

Crawshay, Panthers stand tall

Round 21, 2000



NOARLUNGA OVAL

SOUTH	7.1	7.1	16.1	17.6	(108)
CENTRAL	2.1	8.8	8.12	13.13	(91)

BEST - South Adelaide: Crawshay, Mills, Brogan, Draper, Turvey, Talbot, Ellen. **Central:** Bello, Ford, Macgowan, D. Stevens, Hopwood.

SCORERS - South Adelaide: Ellen 4.0, Draper 3.1, Brogan 3.0, Mills, Demasi 2.0, Crawshay, Doughy, Hall 1.0, Koster, Talbot, Morgan 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Central:** McArdle 3.3, Stevens 3.1, Ford 3.0, Lee 2.1, Bello 2.0, C. Gowans, Healy 0.2, Cochrane, Slade 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - Central: Hamblin (hamstring), Slade (bruised jaw). **REPORT - South Adelaide:** Koster, for allegedly striking J. Gowans (Central) in the second quarter.

UMPIRES - M. Humphreys, R. Bettridge, G. Godfrey.
BEST ON GROUND - Simon Crawshay (South Adelaide).
TOP TEAM MAN - Trent Mills (South Adelaide).
CROWD - 1307.

ADELAIDE OVAL

NORWOOD	6.3	9.4	16.6	19.9	(123)
GLENELG	6.3	10.5	12.7	14.11	(95)

BEST - Norwood: Direen, Staritski, Obst, Bown, Kemp, Dawes, Neill. **Glenelg:** Golding, Hele, Bode, Nicholas, Melody, Burke, D. Raidis.

SCORERS - Norwood: Neill 4.0, Cunningham 3.2, Staritski, Wilson 2.0, Gallagher, Direen, Pascoe, Sandford, Bown, Clements, Obst, Tamlin 1.0, Dawes, Borlace 0.2, Crouch 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Glenelg:** M. Raidis, D. Raidis 4.0, Bode 2.2, Hams 2.1, McEntee 1.3, Burke 1.1, Tipuamantamerrri, K. Cornes, Mannion, Vengables 0.1.

INJURIES - Norwood: Gallagher (thigh), Keating (mild concussion). **Glenelg:** Kelly (knee strain).

UMPIRES - K. Chambers, G. Symons, C. Rowston.

BEST ON GROUND - Scott Direen (Norwood).

TOP TEAM MAN - Matthew Golding (Glenelg).

CROWD - 2334.

WOODVILLE OVAL

EAGLES	3.3	7.8	10.10	12.12	(84)
PORT ADELAIDE	3.3	5.5	8.7	9.10	(64)

BEST - Eagles: Gallagher, Tape, Pesch, Stevens, McLure, Hall, Shirley, Rogers, Niemann. **Port:** AhChee, Spanagel, Wait, Fiegert, Clayton, O'Loughlin.

SCORERS - Eagles: Pesch, Gallagher 2.0, Niemann, Dylan 1.2, Stevens 1.1, M. Kluzek, Floreani, C. Kluzek, Frewen, Shirley 1.0, Pearce, McLure, Beveridge, M. Phillipou 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Port:** Clayton, O'Loughlin 2.1, Didak 2.0, McGuinness 1.1, Ormond-Allen, Wait 1.0, Steed, S. Phillipou 0.1, rushed 0.5.

INJURIES - Eagles: Beveridge (shoulder), Pearce (hamstring), Port: Chalmers (ankle).

UMPIRES - R. Williams, D. Woodcock, T. Slaven.

BEST ON GROUND - David Gallagher (Eagles).

TOP TEAM MAN - Robert Shirley (Eagles).

CROWD - 4707.

