

SANFL SCOREBOARD

SANFL ladder

Table with columns: Team, P, W, L, D, F, A, %, Pts. Lists teams: NORWOOD, PORT, CENTRAL, STURT, NORTH, West\*, Glenelg, Eagles, South.

SANFL goalkickers

Table with columns: Player, Games, Rd 22, Total. Lists players: J. West (Norwood), B. Parker (North), M. Jeffries (North), G. Molloy (Norwood), J. Cotton (Central), M. Kluzek (Eagles), S. White (Sturt), P. McGuinness (Port), N. Smart (Norwood), E. Richardson (West), T. Ferguson (Sturt).

Norwood Oval

Table with columns: Team, 2.3, 7.8, 9.12, 15.16 (106). Lists: NORWOOD, North.

BEST - NORWOOD: Jarman, Harvey, Cook, O'Brien, McCormack, Obst, Clements, Eastaugh, Bassett. NORTH: Sutherland, Morton, Hollitt, Hodges, Armstrong, Sandford, Gerke, Ebel.

SCORERS - NORWOOD: O'Brien 5.2, Harvey 3.1, Twomey 2.1, Cook 1.4, Clements, Downsborough, Smart 1.1, Millar 1.0, Obst, Eastaugh, Molloy, Thiessen 0.1. RUSHED 0.1. NORTH: Jeffries 2.2, Parker 2.1, Herbert 2.0, Squire 1.0, Hodges, Gerke 0.2, Rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - NORWOOD: Rowe (ankle), Molloy (arm). NORTH: Nunan (concussion), Davis (suspected broken jaw).

REPORTS - NORWOOD: Millar by Umpire Burton for allegedly striking Davis in 2nd Term. NORTH: Woolford by Umpire Inge for allegedly striking Jarman in 4th term. UMPIRES - T. Burton, M. Humphreys, G. Inge.

Alberton Oval

Table with columns: Team, 1.2, 3.12, 7.15, 14.17 (101). Lists: PORT, South.

BEST - PORT: Ginever, D. Smith, Ambrose, Tredrea, Clayton, Hahn, Fiegert. SOUTH: Bryant, Hutchings, Goodwin, Cameron, Fernee, Murton.

SCORERS - PORT: Hahn 4.2, Tylor 2.4, D. Smith 2.2, Ambrose 2.1, McGuinness 1.3, Malakellis 1.1, R. Smith, Ginever 1.0, Borlase, Poulton 0.1, rushed 0.2. SOUTH: Ryan 2.1, Byrne, D. Draper 1.1, Johnson, Farkas 1.0, Cameron 0.2, Goodwin, Talbot, Mills 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - SOUTH: Crawshay (strained neck), McCartney (knee). UMPIRES - D. Wright, R. Williams, D. Woodcock.

Glenelg Oval

Table with columns: Team, 2.5, 7.8, 9.9, 11.12 (78). Lists: STURT, Glenelg.

BEST - STURT: Richter, Atkinson, Feast, Pitura, Thredgold, Irvin. GLENELG: Chigwidden, Reubenicht, Bury, Kretschmer, Contin, Tasker.

SCORERS - STURT: AhChee 3.2, White 2.3, Ferguson 2.2, Standfield 2.0, O'Leary, Irvin 1.0, Burton 0.2, Robinson, Atkinson, Lennon 0.1. GLENELG: Bury 3.1, Gepp, Liptak 2.1, Chigwidden 1.1, Warner 1.0, Caldwell 0.3, Golding, Contin, Reubenicht 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES - STURT: Judd (foot), Laidlaw (hamstring). GLENELG: Smart (shoulder), Thornborrow (ankle), Liptak (shin). UMPIRES - J. Brown, R. Betteridge, D. Kowal.

Elizabeth Oval

Table with columns: Team, 3.5, 5.11, 9.12, 12.14 (86). Lists: EAGLES, Central.

BEST - EAGLES: Lambert, Wiggins, Hall, Holland, Young, Higgins, Payze, McLure, Sziller, Kennedy. CENTRAL: Luhrs, Lee, Haraida, Steinberner, Macgowan, Hulm, Dew.

