Bays strike gold with young giant

By GEOFF BOTH

HEN the game was in the balance at Prospect Oval on Saturday Glenelg needed a touch of class up forward. Rod Jameson had played a useful game on the ball, but when he was moved into attack his sure hands and clean finishing just about made the difference between the teams.

Deep into time-on in the third quarter Jameson marked strongly in front of the pack to kick his second goal in two minutes, and late in the last quarter he sealed the game for the Bays, marking on the lead and converting from a long way out.

Glenelg deserved to win, getting drive out of the midfield from canny Matthew Bode and the industrious Dwaine Kretschmer.

Justin Scripps took some clever marks up forward including one absolute screamer, and his accurate goalkicking hurt the Roosters. But the biggest revelation – and I mean big – was the skill and endeavor of 17-year-old Glenelg ruckman Matthew Gold-

Glenelg 11.12 (78) d North 10.8 (68)

ing. When this kid finishes growing it could be frightening. He's already built like the proverbial outdoor ablution facility (197cm and 103kg) and AFL recruiting scouts, who all know size does matter, will be salivating at the prospect of drafting this youngster in November. Golding did a man-sized job for his team on Saturday, especially in the first half when he took seven strong marks, mainly in the back-play. He can compete on the ground and dish out the handball as well.

But Lucas Herbert, a young ruckman, too, at only 20, played a sterling game for the Roosters and dominated the hit-outs. Many of these were not against Golding though, as both players contested the centre bounces and then dropped into defence.

Glenelg coach Tony McGuinness would have liked both Golding and Herbert in his team, and laments the decision of his predecessor to let Herbert go. "They're both very talented young players," he said. Tim Nunan fed off Herbert's taps all day, picking up 14 kicks and 23 deft handballs, but North lacked targets up forward. There was some early spring in Paris Fowden (six marks, four goals) but McGuinness moved stopper Mark Harwood on to him and then could forget Paris.

Craig Burrows had his moments up forward for North, doing one or two brilliant things but generally having a cantankerous and frustrating game. The Rooster faithful are now starting to cheer sarcastically whenever he takes a mark, signalling their disappointment with the highly-prized recruit.

To add to North's depressing day, promising 19-year-old defender Aaron Byerlee, playing only his ninth league game, was stretchered off with what will almost certainly be diagnosed as a serious knee injury.

Funny thing, this momentum in footy. Glenelg has won two of its past three games. It is feeling buoyant and things are looking up. In contrast, North has lost the past six straight and appears to be heading in the opposite direction.

West	2.1	8.4	12.5	14.8	(92)
South	2.9	7.9	11.10	13.11	(92) (89)

BEST - West: Barrett, A. Richardson, Godden, Heaver, Marsh, Power, Woosnam. South: Mills, Threadgold, Talbot, Osborn, Norman, Battams.

SCORERS – West: A. Richardson 7.1, Mellor, Barrett 2.1, Godden, Myles, Power 1.0, Dempsey, Heaver 0.1, rushed 0.3. South: Fitzgerald 4.1, Mills 2.1, Ellen 1.3, Osborn, Threadgold, Smart 1.1, Sampson, Battams, Crawshay 1.0, Johnson 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES - T. Pfeiffer, J. Schmitt, D. Kowal. CROWD - 3000 at Adelaide Oval. BEST ON GROUND - Chris Barrett (West). TOP TEAM MAN - Chris Barrett (West).

Port	1.3	2.6	6.12	9.17	(71)	
Central	1.4	5.5	6.9	8.11	(59)	

BEST - Port: Jaques, Carter, Obst, Beinke, Carr, Borlase, Wait. Central: Daniel, Casserly, Macgowan, Hulm, Wakelin, Reimers.

SCORERS – Port: Beinke 3.3, Hahn 2.1, Hodges 1.1, Steed, Bamford, Ormond-Allan 1.0, Burgoyne 0.4, Obst, Steed 0.1, rushed 0.6. Central: Chambers 2.0, Jones 1.3, Moller, Steinberner 1.1, Luhrs, Hicks, Daniel 1.0, Cotton, Switala, Saywell 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES - Port: Francis (shoulder), replaced by Poulton, Hodges (corked thigh). Central: Cotton (suspected dislocated knee-cap), Arnold (corked thigh).

REPORTS - Central: Luhrs for allegedly striking Carter in the first quarter.

