

Revved Bays ready for Redlegs test

Details Round 6, 1999

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

SMOKE FREE CUP SEASON

| | W | L | D | F | A | P.c. | Pts |
|---------|---|---|---|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| Port | 5 | - | - | 457 | 291 | 61.10 | 10 |
| Eagles | 4 | 1 | - | 393 | 351 | 52.82 | 8 |
| Sturt | 3 | 3 | - | 543 | 431 | 55.75 | 6 |
| Glenelg | 3 | 2 | - | 433 | 369 | 53.99 | 6 |
| Norwood | 3 | 2 | - | 451 | 447 | 50.22 | 6 |
| West | 2 | 3 | - | 438 | 459 | 48.83 | 4 |
| South | 1 | 4 | - | 367 | 392 | 48.35 | 2 |
| Central | 1 | 4 | - | 370 | 430 | 46.25 | 2 |
| North | 1 | 4 | - | 287 | 569 | 33.53 | 2 |

LEADING GOALKICKERS

| | Club | Rd | Total |
|--------------|-----------|----|-------|
| C. O'Brien | (Norwood) | 7 | 24.8 |
| J. Burton | (Sturt) | 1 | 20.3 |
| G. Mellor | (West) | 3 | 17.7 |
| S. Phillipou | (Port) | - | 16.3 |
| M. Pavlich | (Eagles) | 2 | 15.8 |
| R. Neill | (Norwood) | 1 | 13.4 |
| S. White | (Sturt) | 3 | 12.4 |

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| Norwood | 3.3 | 7.4 | 10.7 | 15.12 | (102) |
| South | 2.3 | 4.3 | 7.7 | 9.9 | (63) |

BEST - Norwood: R. James, O'Brien, Cunningham, Crouch, Obst, Cotton, Pitt, Clements, Harvey. **South:** Murton, Ellen, Mills, Nicks, Talbot, Bryant.

SCORERS - Norwood: O'Brien 7.4, Cunningham 3.0, Dieren 2.0, Neill 1.1, Borlace, Cotton 1.0, Yerbury, Harvey 0.2, Crouch 0.1, rushed 0.2. **South:** Nicks 2.1, Talbot, Mills, Perrie 2.0, Smart 1.1, McKeough, Draper 0.2, Doyle, Crawshaw 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - South: Bone (groin) withdrew before game, replaced by Doughty. **Norwood:** Dieren (leg), Bown (arm). **CROWD -** 3781 at Adelaide Oval.

UMPIRES - M. Avon, R. Fox, T. Pfeiffer.
BEST ON GROUND - Roger James (Norwood).
TOP TEAM MAN - Adam Crouch (Norwood).

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| Eagles | 1.4 | 2.6 | 5.7 | 9.11 | (65) |
| Sturt | 3.1 | 6.3 | 7.3 | 10.3 | (63) |

BEST - Eagles: Cicolella, Biglands, Pavlich, Hall, Frewen, Floreani, Colville, Rogers, Pearce. **Sturt:** Powell, Squire, Lennon, Thredgold, Maloney, Richter.

SCORERS - Eagles: Pavlich, Mathews 2.2, Cicolella 1.3, James, Colville, Dylan, Holland 1.0, Young, Whelan, McGregor 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Sturt:** White 3.0, Woosnam 2.1, Burton, Twitt, Ferguson, Maloney, Weatherald 1.0, rushed 0.2.

CROWD - 3098 at Woodville Oval.
UMPIRES - G. Inge, D. Woodcock, T. Slaven.
BEST ON GROUND - J. Cicolella (Eagles).
TOP TEAM MAN - S. Hall (Eagles).

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| Port | 3.4 | 6.6 | 10.8 | 12.13 | (85) |
| Central | 3.4 | 3.7 | 6.9 | 6.12 | (48) |

BEST - Port: Wait, Morgan, Stenglein, Carr, McGuinness, Ormond-Allen, Poole. **Central:** Steinberner, Bello, Hicks, Stevens, Macgowan, Cook.

SCORERS - Port: Stenglein 4.1, Beinke, McGuinness 2.2, Ashley 2.0, Poole 1.1, Vines 1.0, David Brown 0.2, Wait, Carter 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Central:** Steinberner 3.0, Lee 1.2, Wakelin 1.1, Geister 1.0, Lillico, Cook 0.2, Conway, Switala, Coulter 0.1, rushed 0.2.

