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**PREMIERSHIP TABLE**

**SMOKE FREE CUP SEASON**

	W	L	D	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Port	14	5	-	1622	1340	54.76	28
Eagles	13	6	-	1611	1381	53.84	26
Sturt	12	7	-	1658	1403	54.17	24
Glenelg	12	7	-	1526	1319	53.64	24
Norwood	11	8	-	1577	1484	51.52	22
West	10	9	-	1702	1516	52.89	20
Central	10	9	-	1594	1545	50.78	20
South	2	17	-	1377	1869	42.42	4
North	2	18	-	1307	2117	38.17	4

**LEADING GOALKICKERS**

	Club	Rd 22	Total
A. Richardson	(West)	10	63.34
J. Burton	(Sturt)	1	62.33
G. Mellor	(West)	3	42.16
D. Hams	(South)	-	41.6
M. Pavlich	(Eagles)	-	37.22

Sturt	7.2	11.3	11.6	13.13	(91)
Glenelg	1.4	7.6	9.11	10.13	(73)

**BEST** - Sturt: Maloney, Woosnam, Waltham, Soderstrom, Lennon, Atkinson, Kennett, Thredgold. **Glenelg:** Sherwood, Cooke, Higgins, Burke, McEntee, Picioane, Smith.

**SCORERS** - Sturt: Woosnam 5.1, White 3.1, Kennett 3.0, Burton 1.2, Raidis 1.0, Atkinson, Waltham, Richter, Weatherald, McEwin 0.1, rushed 0.4. **Glenelg:** McEntee 4.0, Cook 1.3, Higgins, Nicholas 1.2, Carr 1.1, Chigwidden, Picioane 1.0, Winstanley, Smith, Gigney, Howard 0.1, rushed 0.1.

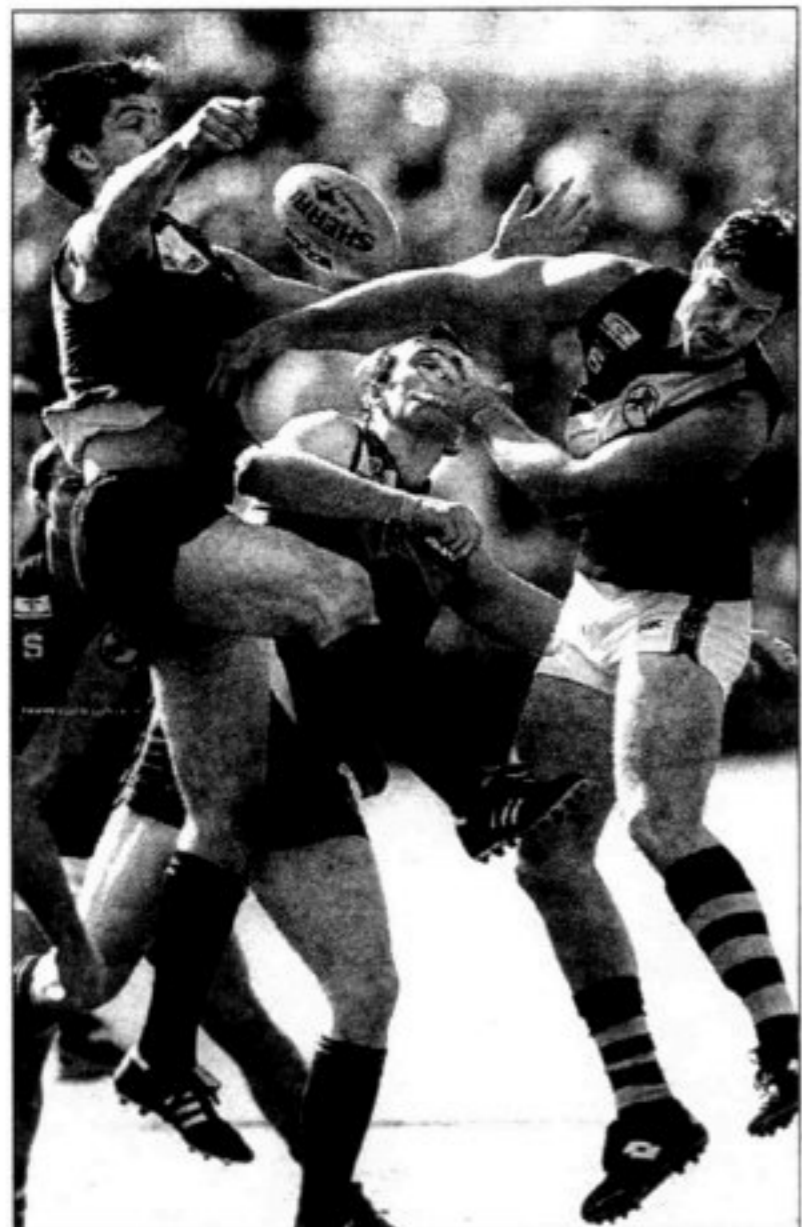
**INJURIES** - Sturt: Weatherald (broken hand), Geddes (foot and lacerated head), Powell (back spasms), Squire (neck).

