

Blues baffle 'Baby Bays'

Sturt 14.17 (101) Glenelg 12.12 (84)
By Doug Robertson

A startled but composed Sturt pulled out a convincing last term to carve up a competitive Glenelg in the midfield to steal a 17-point win, at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

A merciless Sturt had no respect for Glenelg's rejuvenated approach and desperation and won 14.17 (101) to 12.12 (84). But for the first time in many weeks the "Baby Bays" were tough and truly in control of the game for almost three quarters.

If not for the class and coolness of State team midfielders Bruce Lennon and Brodie Atkinson — who both kicked important goals in the final term — plus Nathan Irvin, Andrew Geddes and John Richter, Sturt could well have been lost.

Lennon's running goal from just inside the 50m arc six minutes into the final stanza brought Sturt to within two points of Glenelg then Atkinson mirrored the effort nine minutes later putting the Blues in front for the first time since the three-minute mark of the second term.

The Tigers led by 23 points midway through the second term after captain Nick Chigwidden goal from 45m out. The Tigers had fight and forced repeated turnovers to win the ball out of the centre on almost every occasion in a blitzing third term.

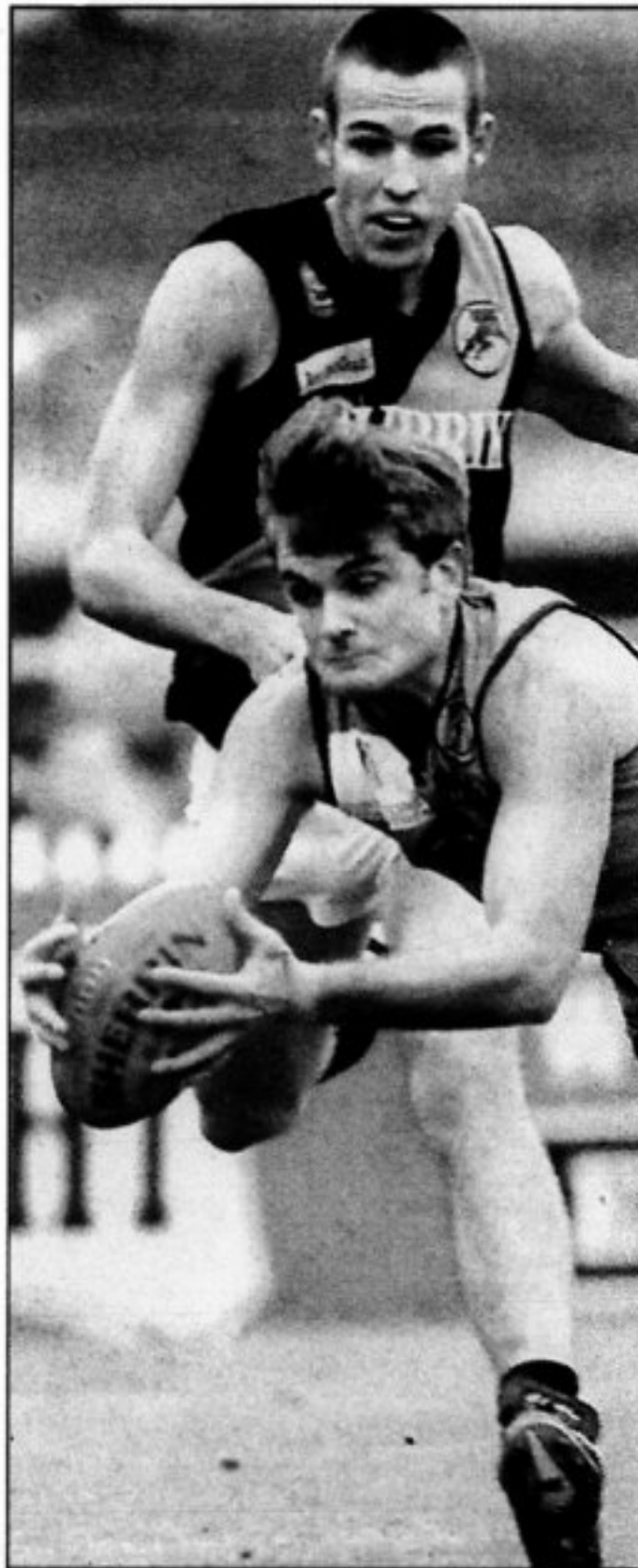
Chigwidden had eight hard won touches for the term while team mates Grant Reubenicht (10), Justin Scripps (eight) and three-game rookie half-back Justin Smart (five) lifted to another level. Debutant Shaun Watts was winning at half-forward and Chad Cornes (4.4) became a beacon in attack with clever leading and stong overhead marking. The inexperienced but promising Cornes had the chance to secure a Glenelg victory but missed two straight forward shots for goal within one minute from just inside 50m in the last term, as the Tigers faltered to add just three points for the quarter.

