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# Finals dream still on track

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### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Sturt	11	3	-	1148	967	54.28	22
Norwood	10	4	-	1083	961	52.98	20
Port	8	6	-	1103	990	52.70	16
West	8	6	-	1139	1116	50.51	16
Central	7	7	-	1194	1069	52.76	14
South	7	7	-	1045	1070	49.41	14
Eagles	6	8	-	1089	1081	50.18	12
North	5	9	-	1077	1238	46.52	10
Glenelg	1	13	-	864	1250	40.87	2

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Club	Rd 16	Total
A. Richardson	(West)	2	48.18
J. Burton	(Sturt)	9	35.12
M. Jeffries	(North)	1	28.13
S. White	(Sturt)	0	26.22
C. O'Brien	(Norwood)	-	24.8

	Central	6.2	9.2	13.4	18.4	(112)
Eagles	2.3	4.5	8.6	12.7		(79)

**BEST - Central:** Macgowan, Cook, Hulm, Reimers, Arnold, Schwerdt, Cotton, Geister, Wakelin, Daniel. **Eagles:** Pesch, M. Kluzek, Wiggins, Payze, Rintoul, Frewen, Rogers.

**SCORERS - Central:** Cook 3.1, Jones 2.1, Macgowan 2.0, Cotton, Hulm 1.1, Arnold, Luhrs, Hicks, Moller, McAdam, Cotter, Steinberner, Wakelin, Switala 1.0. **Eagles:** M. Kluzek 6.0, Payze 2.3, Wiggins, Rintoul 1.1, Frewen, C. Kluzek 1.0, rushed 0.2.

**INJURIES - Central:** Luhrs (split eye). **Eagles:** Rintoul (cut head).

**REPORT -** Hulm (Central) for allegedly striking Pesch.

**UMPIRES -** K. Chambers, M. Humphreys, T. Pfeiffer.

**CROWD -** 2657 at Woodville Oval.

**BEST ON GROUND -** Rick Macgowan (Central).

**TOP TEAM MAN -** Stephen Schwerdt (Central).

	Port	3.6	6.11	11.18	13.22	(100)
North	2.3	3.5	5.7	9.9		(63)

**BEST - Port:** Borlase, Bamford, Chalmers, Tregenza, Steed, Ashley, Francis, Ambrose. **North:** Naish, Wintle, Robertson, Viney, Motlop.

**SCORERS - Port:** Bamford 3.3, Francis 3.2, Ashley, Hodges 2.3, Steed 1.2, Beinke, Evans 1.0, Hahn 0.3, Obst, Clayton, Morgan 0.1, rushed 0.3. **North:** Herbert 3.0, Wintle 2.0, Jeffries 1.3, Robertson 1.2, Sandford, Burrows 1.0, Motlop 0.2, Gum, Naish 0.1.

**INJURIES - Port:** Northeast (calf), Evans (ankle). **North:** Phillips (thigh).

**REPORT -** Jeffries (North) by field umpire Schmitt for allegedly striking Ashley in the final term.

**UMPIRES -** J. Schmitt, G. Inge, D. Ryan.

**CROWD -** 3642 at Adelaide Oval.

**BEST ON GROUND -** Darryl Borlase (Port).

**TOP TEAM MAN -** Brett Chalmers (Port).

	Sturt	6.2	13.7	16.11	23.14	(152)
West	2.3	4.8	5.9	9.13		(67)

**BEST - Sturt:** Burton, Atkinson, Irvin, Feast, Maloney, Weatherald, Robinson, Lennon, Thredgold, Soderstrom. **West:** Heaver, E. Richardson, McLuckie, Woosnam.

**SCORERS - Sturt:** Burton 9.2, Kennett 3.3, Twitt, Katsaros 2.1, Weatherald 2.0, Atkinson, Irvin 1.2, French 1.1, Powell, Kartinyeri 1.0, rushed 0.2. **West:** Heaver 3.0, Power 2.3, A. Richardson 2.1, Woosnam 1.2, Symes 1.0, Jones 0.2, Barrett, Connell 0.1, rushed 0.3.