**CROWD** - 5758 at Unley Oval.

**UMPIRES** - R. Bettridge, M. Humphreys, M. Avon.

**BEST ON GROUND** - S. Maloney (Sturt).

**TOP TEAM MAN** - P. Sherwood (Glenelg).



**HITTING OUT:** Sturt wingman Bruce Lennon knocks the ball on in the Blues' stunning seven-goal first quarter at Unley on Saturday.

Central	6.3	8.7	11.14	16.19	(115)
Norwood	1.3	5.6	6.8	8.9	(57)

**BEST** - Central: Macgowan, McArdle, Haraida, Slade, Hopwood, Lee, Stevens, Steinberner, D. Hicks. **Norwood:** Gallagher, Pitt, Bassett, Dawes.

**SCORERS** - Central: Lee 6.0, Bello 2.1, Hulm 2.0, McArdle 1.3, Demasi, Hopwood 1.1, Steinberner, Geister, Masierowski 1.0, Slade, Stevens 0.3, Arnold, Coulter, Macgowan, McPherson 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Norwood:** Pitt, Yerbury 1.1, Pascoe, Borlace, Taylor, Marsh, Dawes, Bassett 1.0, Crouch, Warrior, Direen 0.1, rushed 0.4.

**INJURIES** - Norwood: Taylor (suspected broken hand, lacerated thumb), Davey (knee ligaments), Neill (back strain).

**CROWD** - 3230 at Norwood Oval.

**UMPIRES** - R. Fox, D. Woodcock, G. Inge.

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

**TOP TEAM MAN** - M. Dawes (Norwood).

West	8.1	12.2	17.3	22.4	(136)
North	3.3	8.5	12.8	15.11	(101)

**BEST** - West: A. Richardson, Chubb, Banik, Stewart, Bruhn, E. Richardson, Mellor, Twomey. **North:** Morton, Byerlee, Jeffries, Peucker, McGahey, White.

**SCORERS** - West: A. Richardson 10.1, Mellor 3.0, Kirey 3.0, Myles 2.0, Bruhn, Dempsey, Barrett, Singh, 1.0, DiRosa, Twomey 0.1, rushed 0.1. **North:** Morton 4.0, McGahey 3.2, Parker 2.0, Lehmann, R. Viney 1.1, Leal, Pech, Peucker, Davis 1.0, White 0.2, Pohlner, Kellett 0.1, rushed 0.3.

**INJURIES** - North: Nichol (hamstring).

**CROWD** - 1925 at Prospect Oval.

**UMPIRES** - G. Symons, T. Slaven, T. Pfeiffer.

**BEST ON GROUND** - A. Richardson (West Adelaide).

**TOP TEAM MAN** - A. Byerlee (North Adelaide).

Eagles	2.1	6.3	8.7	12.10	(82)
South	3.6	6.8	6.12	8.12	(60)

**BEST** - Eagles: McCarthy, Cicolella, Floreani, Pearce, Whelan, Rogers, Pyman. **South:** Mills, Perrie, Doughty, Doyle, Genovese, Meekins.

**SCORERS** - Eagles: Pyman 4.2, Pesch 4.1, Floreani, Crowell 1.1, Colville, M. Kluzak 1.0, Rogers, C. Kluzak, Pearce 0.1, rushed 0.2. **South:** Meekins 3.1, Draper 2.3, Genovese, Mills, 1.2, Morgan 1.0, Talbot, Crawshaw, Thredgold 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**INJURIES** - Eagles: Colville (shoulder). **South:** Brogan (hand).

