

Panthers lack mental hardness, says Applegarth

Old and young lift Bays

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Glenelg 22.11 (143) d South 13.8 (86)

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WITH the lure of finals football tantalisingly close, South was not good enough to seize the opportunity.

It was brushed aside on Saturday by a resurgent Glenelg and the Panthers will miss out on September football - again! That brutal reality is not tempered by the fact Glenelg is a very good team to be bottom of the table.

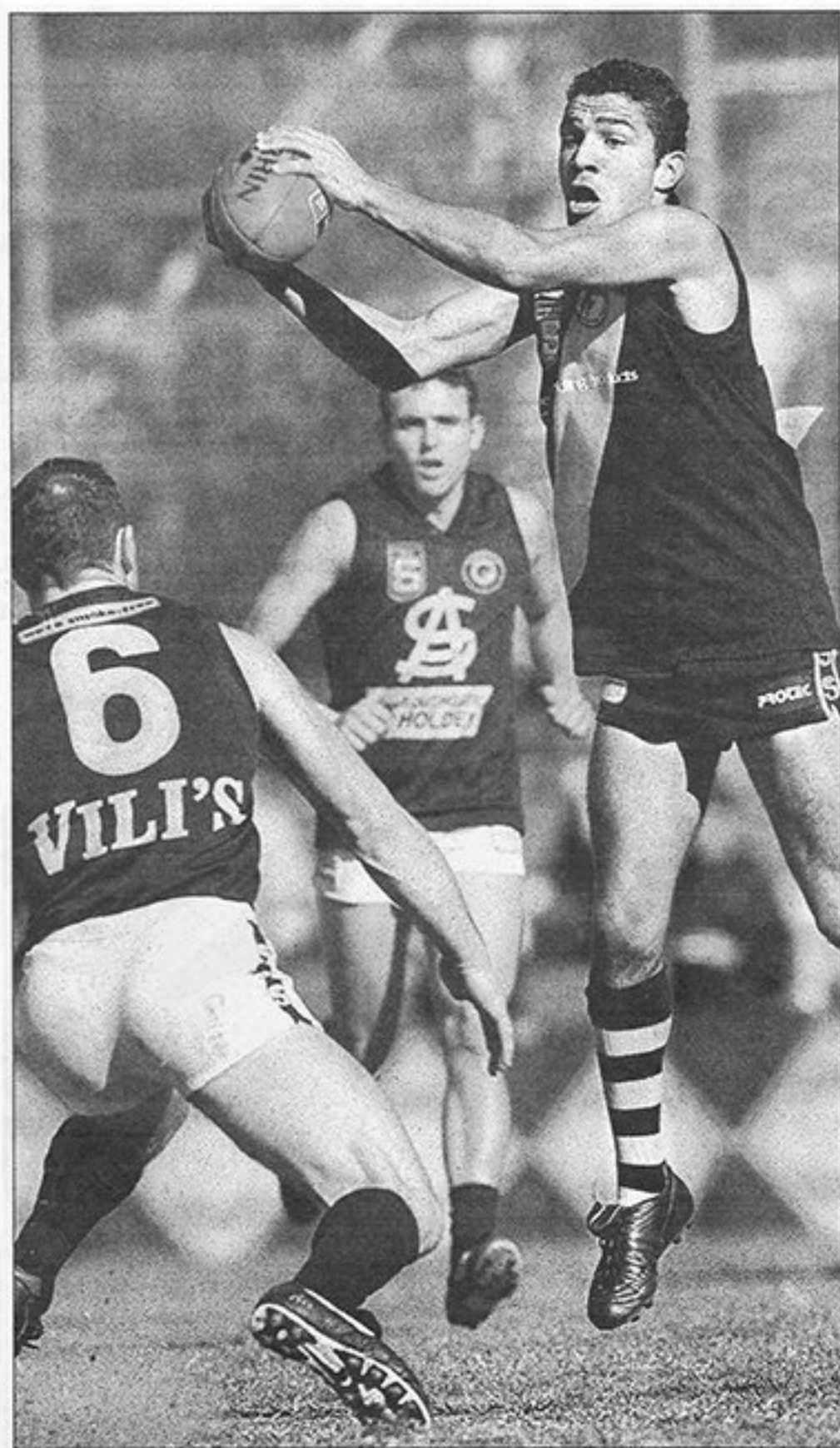
South coach Ken Applegarth puts his team's failure down to a lack of mental hardness.

"We have to improve on all the little things," he said. "At the moment we just seem to accept mediocrity and we have to become more mentally hardened. We have improved - it was an enormous step to go from bottom last year to where we are now, but from here to fourth or fifth will require double the improvement next year."

