

New-look Bays upset Bulldogs

Glenelg 12.15 (87)

Central 11.7 (73)

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GLENELG took its first steps towards credibility with a fine 14-point victory over a disappointing Central District at Glenelg Oval yesterday.

The young Tigers controlled the play for most of the match but only a late major to four-goal forward Alan Bartlett sealed the 12.15 to 11.7 upset.

New coach Wayne Stringer was immediately into "playdown" mode amid the smiles and the backslappers in the Tigers' rooms post-match, emphasising the win was just a small step towards the goals his side had set for the season.

"We are trying to rebuild and the spirit out there was great," Stringer said. "But we have done nothing yet." With half a dozen newcomers, the Tigers started shakily, crowding the backlines in a successful bid to shut down the early Central raids.

Former Geelong speedster Leigh Tudor opened the Bays' scoring with a long bomb from 50m which had a settling effect on his team.

But the Bulldogs etched out an eight-point, quarter-time advantage with some spasmodic forward thrusts. A Jarrod Cotton goal early in the second quarter was an apparent confirmation Central District would take control. However, Wayne Thornborrow became an important target for the new-look Glenelg running brigade. The Bays kicked five for the quarter and held a 16-point advantage at the long break.

Central's lack of a key target up forward was critical in the third term as the game disintegrated into a series of packs punctuated irregularly by a passage of flowing play. The Dogs simply failed to take advantage of the breeze which favored them.

And although the Bays were guilty of disorganisation, the players are still learning the style coach Stringer expects from his team.

The final quarter gave Stringer and his colleagues on the Glenelg bench plenty to enthuse about. The hard running, aggressive midfield work was complemented by the forwards.

Several times the Dogs found the teamwork which had been absent for most of the match and a Tim Cook goal at the 20-minute mark gave them a chance of an undesired victory.

But it was not to be as Glenelg bounced back with two goals and the game. In the end, the inexperienced Bays prevailed in what many thought would be a Bulldogs' walkover.

Stringer could not have hoped for a better start. A tight encounter against last season's grand finalist and a strong finish in which the Bays showed plenty of spirit.

His Central counterpart, Steve Wright, was a frustrated man post-match, conceding there were no positives for his team from the game.

On-baller Craig Potter will face the league tribunal on a tripping charge.

Glenelg	Kicks				Marks				Handballs				Frees		Scores	Hit	Tackles				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	F	A				G	B	Out	
J.SCRIPPS	1	2	1	3	7	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	0	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	1
D.GIGNEY	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	0
R.HALL	1	1	5	4	11	1	2	0	0	3	2	5	0	1	8	2	1	0	4	0	2
A.BARTLETT	1	3	1	3	8	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	2	0	2	1	2	4	0	0	1
L.OTTENS	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
D.KRETSCHMER	1	4	1	2	8	1	1	1	1	4	1	3	1	1	6	0	0	0	1	0	3
A.ROWETT	4	3	3	2	12	1	0	1	1	3	1	3	2	2	8	2	1	0	1	0	2
J.PEARCE	4	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	5	1	0	0	1	1	1
J.BROOKS	3	1	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
M.RAIDS	2	1	2	3	8	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	3
B.THOMPSON	0	1	2	2	5	0	1	1	2	4	0	2	2	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
M.VISKA	2	1	3	3	9	0	0	2	1	3	1	1	4	1	7	1	2	0	0	0	3
G.RIDGWAY	0	1	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
S.NICHOLAS	2	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
W.THORNBORROW	6	2	3	2	13	2	2	4	1	9	0	1	4	2	7	0	0	1	1	23	3
P.ROUVRAY	7	4	4	2	17	3	2	1	1	7	3	1	2	3	9	3	0	0	0	0	2
A.BURKE	4	3	4	5	16	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	1	0	5	2	2	0	1	0	2
N.CHIGWIDEN	0	6	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	5	1	1	2	0	0	0
T.REILLY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.OTTENS	2	2	3	2	9	2	3	2	2	9	1	3	1	0	5	1	0	1	3	8	1
L.TUDOR	5	3	1	0	9	1	1	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	0
TOTALS	46	43	38	37	163	13	17	17	10	57	27	26	26	17	96	16	13	12	15	32	25

Central	Kicks				Marks				Handballs				Frees		Scores	Hit	Tackles				
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	F	A				G	B	Out	
N.BENSON	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
B.LUFFERS	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
B.LOCKWOOD	4	2	2	0	8	1	1	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	4	0	2	1	2	2	0
J.COTTON	3	2	0	1	6	0	2	0	1	3	1	1	1	0	3	1	1	1	1	0	0
D.FLOOD	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.HULM	2	1	3	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	5	0	1	1	0	0	1
J.SAYWELL	5	3	0	3	11	1	1	0	0	2	2	3	3	1	9	0	0	2	0	0	1
R.MACGOWAN	4	2	3	3	12	3	2	1	2	8	6	5	0	0	11	0	0	2	2	0	1
S.STEVENS	3	1	3	0	7	1	1	0	0	2	4	3	0	2	9	0	1	0	1	0	0
B.DANIEL	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	3	2	1	1	5	9	2	0	0	0	0	0
B.HARADA	3	3	3	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	6	0	1	0	0	0	0
M.WAKELIN	4	0	0	3	7	2	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
P.GEISTER	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
D.HICKS	1	3	3	2	9	1	1	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
S.LEE	3	7	2	4	16	2	2	0	0	4	2	2	2	1	7	2	0	1	0	0	5
M.CONWAY	5	5	2	0	12	3	1	2	0	6	3	2	0	0	5	3	1	0	0	1	0
R.GIRDHAM	2	3	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	2	1	4	1	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	2
T.COOK	6	3	2	3	14	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3	3	8	1	2	1	0	2	6
D.ARNOLD	1	1	4	1	7	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	15	0
C.POTTER	0	0	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
M.JONES	3	1	0	2	6	1	1	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	52	40	32	31	155	18	16	6	10	50	31	32	14	26	103	13	16	11	7	21	28