**CROWD** - 2152 at Adelaide Oval.

**UMPIRES** - C. Doddridge, M. Barnett, D. Ryan.

**BEST ON GROUND** - J. McCarthy (Eagles).

**TOP TEAM MAN** - I. Perrie (South Adelaide).

# True Blue grit in fight for top three

By PAUL KERMODE

**Sturt 13.13 (91) d Glenelg 10.13 (73)**

**S**TURT and Glenelg are locked in a tight tussle for the double chance in this year's finals after the Double Blues' bruising 18-point victory at Unley Oval on Saturday.

After going at it for four quarters in a physical, see-sawing game, the two teams go their separate ways for the SANFL's last minor round, but will still be fighting each other to see which team will grab a crucial top-three position.

Sturt takes on Port Adelaide at Alberton Oval and may have to make the trek down Port Road without Tim Weatherald (broken hand), Damian Squire (neck), Matthew Powell (back) and Andrew Geddes (foot), who were all injured on Saturday. The Tigers play revitalised West Adelaide at Richmond, with the Bloods playing to keep their finals chances alive.

With Sturt and Glenelg now locked on 12 wins for the season, the race for the top three will go right to the wire.

"Now we've got to go to Richmond next week to try to get back into the top three -

it's big for us, big for them," Glenelg coach Tony McGuinness said. "I guess the good thing about that is one team will want to win more than the other and I'd expect to see us come out pretty hard and play the kind of footy we had been in the past six weeks."

For two quarters against the Blues on Saturday, Glenelg did show some of the form which had rocketed it to second position going into round 22, outscoring the home side by four goals in the middle two quarters. But the damage had already been done by midway through the second quarter, when Sturt, playing some of the best football of the season, had stormed to a 46-point lead.

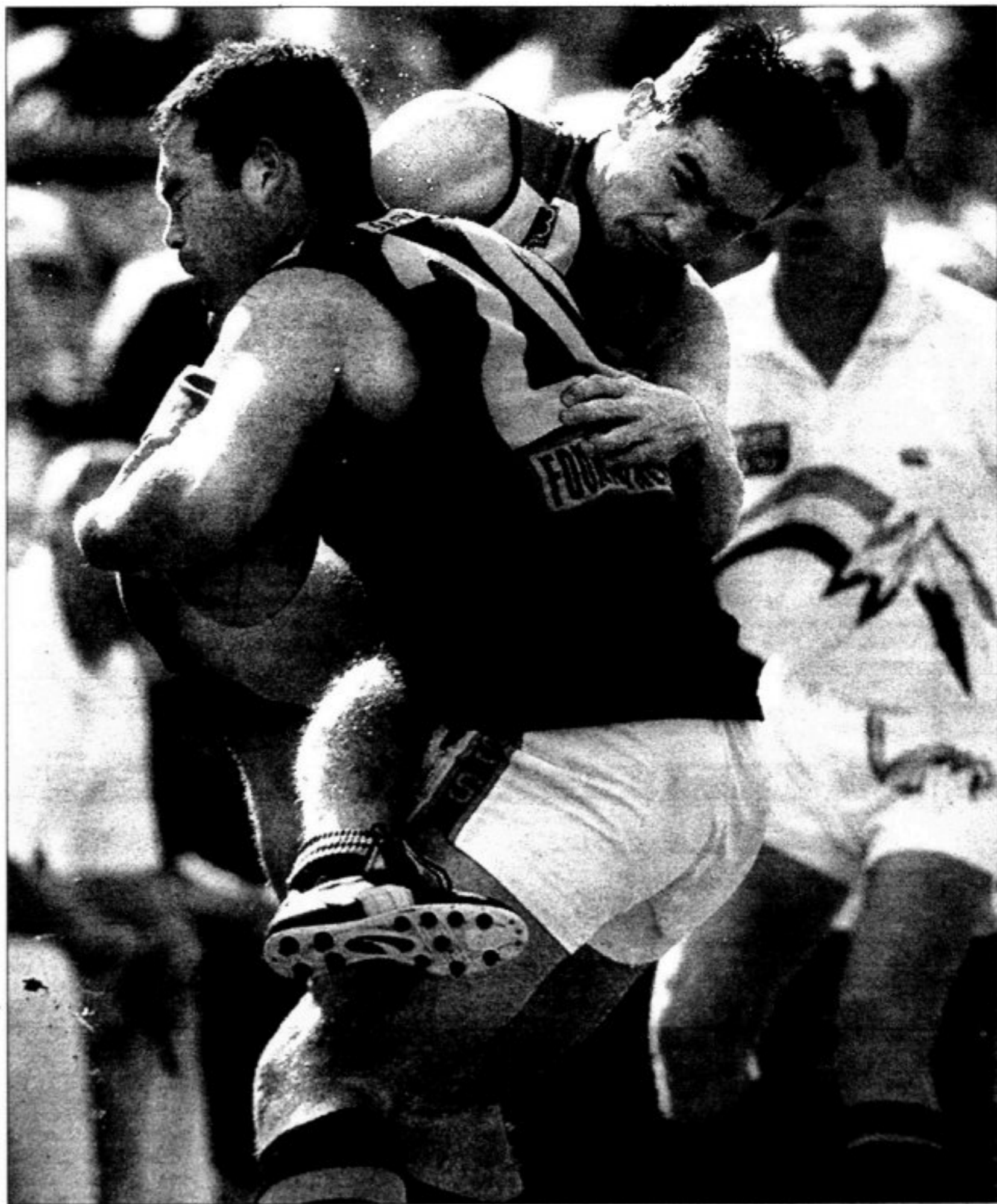
With ruckman Tom Waltham playing his best game for the club, according to coach Phil Carman, a rebounding, miserly defence led by Seamus Maloney and Mark Soderstrom and a winning forward in Dean Woosnam, the Double Blues looked set for a percentage-boosting win.