However, Sturt — which lost defender Seamus Maloney (hip) and onballer Matthew Powell (concussion) by halftime — showed it has learned to be ruthless. It cut out Glenelg's runners, was first to the ball and implemented its well-drilled team skills when most desperately needed.

"We got out of jail," relieved coach Phil Carman said. "We were definitely soft and pretty insipid. "We were outplayed for the middle quarters and growing confidence. "We came in at halftime and I couldn't get any excitement or enthusiasm out of them at all. But we won and played well in the last quarter so I'll be happy if they learn from this — I hope they do."

Sturt's key forwards Stephen White, Todd Ferguson and Julian Burton, who took his first mark in time-on in the third quarter, struggled all day. Burton and full forward Ferguson lifted when they swapped positions in the last term.

Glenelg attempted to attack to the end but failed to get under the field ball ups where



Sturt's Chris Thredgold takes a diving mark ahead of Glenelg's Brad Ottens

Sturt	Kicks				Marks	Handballs				Frees			Scores	Hit	Tackles	
	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4	F	A	G				B
L.STEVENS	2	0	0	2	4	1	3	0	2	1	6	1	0	2	1	0
T.FERGUSON	3	1	0	5	9	5	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	2	3	0
S.WHITE	2	1	2	2	7	8	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	0
B.LENNON	2	2	4	2	10	4	2	0	1	2	5	2	4	3	2	0
J.BURTON	2	2	1	2	7	3	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	1	2	0
A.GEDDES	3	7	3	1	14	6	0	2	1	1	4	2	1	0	0	0
N.IRVIN	5	1	3	3	12	5	2	3	4	2	11	0	2	1	1	0
B.ATKINSON	6	1	3	4	14	2	1	6	2	1	10	1	1	3	1	0
M.PITURA	6	5	4	6	21	7	3	3	1	2	9	2	1	1	1	0
J.MAY	3	1	1	2	7	2	2	4	1	2	9	0	0	0	0	0
M.SODERSTROM	4	2	3	4	13	6	2	3	1	0	6	1	1	0	0	0
S.MALONEY	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.SCHULTZ	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	1
C.THREDDGOLD	2	4	3	1	10	3	2	1	1	2	6	3	0	0	0	0
J.RICHTER	4	7	2	1	14	3	2	4	4	2	12	1	2	0	0	0
S.FEAST	5	1	1	1	8	6	1	5	2	2	10	0	0	0	0	16
M.POWELL	3	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.WEATHERALD	3	3	2	4	12	1	3	1	0	1	5	0	1	1	1	0
M.WARTON	1	0	0	3	4	3	0	2	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0
B.JUDD	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	0	0
N.LAIDLAW	0	2	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	54	45	33	46	178	70	27	40	21	22	110	13	18	14	17	20

Glenelg	Kicks				Marks	Handballs				Frees			Scores	Hit	Tackles	
	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4	F	A	G				B
B.OTTENS	1	3	3	1	8	5	2	0	0	1	3	1	1	2	2	7
A.BARTLETT	2	1	0	0	3	3	1	1	2	0	4	0	2	1	0	0
J.SCRIPPS	4	2	1	1	8	5	3	1	6	0	10	0	1	0	0	0
S.GEPP	3	3	0	0	6	2	5	2	1	0	8	1	2	0	2	0
G.RIDGWAY	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	2	5	7	0	1	0	0	1
J.CONTIN	5	3	1	1	10	1	4	0	2	3	9	2	0	0	1	0
A.ROWETT	3	4	1	0	8	1	2	2	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	0
G.REUBENICHT	3	2	6	4	15	2	2	3	4	1	10	1	0	0	1	0
R.WAUGH	1	5	2	1	9	1	3	3	2	0	8	0	1	0	0	0
D.KRETSCHMER	3	2	1	0	6	2	4	2	4	3	13	1	0	0	0	0
B.THOMPSON	2	2	1	2	7	4	0	2	4	1	7	0	2	0	0	0
J.SMART	3	3	6	2	14	1	0	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
M.RAIDIS	0	0	2	2	4	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
S.TASKER	0	3	4	2	9	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
S.NICHOLAS	2	0	1	1	4	4	1	2	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0
S.MCCULLY	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	3	1	0	5	2	0	0	0	11
A.BURKE	3	6	4	4	17	2	2	1	1	0	4	1	1	2	1	0
N.CHIGWIDDEN	1	0	4	3	8	3	4	3	4	0	11	2	0	2	1	0
C.CORNES	2	2	3	2	9	5	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	4	4	0
S.WATTS	0	3	3	1	7	3	2	3	2	0	7	2	1	1	0	0
J.TAMBLYN	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	38	45	46	30	159	46	36	29	43	16	124	18	13	12	12	18

Sturt's onballers took control. But again Glenelg was truly com-

petitive and showed the dark days could be numbered.

