

2000 FOOTBALL

Corey turns Port's fortunes

By DOUG ROBERTSON

Port Adelaide worked its way towards better form and showed its best four-quarter touch in a month with a slogging 38-point victory over a wasteful Glenelg at Brighton Rd yesterday.

The more methodical Magpies were never seriously threatened during the physical encounter, made more difficult by the slippery conditions and muddied centre square at Glenelg Oval. Port ran out comfortable winners, but the scoreboard probably did not indicate the full extent of control it enjoyed.

That's not to say the Tigers did not stick it out to the end — they did. But poor skills and the lack of a consistent forward target cost the lowly side dearly.

Port's Corey AhChee thrashed high-marking Glenelg spearhead David Hams, who was kept scoreless and took his first mark early in the third term. AhChee put in almost the perfect backman's performance with glittering skills more akin to the fine weather of finals times.

The smooth-moving SANFL State full back quickly eliminated Hams as a scoring avenue, then slipped into his seemingly relaxed yet rebounding form which gave Port a regular springboard from defence. With Nigel Fiegert — who put in his strongest performance at centre-half back this

Port 10.17 (77)

Glenelg 5.9 (39)

season — the no-frills Danny Morgan, Tom Carr, Paul Northeast and Mark Clayton, AhChee held Glenelg to an embarrassingly low goals score of five — after the Tigers booted 3.2 in a hard-fought first term.

At the other end, Port's emerging full forward Phil Smith did as he pleased. Blessed by much better delivery and an abundance of skills, the bulky forward destroyed Glenelg off his own boot. Smith's 5.5 from 13 possessions was almost enough to beat the opposition on its own.

Glenelg was competitive at the ball and Paul Sherwood had a brilliant day out at centre-half back, mostly on the dangerous Brett Chalmers. But the weight of Port's work off the ball provided an abundance of easy turnovers which turned half-chances into cutting opportunities.

It was the hardest Port has worked off the ball for at least a month. While it was seldom pretty — yet at times polished — it was just the tonic coach Stephen Williams wanted to lift the Magpies out of their usual mid-season slump.

"(Ruckman) Mick Spanagel (18 hitouts) got his hand to the ball in most of the centre contests which got us rolling but the desperation which had been lacking a bit lately was back," Williams said.

"Glenelg play a fairly negating sort of a game and drag you back a little bit, so it was a good result under those conditions."

Glenelg was unsettled with Mark Harwood (back) and Matthew Shir (thigh) withdrawn late but it started with good passion. Alistair Burke, Ben Moore, Nick Chigwidden and Martin Melody started with fire in the midfield, but Glenelg had too many talented players who drifted in and out of play.

Coach Tony McGuinness kept his charges behind closed doors for more than 30 minutes afterwards. The bottom side, Glenelg was well beaten but it did fight it out with physical courage.



Port Adelaide's Phil Smith ... kicked 5.5

Leading goalkickers

Name	Team	P	R12	Total
C. Kluzek	(Eagles)	10	5	42
P. Smith	(Port)	9	0	34
S. McArdle	(Central)	10	2	30
A. Richardson	(West)	10	3	28
D. Stevens	(Central)	9	0	27
A. Pascoe	(Norwood)	10	1	25
D. Hams	(Glenelg)	9	4	25
P. McGuinness	(Port)	10	0	23
M. Kluzek	(Eagles)	9	3	22
D. Hargraves	(North)	11	1	20
S. Dew	(Central)	6	6	20
S. White	(Sturt)	10	0	19
M. Demasi	(South)	9	0	19

Next matches

ROUND 14 — Saturday: Eagles v Sturt (Adelaide Oval), North v Glenelg (Prospect Oval), Central v South (Elizabeth Oval), West v Port (Richmond Oval). **Bye:** Norwood.

Premiership Table League

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
EAGLES	11	9	2	0	1236	771	61.58	18
CENTRAL	11	8	3	0	1246	945	56.87	16
PORT	11	8	3	0	1127	953	54.18	16
NORWOOD	12	6	6	0	1102	1060	50.97	12
SOUTH	11	5	5	1	930	928	50.05	11
Sturt	12	5	7	0	1090	1136	48.97	10
West	12	5	7	0	1070	1180	47.56	10
North*	11	2	8	1	849	1295	39.60	5
Glenelg	11	2	9	0	811	1193	40.47	4

* Bye.

