



ADELAIDE OVAL

CENTRAL 8.5 12.7 15.11 19.13 (127) PORT 0.2 0.4 2.6 4.11 (35)

BEST - Central: Macgowan, Steinberner, J. Gowans, J. Hicks, Hulm, Healy, C. Gowans, D. Hicks, Healy, Slade. Port: Fiegert, Wait, McGuinness, Bamford

SCORERS - Central: D. Stevens 3.1, J. Gowans, Healy 3.0, Macgowan 2.2, Hulm 2.1, Lee, McArdle 2.0, Hamblin 1.2, Ford 1.1, C. Gowans 0.3, rushed 0.3. Port: Ashley 1.1, Wait, Didak, Phillipou 1.0, Bond 0.2, Hahn, Fraser, Vines, AhChee, Fiegert, McGuinness 0.1, rushed 0.2

INJURIES - Central: Geister (groin). Port: T. Bond (hamstring).

UMPIRES - T. Pfeiffer, G. Symons, R. Bettridge. BEST ON GROUND - Rick Macgowan (Central) TOP TEAM MAN - Daniel Hulm (Central). CROWD - 3974.

UNLEY OVAL

EAGLES 1.1 9.7 15.10 19.14 (128) STURT 5.4 5.5 7.8 9.11 (65)

BEST - Eagles: Niemann, Cicolella, Colville, Pesch, Tape, McCarthy, Allison. Sturt: Twitt, Jones, Threadgold, Atkinson, Lennon.

SCORERS - Eagles: Pesch 5.0, Phillipou 3.0, Cicolella, Dylan, Aliison 2.0, M. Kluzek 1.7, McCarthy 1.2, Niemann, Pearce, Colville 1.0, rushed 0.5. Sturt: Jones 3.1, Burton, Woosnam 2.1, Weatherald, Atkinson 1.1, Lennon 0.2, Squire 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES - Eagles: Niemann (corked calf).

REPORTS – **Eagles:** Pearce (Eagles) by umpire D. Woodcock for allegedly striking Atkinson (Sturt) in the third quarter.

UMPIRES - K. Chambers, D. Woodcock, T. Philp.
BEST ON GROUND - David Niemann (Eagles).
TOP TEAM MAN - Jamie Tape (Eagles).
CROWD - 3594.

GLENELG OVAL

WEST 1.6 3.8 6.15 7.17 (59) GLENELG 1.2 3.5 4.4 6.11 (47)

BEST - West: Myles, Hollands, Greenwood, Nathan, Jones, Twomey, Donati. Glenelg: Mellody, Nicholas, McEntee, Golding, Cornes, Hele.

SCORERS - West: A. Richardson 3.2, Chambers 2.1, Koulouriotis 1.1, Twomey 1.0, Hollands, Howard, Symes 0.2, E. Richardson, Donati, Hooper 0.1, rushed 0.4. Glenelg: Tipuamantamerri 1.3, Hams, Gigney, McEntee, Pearce 1.1, Sherwood 1.0, Burke, Hele, Ellis 0.1, rushed

INJURIES – Glenelg: Mellody (hamstring), Hele (stitches above eye).

DOVE EYE).

UMPIRES - T. Dey, C. Doddridge, D. Ryan.
BEST ON GROUND - Dion Myles (West).
TOP TEAM MAN - Matthew Golding (Glenelg).
CROWD - 1862

PROSPECT OVAL

NORWOOD	6.3	13.8	18.9	27.14	(176)
NORTH				11.9	

BEST - Norwood: Sandford, Pascoe, Gallagher, Kemp, Fleming, Staritski, Dickie, Daniels. North: Sutherland, Hargraves, Bamford, Wintle, Robertson.

SCORERS - Norwood: Pascoe 7.0, Neill 3.2, Staritski 2.2, Borlace 2.1, Sandford, Dickie, Godden 2.0, Dawes 1.2, Kemp, Harvey 1.1, Crouch, Cotton, Bown, Tamlin 1.0, Taylor 0.2, Daniels, Gallagher, rushed 0.1. North: Hargraves 5.2, Morton 1.1, Herbert, Morgan, Byerlee, Roberts, Setchell 1.0, Vivian, Nichol, Bamford 0.1, rushed 0.3

INJURIES - Norwood: Harvey, Cotton (hamstrings).
UMPIRES - R. Fox, T. Slaven, R. Williams.

BEST ON GROUND - Glenn Sandford (Norwood)
TOP TEAM MAN - Scott Sutherland (North)
CROWD - 2721.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CENTRAL DISTRICT V PORT ADELAIDE

Rick Macgowan (Central)	3
Nathan Steinberner (Central)	
James Gowans (Central)	
STURT v EAGLES	
David Niemann (Eagles)	3
Justin Cicolella (Eagles)	

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Gavin Colville (Eagles)	**
CLENELG V WEST ADELAIDE	

GLENELG V WEST ADELAIDE	
Dion Myles (West)	3
Simon Nicholas (Glenelg)	
Ben Hollands (West)	
NORTH ADELAIDE v NORWOOD	

West scrapes in as focus fades

By DOUG ROBERTSON

Adelaide again showed its inability to focus despite beating Glenelg by 12 points at the Bay on Saturday.

