

Byrne injury blow for Bays

Round 17, 1999



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PREMIERSHIP TABLE

SMOKE FREE CUP SEASON

	W	L	D	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Norwood	11	4	-	1342	1117	54.58	22
Port	11	4	-	1256	1049	54.49	22
Eagles	9	5	-	1198	1048	53.34	18
Glenelg	9	6	-	1123	1048	51.73	18
West	8	7	-	1377	1196	53.52	16
Sturt	8	7	-	1305	1135	53.48	16
Central	7	8	-	1194	1257	48.71	14
South	2	13	-	1113	1402	44.25	4
North	2	13	-	941	1597	37.08	4

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Club	Rd 17	Total
J. Burton	(Sturt)	5	54.23
A. Richardson	(West)	4	44.30
G. Mellor	(West)	-	38.15
D. Hams	(South)	-	35.4
R. Neill	(Norwood)	1	34.13
M. Pavlich	(Eagles)	1	32.19
D. Myles	(West)	-	26.16

Norwood	4.3	11.5	14.5	17.5	(107)
North	0.4	2.7	7.9	11.12	(78)

BEST - Norwood: Yerbury, Thiessen, Pitt, Harvey, Bowman, Obst, Dickie, Kemp. **North:** Naish, Jeffries, McGahey, Setchell.

SCORERS - Norwood: Thiessen 3.1, O'Brien 2.1, Harvey, Pascoe, Borlace 2.0, Neill, Dickie 1.1, Cunningham, Obst, Warrior, Wilson, 1.0, Clements 0.1. **North:** McGahey 4.2, Leal 2.0, Jeffries 1.3, Lehmann, Pech 1.1, Fraser, Nichol 1.0, Naish 0.2, rushed 0.3.

CROWD - 2747 at Adelaide Oval.

UMPIRES - M. Barnett, M. Avon, T. Slaven.

BEST ON GROUND - C. Naish (North Adelaide).

TOP TEAM MAN - S. Pitt (Norwood).

Sturt	2.2	4.5	8.11	13.12	(90)
Eagles	3.4	5.4	6.4	7.4	(46)

BEST - Sturt: Squire, Weatherald, Thredgold, Maloney, Soderstrom, Burton, Woosnam, Geddes. **Eagles:** Floreani, Frewen, Colville, Rogers, McCarthy.

SCORERS - Sturt: Burton 5.0, Woosnam 3.3, Atkinson 2.0, Weatherald, Twitt, White 1.1, Squire 0.2, Kennett, McEwin 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Eagles:** Wiggins 2.1, Floreani, Pavlich, Biglands 1.1, Pesch, McCarthy 1.0.

INJURIES - Eagles: Hall (ankle, withdrew before the game), Cicolella (general soreness, withdrew before game).

CROWD - 3778 at Unley Oval.

UMPIRES - R. Bettridge, R. Fox, C. Doddridge.

BEST ON GROUND - D. Squire (Sturt).

TOP TEAM MAN - C. Thredgold (Sturt).

Port	5.4	8.7	11.12	14.12	(96)
West	1.5	4.10	6.17	6.19	(55)

BEST - Port: Fiora, Brown, Holmes, Phillipou, Poole, Leys, Fiegert, Clayton, Fraser. **West:** Barrett, Andriske, Symes, A. Richardson, E. Richardson, Dempsey.

SCORERS - Port: Evans 5.1, Phillipou 4.2, Poole 1.2, Fiora 1.1, Holmes, Brown, Obst 1.0, McGuinness, McDowall 0.2, Fraser, Ashley 0.1. **West:** A. Richardson 4.5, Barrett, 1.3, Symes 1.1, Andriske, Dempsey, Kirey, Nathan 0.1, rushed 0.6.

INJURIES - West: Nathan (concussion), Mellor (hamstring), Twomey (knee).

CROWD - 3123 at Alberton Oval.

UMPIRES - G. Inge, T. Pfeiffer, D. Woodcock.

BEST ON GROUND - A. Fiora (Port Adelaide).

TOP TEAM MAN - C. Barrett (West Adelaide).

By BRETT CLANCY

KEY Glenelg midfielder James Byrne will miss at least four weeks after breaking his arm in the last quarter of the Tigers' stunning eight-goal blitz against Central District.

Byrne has been the most prolific ball-winner for Glenelg this season and his absence is a huge blow to the side which moved into fourth place and claimed its third consecutive win after steamrolling the Bulldogs by 35 points at the Bay.

Stretched from the field midway through the last term after crashing to the ground under the weight of a Bulldog tackle, Byrne has two broken bones in his wrist and had it in plaster yesterday.

With the aid of a protective cast, Byrne could be considered after four weeks, but Glenelg football operations manager John Schneebichler believes it is more likely he will be ready for finals - if the Tigers qualify.

"Normally you are in plaster for six weeks and if we are in the finals he could be a part of that," Schneebichler said.

The prognosis is better for Lance Picioane, who may only miss one week after twisting his troublesome left ankle minutes after Byrne's injury.

Frustrated by a lack of goalkicking force, coach Tony McGuinness was buoyed by the last-quarter blitz, sparked by Ben McEntee and Alistair Burke, who both finished with three goals, and young Ben Physick, whose classy running goal gave Glenelg the lead in the last term.