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Saturday: Norwood v Sturt (Norwood), Port v North (Alberton), West v Central (Richmond), Glenelg v South (Glenelg). **Bye:** Eagles.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	Pc
Eagles	19	16	3	0	2163	1340	32	61.7
Central	18	12	6	0	2020	1558	24	56.5
Port	18	11	7	0	1725	1561	22	52.5
Norwood	19	10	9	0	1834	1679	20	52.2
Sturt	18	10	8	0	1682	1666	20	50.2
South	18	8	9	1	1566	1675	17	48.3
West	18	8	10	0	1598	1666	16	49.0
North	18	3	14	1	1344	2172	7	38.2
Glenelg	18	3	15	0	1320	1935	6	40.5

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Club	Rd 21	Total
C. Kluzek	(Eagles)	1	60.27
A. Richardson	(West)	-	55.30
S. McArdle	(Central)	2	48.16
D. Hargraves	(North)	-	46.25
P. Smith	(Port)	-	41.20
D. Stevens	(Central)	4	40.29
R. Neill	(Norwood)	4	40.23

RESERVES

Norwood 17.11 (113) d Glenelg 16.10 (106), Central 17.24 (126) d South 4.4 (28), Port 26.18 (174) d Eagles 11.9 (75). **Premiership table:** Central 34, Port 30, Sturt, Norwood, West 20, Eagles 18, Glenelg, North 8, South 6.

UNDER-19

Glenelg 13.8 (86) d Norwood 10.14 (74), Central 12.20 (92) d South 10.10 (70), Eagles 20.10 (130) d Port 13.6 (84). **Premiership table:** Eagles 28, Port 24, Norwood 20, West 18, Glenelg 17, Central, South 12, Sturt 9, North 6.

UNDER-17

Norwood 11.11 (77) d Glenelg 4.11 (35), Central 21.15 (141) d South 6.3 (39), Eagles 15.11 (101) d Port 4.8 (32). **Premiership table:** Central 26, Eagles 23, North 21, Port, Norwood 18, South 16, Glenelg 14, West 8, Sturt-2.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

West Perth 12.17 (89) d Peel 9.21 (75), Swan District 18.11 (119) d East Fremantle 13.8 (86), Claremont 12.19 (91) d South Fremantle 10.13 (73), East Perth 20.14 (134) d Perth 10.6 (66).

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

SOUTH ADELAIDE v CENTRAL DISTRICT

Simon Crawshay (South Adelaide)	3
Trent Mills (South Adelaide)	2
Dean Brogan (South Adelaide)	1

NORWOOD v GLENELG

Scott Direen (Norwood)	3
Matthew Golding (Glenelg)	2
Justin Staritski (Norwood)	1

EAGLES v PORT ADELAIDE

David Gallagher (Eagles)	3
Jamie Tape (Eagles)	2
Corey AhChee (Port)	1

LEADERS - 18: G. Colville (Eagles). **14:** P. McGuinness (Port). **12:** B. Lennon (Sturt), R. Macgowan (Central), J. Cicolella (Eagles). **11:** T. Mills (South). **9:** B. Atkinson (Sturt), J. Tape (Eagles). **8:** J. Gallagher (Norwood), S. Tregenza (Port), S. Sutherland (North), J. Hassall (South). **7:** B. Hollands (West), B. Kemp (Norwood), D. Squire (Sturt), N. Turvey (South).

By DAVID VALENTE

IT MAY have been the knowledge their season was on the line, frustration over the previous week's surrender to West or the pre-match presence of some of South Adelaide's greats but a different Panthers line-up ran on to Noarlunga Oval on Saturday.

They were sharp, hard, persistent and, importantly, focused to commit for a full four-quarter game.

South regained the Crows' Kym Koster, who was skilful and aggressive on the ball, and Shane Ellen - an excellent target at full forward, finishing with four goals.

But the key to its victory was big man Simon Crawshay.

The 200cm talent had the better of Radlee Mollor and Damien Arnold in the ruck contest, collecting 20 hit-outs. But his true worth was his work away from the ball-ups.

His 16 possessions and one goal do not tell the story of his effectiveness as he moved himself and the ball with absolute quality, weaving his lanky frame around opponents with the nimbleness of a rover.

And when it came time in the final term to protect the lead South had established with a stunning nine-goal third quarter, Crawshay and Dean Brogan played pass the parcel to keep the Panthers in possession and in attack.

