Wooden spoon looks like it's on its way to the Bay

Details

Port	2.2	4.6	10.7	14.8	(92)
Eagles	1.8	2.9	2.12	5,15	(45)

BEST – Port: Northeast, Leys, McGuinness, Morgan, Jaques, Wait, Obst, Borlase, Carter. **Eagles:** Kennedy, DiBiase, Bailey, Wiggins, M. Kluzek.

SCORERS – Port: McGuinness 6.0, Obst 3.0, Ambrose 2.3, Jaques, Morgan 1.1, Fiegert 1.0, Hahn 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Eagles:** Pyman 2.1, Payze 2.0, C. Kluzek 1.4, Lambert, Matthews 0.2, Burton, Wiggins, McLure 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES – Port: Burgoyne (hamstring), Ormond-Allen (ankle). **Eagles:** Niemann (calf) replaced in selected side by Wilkinson, Hall (ankle), Higgins (ankle), M. Kluzek (hamstring).

UMPIRES – M. Avon, D. Woodcock, M. Humphreys.

CROWD – 3637 at Woodville Oval.

BEST ON GROUND – Paul Northeast (Port).

TOP TEAM MAN – Brian Leys (Port).

Norwood	6.3	9.5	10.11	15.11	(101)
West	2.2	7.4	10.8	14.11	(95)

BEST – Norwood: Pitt, McIntosh, West, King, Keating, Harley, Clements, Obst. **West:** Banik, A. Richardson, McLuckie, Myles, Gray, Godden, Ansell, Power.

SCORERS – Norwood: West 6.0, Pitt 2.0, Fosdike 1.2, Pascoe, Harley 1.1, Direen, Obst, McIntosh, Cunningham 1.0, King 0.2, Plim, Clements 0.1, rushed 0.3. **West:** A. Richardson 5.3, Power 2.1, Godden, Cassidy 2.0, Twomey 1.1, Ansell, Dempsey 1.0, E. Richardson 0.2, Jarvis, Gray, Watkins 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES – Norwood: Schoell (dislocated elbow), Direen (calf). **West:** Edwards (ankle).

UMPIRES – R. Bettridge, D. Kowal, J. Schmitt.

CROWD – 4013 at Norwood Oval.

BEST ON GROUND – Steven Pitt (Norwood).

TOP TEAM MAN – Steven Pitt (Norwood).

South	2.0	5.0	13.2	17.3	(105)
North	2.6	7.13	7.14	8.21	(69)

BEST – South: Osborn, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Threadgold, Genovese, Mills, Crawshay. **North:** Gerke, Sutherland, Squire, Phillips, Robertson, Ladhams.

SCORERS – South: Fitzgerald 4.0, Hams, Keam 3.0, Johnson, Smart 2.0, Talbot, Cobb, Osborn 1.0, Norman 0.2, Threadgold 0.1. **North:** Jeffries 2.2, Gerke 2.1, Squire 1.2, Viney 1.1, Wintle, Robertson 1.0, Ladhams 0.3, Burrows 0.2, Pohlner, Sutherland, Lehmann 0.1, rushed 0.7.

INJURIES – South: Smart (slight concussion).