Applegarth is keen to continue, and so he should. South has achieved some memorable victories under his coaching this year, but too many narrow losses have hurt badly. Next year may not be any easier though, with jumping-bean forward Ryan Fitzgerald a certain AFL draftee. He suffered a lack of midfield service on Saturday and was well held by Damien Gigney, but in his 20 games for the Panthers the youngster has shown the skill and athleticism sought in the AFL.

Glenelg could also lose a couple of its potential young stars. Giant 17-year-old ruckman Matthew Golding continues to develop - if you have not seen the size of this kid imagine "Plugger" Lockett with puppy fat and a nice haircut. The biggest revelation, however, was 197cm second-gamer Lindsay Smith, who took nine marks up forward and finished with 4.2. After losing the Ottens boys last year you wonder how many more of these youngsters Glenelg can produce.

"Well this year we've blooded eight first-gamers directly out of the under-19s, and I'd



TIGER SHOWS BITE: Glenelg youngster Zeb Bonney claims a mark as the Bays charge to a 57-point win against South Adelaide. Picture: SARAH REED.

suggest that's more than any other club," coach Tony McGuinness said. "But despite a push from some people we've resisted playing the younger guys until we thought they were ready. At one stage on Saturday though, four of our six forwards were under-19 players."

While the raw talent of Smith was exciting, Glenelg's win on Saturday was forged by its experienced and hard-working midfield.

Richard Kelly was the driving force behind the Bays' third-quarter surge to victory. He took control of the game with 13 possessions in that quarter alone and finished with a match total of 33. Trevor Growden picked up 21 valuable touches and four goals on the wing, and Glenelg can only lament that these two Norwood recruits have been injured or out-of-form for much of the year.

Alistair Burke also gave plenty of drive out

of the middle, and the tackling from him, Kelly and Nick Chigwidden ensured Glenelg won plenty of the clearances despite South's dominance in ruck through Simon Crawshaw. Glenelg had winners everywhere though, and McGuinness was proud of the pride and passion shown by his team. "We were hard at it and used the ball pretty well," he said. "It's been a tough year for the club but we've made some ground in the second half."

Indeed. A win next week could even lift the Tigers off the bottom of the premiership table. It's no great comfort down at Brighton Rd, but even so it was an unlikely prospect six weeks ago when they had a 1-13 record. As Applegarth said: "They've improved and they're going to be an enormous competitor next year."

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

LIVING HEALTH CUP SEASON

	W	L	D	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Sturt	15	4	-	1664	1323	55.71	30
West	12	7	-	1619	1486	52.14	24
Norwood	12	7	-	1382	1331	50.94	24
Port	11	8	-	1533	1365	52.90	22
Central	9	10	-	1557	1427	52.18	18
Eagles	9	10	-	1530	1461	51.15	18
South	9	11	-	1525	1619	48.51	18
North	5	14	-	1331	1729	43.50	10
Glenelg	4	15	-	1269	1669	43.19	8

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Club	Rd 22	Total
A. Richardson	(West)	8	77.29
J. Burton	(Sturt)	2	60.19
R. Fitzgerald	(South)	1	39.14
S. White	(Sturt)	2	32.27
R. Pyman	(Eagles)	2	31.10

Sturt	0.3	5.4	7.5	13.7	(85)
Eagles	3.1	6.3	9.3	13.5	(83)

BEST - Sturt: Atkinson, Kartinyeri, Weatherald, Thredgold, Feast, Maloney, Pitura. **Eagles:** Pesch, Rogers, Hodgson, McLure, Harvey, Leal, Frewen.

SCORERS - Sturt: Burton, White 2.1, Atkinson, Twitt 2.0, Pitura, Feast 1.1, Irvin, Lennon, Whiteman 1.0, Kartinyeri 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Eagles:** Kluzek, Pyman 2.1, Palfreyman, Burton 2.0, Pesch, Biglands 1.1, Sziller, McLure, Holland 1.0, DiBiase 0.1.

INJURIES - Sturt: Lange (shoulder), Richter (shin). **Eagles:** Kennedy (knee).

UMPIRES - R. Bettridge, G. Wyld, T. Pfeiffer.

CROWD - 5371 at Adelaide Oval.

BEST ON GROUND - Brodie Atkinson (Sturt).

TOP TEAM MAN - Andrew Rogers (Eagles).

Port	5.4	8.8	12.10	15.13	(103)
Norwood	0.2	4.2	6.5	6.7	(43)

BEST - Port: Morgan, Borlase, Bamford, Carter, Tregenza, Poulton, Jaques, Fiegert, Wait, Ambrose. **Norwood:** Pitt, Harvey, Obst, Pascoe, Clements, Heuskes, Direen.

