

Bays show new maturity



PREMIERSHIP TABLE

SMOKE FREE CUP SEASON

	W	L	D	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Port	6	1	-	624	434	58.98	12
Glenelg	5	2	-	603	447	57.43	10
Eagles	5	2	-	576	485	54.29	10
Sturt	3	4	-	634	555	53.32	6
Central	3	4	-	551	564	49.42	6
West	3	4	-	557	586	48.73	6
Norwood	3	3	-	491	536	47.81	6
North	2	5	-	396	712	35.47	4
South	1	6	-	432	545	44.22	2

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Club	Rd	8	Total
J. Burton	(Sturt)		5	25.7
C. O'Brien	(Norwood)		-	24.8
G. Mellor	(West)		2	19.9
S. Phillipou	(Port)		-	16.5
M. Pavlich	(Eagles)		-	15.14
A. Richardson	(West)		5	16.12
S. White	(Sturt)		2	14.6
R. Neill	(Norwood)		-	14.4

Eagles	6.6	9.9	10.12	17.14	(116)
North	0.1	2.3	4.4	5.7	(37)

BEST - Eagles: Biglands, Dylan, Cicolella, Frewen, Colville, Pearce, Floreani. **North:** Setchell, Hollitt, Kellett, Fowden, Viney.

SCORERS - Eagles: Phillipou 3.0, C. Kluzek 2.2, Dylan 2.1, Cicolella, S. Young 2.0, Holland, Darzanos 1.1, Floreani, Whelan, Biglands, Rogers 1.0, Pavlich 0.4, Colville 0.2, Ugrinic, Harvey 0.1, rushed 0.1. **North:** Edwards 4.3, Parker 1.0, Reynolds, Kellett, Gum 0.1, rushed 0.1.

CROWD - 2205 at Woodville Oval.

UMPIRES - R. Bettridge, M. Humphreys, A. Vickers.

BEST ON GROUND - R. Biglands (Eagles).

TOP TEAM MAN - B. Frewen (Eagles).

West	3.0	10.3	10.5	11.10	(76)
Port	4.2	4.4	6.13	9.16	(70)

BEST - West: Byrnes, Banik, A. Richardson, Symes, Mellor, DiRosa, Stewart, Eagleton, E. Richardson. **Port:** McGuinness, Leys, Wade, Morgan, Carr, Carter.

SCORERS - West: A. Richardson 5.4, Symes 2.3, Mellor 2.1, Eagleton, Dempsey 1.0, Stewart, Lee 0.1. **Port:** Brosnan 2.2, Hahn 1.3, Damian Brown 1.2, McGuinness, David Brown, Carr, Wait 1.1, Vines 1.0, Phillipou 0.2, Leys, O'Loughlin 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - West: Parker (hamstring). **Port:** Beinke (ankle).

CROWD - 2648 at Richmond Oval.

UMPIRES - K. Chambers, R. Fox, C. Rowston.

BEST ON GROUND - D. Byrnes (West).

TOP TEAM MAN - M. Wade (Port).

Central	5.3	14.8	18.9	19.10	(124)
Sturt	6.0	7.2	10.5	13.13	(91)

BEST - Central: Arnold, Hulm, Macgowan, D. Hicks, J. Hicks, Bello, Lillico, Hopwood. **Sturt:** White, Burton, Squire, Woosnam.

SCORERS - Central: D. Hicks 5.2, Lee 5.0, Hulm 3.0, Bello 2.0, McArdle 1.3, Lillico, Conway, Macgowan 1.0, Steinberner 0.2, Chambers 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Sturt:** Burton 5.4, Woosnam 3.0, White 2.2, Robinson 2.0, Squire 1.0, Twitt 0.2, Weatherald, Kartinyeri 0.1, rushed 0.3.

CROWD - 3264 at Unley Oval.

UMPIRES - M. Avon, A. Meade, C. Doddridge.

BEST ON GROUND - D. Arnold (Central).

TOP TEAM MAN - R. Macgowan (Central).

By DOUG ROBERTSON

GLENELG displayed a new maturity and ability to scrap in rolling dispirited South Adelaide by 43 points.

Glenelg's convincing win at the Bay on Saturday proved the Tigers can do more than blend neatly when the ball is free and open. South hustled and buffeted and the match was littered with turnovers, missed chances and crunching body contests.

Several scuffles broke out precipitated by a host of mystifying umpiring decisions, mostly for refusing to reward the tackler.

Glenelg's Paul Rouvray copped five stitches over his eye after one fracas and sat out the second half with full back Paul Sherwood (bruised hip).

But others, including the Graham Cornes-like high-leaping Ben McEntee and debutant rover Brent Howard, proved they could do it tough. Glenelg has depth and is multifaceted.

"We're going to get teams come at us pretty hard from now and if any have underestimated us they are going to start picking

Glenelg	2.3	5.6	7.7	12.9	(81)
South	0.1	2.4	4.6	5.8	(38)

BEST - Glenelg: Hele, Carr, Kretschmer, Kelly, McEntee, Hall. **South:** Fernee, Doyle, Webb, Murray, Cobb, Mills.

SCORERS - Glenelg: Hall 3.0, McEntee 2.1, Higgins, Bartlett, 2.0, Feddema, Hele, Kelly 1.0, Howard 0.2, Carr, Cook 0.1, rushed 0.4. **South:** Talbot 2.1, Mills 1.1, Hams, Smart 1.0, Murray 0.1, rushed 0.5.