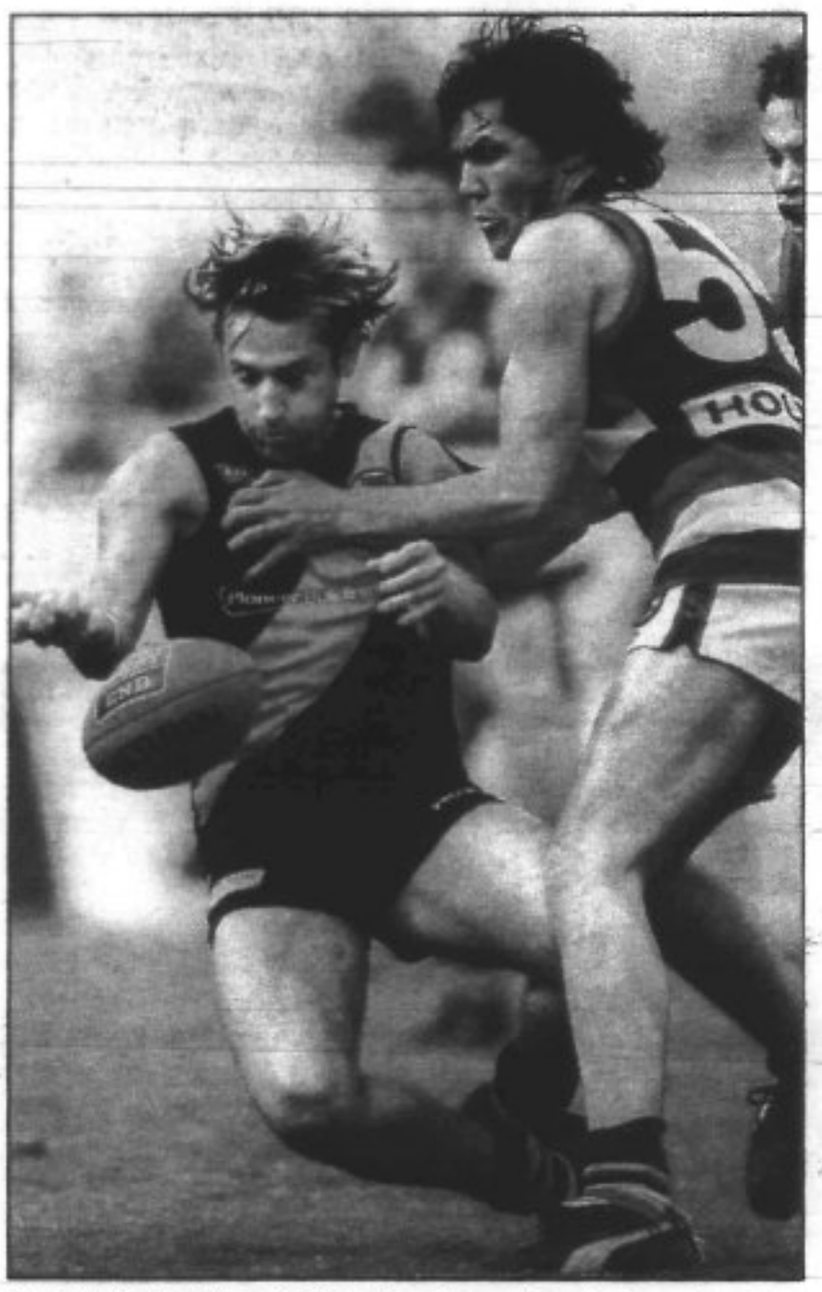
UMPIRES – K. Chambers, J. Brown, C. Rowston.

CROWD – 2125 at Adelaide Oval.

BEST ON GROUND – Andrew Osborn (South).

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Round 11 – Friday: Norwood v Sturt (Norwood Oval). **Saturday:** Central v Port (Elizabeth Oval), West v South (Richmond), North v Glenelg (Football Park). Bye: Eagles.



GOTCHA: Central's Brenton Daniel grabs the Bays' Darren Read.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Sturt	7	1	-	654	561	53.83	14
Port	5	3	-	697	574	54.84	10
Central	5	4	-	758	626	54.77	10
Eagles	5	4	-	744	669	52.65	10
Norwood	5	4	-	704	680	50.87	10
West	4	4	-	670	642	51.07	8
South	4	5	-	608	730	45.44	8
North	3	6	-	698	863	44.71	6
Glenelg	1	8	-	569	757	42.91	2

Not pretty, but points to Dogs

By DOUG ROBERTSON

GLENELG all but secured the wooden spoon by falling 28 points short of half-charged Central District – staying two games behind North Adelaide – in a scrappy contest at Football Park yesterday.