SCORERS - Port: Hodges 4.3, Bamford, Smith 3.0, Clayton 2.0, Wait 1.2, Beinke 1.1, Hahn 1.0, Steed 0.2, Morgan, Carter, Jaques 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Norwood:** Direen 2.1, Neill 2.0, Cook 1.1, Heuskes 1.0, Plim, McIntosh, Harvey, S. Bassett 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Port: Hahn (ribs). **Norwood:** Keating (withdrew before game, replaced by Millar).

UMPIRES - K. Chambers, M. Humphreys, D. Woodcock.

CROWD - 7358 at Alberton Oval.

BEST ON GROUND - Danny Morgan (Port Adelaide).

TOP TEAM MAN - Darryl Borlase (Port Adelaide).

West	7.4	10.4	15.10	19.14	(128)
Central	1.4	6.7	6.12	10.14	(74)

BEST - West: Twomey, A. Richardson, Jones, E. Richardson, Myles, Andriske, Woosnam, Parker, Cassidy. **Central:** Cook, Macgowan, Steinberner, Hulm.

SCORERS - West: A. Richardson 8.5, Symes 2.1, Myles, Twomey 2.0, Mellor, Bruhn, Power, Cassidy, McLuckie 1.0, Barrett 0.2, Woosnam, Patterson, Godden 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Central:** Jones 2.2, Cook 2.0, Rae 1.2, Conway 1.1, Steinberner, Macgowan, Chambers, Hulm 1.0, Switala 0.3, Wakelin 0.2, Hicks, Wozniak 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - West: Banik (suspected broken hand), Twomey (cut eye). **Central:** Steinberner (calf).

REPORTS - West: Andriske for alleged rough play against Cook 19 minutes into the second quarter.

UMPIRES - C. Rowston, C. Doddridge, J. Schmitt.

CROWD - 3958 at Elizabeth Oval.

BEST ON GROUND - Matthew Twomey (West).

TOP TEAM MAN - Tim Cook (Central).

Glenelg	4.1	10.3	16.5	22.11	(143)
South	5.2	9.3	11.6	13.8	(86)

BEST - Glenelg: Kelly, Growden, Smith, Tasker, Burke, Chigwidden, Raidis. **South:** Talbot, Perrie, Crawshaw, Osborn, Sampson, Morgan.

SCORERS - Glenelg: Tasker 7.0, Smith 4.2, Growden 4.0, Burke 3.2, Raidis, Hele, Nicholas, Picioane 1.0, Bonney 0.3, Hosking 0.1, rushed 0.3. **South:** Sampson 5.0, Perrie 2.0, Fitzgerald 1.1, Fernee, Morgan, Genovese, Mills, Talbot 1.0, Norman, Smart, Thredgold 0.1, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES - Glenelg: Fogden (knee), Oldfield (concussion), Raidis (hip).

REPORTS - Glenelg: Nicholas for allegedly charging Genovese. **South:** Smart for allegedly charging Picioane.

UMPIRES - G. Inge, S. Scriven, T. Slaven.

CROWD - 2145 at Glenelg Oval.

BEST ON GROUND - Richard Kelly (Glenelg).

TOP TEAM MAN - Alistair Burke (Glenelg).

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

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

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Eagles' Nick Pesch moved to within two votes of Sturt's Simon Feast in the SANFL Player of the Year award with a strong performance against Sturt on Saturday.

STURT v EAGLES

Brodie Atkinson (Sturt)	3
Nick Pesch (Eagles)	2
Merv Kartinyeri (Sturt)	1

PORT v NORWOOD

Danny Morgan (Port Adelaide)	3
Darryl Borlase (Port Adelaide)	2
Tony Bamford (Port Adelaide)	1

WEST v CENTRAL

Matthew Twomey (West Adelaide)	3
Adam Richardson (West Adelaide)	2
Tim Cook (Central District)	1

GLENELG v SOUTH

Richard Kelly (Glenelg)	3
Trevor Growden (Glenelg)	2
Dean Talbot (South Adelaide)	1

LEADERS - 18: Simon Feast (Sturt). **16:** Nick Pesch (Eagles). **13:** Brodie Atkinson (Sturt), Matthew Twomey (West). **12:** Tim Weatherald (Sturt), Simon Crawshaw (South), Darryl Borlase (Port). **10:** Adam Richardson (West), Anthony Harvey, Steven Pitt (Norwood), Trent Mills, Andrew Osborn (South). **9:** Dean Talbot (South), Lucas Herbert (North), Damian Obst, Garry McIntosh (Norwood). **8:** Tim Cook (Central), Darryl Wintle (North), Geoff Wiggins (Eagles), Anthony Banik, Simon Hele (Glenelg). **7:** Jason Sziller (Eagles), Tim Nunan (North). **6:** Matthew Bruhn (West), Julian Burton, Bruce Lennon (Sturt), Rick Macgowan, Justin Casserly, Daniel Hulm (Central), John Cunningham (Norwood), Danny Morgan, Brian Leys (Port).