INJURIES - Glenelg: Rouvray (concussion), Sherwood (bruised hip). **South:** Bryant (knee).

CROWD - 2692 at Glenelg Oval.

UMPIRES - T. Pfeiffer, D. Joyce, D. Woodcock.

BEST ON GROUND - S. Hele (Glenelg).

TOP TEAM MAN - D. Kretschmer (Glenelg).

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Central District star Daniel Hulm has continued his good form with another impressive display against Sturt at Unley Oval on Saturday. His second-best-on-ground performance has moved him to equal second position in *The Advertiser's* SANFL Player of the Year award with the Eagles' Justin Cicolella.

EAGLES v NORTH

Rhett Biglands (Eagles)	3
Jason Dylan (Eagles)	2
Ben Setchell (North Adelaide)	1

WEST v PORT

David Byrnes (West Adelaide)	3
Phil McGuinness (Port Adelaide)	2
Anthony Banik (West Adelaide)	1

GLENELG v SOUTH

Simon Hele (Glenelg)	3
Ashley Fernee (South Adelaide)	2
Stephen Doyle (South Adelaide)	1

STURT v CENTRAL

Damien Arnold (Central District)	3
Daniel Hulm (Central District)	2
Rick Macgowan (Central District)	1

LEADERS - 8: Adam Pearce (Eagles). 7: Daniel Hulm (Central), Justin Cicolella (Eagles). 6: James Byrne (Glenelg), Stephen White (Sturt). 5: Julian Wait (Port), Matthew Bode (Glenelg), Adam Crouch (Norwood), Matthew Golding (Glenelg), Gavin Colville (Eagles), Simon Crawshaw (South), Darryl Poole (Port), Bruce Lennon (Sturt). 4: Rick Macgowan (Central), Rhett Biglands (Eagles), Nathan Steinberner (Central). 3: Damien Arnold (Central), David Byrnes (West), Simon Hele (Glenelg), Phil McGuinness (Port), Ben Setchell (North), Chris Naish (North), Matthew Connell (West), Nick Chigwidden (Glenelg), Robert Neill (Norwood), Roger James (Norwood), Chad Cornes (Glenelg), Andrew Rogers (Eagles), Sam Phillipou (Port), Matthew Bruhn (West), Scott Sutherland (North).

Glenelg 12.9 (81) d South 5.8 (38)

off some of our players," McGuinness said. "I don't think we would have had one player tagged last year but it's now starting to happen.

"They're going to be coming at us and they're not going to let us do what we want so we've got to be able to absorb that."

Glenelg led by only three goals early in the last term but produced better skills when needed to kick four unanswered goals in a 10-minute burst to sink South, which is simply not doing the tough stuff which made it more than competitive last season.

It seemed many players believed they were more gifted than facts reveal. SA's 203cm under-18 State squad ruckman Stephen Doyle, 17, however, showcased his enormous potential, outrucking Crows' teenage star Matthew Golding and outmarking everybody. Doyle moved to half-forward later and was less effective.

Ashley Fernee, Scott Webb, Trent Mills, Kym Cobb, Derek Murray, suffering the 'flu, and Jon Tumes never stopped trying but South was always under pressure in attack because of poor ball-handling and a failure to protect the ball-carriers.

Coach Ken Applegarth inherited a team that had lost its spirit but he thought he had transformed the Panthers into a competitive and ruthless unit. Now, however, he said it was "shattering" for every Panther fan to see it again on the bottom of the ladder.

"It's that word confidence," he said. "Our game plan is still the same and we're doing the same things at training (but) they've really dropped off in the last two weeks. We've got to go back to basics. I'm looking for blokes who are prepared to work for four quarters. Guys have to be working off the ball. We want guys to be a lot more offensive and try to create but that doesn't mean you don't do the hard work. They've got to be accountable as well."

Applegarth said he had been "patient and supportive" but too many were not playing up to last season's standard.

His patience has run out.

RESERVES

North 17.5 (107) d Eagles 14.6 (90); West 13.9 (87) drew Port 12.15 (87); South 25.10 (160) d Glenelg 17.9 (111); Central 9.14 d Sturt 9.7 (61). **Premiership table:** Central, Sturt 10, South 8, Port 7, Eagles, Norwood, North 6, West, 5, Glenelg 4.

UNDER-19

Eagles 17.16 (118) d North 4.5 (29); Port 24.16 (160) d West 8.7 (55); South 20.12 (132) d Glenelg 5.9 (39); Central 17.9 (111) d Sturt 8.7 (55). **Premiership table:** Port 14, Central, Eagles 10, South, Sturt 8, Norwood, North, 4, Glenelg, West 2.

UNDER-17

North 9.9 (63) d Eagles 7.11 (53); West 18.17 (125) d Port 5.5 (35); South 17.15 (117) d Glenelg 8.7 (55); Central 12.13 (85) d Sturt 4.8 (32). **Premiership table:** Eagles 12, Norwood, Central 10, North 8, South, Glenelg 6, West, Sturt 4, Port 2.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

West Perth 20.13 (133) d Peel 7.4 (46); Claremont 14.8 (92) d Perth 6.12 (48); East Fremantle 19.13 (127) d East Perth 8.14 (62); South Fremantle 13.17 (95) d Swan Districts 11.6 (72).