CROWD - 4172 at Elizabeth Oval.
UMPIRES - C. Doddridge, D. Joyce, M. Humphreys.
BEST ON GROUND - J. Wait (Port).
TOP TEAM MAN - J. Wait (Port).

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| Glenelg | 2.1 | 12.1 | 14.6 | 18.7 | (115) |
| West | 4.1 | 6.1 | 9.3 | 10.5 | (65) |

BEST - Glenelg: Chigwidden, Byrne, Liptak, Kelly, Cook, Hele, Rouvray, Raidis. **West:** Mellor, E. Richardson, Stewart, Connell, DiRosa.

SCORERS - Glenelg: Liptak 4.1, Cook 4.0, McEntee, Hele 2.1, Grenvold 2.0, Byrne 1.1, Jameson, Higgins, Feddema 1.0, Chigwidden 0.1, rushed 0.2. **West:** Mellor 3.2, A. Richardson 2.2, Myles 2.1, Jones, Dampsey, Connell 1.0.

INJURIES - Glenelg: Byrne (corked thigh). **West:** Hodges (slight concussion).
CROWD - 1223 at Lameroo.
UMPIRES - R. Beltridg, G. Thomson, A. Vickers.
BEST ON GROUND - N. Chigwidden (Glenelg).
TOP TEAM MAN - R. Kelly (Glenelg).

By DOUG ROBERTSON

GLENELG'S brilliant start to the season has guaranteed it will be taken seriously by every team this year - but that will not stop the Tigers winning their share.

Saturday's 50-point tanning of West Adelaide at Lameroo proved Glenelg is capable of contesting the finals. West coach Michael Taylor, however, reacted angrily to the embarrassing loss and warned changes had to be made or the season would be lost.

"If I don't make changes I'm not doing my job as coach - I want to win," Taylor said.

"If people are out of touch they have to go back and have a run in the twos. On this performance you would rate us pretty lowly. That crap we showed was bull..."

Glenelg faces brighter days. It sits in fourth spot after disposing of the Eagles by 22 points, North Adelaide (64 points) and West in such convincing fashion the Tigers rightfully believe they can cut it with any side in the competition.

They have another genuine test this week against improved Norwood at Glenelg. The Tigers have not beaten Norwood since June 1996 - the second time the Redlegs lost to Glenelg that season. But Glenelg's four quarter-effort against the bumbling Bloods showed it has more system, form and talent than those dark days when it struggled to finish in seventh spot.

It is not totally out of the woods and still made too many skill errors - mostly in transferring the ball with hand or foot - on spacious Lameroo Oval but its creative running style made certain it had enough opportunities to make amends. Injuries, too, might play a significant role against Norwood if Martin Melody (hamstring) or James Byrne (corked thigh) do not come up.

They are key playmakers but not the only driving forces. The old brigade in best-afield Nick Chigwidden (24 disposals), Richard Kelly (21), Matthew Liptak (28 and four goals), Paul Rouvray (23) and former Redleg Sudjai Cook (27) were the architects of Saturday's victory, repeatedly turning half-chances into golden moments of scintillating football. The Tigers are playing like a finals side and coach Tony McGuinness knows it. He would, however, be happy to understate Glenelg's ambitions - but none of the opposition will.

Even without key forward Chad Comes, claimed by Port Adelaide Power on Friday, around whom Glenelg's attack was shaped, and star ruckman Matthew Golding, the Tigers booted 18 goals - a far cry from their first three games when they could not break eight goals a game.

Glenelg 18.7 (115) d West 10.5 (65)

McGuinness coaches with flair and has creative moves - including running Rod Jameson from full back to ruck and allowing Paul Rouvray to run up-field - which confused West on Saturday and was too much for North Adelaide a week earlier.

"The side is playing with some confidence, which allows you to do some things. If things aren't working you can swap blokes around or look to play them in a different role," McGuinness said.

The sure thing is McGuinness wants flexibility and he is getting it. Melody, Kelly, Dwaine Kretschmer, Jameson, Byrne, Liptak, Josh Carr, Brett Higgins and Mark Harwood can all play in several positions. Harwood, a regular defender, showed real spark in attack, particularly in the second term when his second-efforts and deft handballing resulted in four goals which started the Tiger flood.