**UMPIRES -** M. Avon, T. Burton, C. Doddridge.

**CROWD -** 5216 at Unley Oval.

**BEST ON GROUND -** Julian Burton (Sturt).

**TOP TEAM MAN -** Brodie Atkinson (Sturt).

	South	1.2	5.3	10.8	16.11	(107)
Glenelg	2.3	6.6	6.6	9.8		(62)

**BEST - South:** Crawshay, Norman, Osborn, Battams, Cobb, Talbot, Genovese, Webb. **Glenelg:** Kretschmer, Oldfield, Raidis, Pearce, Chigwidden, Hele.

**SCORERS - South:** Fitzgerald 5.2, Talbot 2.1, Hams 2.0, McKeough 1.2, Smart, Morgan, 1.1, Perrie, Norman, Pyman, Osborn 1.0, Mills 0.2, rushed 0.2. **Glenelg:** Scripps 2.2, Jameson 2.1, Pearce, Bartlett 2.0, McEntee 1.1, Hele, Chigwidden, Bonney 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**INJURIES - Glenelg:** Rouvray (back) replaced in selected side by Bartlett, Comes (shoulder), Fogden (hamstring).

**UMPIRES -** R. Bettridge, J. Brown, C. Rowston.

**CROWD -** 1525 at Penola.

**BEST ON GROUND -** Simon Crawshay (South).

**TOP TEAM MAN -** Dwaine Kretschmer (Glenelg).

### THIS WEEK'S DRAW

**Saturday:** Glenelg v Eagles (Glenelg), Port v Sturt (Alberton), Norwood v South ((Norwood), Central v North (Elizabeth). **Bye:** West Adelaide.

### SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Eagles' Nick Pesch moved to within one point of leader Simon Feast (Sturt) in the SANFL Player of the Year award with a strong effort against Central District.

#### CENTRAL v EAGLES

Rick MacGowan (Central)..... 3

Tim Cook (Central)..... 2

Nick Pesch (Eagles)..... 1

#### PORT v NORTH

Darryl Borlase (Port)..... 3

Tony Bamford (Port)..... 2

Brett Chalmers (Port)..... 1

#### STURT v WEST

Julian Burton (Sturt)..... 3

Brodie Atkinson (Sturt)..... 2

Nathon Irvin (Sturt)..... 1

#### SOUTH v GLENELG

Simon Crawshay (South)..... 3

Luke Norman (South)..... 2

Dwaine Kretschmer (Glenelg)..... 1

**LEADERS - 15:** Simon Feast (Sturt). **14:** Nick Pesch (Eagles). **12:** Simon Crawshay (South). **10:** Steven Pitt (Norwood). **9:** Trent Mills, Lucas Herbert (North). **8:** Geoff Wiggins (Eagles), Anthony Banik, Matthew Twomey (West). **7:** Darryl Borlase (Port), Tim Weatherald (Sturt), Anthony Harvey, Garry McIntosh (Norwood), Darryl Wintle (North), Andrew Osborn (South). **6:** Bruce Lennon (Sturt), Dean Talbot (South), Justin Casserly, Daniel Hulm (Central), Tim Nunan (North), John Cunningham (Norwood). **5:** Tim Cook, Gilbert McAdam (Central), Julian Burton (Sturt), Brian Leys, Bryan Beinke (Port), Simon Hele (Glenelg).

By DOUG ROBERTSON

**T**HE stark reality of two vastly different seasons unfolded yesterday as resurgent South Adelaide cruised to an all-too-easy 45-point victory over Glenelg at Penola, in the third of three SANFL country matches this season.

After a competitive but scrappy first half the Panthers lifted a cog in the second half and fell into a familiar running pattern, garnished with toughness at the ball and teamwork.

Glenelg, however, almost en masse took a passive role and allowed the game to slip away when a stronger effort might have produced its second win for the season.