But as injury exposed the

Sturt midfield, and McGuinness successfully swung sixth-gamer Lindsay Smith into the ruck to counter Waltham, Glenelg worked its way back into the game and was just seven points behind at the final break. But Woosnam kicked the first goal of the last term and Sturt controlled the first 15 minutes to secure an important victory, one which saw it replace the Tigers in the top three. "I was still confident at three-quarter time that we could take it out, but the message was as simple as the double chance was there, it was a matter of which team wanted it more," Carman said.

"After the first quarter we played, I was hopeful we could reproduce another quarter like that."

Paul Sherwood was Glenelg's best, resolute on the last line of defence and Sudjal Cook, Brett Higgins and Alistair Burke won plenty of the ball without always hurting the Blues with their possessions.



**GOTCHA:** Sturt's in-form rover Tim Weatherald, who unfortunately suffered a broken hand on Saturday, stops Tiger Richard Kelly in his tracks in the Blues' win at Unley. Picture: RAY TITUS.

**SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Sturt's Damian Squire can not be beaten for *The Advertiser* Player of the Year award. He leads teammate Tim Weatherald by two votes but the determined rover will miss the final minor round clash against Port with a broken hand. Central ruckman Damian Arnold and Eagles duo Adam Pearce and Justin Cicolella could level with Squire with best-on-ground votes this week if Squire does not poll.

**LEADERS** - 17: Damian Squire (Sturt). 15: Tim Weatherald (Sturt). 14: Damian Arnold (Central), Adam Pearce (Eagles), Justin Cicolella (Eagles). 12: Rick Macgowan (Central). 11: Nick Chigwidden (Glenelg). 10: Richard Kelly (Glenelg), Daniel Hulm (Central). 9: Phil McGuinness (Port). 8: David Brown (Port), Ed Richardson (West), Bruce Lennon (Sturt). 7: Rhett Biglands (Eagles), Gavin Colville (Eagles), Adam Crouch (Norwood), James Byrne (Glenelg). 6: Mark Pitura (Sturt), Aaron Fiora (Port), Tim Symes (West), John Cunningham (Norwood), Matthew Twomey (West), Steven Pitt (Norwood), Matthew Pavlich (Eagles), Stephen White (Sturt).

**STURT v GLENELG**

Seamus Maloney (Sturt)	3
Dean Woosnam (Sturt)	2
Paul Sherwood (Glenelg)	1

**NORWOOD v CENTRAL**

Rick Macgowan (Central District)	3
James Gallagher (Norwood)	2
Sam McArdle (Central District)	1

**NORTH v WEST**

Adam Richardson (West Adelaide)	3
Chris Chubb (West Adelaide)	2
Anthony Banik (West Adelaide)	1

**SOUTH v EAGLES**

John McCarthy (Eagles)	3
Trent Mills (South)	2
Justin Cicolella (Eagles)	1

**THIS WEEK'S DRAW**

**Friday:** Eagles v Central (Adelaide Oval, 8pm). **Saturday:** Port v Sturt (Alberton Oval, 2.20pm), West v Glenelg (Richmond Oval, 2.20pm), South v Norwood (Noarlunga Oval, 2.20pm). **Bye:** North Adelaide.