



Round 3, 1999

SANFL

Wake up call for Magpies



Darryl Poole

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PORT Adelaide manufactured a grinding 29-point victory over a tough and committed Glenelg yesterday, but not before a serious jolt which presented questions about the Magpies' mental preparations leading into the Alberton Oval encounter.

If not for the influence of bustling Darryl Poole — who turned the game Port's way after going into the ruck from half-forward early in the second term — Port might have succumbed to the relentless pressure exerted by the tireless Tiger runners.

But Port's 14.6 (90) to 8.13 (61) business-like victory was credit to its ability to punish Glenelg for not sticking to its tight team structure and over-using the ball in the

midfield. Poole's influence in ruck cannot be over-rated and former Glenelg rover Phil McGuinness was dangerous near goal while full forward Sam Phillipou backed up his 10-goal effort last round against Norwood with 6.2, in a decisive performance.

Seldom yesterday did Port string together the system and precision it showed against Norwood and few had the ruthless desperation demonstrated in its Easter effort.

McGuinness kicked the opening goal then Glenelg replied with three majors — all generated by pushing forward in numbers and taking calculated risks.

Port coach Stephen Williams gave his slow-starting charges the baking they deserved at the first break and when they hit back as expected, Glenelg fell away from its team style. Phillipou eased into the contest with strong leads and equally impressive marking and Jared Poulton, Simon Pedler and Tom Carr picked up in defence.

But Port surprisingly resisted the obvious by letting Glenelg's active midfielders keep running. Port won but it was not impressive.

"Against Norwood our skills were terrific but (yesterday) they were disgraceful. It was a wake up call," Williams said.

The Tigers again have real bite. They had more of the ball, more scoring shots, laid more effective tackles and won more positions on the field. Stoic defender Mark Viska has suspected knee ligament damage to add injury to insult.

Glenelg can take some heart for the



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way it manned-up and how it played accountable football. Nobody took a back seat. Yet it lost which was a tough lesson and a miserable return for the Crows teenage ruckman Matthew Golding, who put in a stellar performance. Golding, 18, rucked almost all day and thrashed Damien Brown early before contesting well against Poole.

Golding set up Glenelg's Martin Mellody, Josh Carr, ex-Sydney reserves wingman James Byrne, Sudjai Cook and skipper Nick Chigwidden, who used each of his 17 touches to lethal effect. The Tigers easily won the midfield and their defence was strong.

Paul Rouvray and Dwaine Kretschmer worked hard and Chad Cornes fought his way into the game against the close-checking Brian Leys.

Coach Tony McGuinness knows it was a game it could have won. "Had we made them pay and converted early it may well have been a closer game," he said. "You know the better sides are going to come back at you ... we lost momentum and it became scrappy."

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Sturt v South Unley Oval

STURT	2.2	6.3	11.7	16.8	(104)
South	3.2	7.6	12.6	14.6	(90)

BEST - Sturt: White, Kartinyeri, Lennon, Burton, Maloney, Geddes, Pitura, Robinson. South: Crawshaw, Murray, Smart, Morgan, Nicks, Talbot, Mills.

SCORERS - Sturt: Burton 5.0, White 4.0, Kartinyeri 3.0, Tasker 1.2, Irvin 1.1, Threadgold 1.0, Graham 1.0, Lennon 0.2, Twitt, Squire 0.1, rushed 0.2. South: Allen, Murray, Doyle 3.0, Smart 1.2, Bone, McKeough, Mills, Crawshaw 1.0, Nicks 0.2, Perrie 0.1, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES — K. Chambers, M. Avon, C. Rowston.

CROWD — 3749.

North v Central Prospect Oval

CENTRAL	3.2	8.4	14.6	19.7	(121)
North	1.3	1.4	1.8	5.9	(39)

BEST - Central: Hulm, MacGowan, Cook, Conway, Reimers, Bello, Steinberner, Graham, Lee. North: Robertson, Naish, Davis, Swann, Ebel.

SCORERS — Central: Cook 5.0, Bello, Moller, Kreig 2.1, Switala, Willis 2.0, Reimers, Lee, Luhrs, MacGowan 1.0, Hulm 0.1, rushed 0.3. North: Reynolds 1.2, Cash, Pech, Byerlee, Naish 1.0, White, Lynch, Lehmann, Robertson 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES — T. Pfeiffer, D. Joyce, R. Williams.

CROWD — 2548.

Port v Glenelg Alberton Oval

PORT	1.1	7.2	11.3	14.6	(90)
Glenelg	3.6	4.9	7.9	8.13	(61)

BEST - Port: Poole, McGuinness, Poulton, Phillipou, Carter, Carr. Glenelg: Golding, Byrne, Chigwidden, Mellody, Hele, Carr, Kretschmer.

SCORERS — Port: Phillipou 6.2, McGuinness 2.2, Fraser, Stenglein 1.1, Obst, Hahn, Poulton, Bond. Glenelg: Feddema 2.3, Cook 2.1, Picioane 2.0, Cornes 1.5, Hele 1.0, Chigwidden 0.2, Scripps, Winstanley 0.1.

INJURIES — Port: Bamford (hamstring) Glenelg: Mellody (cut head), Viska (knee), Jameson (infected foot) replaced in selected team by Justin Scripps.

UMPIRES — Tim Slaven, Mike Humphreys, Richard Fox.

CROWD — 4254.

Premiership table

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
PORT	3	3	0	0	269	158	63.00	6
STURT	3	2	1	0	296	207	58.85	4
CENTRAL	2	1	1	0	174	145	54.55	2
SOUTH	3	1	2	0	214	198	51.94	2
EAGLES*	2	1	1	0	136	128	51.52	2
Glenelg*	2	1	1	0	117	124	48.55	2
West	2	1	1	0	142	159	47.18	2
North	3	1	2	0	142	305	31.77	2
Norwood*	2	0	2	0	128	194	39.75	0

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