Cotter, Hicks, Schwerdt, Vardy. EAGLES: Rogers, Christensen, Niemann, Simpson, Weidemann.

SCORERS - Central: Vardy 3.2, Flood 3.0, Balkwill 2.2, Rae, P. Green 2.0, Cook 1.1, Girdham, Wynd, Laird 1.0, Conway 0.2, Schaefer 0.1, rushed 0.2. EAGLES: Higgins 2.0, Taylor 1.2, Jones, Morphett 1.0, Kingsley 0.2, Biglands, Dillon 0.1.

INJURIES - Central: Schwerdt (hamstring). UMPIRES: Garry Wyld, Colin Rowston, Ron Bettridge.

Glenelg Oval

Table with 5 columns: Team, Goals, Behind, Total, Points. Rows for Port and Glenelg.

BEST - PORT: Borlase, Carter, Wilson, Burgoyne, Wait, Francis, Hodges, Poole. GLENELG: McCully, Soderstrom, Kretschmer, King, Hele, Bow.

SCORERS - PORT: Hodges 7.3, D. Smith 3.0, T. Malakellis, Burgoyne 2.0, Borlase 1.1, McGuinness, Francis, Wilson, Pedler, Mead 1.0, rushed 0.4. GLENELG: West 5.3, King, Symonds 2.1, McCully, McDonald, Waugh, Aulich 1.0, Hallahan, Thompson, Bow, Hele 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - PORT: Spiro Malakellis (hit to the head). UMPIRES: Tim Pfeiffer, Derek Woodcock, Greg Inge.

Richmond Oval

Table with 5 columns: Team, Goals, Behind, Total, Points. Rows for West and South.

BEST - WEST: Andriske, Fogden, Green, Barrett, Fielke, Sporn, Brebner. SOUTH: Knight, Battams, Harris, Genovese, Heath.

SCORERS - WEST: Woosnam 5.0, Mellor 3.1, Sporn 2.0, Simister, Dempsey, Hopkins 1.1, Andriske, Banik 1.0, Ravasi 0.3, Brebner 0.1. SOUTH: Osborn 3.0, Knight, Lamb 2.2, Heath 2.0, Stoeckel 1.2, Harris 1.1, McIntyre, Mills 1.0, Polkinghorne, Sinclair 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - WEST: Carlson (thigh), Morris (ankle). SOUTH: Quinn (shoulder).

UMPIRES: Craig Doddridge, Andrew Swaffer, Troy Burton.

SANFL ladder

Table with 8 columns: Team, P, W, L, D, F, A, %, Pts. Lists Central, Port, Norwood, Eagles, North*, West, Glenelg, South, Sturt.

* Bye.

SANFL goalkickers

Table with 4 columns: Player, Games, Rd 9, Total. Lists S. Hodges, A. Reade, S. Simister, D. Stoeckel, D. Flood, J. West, D. Woosnam, S. Morphett, A. Taylor, T. Cook.

SA crowds

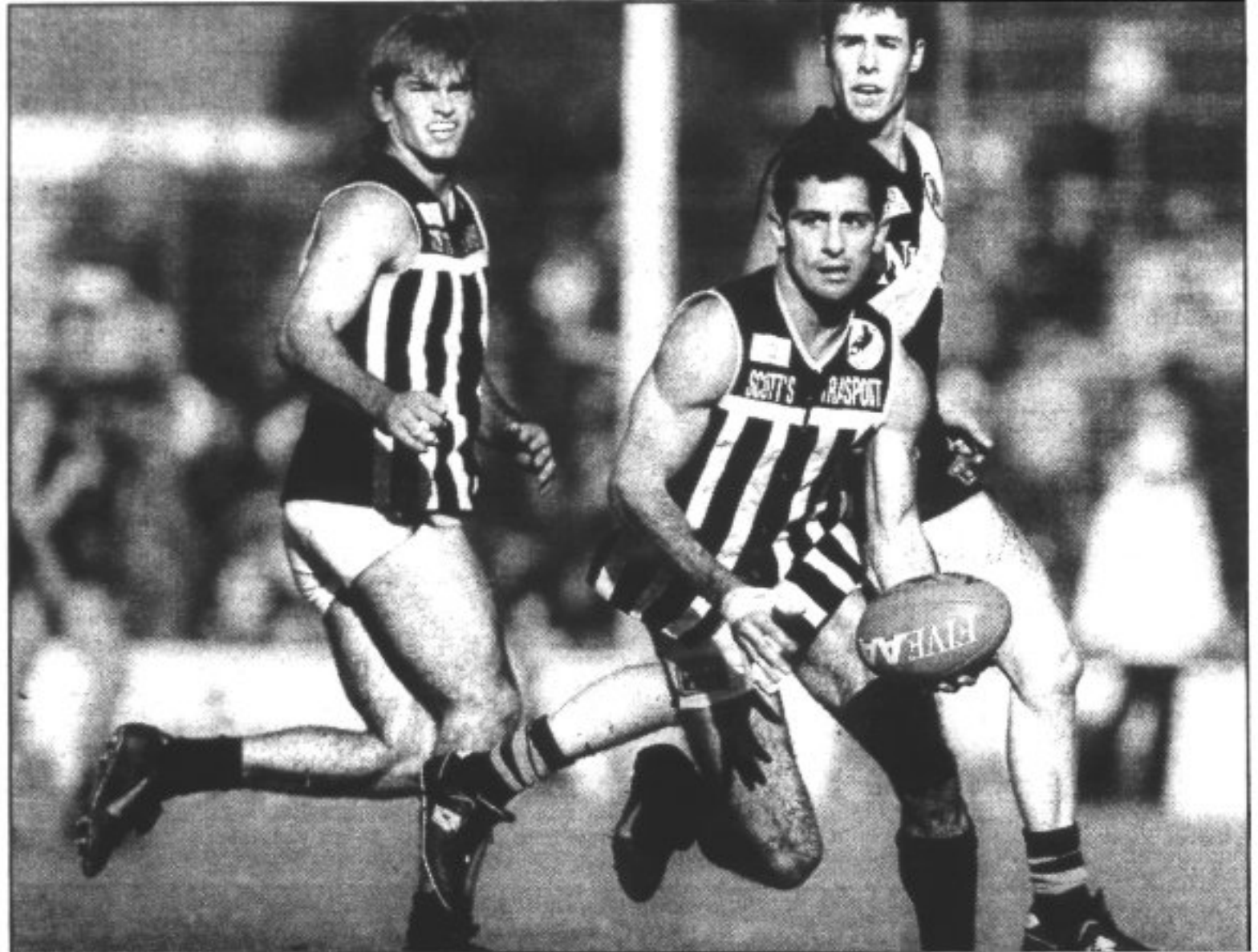
Table with 2 columns: Venue, Total. Lists Adelaide Oval, Elizabeth Oval, Glenelg Oval, Richmond Oval.

Footywin

Table with 5 columns: Game, Winner, Marg., TAB No., Div. Lists North Melb., Essendon, Footscray, West Coast, Norwood, Central, Port, West.

SA draw

Saturday: Sturt v South (Adelaide), Norwood v Central (Norwood), North v Glenelg (Prospect), Eagles v West (Woodville). Bye: Port.



Lively Port rover Tony Malakellis drives forward while teammate Stephen Carter hovers in the background.

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

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