Central basically cruised to its 11.8 (74) to 7.4 (46) victory to celebrate Stephen Schwerdt's 200th SANFL game, keeping hold of third spot. The Bulldogs – while not totally convincing – never looked threatened after kicking 5.6 to 1.1 in a promising first half.

Glenelg's loss was costly to the Crows, utility Lance Picioane taken off four minutes into the third quarter with a suspected dislocated left shoulder. His exit sparked a mini revival from a reshuffled Glenelg – which ended far too quickly for its suffering supporters.

The Bays outscored Central by a point for the last half but claim no consolation because the Bulldogs took the premiership points. Glenelg drew to within 23 points midway through the third term after dashing Simon Nicholas – moved from full back at the break – kicked his second goal in four minutes and Glenelg's third.

Central answered, then Paul Rouvray had the nerve to create movement from defence – something rare from Glenelg – and slammed through the Tigers' fourth for the term. It was small solace in the context of the day but at least indicated the Tigers can do more than scrag and scrap.

"We have the players to win games but we don't do it well enough for long enough," dejected coach Tony McGuinness said. "We either have a quarter or a half of a quarter that lets us down every week and we're not good enough – no side is good enough – to do that.

"There's no way the scoreboard should have been five (goals) to one at half-time – it should have been 5-4 and then we're in the hunt."

It was dour and unattractive football, brought about partly by Glenelg's manning-up on Central's key movers and partly by the Bulldogs' inefficiency in attack. When Central went forward with system to hard-running leads it looked a strong unit but too often it dropped simple takes, fumbled or took the wrong option.

Central deserved its win because it withstood the pressure and it had enough good players doing more than their opponents. Its backline – led yesterday by "Mr Smooth" Jason Rae – has been the backbone this season and midfielders Craig Cotter, Justin Casserly, Daniel Hulm and John Platten are true ballgetters. Sean Chambers and Adam Switala are clever and Simon Luhrs worked hard at half-forward but still Central's attack is erratic.

Central's stats showed it scored about 50 per cent of the times it went into the forward 50 – on a par with its season's results – but coach Peter Jonas admitted there were many occasions when it wasted scoring opportunities.

"I think we were under a lot of pressure after the first quarter and while it wasn't pretty to watch the Bays were in-and-under and we had to match them," Jonas said. "When you get (goals) on the board early it helps but – and I don't know how the players felt – maybe we dropped our guard and let them back in it. It was a game that was always going to be a scramble and a scratch and that's what McGuinness is trying to get his boys to do to be competitive. If they can maintain that for four quarters they're going to win games."

DETAILS

CENTRAL DISTRICT	5.3	5.6	9.7	11.8	(74)
GLENELG	1.1	1.1	5.1	7.4	(46)

BEST – Central: Casserly, McAdam, Cotter, Hulm, Chambers, Moller, Rae. **Glenelg:** Nicholas, Hele, Grenvold, Copping, Scripps.

SCORERS – Central: Hulm 3.1, Chambers 2.0, Rae, Luhrs, Platten 1.1, Hicks, Switala, McAdam 1.0, Cook 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Glenelg:** Copping 2.1, Nicholas 2.0, Growden, Flower, Rouvray 1.0, Cornes, Johns 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES – Glenelg: Kelly (hamstring), replaced in selected side by Robinson, Picioane (AC joint). **Central:** Daniel (bruised back).

UMPIRES – T. Pfeiffer, G. Inge, A. Vickers.

Peter Jonas has his say.

