

McGuinness magic didn't last long

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TONY McGuinness played at the Bay Oval for the first time in 13 seasons on Saturday but even the Tiger leader could not lift Glenelg past mediocrity.

Norwood (20.14) thrashed the Tigers (10.15) by 59 points and the most McGuinness could get from the experience was a new insight into Glenelg's plight.

At first it looked as if McGuinness's aura could break the losing spell that has hovered over Brighton Rd for the past four seasons.

Glenelg attacked the ball and body in a brilliant first term to jump to a 25-point lead by quarter-time in such strong fashion Norwood was truly shaken. But the McGuinness magic waned rapidly and the workman-like Redlegs careed away to slip a game clear in second spot.

McGuinness's appearance in the Tiger strip surprised Norwood - it even surprised the Glenelg players who found out their coach would play about an hour before the game. McGuinness replaced Rod Jameson when Adelaide recalled him, rather than unsettle the reserves. The chance to experience what the players go through was too good to miss. And McGuinness - who picked up 13 possessions in his first game for 18 months but had several spells on the bench - might be there again - if he thinks he will be valuable.

"Was playing worthwhile? Yes. Will I play again? I don't know we'll make that decision on Tuesday when we pick the team," McGuinness said yesterday.

"The reason I played was to find out exactly what was happening on the ground. After (Saturday) I'm in a better position to judge what's going on and who are the senior players who refuse to do the hard things.

"It's not just about getting touches. I was able to give direction out on the ground and do you think I played a role in us having a 4.8 first quarter and keeping the forward lines open? The answer's yes."

McGuinness will play again if he can help Glenelg as an on-field leader and he promised personnel changes - "you have to make changes when you're at 1-10," he said. He also lamented the loss of quality players to other SANFL clubs.

"It's a disgrace that Lucas Herbert, the best ruckman in the league, is at North Adelaide, (Jim) West was last year's leading goalkicker for Norwood, Phil McGuinness is the top rover with Port and even Ryan Fitzgerald (South Adelaide) trained at Glenelg last year and was told he was not required," he said.

West (4.1) confirmed the point with a strong display after Cristian O'Brien left the field with a broken arm, which will be six weeks in plaster. But it was Norwood's overall strength and individual accountability that so easily snuffed out Glenelg's charge. Aaron Keating and Garry McIntosh responded to a quarter-time bollocking from coach Peter Rohde to reshape the game in moments. John Cunningham (26 touches), Nick Fosdike (18), Roger James (15, four tackles), Malcolm Heppell (18) and mobile half-forward Tom Harley (5.2 from 13 kicks) jumped on board. Lachlan Bowman and Troy Clements rebounded strongly off half-back and lumbering giant Tony Plim (195cm,

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105kg) showed he will be a problem to any opposition. But Norwood had it too easy after the first term.

"If you can be disappointed with a 10-goal win you'd be disappointed with that," Rohde said. "It certainly wasn't a hard-fought win. In the first quarter they showed us how to do it and I thought our guys were expecting it to be a bit soft until they went out and got bowled over a few times. If Glenelg had kicked 8.4 instead of 4.8 in the first quarter we'd have been in real trouble."

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

LIVING HEALTH CUP SEASON

	W	L	D	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Sturt	8	2	-	751	664	53.07	16
Norwood	7	4	-	874	783	52.75	14
Central	6	4	-	883	657	57.34	12
Port	6	4	-	790	736	51.77	12
Eagles	5	5	-	815	769	51.45	10
West	5	5	-	795	786	50.28	10
North	5	6	-	879	988	47.08	10
South	4	7	-	757	887	46.05	8
Glenelg	1	10	-	698	972	41.80	2

LEADING GOALKICKERS

A.	Club	Rd	12	Total
C. O'Brien	(West)	-	2	36.13
M. Jeffries	(Norwood)	-	-	24.8
C. Kluzek	(North)	1	1	23.8
J. Burton	(Eagles)	1	1	19.8
J. Burton	(Sturt)	1	1	19.6

RESERVES

Sturt 14.14 (98) d South 6.5 (41); Port 21.17 (143) d West 9.9 (63); Norwood 11.8 (74) d Glenelg 8.15 (63); North 18.9 (117) d Eagles 10.6 (66). Premiership Table: Norwood 16, Port, North 14, Sturt 12, Central, South, Eagles, West 8, Glenelg 6.

UNDER-19

Sturt 13.22 (100) d South 3.7 (25); Port 30.19 (199) d West 3.7 (25); Norwood 12.15 (87) d Glenelg 6.13 (49); Eagles 15.21 (111) d North 6.10 (46). Premiership Table: Port 18, Eagles 16, Norwood 14, Sturt, Glenelg 12, South, Central 8, North 6, West 0.

UNDER-17

South 14.12 (96) d Sturt 6.11 (47); Port 23.12 (150) d West 11.12 (78); Norwood 21.8 (134) d Glenelg 6.5 (41); Eagles 22.15 (147) d North 7.3 (45). Premiership Table: Norwood 22, Eagles 16, Port 14, Central, South 12, Glenelg 8, West 6, North 4, Sturt 0.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Star ruckman Simon Feast extended his lead in the SANFL Player of the Year award after a strong performance in Sturt's two-point win over South Adelaide on Friday.