The upset 17-point win leaves South with a simple equation for its finals aspirations - win the last two matches against Glenelg and Sturt and, barring a Norwood-Sturt draw this week, the Panthers are in the five.

That scenario faces one hurdle with valuable Koster to face the tribunal after he was reported for allegedly striking James Gowans in the second quarter.

Central District's finals participation is guaranteed but coach Peter Jonas still has considerable headaches, the Dogs having suffered their second successive loss only two weeks out from the finals.

"We're inconsistent, haven't been playing well for three or four weeks. We have to do something about that," Jonas said.

"The first part of the third quarter when they put through six goals in 10 minutes really hurt us."

The Dogs had talent all over the ground - Marco Bello, Sam McArdle, Heath Hopwood - but they lacked the desperation that marked South Adelaide's game.

Their only good news from Saturday is that Matthew Slade's suspected broken jaw is only bruised.

Central has two games - against West Adelaide and bottom side Glenelg - to turn its form around and mark itself again as a premiership threat.

Legs need lift for Sturt showdown

By DOUG ROBERTSON

ONCE-MIGHTY Norwood is not living up to its hard-forged reputation.

Its scratchy 28-point victory over Glenelg on Saturday had some merit because Norwood had to fight to get on top. But, for a side looking towards the finals, it was far from convincing.

Norwood should have easily accounted for the Tigers. Yet the Legs trailed by a point before an unanswered five-goal burst from late in the third quarter until early in the last gave them the break they needed. They were 35 points up with five minutes remaining but let up and Glenelg added 1.1.

Renowned for skills and toughness under pressure, the Legs lacked spark because some players waited for others to kickstart the charge.

Norwood's midfield - tested by Glenelg's guts - will be dramatically different when it really counts. Anthony Harvey (hamstring) and Jarrod Cotton (hamstring) will play again this week and brilliant Brett James (Crows) should be available for the finals.

But if Norwood keeps starting slowly and hoping to over-run the quality sides it will be a short finals campaign for Redlegs fans.

"We came in flat after the Eagles game and we had quite a few personnel changes but, all that aside, I'm really searching for excuses," coach Neville Roberts said. "They expected the game to roll off in an easy script but we can't give better sides that opportunity otherwise we'd be looking at a five or six goal deficit by half-time."

Roberts' estimate is conservative considering the goalkicking power of the Eagles, Central District and Sturt and the finals experience of Port Adelaide. He said Norwood could lift its performances "when it wants to" and it better "want to" on Saturday against Sturt or the Legs might miss the major round.

Sitting just three points clear of South, Norwood (20) has the bye in the final minor round and would leave fifth spot open if it loses to Sturt. The solid form of Justin Staritski (30 disposals, two tackles), Matthew Dawes (27, five), Damian Obst (24), Ben Kemp (22) and James Gallagher, who came off at half-time with a corked thigh, adds speed around centre.

Scott Direen (23) was superb from half-back, kicking one goal and setting up at least two more with pin-point passing, but Norwood needs more from its attack. Stuart Bown (24 possessions and 10 marks) and Robert Neill (four goals) were the only forwards to pull their weight.

Glenelg was competitive - but that is not enough. Collectively the lowest possession-winners in the league coming into the game, Glenelg had just 18 fewer touches than Norwood, the competition leader.

But when the game was there to win Glenelg dropped its hard-won opportunities like a hotplate. Turnovers - and every Tiger was at fault - were costly, while missed marks and shots on goal nobbled the Bays' chances.

Matthew Golding was strong in ruck, Simon Hele, Matthew Bode, Martin Melody and James Byrne creative in midfield and Damien and Michael Raidis dangerous near goal.

The Tigers were competitive but that's not enough for coach Tony McGuinness, who said the efforts in the past three matches have convinced him there were better days coming.

"I think all the right things are happening," McGuinness said, "but we actually could have won the game and didn't."

"I asked the players if they wanted me to talk up the game or tell them where we lost it. It was the same after the West Adelaide game (12-point loss)."

Glenelg rightfully is desperate to get off the bottom - but has just two games to do it.

If the skills lift as much as their endeavor has in the past three weeks, it just might succeed.