CENTRAL

	Kicks 1	2	3	4		Marks 1	2	3	4		Hballs	Frees F	A	Scores G	B	Hit Out	Tackles
T.COCK	2	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
M.CONWAY	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
D.HICKS	2	4	0	0	6	1	1	1	0	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	0
G.MCADAM	2	3	3	4	12	0	3	2	2	7	13	2	1	1	0	0	2
S.LUHRS	3	1	2	2	8	3	1	0	2	6	5	0	1	1	1	0	0
S.CHAMBERS	5	3	3	2	13	0	1	2	1	4	7	1	2	2	0	0	1
S.STEVENS	2	2	2	0	6	1	1	1	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	4
J.CASSERLY	4	5	4	3	16	0	1	0	1	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	5
C.COTTER	7	3	3	3	16	0	0	0	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.DANIEL	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
J.RAE	3	1	5	2	11	0	1	0	2	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	1
S.SCHWERDT	1	0	3	5	9	0	1	0	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
S.LEE	0	4	4	4	12	1	1	1	2	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	1
H.HOPWOOD	0	2	0	3	5	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
M.WAKELIN	1	4	1	4	10	0	2	3	2	7	7	0	0	0	0	1	0
R.MOLLER	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	14	1
D.HULM	5	3	1	1	10	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	3	3	1	0	0
A.SWITALA	3	1	3	1	8	1	1	1	1	4	4	0	1	1	0	0	2
D.ARNOLD	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	9	0
J.PLATTEN	0	1	2	5	8	0	0	1	2	3	3	1	0	1	1	0	0
B.WILLIS	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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TOTALS	41	42	37	43	163	7	17	13	21	58	90	9	9	11	8	26	22

GLENELG

	Kicks 1	2	3	4		Marks 1	2	3	4		Hballs	Frees F	A	Scores G	B	Hit Out	Tackles
D.READ	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.JOHNS	1	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
A.CAMPBELL	2	2	2	2	8	0	2	1	1	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
J.COPPING	4	1	3	1	9	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1
D.GIGNEY	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	2	3
L.PICIOANE	2	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
T.GROWDEN	3	1	2	5	11	0	1	1	2	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	2
C.ROBINSON	0	2	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.HELE	6	3	3	5	17	1	0	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1
M.RAIDIS	1	5	4	2	12	1	0	2	0	3	7	2	0	0	0	0	1
P.ROUVRAY	1	4	2	5	12	0	1	2	1	4	1	0	3	1	0	0	0
M.VISKA	2	4	4	0	10	0	3	1	0	4	6	2	1	0	0	0	3
D.GRENVOLD	3	4	1	2	10	0	2	1	1	4	11	0	1	0	0	0	0
S.NICHOLAS	1	1	2	2	6	3	1	2	2	8	9	0	1	2	0	1	0
C.FLOWER	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
B.FOGDEN	1	2	3	0	6	1	3	2	0	6	5	0	1	0	0	6	2
A.BURKE	2	3	2	0	7	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
D.KRETSCHMER	1	5	0	2	8	0	4	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
M.GOLDING	2	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	6	1
C.CORNES	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	5	0	0	0	1	0	2
J.SCRIPPS	2	3	4	4	13	0	1	0	1	2	13	1	0	0	0	1	1
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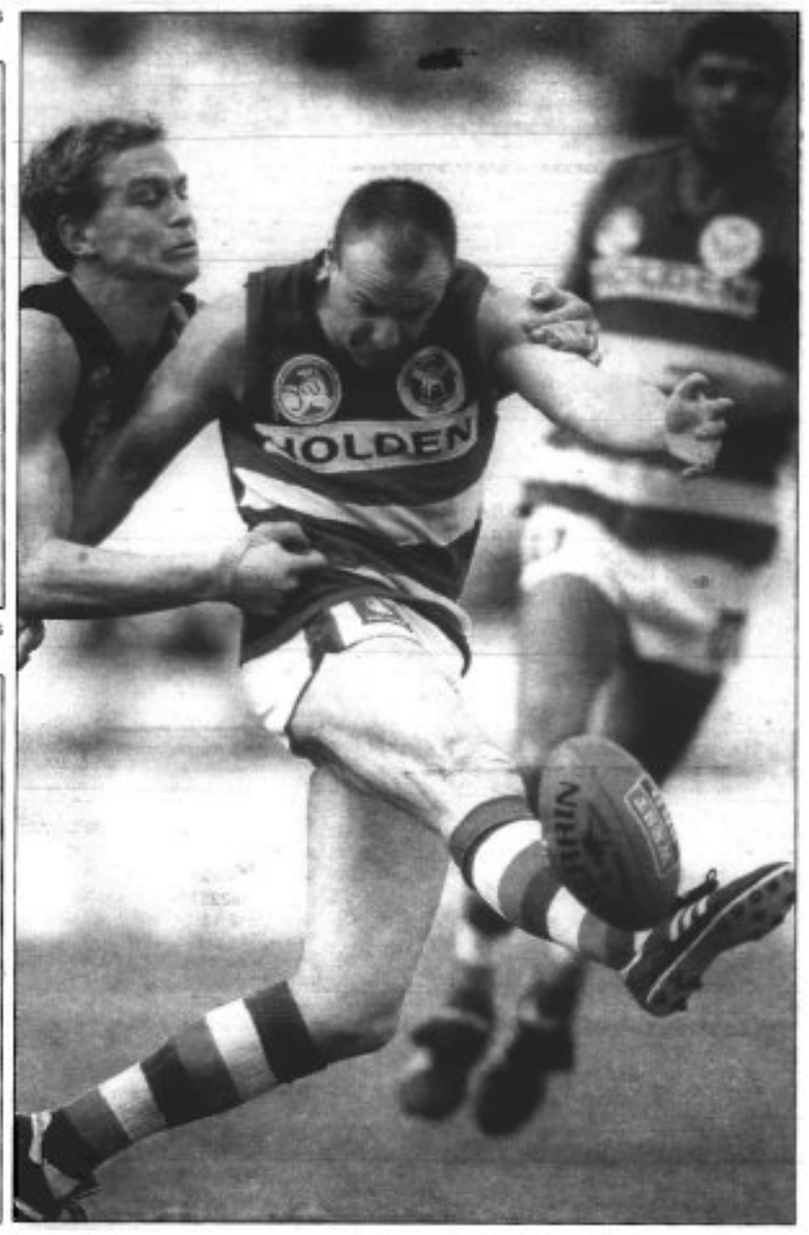
TOTALS	36	42	36	35	149	8	21	15	14	58	88	9	9	7	4	16	22