SCORERS - EAGLES: Hall 3.1, Higgins 2.2, McLure 2.0, Holland, Lambert 1.2, Wiggins, Payze 1.1, M. Kluzek 1.0, Bailey 0.2, Colville, Sziller, Crowell 0.1. CENTRAL: Dew 4.2, Lee 2.1, Luhrs 1.3, Chambers, Switala, Saywell 1.0, Jones, Demasi, Macgowan, Daniel, Coffee 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - EAGLES: Spehr (knee). CENTRAL: Daniel (bruised ribs). UMPIRES - D. Ryan, M. Avon, C. Doddridge.

SA crowds

Table with columns: Venue, Crowds. Lists: Norwood Oval (4147), Alberton Oval (2511), Glenelg Oval (2745), Elizabeth Oval (n/a), Total (9403).

SA draw

ROUND 23 - Saturday: Norwood v Port (Norwood Oval), Sturt v West (Adelaide), North v Central (Prospect), Eagles v South (Woodville). Bye: Glenelg.

Half a game enough for the Blues

By Neil Cross

Sturt 11.12 (78) Glenelg 9.13 (67)

STURT failed to deliver on its own expectations, but still etched out an 11-point victory over Glenelg at Brighton Road yesterday.

For half a game, the Double Blues played organised, purposeful and direct football in spite of the strong breeze which challenged the players to produce their best skills.

But after half-time, a combination of a resurgent Tiger outfit, tired legs, a drop in concentration and perhaps even the distraction of being two weeks away from their first finals appearance since 1988, meant the Double Blues didn't expand on the 32-point advantage they had developed in the first half.

Sturt coach Phil Carman said he was pleased with that first hour and happy his players were not overjoyed at a victory which could have been so much more comprehensive.

"We kept persisting but the expectation is that we should be a little but better than that," Carman said.

Glenelg, after winning the toss and electing to kick with the four-goal wind, was unable to keep control of the ball for long enough to

register more than a goal in the opening term.

The Tigers surprised by kicking the first goal of the second term but the effort only appeared to spark Sturt's midfield. Ruckman Simon Feast, Brodie Atkinson and John Richter repeatedly combined to send the ball forward. Glenelg used the wind much more effectively in the second half and displayed the system coach Wayne Stringer has been working on all season to return some respectability to the scoreline.

Liptak limped off midway through the final term but Adelaide fans would be as relieved to know he retired from the game with a kick to the shin and not from another strain of his suspect hamstring.

The standard of play slipped through a tense final half hour with both sides obviously tiring. The Tigers threatened on a couple of occasions, and drew to within three points after a Shane Gepp goal and a Liptak behind at the three-minute mark. Sturt, however, steadied and AhChee's goal at the 20-minute mark extinguished any hope the Bays had of a win.

Sturt statistics table with columns: Kicks, Marks, Handballs, Frees, Scores, Hit, Tackles. Lists players: B. Judd, J. Burton, S. White, T. Ferguson, B. Standfield, D. AhChee, B. Lennon, B. Atkinson, N. Irvin, M. Pitura, M. Soderstrom, S. Maloney, S. Robinson, C. Thredgold, J. Richter, S. Feast, N. Laidlaw, T. Weatherald, M. Warton, A. Geddes, M. O'Leary.

Glenelg statistics table with columns: Kicks, Marks, Handballs, Frees, Scores, Hit, Tackles. Lists players: S. Gepp, J. Bury, J. Pearce, M. Liptak, M. Golding, D. Caldwell, A. Rowett, G. Reubenicht, J. Brooks, M. Viska, S. Tasker, J. Smart, M. Raidis, A. Bartlett, B. Thompson, W. Thornborrow, D. Kretschmer, N. Chigwidden, J. Contin, T. Warner, B. Ottens.

Reserves

GLENELG 3.6 3.6 7.10 7.12 (54) Sturt 2.0 2.3 3.4 6.6 (42)

BEST - GLENELG: Tucker, Ridgway, Watts, McCully, Salievic, Nicholas. STURT: Stevens, Turner, Bishop, Barker, Katsaros.

GOALS - GLENELG: Nicholas 2, Reilly, Flett, Tucker, Paparella, Ridgway. STURT: Barker, Williams 2, McEwin, Stevens.