UMPIRES - G. Inge, D. Woodcock, A. Vickers. CROWD - 4510 at Alberton Oval. BEST ON GROUND - Daniel Jaques (Port). TOP TEAM MAN - Brenton Daniel (Central).

Sturt	3.4	7.6	13.7	16.12	(108)
Norwood	4.2	7.5	8.7	16.12 10.9	(69)

BEST - Sturt: Atkinson, Weatherald, Thredgold, Burton, Richter, Irvin, Robinson, Geddes, Lange. Norwood: D'Antiochia, S. Bassett, Borlace, Obst, Keating, Direen.

SCORERS - Sturt: Burton 6.2, Lange 4.1, Twitt 2.0, Irvin, Kennett, Atkinson 1.1, Richter 1.0, Lennon 0.2, Weatherald, Soderstrom, Kartinyeri 0.1, rushed 0.1. Norwood: Plim 2.0, Pascoe 1.3, Fosdike 1.2, Keating, Molloy 1.1, Obst, McIntosh, Harley, Cook 1.0, Direen 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Sturt: Powell (flu), replaced in selected side by Curtis. Norwood: Pitt (ankle), Harvey (concussion), Cunningham (corked thigh).

UMPIRES – R. Bettridge, D. Ryan, M. Humphreys.
CROWD – 7865 at Adelaide Oval.
BEST ON GROUND – Brodie Atkinson (Sturt).

TOP TEAM MAN - Scott Bassett (Norwood).

Glenelg	2.4	4.8	9.9	11.12	(78)
North	1.1	3.2	7.5	10.8	(78) (68)

BEST - Glenelg: Jameson, Kretschmer, Golding, Bode, Scripps, Flower. North: Nunan, Herbert, Sutherland, Robertson, Fowden.

SCORERS - Glenelg: Scripps 4.1, Jameson 3.1, Tasker, Gigney 1.2, Hele, Kretschmer 1.0, Copping 0.2, Burke 0.1, rushed 0.3. North: Fowden 4.1, Robertson 2.3, Burrows 2.0, Nunan, Lehmann 1.0, Gerke, Peucker 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - Glenelg: Bartlett (fractured arm), Grenvold withdrew from selected side (personal reasons), replaced by Burke. North: Newberry (knee), Squire (back) withdrew from selected side, replaced by Kellett.

UMPIRES - M. Avon, R. Williams, T. Philp. CROWD - 1815 at Prospect Oval. BEST ON GROUND - Rod Jameson (Glenelg). TOP TEAM MAN - Lucas Herbert (North).

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	LIVING	HE	HEALTH CUP SEASON				
	W	L	D	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Sturt	13	4		1445	1190	54.84	26
Norwood	11	6		1253	1185	51.39	22
Port	10	6		1281	1124	53.26	20
West	10	6		1362	1257	52.00	20
Central	8	9		1376	1247	52.46	16
South	8	9	-	1297	1310	49.75	16
Eagles	7	9		1225	1256	49.38	14
North	5	12		1259	1527	45.19	10
Glenela	3	14		1074	1476	42 12	6

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Club	Rd 19	Total
A. Richardson	(West)	7	64.22
J. Burton	(Sturt)	6	50.17
R. Fitzgerald	(South)	4	35.12
S. White	(Sturt)	0	28.25
M. Jeffries	(North)	0	28.13

RESERVES

West 10.14 (64) d South 4.8 (32); Central 14.14 (98) d Port 7.9 (51); Norwood 8.11 (59) d Sturt 8.5 (53); North 13.11 (89) d Glenelg 12.10 (82). Premiership Table: Sturt 24, Port, Norwood 22, Central 18, North 16, Eagles, West 14, South, Glenelg 10.

UNDER-19

South 10.13 (73) d West 5.3 (33); Port 16.13 (109) d Central 5.6 (36); Norwood 23.14 (152) d Sturt 6.5 (41); Gleneig 16.5 (101) d North 13.8 (86). Premiership Table: Port 28, Eagles, Norwood 24, Sturt, Central 18, Gleneig 14, South 12, North 10, West 2.

UNDER-17

West 13.11 (89) d South 10.5 (65); Port 6.16 (52) d Central 0.7 (7); Norwood 29.11 (185) d Sturt 8.4 (52); North 15.17 (107) d Glenelg 10.8 (68). Premiership Table: Norwood 32, Port 26, Eagles 24, Central 22, South 14, West 12, Glenelg 10, North 8, Sturt 2.