"We started pushing the ball forward quicker and that started opening up opportunities for our forward line which competed harder," McGuinness said. "It's

Glenelg 15.8 (98) d Central 9.9 (63)

really a combination of the back half and the midfield giving our forwards opportunities and our forwards capitalising on it. We will keep working names around until we think we have the right combination." Glenelg, trailing by eight points at the last change, inflicted the last quarter carnage with superior pace, creative handball and an abundance of runners lurking at the base of every contest.

For Central, so tough and tenacious for three quarters and 20 minutes, it was less a fade-out than a complete blackout. The Bulldogs went from rugged participants to spectators, unable to counter Glenelg's free-running onslaught.

Bulldogs coach Peter Jonas said the side dropped the intensity in the final stages and paid dearly for it.

"We dropped off the pressure in close and they broke the shackles. It was disappointing after all the hard work we put in," said Jonas, also concerned about the amount of easy turnovers in the critical final stages. "We did well to bounce back from a major defeat (West) but for 10 minutes we did not hit the targets when it was crunch time."

But Jonas, with six rounds remaining, refuses to rule the seventh-placed Bulldogs out of finals contention.

He continues to turn the heat up on big-name players, stressing they must perform or face the consequences at the end of the season.

"Some players are not living up to their reputations and we will keep chipping away to see what players really want to play for the footy club," Jonas said.

Glenelg	3.1	5.4	7.5	15.8	(98)
Central	2.3	6.5	8.7	9.9	(63)

BEST - Glenelg: Kelly, Higgins, Melody, Burke, Viska, Chigwidden, Byrne, Fogden. **Central:** Hulm, Arnold, Cotter, J. Hicks, Barr.

SCORERS - Glenelg: Burke 3.1, McEntee 3.0, Golding 2.1, Chigwidden 2.0, Scripps 1.2, Physick, Byrne, Carr, Gigney 1.0, Hele, Howard, Cornes 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Central:** Barr 3.1, Hulm 2.0, Conway 1.3, J. Hicks 1.2, Bello, Arnold 1.0, Hopwood 0.2, Cotter 0.1.

INJURIES - Glenelg: Byrne (broken arm), Picioane (ankle). **Central:** Willis (foot fracture).

CROWD - 2354 at Glenelg Oval.

UMPIRES - C. Rowston, M. Humphreys, A. Vickers.

BEST ON GROUND - R. Kelly (Glenelg).

TOP TEAM MAN - M. Melody (Glenelg).

RESERVES

North 9.13 (67) d Norwood 10.6 (66); Sturt 19.16 (130) d Eagles 8.7 (55); West 17.6 (108) d Port 9.8 (62); Central 23.9 (147) d Glenelg 9.12 (66). **Premiership table:** Central, Sturt 22, South 18, Port 17, Eagles 13, West, Glenelg 11, Norwood, North 10.

UNDER-19

North 15.15 (105) d Norwood 14.18 (102); Eagles 14.12 (96) d Sturt 11.8 (74); Port 21.14 (140) d West 11.7 (73); Central 14.14 (98) d Glenelg 8.7 (55). **Premiership table:** Port 26, Central 24, South 22, Eagles, Sturt 18, Glenelg 10, North 8, Norwood, West 4.

UNDER-17

North 15.4 (94) d Norwood 13.7 (85); Eagles 6.14 (50) d Sturt 3.6 (24); Port 11.8 (74) d West 8.13 (61); Central 30.13 (193) d Glenelg 10.3 (63). **Premiership table:** Eagles 24, Norwood, Central 20, North 18, South 17, Port, Sturt 10, Glenelg 8, West 7.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Claremont 15.14 (104) d East Fremantle 15.12 (102); Subiaco 13.11 (89) d East Perth 11.6 (72); Perth 20.10 (130) d Swan District 15.13 (103).

AMATEUR LEAGUE

Adelaide University 14.13 (97) d Edwardstown 12.10 (82); Kilburn 16.12 (108) d Henley 10.12 (72). **Premiership table:** Kilburn 22, Goodwood Saints, Port District, Adelaide University 18, Broadview 14, Athelstone, PHOS, Henley 10, Edwardstown 8, Tea Tree Gully 2.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Sturt centreman Damian Squire has established himself as one of the favorites for this year's Magarey Medal after his fourth best-on-ground performance for the year against the Eagles at Unley Oval on Saturday. Squire collected 28 telling possessions to lead the Double Blues to their impressive 44-point win and is now three votes clear of the pack in the race for *The Advertiser's* SANFL Player of the Year award.

NORWOOD v NORTH

Chris Naish (North Adelaide) 3
John Yerbury (Norwood) 2
James Thiessen (Norwood) 1

STURT v EAGLES

Damian Squire (Sturt) 3
Tim Weatherald (Sturt) 2
Chris Thredgold (Sturt) 1

PORT v WEST

Aaron Fiora (Port Adelaide) 3
Damien Brown (Port Adelaide) 2
Shane Holmes (Port Adelaide) 1

GLENELG v CENTRAL

Richard Kelly (Glenelg) 3
Brett Higgins (Glenelg) 2
Daniel Hulm (Central District) 1

LEADERS - 15: Damian Squire (Sturt). **12:** Tim Weatherald (Sturt). **10:** Adam Pearce (Eagles). **9:** Damien Arnold (Central). Justin Cicolella (Eagles). Rick Macnowan (Central).