SANFL SCOREBOARD
Adelaide Oval
STURT 6.4 8.7 10.10 14.17 (101)
Glenelg 3.4 7.5 12.9 12.12 (84)
BEST — STURT: Atkinson, Pitura, Richter, Lennon, Geddes, Irvin. **GLENELG:** Burke, Reubenicht, Smart, Kretschmer, Watts, Cornes.

SCORERS — STURT: Lennon 3.2, Atkinson 3.1, Ferguson 2.3, Stevens 2.1, Burton 1.2, Weatherald, Pitura, Irvin 1.1, White 0.3, rushed 0.2. **GLENELG:** Cornes 4.4, Ottens 2.2, Burke, Chigwidden 2.1, Bartlett, Watts 1.0, Gepp 0.2, Reubenicht, Contin 0.1.

INJURIES — STURT: Maloney (hip), Powell (concussion).

UMPIRES — M. Humphreys, T. Pfeiffer, J. Schmitt.

Football Park
PORT 3.2 8.4 9.8 16.10 (106)
South 3.7 5.11 7.17 10.19 (79)
BEST — PORT: Bond, Ambrose, Carter, McGuinness, Nicholson, Clayton. **SOUTH:** Murton, Sampson, Genovese, Johnston, Stoeckel, Hutchings.

SCORERS — PORT: Ambrose 6.2, Ashley 3.1, Smith 2.0, Bond 1.2, McGuinness 1.2, Malakellis 1.1, Borlase 1.0, Carr 1.0, Shaw 0.1, Nicholson 0.1. **SOUTH:** McCartney 2.3, Hotton 2.1, Hutchings 2.1, Cameron 1.2, Murton 1.2, Johnston 1.2, Manuel 1.0, Sampson 0.1, Norman 0.1, Harwood 0.1, Genovese 0.1, Polkinghorne 0.1, rushed 0.3.

REPORTS — PORT: Darren Smith for alleged misconduct in the final quarter by field umpire Daniel Kowal.

UMPIRES — D. Kowal, C. Rowston, R. Williams.

SANFL ladder

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
NORWOOD#	9	9	0	0	961	461	67.58	18
PORT	10	8	1	1	905	705	56.21	17
CENTRAL*	10	7	3	0	1063	698	60.36	14
STURT	10	5	4	1	738	778	48.68	11
NORTH#	9	4	5	0	700	741	48.58	8
West#	10	3	6	1	783	828	48.60	7
Glenelg	11	3	7	1	775	1188	39.48	7
Eagles#	10	2	8	0	711	937	43.14	4
South	11	1	8	2	714	1014	41.32	4

To play today. * Bye.

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	Games	Rd	12	Total
J. West (Norwood)	9		0	36
J. Cotton (Central)	8		0	24
G. Mellor (West)	10		0	22
G. Coffee (Central)	9		0	22
M. Kluzek (Eagles)	10		0	20
P. McGuinness (Port)	10		1	20
B. Parker (North)	9		0	19

SA draw
ROUND 12 — Today: West v North (Richmond), Norwood v Eagles (Norwood). **Bye:** Central.

ROUND 13 — Saturday: Norwood v North (Football Park, 5pm), South v Central (Adelaide), Eagles v Sturt (Woodville). **Sunday:** Glenelg v Port (Glenelg). **Bye:** West.

Reserves
STURT 4.7 6.9 9.11 15.14 (104)
Glenelg 4.2 7.8 8.11 11.12 (78)
BEST — STURT: Warner, Bury, Brooks, Read, Wilkinson, Golding. **GLENELG:** AhChee, Barker, McEwin, Bawden, Raidis, Karger, O'Leary.

GOALS — STURT: AhChee 5, Becroft, McEwin 3, Barker, Raidis, Roesler, Thomas. **GLENELG:** Caldwell, Bury 3, Wilkinson, Warner, Golding, Shiell, Copping.

Reserves ladder

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
PORT#	9	9	0	0	892	464	65.78	18
STURT	10	7	3	0	953	802	54.30	14
NORWOOD#	9	6	2	1	827	594	58.20	13
CENTRAL*	10	6	4	0	855	745	53.44	12
SOUTH#	10	4	6	0	881	918	48.97	8
Glenelg	11	3	7	1	752	959	43.95	7
North#	9	3	6	0	671	757	46.99	6
Eagles#	10	3	7	0	740	1111	39.98	6
West#	9	2	7	0	778	931	45.52	4

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