

Magarey Medallist Brown breaks leg in torrid encounter

# Victory at high cost for Pies

<b>Magpies</b>	3.4	7.6	7.6	11.10	(76)
<b>Glenelg</b>	3.2	5.3	5.5	7.6	(48)

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**INJURIES —** Brown (broken leg).  
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By Paul Kermod  
at Alberton

PORT Adelaide has inched closer to a finals berth after slogging out a hard-fought 28-point victory over Glenelg at Alberton Oval.

The victory, achieved in wet and windy conditions, gives the Magpies a critical one-win buffer in fifth place, but came at a cost, with Magarey Medallist Tony Brown stretched from the field with a broken leg during the first quarter.

Although Port won the game by close to five goals and led by as much as 34 points during the final term, the margin does not do credit to the toughness of the battle.

The Magpies led by just 15 points at half-time and had to defend grimly during a goalless third quarter as Glenelg did all the attacking.

It was not until Tony Bamford soccered through a goal from point-blank range 10 minutes into the final quarter that Glenelg's self-belief started to wane and the Magpies were safe.

"We have to beat sides below us or we won't play in the finals," Port coach Stephen Williams said.

"I thought we were able to hold up pretty well in the third quarter. For them to do

all the attacking and us to hold them up well was a good sign."

Port's driving force for the victory came from an unlikely source, second gamer Matthew Smith roaming far and wide across Alberton Oval to collect 24 possessions and 12 marks. His ability to find space — and teammates with his kicks — was critical to Port being able to kick a winning score.

Veteran Darren Mead also hit back to top form with a solid game across half-back. The Tigers started the game in encouraging form, Brendan Logan slotting through two first-quarter goals as they got out by 10 points. Port, however, slowly wrested back control.

Bryan Beinke, who was too strong and too clever for Glenelg third-gamer Ben Mules, marked two seconds from the quarter-time siren and rammed home a goal to give Port a lead it would not surrender.

"I can't question the commitment and how hard they worked," Glenelg coach Brenton Honor said.

"I think we're improving. We've come out of a pretty ordinary patch two or three weeks ago but we're back playing a better brand of footy and giving ourselves an opportunity to win games, which is pleasing. But we've just got to get one."

## Broken leg blow to Port's finals hopes

PORT Adelaide midfielder Tony Brown's season may be over after he broke his leg during yesterday's clash against Glenelg at Alberton Oval.

Brown, who has been one of the Magpies best and most consistent players this season, was rushed to Wakefield Hospital.

He is expected to miss at least eight weeks — the amount of time left in the minor round.

"It's a huge blow for us because he's been as good as anybody," coach Stephen Williams said.

"If you held the best and fairest now, Brown probably would be leading it. It's unfortunate but that's footy and someone else will get an opportunity."

Brown joins a star-studded Magpies injury list, which includes Darryl Poole, Shari Ellen, Brayden Lyle, Antony Sheehan and Brian Leys.

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
<b>CENTRAL</b>	13	12	1	1776	871	67.09	24
<b>STURT</b>	13	11	2	1372	908	60.18	22
<b>NORWOOD</b>	12	10	2	1250	984	55.95	20
<b>EAGLES</b>	13	6	7	1072	1048	50.57	12
<b>PORT</b>	13	5	8	1034	1040	49.86	10
West	13	4	9	1092	1365	44.44	8
South	13	4	9	911	1277	41.64	8
North	13	4	9	1052	1477	41.60	8
Glenelg	13	2	11	904	1493	37.71	4

## SANFLgoals

	P	R14	Total
<b>D. Hargraves (NA)</b>	11	1	37
<b>B. Chambers (S)</b>	12	2	34
<b>C. Gowans (CD)</b>	12	0	30
<b>J. Gowans (CD)</b>	12	0	28
<b>D. Stevens (CD)</b>	11	0	27
<b>B. Atkinson (S)</b>	12	4	26
<b>M. Baldwin (G)</b>	12	2	25
<b>D. Healy (CD)</b>	11	0	24
<b>H. Younie (NA)</b>	11	2	22

## SANFLresults

### North v Eagles

#### Prospect Oval

<b>EAGLES</b>	9.3	16.3	18.9	23.10	(148)
<b>North</b>	2.3	6.4	6.5	7.5	(47)

**BEST — Eagles:** Niemann, Bock, Lindsay, Cicoella, Jeffries, Shirley, Colville, McLoughlin, McKenzie, Earl. **North:** Knowles, James, Hargraves.

