



North v Sturt



Adelaide - Friday

STURT	3.2	8.7	13.9	18.10	(118)
North	2.3	5.6	8.12	11.16	(82)

BEST — Sturt: White, Sheedy, Whiteman, Bishop, Klun, Maloney, Weatherald. North: Cook, Ladhams, Wintle, Younie, Gluschenko.
SCORERS — Sturt: White 9.2, Weatherald 2.1, Lennon 2.0, Campbell, Squire 1.1, Klun, Sheedy, Woosnam 1.0, Kaesler 0.2, Curtis 0.1, rushed 0.2. North: Hargraves 3.5, Cook 3.0, Bamford, Ladhams 1.1, Leal, Ebert, Newberry 1.0, Younie, Casey 0.2, Wintle, Morgan, Jamar 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES — K. Chambers, M. Johnston, C. Rowston.
CROWD — 2368.



Eagles v Central



Woodville Oval

CENTRAL	3.2	5.4	7.7	9.9	(63)
Eagles	1.0	4.1	4.2	7.4	(46)

BEST — Central: Steinberger, J. Gowans, Bello, Hopwood, Haraida, Thomas, Graham. Eagles: Colville, Tape, Cicoella, Newett, Lindsay, Floreani, Hall.

SCORERS — Central: Lockwood 3.1, Bello 2.0, Arnott 1.1, M. Stevens, Thomas, J. Gowans 1.0, D. Stevens, McKinnon, Healy 0.1, rushed 0.4. Eagles: C. Kluzek 3.0, Cicoella 2.0, Colville, Hall 1.0, Crowell 0.2, M. Kluzek, Gallagher 0.1.

INJURIES — Central: C. Gowans (corked thigh), Arnold (corked thigh).

REPORTS — D. Stevens (Central) for allegedly striking Newett (Eagles) during the first quarter.

UMPIRES — R. Bettridge, T. Dey, R. Fox.

CROWD — 2375.



Port v Norwood



Alberton Oval

NORWOOD	3.1	7.1	9.2	10.7	(67)
Port	2.1	3.6	4.7	5.8	(38)

BEST — Norwood: Cunningham, Gallagher, Morton, Fleming, Borlace, Harvey, Robran, S. Bassett, Cotton. Port: O'Connor, Poulton, Fiegert, Johncock, O'Loughlin.

SCORERS — Norwood: Cotton 3.1, Morton, Borlace 2.0, Neill, Robran 1.1, Clements 1.0, Direen, Vidic 0.1, rushed 0.2. Port: Beinke 2.1, T. Brown, Fiegert 1.1, Ackland 1.0, Harwood 0.2, Clayton 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — Port: Steed (broken jaw), T. Brown (back strain).

UMPIRES — T. Pfeiffer, S. Prizibilla, R. Williams.

CROWD — 3356.



Glenelg v West



Glenelg Oval

WEST	6.3	6.6	9.8	11.10	(76)
Glenelg	1.2	3.5	3.10	5.13	(43)

BEST — West: Jones, Myles, Symes, Rutten, Howard, Watkins. Glenelg: Bode, Cornes, McKenzie, Greenwood, Higgins.

SCORERS — West: A. Richardson 5.2, Donaldson, Howard 2.1, E. Richardson 1.1, Hahn 1.0, Hollands, Symes 0.1, rushed 0.3. Glenelg: Logan 1.4, Cornes 1.2, Woods 1.1, Moore, Sherwood 1.0, Bode 0.2.

West claims finals berth

By
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WEST Adelaide — its domination rooted in its impenetrable defence — shook off weeks of uncertainty and cemented its place in the finals with a 33-point win against Glenelg at the Bay yesterday.

The Bloods' defensive six, with Sam Jones, Dion Myles and Tim Symes leading the way, were oblivious to the wet, greasy conditions as they exploited Glenelg's lack of height.

The match virtually was decided in the opening term when West kicked with the howling southerly to score six goals - two each to Luke Donaldson and Dean Howard - while holding Glenelg to a solitary Sam Logan goal after 19 minutes.

Logan's goal and one to Adam Richardson in the last term were the only majors kicked to the hostile southern end.

West's attack slowed, despite Adam Richardson finishing with five for the game, but its defence was never threatened and the club claimed its first top-five finish since 1998.

West	11.10 (76)
Glenelg	5.13 (43)

Glenelg went into its attacking 50m area 11 more times than West but, badly missing the height of ruckmen Matthew Golding and Brad Smith, could not capitalise.

Jones was outstanding, taking 23 marks, but was closely followed by Myles (18) and Symes (17). In the most telling statistic, the Bloods took 96 marks for the match to the Tigers' 47. But, heartening and confidence-inspiring as that was, West coach Ian Borchard said it was only the means to an end of stopping West's four-game losing streak and making the finals.

"In the past couple of rounds it (finals doubt) has been in the back of our minds. This win has freed the players up a bit," he said.

Glenelg coach Brenton Honor said it was a disappointing way to end his first season, but West's height put his team on the back foot from the start.

"Today just exposed our lack of targets up forward," Honor said.



The Table

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
CENTRAL	19	15	4	0	1884	1443	56.63	30
PORT	19	13	5	1	1832	1516	54.72	27
EAGLES	19	13	6	0	1722	1347	56.11	26
WEST	19	11	8	0	1945	1789	52.09	22
NORWOOD	19	11	8	0	1657	1542	51.80	22
Sturt	19	9	10	0	1845	1611	53.39	18
South*	19	7	12	0	1797	1976	47.63	14
Glenelg	20	3	16	1	1294	2016	39.09	7
North	19	3	16	0	1548	2284	40.40	6

* Bve.



The Goals

	P	R21	Total
A. Richardson (W)	14	2	74
D. Hargraves (NA)	18	3	68
C. Kluzek (Eag)	16	-	53
S. White (St)	16	-	47
S. Hahn (W)	17	-	38
B. Lockwood (CD)	14	1	34
J. Burton (ST)	17	-	30
C. Gowans (CD)	17	2	30
R. Neill (Nwd)	13	-	29



Week ahead

ROUND 23 —

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