

Now resurgent Bays must

repeat dose against Bloods

Glenelg 20.25 (145) d North 12.9 (81)



PREMIERSHIP TABLE

SMOKE FREE CUP SEASON

	W	L	D	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Port	3	-	-	269	158	63.00	6
Sturt	3	1	-	395	263	60.03	6
Eagles	3	1	-	328	288	53.25	6
West	2	2	-	373	344	52.02	4
Glenelg	2	2	-	318	304	51.13	4
Norwood	2	2	-	349	384	47.61	4
South	1	3	-	304	290	51.18	2
Central	1	3	-	322	345	48.28	2
North	1	4	-	287	569	33.53	2

Port, Sturt play today. South had the bye.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Club	Rd	5	Total
C. O'Brien	(Norwood)	4		17.4
S. Phillipou	(Port)	-		16.3
G. Mellor	(West)	6		10.5
J. Burton	(Sturt)	-		14.3
M. Pavlich	(Eagles)	5		13.6
R. Neill	(Norwood)	7		12.3
S. White	(Sturt)	-		9.4
D. Grenvold	(Glenelg)	4		9.4
C. Naish	(North)	2		9.3
C. Cornes	(Glenelg)	4		7.13

Eagles	6.2	9.2	12.7	15.10	(100)
Central	3.1	5.3	7.4	11.4	(70)

BEST - Eagles: Pearce, Cicolella, Rogers, Hail, Shirley, Floreani, Biglands, Pavlich, Breuer. **Central:** Hulm, Steinberner, Bello, Macgowan, Cook, Reimers, Stevens.

SCORERS - Eagles: Pavlich 5.2, Darzanos 3.0, Dylan, McGregor 2.1, Cicolella 2.0, Mathews 1.0, Biglands 0.2, James 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Central:** Lillico 3.1, Hulm 3.0, Bello 2.0, Macgowan, Conway, Steinberner 1.0, Wakelin, Balkwill 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Eagles: Darzanos (cut eye), Holland (groin strain), Colville (badly winded).

CROWD - 2527 at Woodville Oval.

UMPIRES - A. Vickers, G. Thomson, K. Chambers.

BEST ON GROUND - A. Pearce (Eagles).

TOP TEAM MAN - S. Hall (Eagles).

Norwood	4.5	9.8	14.12	17.19	(121)
West	6.4	9.6	12.9	17.10	(112)

BEST - Norwood: Neill, Crouch, Direen, Gallagher, Yerbury, James, Bowman. **West:** Mellor, Connell, DiRosa, A. Richardson, Hodges.

SCORERS - Norwood: Neill 7.1, O'Brien 5.1, Direen 2.2, Obst 1.2, James, Harvey 1.1, Cunningham, Gallagher, Downsborough 0.2, Yerbury, Direen 0.1, rushed 0.3. **West:** A. Richardson 5.0, Mellor 4.1, Bruhn 3.0, Howard, 2.1, Miles 1.1, Connell, Symes 1.0, Stewart, Gray, Eagleton, DiRosa 0.1, rushed 0.3.

CROWD - 2780 at The Parade.

UMPIRES - C. Doddridge, D. Woodcock, R. Williams.

BEST ON GROUND - R. Neill (Norwood)

TOP TEAM MAN - R. James (Norwood).

Glenelg	3.6	12.10	16.18	20.25	(145)
North	5.4	9.4	10.7	12.9	(81)

BEST - Glenelg: Cornes, Byrne, Rouvray, Melody, Higgins, Carr, Kelly. **North:** Parker, Herbert, Naish, Jeffries.

SCORERS - Glenelg: Cornes 4.5, Grenvold 4.2, Liptak 3.0, Chigwidden, Carr 2.1, Byrne 2.0, Harwood, Melody, McEntee 1.1, Rouvray, Cook 0.3, Higgins 0.2, Hele, Burke 0.1, rushed 0.3. **North:** Naish 2.1, Setchell, Jeffries, Herbert 2.0, Parker 1.3, Morton 1.1, Wintle, Pech, 1.0, Robertson 0.2, Reynolds, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Glenelg: Feddema (corked thigh), replaced in selected team by Harwood. **North:** Swann (knee).

REPORTS - Glenelg: Winstanley, by field umpire Richard Fox for allegedly charging Naish in the second quarter.

CROWD - 2696 at Glenelg Oval.