STURT v SOUTH

Trent Mills (South Adelaide)	3
Simon Feast (Sturt)	2
Stephen White (Sturt)	1

PORT v WEST

Brett Chalmers (Port Adelaide)	3
David Brown (Port Adelaide)	2
Steve McLuckie (West Adelaide)	1

NORWOOD v GLENELG

John Cunningham (Norwood)	3
Garry McIntosh (Norwood)	2
Matt Bode (Glenelg)	1

NORTH v EAGLES

Chris Robertson (North Adelaide)	3
Joshua Gum (North Adelaide)	2
Jason Sziller (Eagles)	1

LEADERS - 14: Simon Feast (Sturt). **11:** Nick Pesch (Eagles). **10:** Steven Pitt (Norwood). **8:** Simon Crawshaw (South). **7:** Anthony Harvey, Garry McIntosh (Norwood), Darryl Wintle (North). **6:** Trent Mills (South), Matthew Twomey (West), Geoff Wiggins (Eagles), Justin Casserly, Daniel Hulm (Central), Lucas Herbert, Tim Nunan (North), John Cunningham (Norwood). **5:** Bruce Lennon, Tim Weatherald (Sturt). **4:** Simon Hele (Glenelg), Brenton Phillips (North), Dean Talbot (South).



Sturt	5.1	8.1	9.2	11.3	(69)
South	5.4	8.6	9.6	10.7	(67)

BEST - Sturt: Feast, White, Weatherald, Richter, Powell, Pitura, Thredgold. **South:** Mills, Osborn, Talbot, Battams, Thredgold, Genovese, Webb, Norman.

SCORERS - Sturt: White 4.0, Weatherald, Richter 1.1, Burton, AhChee, Twitt, Irvin, Feast 1.0, rushed 0.1. **South:** Thredgold 3.0, Pyman 2.2, Fitzgerald 2.0, Talbot 1.1, McKeough, Keam 1.0, Cobb, Osborn 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES - D. Ryan, D. Woodcock, C. Rowston.

CROWD - 4060 at Adelaide Oval.

BEST ON GROUND - Trent Mills (South).

TOP TEAM MAN - Andrew Osborn (South).

Norwood	1.1	11.4	15.10	20.14	(134)
Glenelg	4.8	5.8	7.11	10.15	(75)

BEST - Norwood: Cunningham, McIntosh, Plim, Bowman, Harley, Fosdike, Clements, R. James, Keating, McCormack, West. **Glenelg:** Bode, Nicholas, Kretschmer, Hele, Kelly.

SCORERS - Norwood: Harley 5.2, West 4.1, Pascoe 2.1, R. James, Dreen 2.0, Plim 1.1, Bowman, Cunningham, Clements, Mal Heppell 1.0, King, Neill, McIntosh 0.1, rushed 0.6. **West:** Tasker 3.1, Kretschmer 2.2, Hele 2.0, Cornes 1.3, McCully, Bartlett 1.0, Scripps, Grenvold, Symonds, Read, McGuinness 0.1, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES - Norwood: O'Brien (broken arm).

UMPIRES - J. Brown, D. Kowal, K. Chambers.

CROWD - 2970 at Glenelg Oval.

BEST ON GROUND - John Cunningham (Norwood).

TOP TEAM MAN - Matthew Bode (Glenelg).

Port	2.1	4.2	6.3	9.8	(62)
West	1.4	2.5	4.6	5.7	(37)

BEST - Port: Chalmers, Brown, Ambrose, Borlase, Leys, Burgoyne, Carter, Pedler, Ashley. **West:** McLuckie, Parker, Myles, Power, Woosnam, Godden, Twomey.

SCORERS - Port: Smith 3.0, Ashley 1.1, Borlase, Chalmers, Phillipou, Clayton, Burgoyne 1.0, Brown 0.3, Evans 0.2, rushed 0.2. **West:** A. Richardson 2.0, Marsh, E. Richardson, Cassidy 1.0, Power 0.4, Heaver, Godden, Patterson 0.1.

UMPIRES - J. Schmitt, C. Doddridge, A. Vickers.

CROWD - 3635 at Alberton Oval.

BEST ON GROUND - Brett Chalmers (Port).

TOP TEAM MAN - Richard Ambrose (Port).

North	4.3	7.5	11.9	15.10	(100)
Eagles	2.2	6.4	8.4	11.5	(71)

BEST - North: Robertson, Gum, Ladhams, Herbert, Warner, Sutherland, Peucker, Hollitt. **Eagles:** Sziller, Kennedy, Rogers, Wiggins, McLure, Colville, Pesch, Burton.

SCORERS - North: Gum 7.1, Lehmann 2.1, Squire 1.4, Jeffries, Sutherland, Ladhams, Wintle, Byerlee 1.0, Burrows 0.2, White, Motlop 0.1. **Eagles:** Pyman 3.0, M. Phillipou 2.1, Payze, Burton 1.1, C. Kluzek, McLure, Young, Frewen 1.0, Leal 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - North: Nunan (hamstring) and Gerke (thigh) withdrew before game, replaced by Nichol and White, Mail (ankle), Ebel (hamstring). **Eagles:** Rintoul (Crows) and Niemann (calf) withdrew before game, replaced by Axon and Young.

UMPIRES - A. Vickers, M. Avon, T. Pfeiffer.

CROWD - 2358 at Prospect Oval.

BEST ON GROUND - Chris Robertson (North).

TOP TEAM MAN - Jason Sziller (Eagles).

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Round 13 - Saturday: Port v Glenelg (Alberton Oval), West v Central (Richmond Oval), Sturt v North (Adelaide Oval), Eagles v Norwood (Football Park).