PUTTING BEST FOOT FORWARD: Central District defender Scott Lee gets his kick in as Glenelg's Chad Cornes tackles yesterday. **Picture: RAY TITUS.**

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Norwood's Steven Pitt moved into third place in the SANFL Player of the Year award after a best-on-ground performance against West Adelaide on Saturday. Pitt is two points behind Sturt's Simon Feast.

PORT v EAGLES		SOUTH v NORTH	
Paul Northeast (Port)	3	Andrew Osborn (South)	3
Brian Leys (Port)	2	Peter Johnson (South)	2
Phil McGuiness (Port)	1	Ryan Fitzgerald (South)	1
NORWOOD v WEST		**CENTRAL v GLENELG**	
Steven Pitt (Norwood)	3	Justin Casserley (Central)	3
Garry McIntosh (Norwood)	2	Gilbert McAdam (Central)	2
Anthony Banik (West)	1	Simon Nicholas (Glenelg)	1

LEADERS – 12: Simon Feast (Sturt). **11:** Nick Pesch (Eagles). **10:** Steven Pitt (Norwood). **8:** Simon Crawshay (South). **7:** Anthony Harvey (Norwood). **6:** Dean Talbot (South), Matthew Twomey (West), Geoff Wiggins (Eagles), Daniel Hulm (Central), Tim Nunan (North). **5:** Andrew Osborn (South), Gilbert McAdam (Central), Brian Leys (Port), Bruce Lennon (Sturt), Lucas Herbert (North). **4:** Simon Hele (Glenelg), Brenton Phillips, Darryl Wintle (North), Anthony Banik (West).

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Club	Rd 10	Total
A. Richardson	(West)	5	29.13
C. O'Brien	(Norwood)	-	23.7
M. Jeffries	(North)	2	19.7
C. Kluzek	(Eagles)	1	18.8
J. Burton	(Sturt)	-	18.6