Despite having abundantly more talent, being clearly taller, better physically developed and more skilled, West won mostly because of Glenelg's alarming errors – not because of its own abilities.

Despite outscoring West 2.7 to 1.2 and having the momentum in the last quarter of a lacklustre contest, the Tigers did not have the self-confidence to kick two seemingly easy goals to clinch the game.

Damien Gigney then Shane Tipuamantamerri failed to convert from inside 50 metres. Either goal would have changed the dynamics of a scrappy match - both would have given the Tigers the lead with a couple of minutes to go. West should not have been in a position to lose but its usual game-plan fell apart. Nine highly credentialled players had fewer than 11 possessions when a concerted effort most likely would have produced a comprehensive victory.

Coach Michael Taylor would not accept suggestions his players took the easy road because they were up against a team with only two wins but questions of consistency remain.

"Up to half-time we cruised a bit and, apart from the game as a spectacle, just the way we were playing was pretty average," Taylor said. "But there was no slack attitude . . . from my point of view we had an off day. I have no problems with their attitude."

The positives for Taylor were the performances of Malcolm Greenwood, Sean Chambers, Ben Watkins – who came in this week – Paul Jarvis and Dion Myles, as a burgeoning half-back plus taking the premiership points. "We got away with a win but we don't take away too many plusses," Taylor said.

Glenelg also had some positives but lost – again.

Coach Tony McGuinness said it was time to be honest and he was. Glenelg had chances to win but did not. McGuinness wanted to impress that on his players.

"I can tell you all the good things but the reality is, there was a game to win, we desperately needed to win, but we didn't," said McGuinness, who faces North Adelaide at Adelaide Oval on Saturday. "I said to the players 'I can sit here and fill you all night with things like it was a competitive effort (and) you'll get people telling you it was a competitive effort. We know that but what do you want to do, win the game or finish second?"

The promising but slowdeveloping Ben McEntee showed good touch on a wing, Matthew Golding worked hard in ruck but faded late, Simon Nicholas, and Alistair Burke were stoic in defence, and Glenelg had a few midfield winners.

The Tigers reintroduced Ben Physick and Luke Ellis this week and McGuinness said he would continue selecting the best 21 – and keep pressing for a win.

"I don't see sense in throwing anyone to the wolves," he said. "I don't think we have to change our style of play. I just think we have to tidy up the errors and play a bit smarter."

A win on Saturday would bring Glenelg within one point of North, which has an inferior percentage.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	Α	Pc	Pts
Eagles	17	14	3	0	1976	1185	62.5	28
Central	16	12	4	0	1834	1351	57.6	24
Port	17	11	6	0	1661	1477	52.9	22
Norwood	17	9	8	0	1620	1481	52.2	18
Sturt	17	9	8	0	1583	1571	50.2	18
South	16	7	8	1	1360	1471	48.0	15
West	17	7	10	0	1485	1568	48.6	14
North	17	3	13	1	1257	2076	37.7	7
Glenela	16	2	14	0	1129	1725	39.6	4

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Club	Rd 18	Total
C.	Kluzek	(Eagles)	0	58.27
A.	Richardson	(West)	3	47.30
S.	McArdle	(Central)	2	46.13
P.	Smith	(Port)	0	41.20
D.	Hargraves	(North)	5	39.22
R.	Neill	(Norwood)	3	35.21
M.	Kluzek	(Eagles)	1	32.32

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Friday: Norwood v Eagles (Norwood Oval). Saturday: Glenelg v North (Adelaide Oval), South v West (Noarlunga Oval), Central v Sturt (Elizabeth Oval). Bye: Port.

RESERVES

Central 15.9 (99) d Port 13.16 (94), Eagles 13.13 (91) d Sturt 7.10 (52), West 25.10 (160) d Glenelg 7.8 (50), Norwood 23.13 (151) d North 7.8 (50).

Premiership table: Central 30, Port 28, Sturt 20, Norwood, West 18, Eagles 16, North 8, Glenelg, South 6.

UNDER-19

Port 14.16 (100) d Central 9.15 (69), Sturt 10.13 (73) d Eagles 9.10 (64), West 19.8 (122) d Glenelg 9.15 (69), Norwood 31.19 (205) d North 3.1 (19).

Premiership table: Eagles, Port 24, Norwood 20, West 16, Glenelg 13, South 12, Sturt 9, Central 8, North 6.

UNDER-17

Port 11.15 (81) d Central 11.11 (77), Eagles 18.17 (125) d Sturt 8.8 (56), Glenelg 10.7 (67) d West 8.10 (58), North 16.7 (103) d Norwood 12.16 (88).

Premiership table: Central 22, Eagles, North 21, Port 18, Norwood, South 14, Glenelg 12, West 8, Sturt 2.