UMPIRES - G. Inge, R. Fox, T. Slaven.

BEST ON GROUND - C. Cornes (Glenelg).

TOP TEAM MAN - B. Parker (North).

By DOUG ROBERTSON

GLENELG'S impressive 64-point drubbing of North Adelaide has opened up an interesting challenge for the emerging Tigers.

At 2-2 they are at the crossroads and facing what should be quality opposition in West Adelaide at Lameroo on Saturday in the first of three SANFL country games this season.

Glenelg appeared a confident and obviously superior team to North on Saturday but the Roosters were woeful after quarter-time. They failed to exert any real pressure on the cohesive Tigers and after being just two points down when Matthew Liptak kicked the first of his three goals, North slipped steadily backwards. The Tigers outscored North for the remaining three terms and deserved the big win. But unless they can repeat the dose against West little would have been achieved.

Coach Tony McGuinness said he believed the new-look Tigers would win more games than they lost - privately he probably harbors thoughts of playing in the finals - but it is a long way to September.

Glenelg's gutsy midfielders worked and ran like a finals team on Saturday but in reality they had little opposition. Chad Cornes stood tall in attack and defenders Martin Melody - at half-back for the first time where he played for WA against SA last season - Paul Rouvray and Michael Raidis had the confidence to create plenty of drive.

Glenelg's system is gelling, although it still wasted chances with poor foot skills, and it looks to have enough depth with Brooke Fogden - a possible timely replacement for Matthew Golding (Crows) - Damien Gigney and Allan Bartlett finding form in the twos. First-choice full forward Brendon Feddema (corked thigh) should be fit next week.

But unless it can be consistently good it will not beat the good sides consistently, and McGuinness knows it.

"The players have a lot more self-belief now," he said.

"When teams come at us we're able to sustain the effort.

"We can get our hands on enough footy, it's the way we use it that will dictate if we win or lose. The (team) combination is fine, it's just whether we can put it together on the day. To take the next step we've got to string a few games together ... we're only as good as our next game."

Glenelg's creative style helped. It had ex-West reserves' defender Todd Winstanley - reported for allegedly charging Chris Naish - in ruck then rotating at half-back with Rouvray.

And when North refused to man-up, the Tigers took full advantage of the loose man.

North's pressing conundrum is about finding form, not maintaining it. Since beating Norwood in the opening round the Roosters have lost four games and Saturday was the first time this season it has kicked more than 10 goals. It has the league's lowest percentage and has kicked 39.83 to 77.58 in its five outings.

Co-captain Brendon Parker - North's best, mostly at half-forward - said the players were not sticking to coach Chris McDermott's instructions. Unless that changes the Roosters will remain cellar-dwellers.

"There was a lot of things we did we weren't supposed to do and there were things we wanted to do but we didn't do," he said. "You have to give Glenelg credit - they had a dip and obviously had team rules they stuck to."

Lucas Herbert won the rucks against his former club but North was thrashed in the centre. Chris Naish, Mark Jeffries, Troy Lehmann and Ben Setchell showed spark at times but most Roosters went missing after quarter-time.

"We're pretty down on confidence from last year. We finished the year off badly and when it comes to the stage where you can win or lose a game we've probably lost the notion of know how to win," Parker said.

"There's certain things that haven't come together and I think it's the players who have to take that responsibility. "But as quickly as it goes bad, you can turn it around."

RESERVES

Central 17.10 (112) d Eagles 6.5 (41); Norwood 13.11 (89) d West 10.12 (72); North 15.16 (106) d Glenelg 11.12 (78). **Premiership table:** Sturt 8, Central 6, Port, Norwood, Eagles, North 4, West, Glenelg, South 2.

UNDER-19

Central 11.17 d Norwood 12.6 (78); Norwood 28.7 (175) d West 11.8 (74); North 16.15 (111) d Glenelg 9.6 (60); Port 14.12 (96) d Sturt 6.10 (46). **Premiership table:** Sturt, Port 8, Eagles, Central 6, North 4, Norwood, South, West 2, Glenelg 0.

UNDER-17

Eagles 21.7 (133) d Central 7.7 (49); West 8.15 (63) d Norwood 4.10 (34); North 15.12 (102) d Glenelg 9.6 (60); Sturt 13.15 (93) d Port 12.17 (89). **Premiership table:** Eagles, 8, Norwood, North 6, Glenelg, Sturt 4, Port, South, Central, West 2.