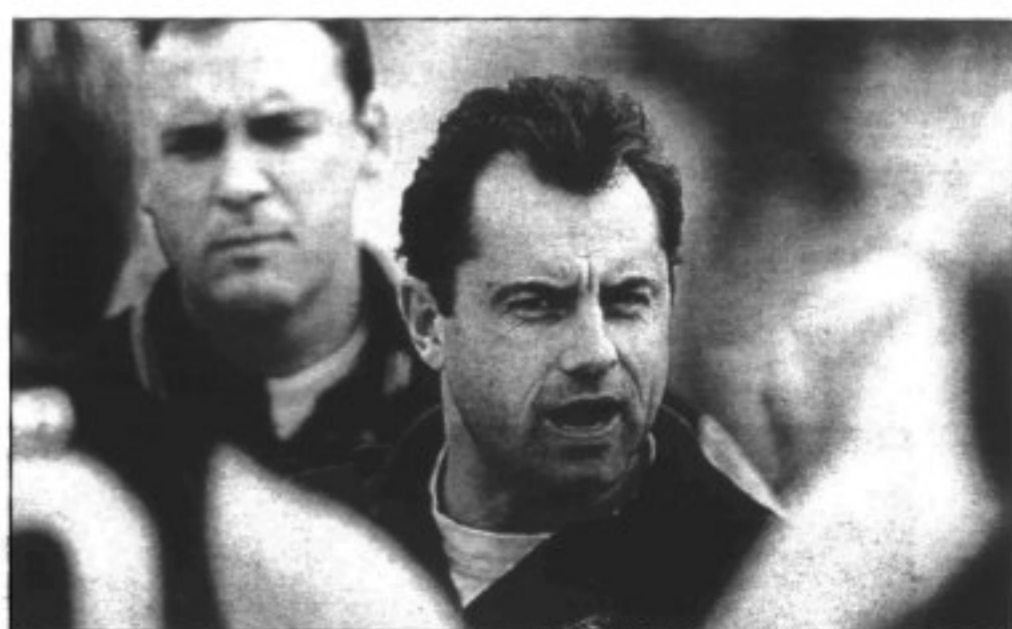
The brutal truth is South simply outplayed the timid Tigers with a half of quality footy and ran away an easy winner 16.11 (107) to 9.8 (62) after being nine points down at half-time and in trouble. The reversal did not just come - it took several creative field changes and a more honest effort to make the difference.

Glenelg had 41 more disposals in the first half but that dried up to a miserable 48 to 70 in total in the third term when South arrogantly claimed the points with a 5.5-to-zero blitz. At the same time South laid 14 effective tackles to three. Game over. South did not stop at that and had 159 touches in the second half to Glenelg's 121 to add insult to the loss.

The important point was South was able to lift because Glenelg left all the tough work and accountability to the usual handful of contributors. South played like a team and that was too much for Glenelg - and its angry coach Tony McGuinness, who addressed his players for about 40 minutes after the game.

South's overall exuberance and willingness to do the hard things, to keep running when on empty, to stick the body in where

### South 16.11 (107) d Glenelg 9.8 (62)



MORE WORRIES FOR TIGER BOSS: Glenelg coach Tony McGuinness.

pain was imminent and to bust a gut for a teammate was the major difference between the sides, which are heading in opposite directions for this season at least.

South earned its seventh win from its past 10 games and eased past Woodville-West Torrens to be only percentage outside the five with a genuine chance of sneaking into the finals. Glenelg has no hope and - unfortunately for its loyal fans - it played like it yesterday.

"I think it's the best South's looked for a long, long time in regards to team-orientated things," coach Ken Applegarth said. "They give the first give, they're prepared to run past each other because they know they'll get the footy but there's little things we've got to tidy up. Our tackling was ordinary in the first half and that's something I really highlighted at half-time and the boys were able to turn that around."

"We all have an input now. I can give them as many instructions as I like but these guys have all gone to another level in their football and they understand what's going on before I say it."

"They know what the weaknesses are and they're starting to address it. It's all done through training."