SANFL

West v Central

Adelaide Oval

CENTRAL	5.0	10.2	11.5	14.8	(92)
West	3.3	5.7	6.9	6.10	(46)

BEST - Central: D. Hicks, Healy, C. Gowans, J. Gowans, Dew, Lee, Hopwood, Macgowan. **West:** Twomey, Howard, Jones, E. Richardson, Koulouriotis, Jarvis.

SCORERS - Central: Dew 3.1, C. Gowans 2.2, Healy 2.1, McArdle, Bello 2.0, Lee 1.1, Hamblin, Ford 1.0, Stevens, J. Gowans, Moller 0.1. **West:** Mellor 2.1, A. Richardson 2.1, E. Richardson 1.2, Symes 1.1, Howard 0.2, Koulouriotis, Stewart 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - Central: Davey (shoulder) withdrew before game. **West:** Chambers (knee) withdrew before game, Donati (split head), Dempsey (ankle), Ackland (ankle).

UMPIRES - R. Bettridge, J. Brown, D. Woodcock.

Sturt v Norwood

Unley Oval

STURT	3.2	4.5	5.5	9.8	(62)
Norwood	3.1	5.4	8.6	9.7	(61)

BEST - Sturt: Twitt, Powell, Howman, Lennon, Woosnam, Weatherald, Whiteman. **Norwood:** Gallagher, Borlace, Dawes, Cunningham, Taylor, Obst.

SCORERS - Sturt: Woosnam 3.0, Whiteman 2.0, White, Weatherald 1.2, Jones, Burton 1.0, Howman 0.2, Atkinson 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Norwood:** Harvey 2.1, Taylor 2.0, Neill, Borlace 1.1, Bown, Galagher, Cotton 1.0, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES - Norwood: Fleming (flu), withdrew before game, Obst (shoulder). **Sturt:** Squire (elbow), withdrew before game.

UMPIRES - M. Humphreys, A. Meade, T. Pfeiffer.

South v Eagles

Noarlunga Oval

EAGLES	0.4	1.8	4.11	9.16	(70)
South	1.1	1.1	2.2	2.3	(15)

BEST - Eagles: McGregor, Tape, Colville, M. Kluzek, Pearce, Cicolella, Dylan. **South:** Crawshay, Hassall, Hall, Talbot, Morgan, Mills.

SCORERS - Eagles: C. Kluzek 2.3, Dylan 2.2, M. Kluzek 1.2, Beveridge 1.1, Colville 1.1, Darzanos, Gallagher 1.0, Higgins, Pearce, McGregor, Cicolella 0.1, rushed 0.3. **South:** Osborn, Demasi 1.0, Hassall, Turvey, Stagg 0.1.

INJURIES - Eagles: Pesch (calf), Chapman (cut chin), Higgins (sore). **South:** Hall (knee).

UMPIRES - T. Slaven, T. Dey, T. Pfeiffer.

Glenelg v Port

Glenelg Oval

PORT	4.5	7.9	9.11	10.17	(77)
Glenelg	3.2	4.3	4.5	5.9	(39)

BEST - Port: AhChee, Fiegert, Morgan, Hahn, Ashley, Fraser, Vines, A. Sheehan. **Glenelg:** Sherwood, Chigwidden, Burke, Golding, Hele, Melody, Nicholas.

SCORERS - Port: Smith 5.5, Hahn 1.1, A. Sheehan, David Brown, Fraser, Carr 1.0, Beinke 0.2, McGuinness, Chalmers, Vines 0.1, rushed 0.6. **Glenelg:** McEntee 2.1, Pearce, Nicholas, Hosking 1.0, Sherwood 0.2, Chigwidden, Cook 0.1, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES - Port: Chalmers (corked thigh), Clayton (corked thigh), David Brown (calf). **Glenelg:** Harwood (back), Shir (thigh).