High-flying forwards Ben McEntee and Brendon Feddema are showing signs of being dangerous and ruckman Brooke Fogden, in his first league game this season, gave Glenelg much-needed height.

McGuinness knew Glenelg had to beat West to convince itself that its revival was genuine. It did that and more.

"We had some targets we wanted to achieve and we have pretty well done that. What it does is give us an opportunity to launch ourselves into the season," he said. "Sides will have to take notice, so we'll have to continue to improve. We have to minimise our errors and do the good things we do and do them better. That's the sign of an improving side and a good side."

Taylor also thought he had a "good" side at his disposal. But Saturday's thashing was enough for him to admit it is simply not firing on all cylinders. After a quality first term West slipped into a lazy, hazy style more suited to the Karoonda Magpies, who were slaughtered by Rodney Maynard-led Lameroo in Saturday's curtain-raiser.

Taylor said West, with wins over Sturt and North, had not played well this year.

"They (Glenelg) just took over and we spectated," Taylor said.

"A lot of our players have lost form and haven't picked it up from last year. If things don't work out you have to make changes. They have to understand that. They've got to wake up or they will float through this season and win six or seven games and think that's terrific when it's crap."

Taylor said West was struggling on-ball and around the packs, which starved its forwards of clean delivery. But Glenelg's discipline embarrassed West.

RESERVES

South 17.8 (110) d Norwood 9.15 (69); Sturt 16.11 (107) d Eagles 13.8 (86); Central 25.9 (159) d Port 12.6 (78); Glenelg 15.10 (100) d West 9.13 (67). **Premiership table:** Sturt 10, Central 8, Port 6, Glenelg, South, Eagles, Norwood, North 4, West 2.

UNDER-19

South 16.9 (105) d Norwood 7.6 (48); Eagles 13.12 (90) d Sturt 11.15 (81); Port 24.13 (157) d Central 12.10 (82); Glenelg 13.13 (91) d West 7.8 (50). **Premiership table:** Port 10, Eagles, Sturt 8, Central 6, South, North 4, Glenelg, Norwood, West 2.

UNDER-17

Norwood 11.8 (74) d South 8.8 (56); Eagles 17.16 (118) d Sturt 9.3 (57); Central 19.7 (121) d Port 12.15 (87). **Premiership table:** Eagles 10, Norwood 8, North, Central 6, Glenelg, Sturt 4, Port, South, West 2.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Subiaco 15.16 (106) d Claremont 3.6 (24); East Fremantle 19.14 (128) d Peel Thunder 11.13 (79); South Fremantle 11.15 (81) d West Perth 11.10 (76); Swan District 14.16 (100) d East Perth 10.10 (70).

AMATEUR LEAGUE

Adelaide University 19.10 (124) d Broadview 6.11 (47); Port District 16.10 (106) d PHOS Camden 10.9 (69); Kilburn 16.10 (106) d Goodwood Saints 16.6 (102); Edwardstown 22.12 (144) d Henley 11.7 (73); Athelstone 13.13 (91) d Tea Tree Gully 10.6 (66).

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

After his third stunning performance in as many weeks, Eagles star Justin Cicolella has stormed to the top of *The Advertiser* SANFL Player of the Year leaderboard.

Cicolella created many opportunities in his best-on-ground performance as the Eagles snatched a dramatic two-point victory over Sturt on Saturday.

NORWOOD v SOUTH

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|----------------------------|---|
| Roger James (Norwood) | 3 |
| Cristian O'Brien (Norwood) | 2 |
| John Cunningham (Norwood) | 1 |

EAGLES v STURT

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|---------------------------|---|
| Justin Cicolella (Eagles) | 3 |
| Matthew Powell (Sturt) | 2 |
| Rhett Biglands (Eagles) | 1 |

PORT v CENTRAL

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| Julian Wait (Port Adelaide) | 3 |
| Danny Morgan (Port Adelaide) | 2 |
| Nathan Steinberner (Central District) | 1 |

GLENELG v WEST

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|---------------------------|---|
| Nick Chigwidden (Glenelg) | 3 |
| James Byrne (Glenelg) | 2 |
| Matthew Liptak (Glenelg) | 1 |

AWARD LEADERS - 7: Justin Cicolella (Eagles), 6: Stephen White (Sturt), 5: Adam Pearce (Eagles), Adam Crouch (Norwood), Daniel Hulm (Central), Matthew Golding