Glenelg's Nick Chigwidden, Dwaine Kretsch-

mer, Simon Hele and gutsy teenager Mike Oldfield had thrashed South in the middle for the first half and its defenders David Grenvold, the niggly Mike Raidis and Simon Nicholas more than held their own. Josh Pearce and Rod Jameson were handy in attack and things looked hopeful. But when South upped the ante Glenelg did not respond.

South's athletic Ryan Fitzgerald (5.2) went to the goalkick where he could go one-out with Nicholas and picked up four second-half goals.

Granite-tough Luke Norman moved into the centre, Dean Talbot to a wing and Ian Perrie from full forward to defence - where the Crows teenager looked better suited - and everything clicked.

Simon Crawshay controlled the rucks against competitive Brooke Fogden - who ripped a hamstring in the final quarter - and SA under-18 ruckman Matt Golding. Crawshay guided 16 effective taps to Norman, Andrew Osborn and David Morgan, who was strong at half forward in the second half after being beaten early.

Matt Battams was creative on his wing and Trent Mills battled on, while Nathan Genovese, Kym Cobb, Scott Webb and Simon Quinn were tough in defence. In fact, after half-time, it was a party for all the Panthers.

GLENELG	Kicks				Marks				Hballs	Frees		Scores		Hit	Tackles	
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4		F	A	G	B			Out
C.CORNES	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
D.GIGNEY	4	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Z.BONNEY	1	0	1	2	4	1	0	1	1	3	2	2	0	0	1	0
J.PEARCE	3	1	5	5	14	0	0	1	2	3	8	0	0	2	0	0
S.NICHOLAS	1	3	3	2	9	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	0
J.SCRIPPS	4	2	0	2	8	2	0	0	1	3	7	0	0	2	2	0
S.HELE	4	3	3	4	14	0	1	0	0	1	9	0	2	0	1	0
D.GRENVOLD	5	1	0	4	10	1	0	1	3	5	8	0	0	0	0	0
C.FLOWER	2	1	0	3	6	2	0	0	2	4	3	0	0	0	0	0
B.MCENTEE	3	5	1	1	10	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	2	1	1	0
A.BARTLETT	0	2	1	1	4	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	0
M.OLDFIELD	2	6	1	2	11	1	0	0	1	2	16	1	1	0	0	0
D.KRETSCHMER	7	4	3	3	17	1	0	1	2	4	13	0	2	0	0	0
R.JAMESON	1	3	0	1	5	0	3	0	1	4	3	1	0	2	1	0
M.HARWOOD	1	0	2	1	4	0	0	1	1	2	12	0	0	0	0	0
B.FOGDEN	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	10
L.PICIOANE	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	2	7	0	1	0	0	0
N.CHIGWIDDEN	4	2	0	3	9	2	0	0	1	3	20	0	0	0	1	0
J.COPPING	2	5	2	2	11	1	1	0	1	3	6	0	2	0	0	0
M.GOLDING	1	4	0	1	6	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	4
M.RAIDIS	4	3	3	1	11	0	0	1	1	2	6	2	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	51	47	26	40	164	14	9	6	21	50	136	9	13	9	8	14

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SOUTH	Kicks				Marks				Hballs	Frees		Scores		Hit	Tackles	
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4		F	A	G	B			Out
D.THREADGOLD	2	1	0	1	4	2	1	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	1
I.PERRIE	2	1	4	3	10	1	1	3	2	7	2	0	2	1	0	1
B.PYMAN	0	1	2	2	5	0	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	0
N.SMART	1	1	0	2	4	0	1	0	0	1	8	0	1	1	1	0
R.FITZGERALD	3	1	3	4	11	2	0	3	3	8	1	0	0	5	2	0
P.JOHNSON	2	0	3	1	6	1	0	2	2	5	4	0	0	0	0	2
M.BATTAMS	2	3	4	5	14	1	1	1	1	4	10	3	0	0	0	0
L.NORMAN	2	3	2	2	9	2	1	0	1	4	8	0	0	1	0	1
S.WEBB	1	2	3	4	10	1	0	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
S.QUINN	2	2	0	2	6	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	1	0	0	0
A.FERNEE	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1
M.CLOHESY	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
D.TALBOT	4	3	6													