SANFL SCOREBOARD

Alberton Oval

PORT	3.3	7.6	10.9	12.10	(82)
Sturt	2.2	4.5	5.7	11.9	(75)

BEST - PORT: T. Malakellis, Fiegert, Ginever, Carr, Northeast, Bamford, Tylor, Nicholson. STURT: Feast, Soderstrom, Lennon, Powell, Pitura, AhChee, Maloney, Richter.

SCORERS - PORT: Tylor 6.0, McGuinness 3.1, Malakellis 2.0, Tredrea 1.2, Dylan, Ginever 0.2, Shaw 0.1, rushed 0.2. STURT: Atkinson 3.0, AhChee 2.4, Judd 2.1, Richter, Ferguson 1.1, Soderstrom, Pitura 1.0, Beecroft 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - STURT: Warton (hamstring); Thredgold (hamstring). PORT: Sheehan (corked thigh).

UMPIRES - Colin Rowston, Derek Woodcock, Ron Bettridge.

Richmond Oval

EAGLES	5.1	10.2	13.3	17.6	(108)
West	2.2	6.2	10.10	12.13	(85)

BEST - EAGLES: Higgins, Christensen, Rogers, McLure, M. Phillipou, Kluzek, S. Phillipou, Sziller, Wiggins. WEST: Fogden, Symes, Banik, Dempsey, E. Richardson, Mellor, Eagleton, Brebner.

SCORERS - EAGLES: M. Kluzek 6.1, M. Phillipou 5.1, S. Phillipou 2.0, Sziller, Floreani, Higgins, Colville 1.0, McLure 0.2, Duhne 0.1, rushed 0.1. WEST: Eagleton 3.0, Dempsey 2.3, A. Richardson 2.2, Symes 2.1, E. Richardson 1.2, Brebner 1.1, Mellor 1.0, McLuckie, Barrett 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - EAGLES: Colville (ankle).

UMPIRES - Greg Inge, Justin Schmitt, Mark Barnett.

Glenelg Oval

GLENELG	2.2	7.7	9.11	12.15	(87)
Central	3.3	5.3	8.5	11.7	(73)

BEST - GLENELG: Thornborrow, Rouvray, Bartlett, Chigwidden, Hall, B. Ottens. CENTRAL: Lee, Stevens, Conway, MacGowan, Cook.

SCORERS - GLENELG: Bartlett 4.0, Chigwidden, Gigney 2.0, B. Ottens 1.3, Thornborrow, Tudor 1.1, L. Ottens 1.0, Hall 0.4, Kretschmer, Pearce, Rowett, Burke 0.1, Rushed 0.2. CENTRAL: MacGowan 2.2, Saywell 2.0, Lockwood 1.2, Steinberner, Cotton 1.1, Lee, Luhrs, Hulm, Cook 1.0, Stevens 0.1, rushed 0.0.

REPORTS - CENTRALS: Potter reported for tripping Hall (Glenelg).

UMPIRES - Kevin Chambers, Michael Avon, Garry Wyld.

Prospect Oval

NORWOOD	5.0	9.4	9.9	17.12	(114)
North	3.3	3.4	7.6	7.7	(49)

BEST - NORWOOD: Wasley, Davey, Molloy, West, Fleming, Jarman, King. NORTH: Gerke, Lehmann, Hodges, Viney, Jeffries, Woolford.

SCORERS - NORWOOD: Molloy 7.1, West 6.1, King 2.2, Obst 1.1, Kemp 1.0, Jarman 0.1, Millar 0.1, Wasley 0.1, Pitt 0.1, McCormack 0.1, McIntosh 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORTH: Parker 2.1, Jeffries 2.1, Sandford 2.0, Hodges 1.0, Peucker 0.1, Viney 0.1, Wintle 0.1, Herbert 0.1, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES - Craig Doddridge, Darragh Ryan, Tim Pfeiffer.

SANFL ladder

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
NORWOOD	1	1	0	0	114	49	69.94	2
EAGLES	1	1	0	0	108	85	55.96	2
GLENELG	1	1	0	0	87	73	54.37	2
PORT	1	1	0	0	82	75	52.23	2
STURT	1	0	1	0	75	82	47.77	0
Central	1	0	1	0	73	87	45.63	0
West	1	0	1	0	85	108	44.04	0
North	1	0	1	0	49	114	30.06	0
South*	0	0	0	0	00	00	00.00	0

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	Games	Rd 1	Total
G. Molloy (Norwood)	1	7	7
M. Kluzek (Eagles)	1	6	6
M. Tylor (Port)	1	6	6
J. West (Norwood)	1	6	6
M. Phillipou (Eagles)	1	5	5
A. Bartlett (Glenelg)	1	4	4
N. Eagleton (West)	1	3	3
B. Atkinson (Sturt)	1	3	3
P. McGuinness (Port)	1	3	3

SA crowds

Alberton Oval	3272
Richmond Oval	3093
Glenelg Oval	2833
Prospect Oval	3735
Total	12,933