**SCORERS — Eagles:** Bock 6.2, Colville 3.1, Hentchel 3.0, Jeffries 2.1, Niemann, Cicoella, Allison 2.0, Frewen 1.1, Hall, Chapman 1.0, Skipworth 0.2, McLoughlin 0.1, rushed 0.2. **North:** Cornelius, Knowles 2.0, Hargraves, Bamford 1.1, Ebert 1.0, James 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**UMPIRES —** S. Przibilla, R. Williams, G. Symonds.

**CROWD —** 1553.

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**UMPIRES —** A. Meade, T. Philp, K. Chambers.

**CROWD —** 1777.

### Sturt v Central

#### Unley Oval

<b>CENTRAL</b>	3.3	6.6	9.8	12.8	(80)
<b>Sturt</b>	1.1	1.1	3.3	4.6	(30)

**BEST — Central:** J. Gowans, C. Gowans, Thomas, Hicks, Steinberner, Hopwood, M. Stevens, Guerra, Ford, Hamblin. **Sturt:** Powell, Woosnam, Campbell, Weatherald, Atkinson.

**SCORERS — Central:** Hamblin, Ford 2.1, Healy, Cowan 2.0, J. Gowans 1.2, Pfitzner 1.1, C. Gowans, Walton 1.0, M. Stevens 0.2, rushed 0.1. **Sturt:** Conway 2.2, Chambers, Atkinson 1.0, Kaesler 0.1, rushed 0.3.

**INJURIES — Central:** D. Stevens (concussion), Slade (flu) replaced in selected side by M. Stevens. **Sturt:** Kennedy (broken collarbone), Thredgold (suspected broken wrist).

**UMPIRES —** T. Pfeiffer, S. Scriven, C. Doddridge.

**CROWD —** 3603.

### reserves

**GLENELG 9.2 (56) d Port 7.10 (52).** **BEST — Glenelg:** Willett, Modra, Statham, Jon Vlatko, Golding, Smyth, Richardson. **Port:** McGuinness, Lohde, Perry, Lockwood, Kluver, Robertson. **GOALS — Glenelg:** Modra 4, Jamie Vlatko 2, Smyth, Willett, Jon Vlatko. **Port:** Lockwood, Barrett 2, McGuinness, Lokan, Kluver.

### under 19

**GLENELG 15.10 (100) d Port 6.12 (48).** **BEST — Glenelg:** Allen, Braun, Hare, Pitman, Bailey, Reavill, Proe, Sedmak. **Port:** Cook, Chell, Haseldine, Zucker, Kim, Childs. **GOALS — Glenelg:** Reavill 4, Pitman, Bury, Evans 2, Pannach, Slotegraaf, Gillings, Nardelli, Mackie. **Port:** Chell, Hughes, J. Burgoyne, Zucker, Kim, Munn.

### under 17

**GLENELG 15.7 (97) d Port Adelaide 8.14 (62).** **BEST — Glenelg:** Jones, Barge, Richardson, Russell, Gutink, Anderson, Paterson, Tyler. **Port:** Ness, Brookes, Ward, Cahill, Muir, Frank, Buss, Melville. **GOALS — Glenelg:** Gutink 3, Anderson, Jones, King 2, Tyler, M. Reavill, Russell, Krezos, Wright, Meyer. **Port:** Collison, Buss 3, Brockwell 2.



Nigel Fiegert climbs over Kym Koster at Alberton Oval yesterday

### reserves

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
<b>CENTRAL</b>	13	11	2	0	1329	763	63.53	22
<b>PORT</b>	13	9	4	0	1271	907	58.36	18
<b>STURT</b>	13	8	5	0	1273	1004	55.91	16
<b>NORWOOD</b>	12	7	5	0	1138	787	59.12	14
<b>GLENELG</b>	12	7	6	0	1111	1136	49.44	14
Eagles	13	5	8	0	937	925	50.32	10
West	13	5	8	0	1157	1416	44.97	10
South	13	3	10	0	879	1485	37.18	6
North	13	3	10	0	751	1423	34.54	6

### U19

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
<b>GLENELG</b>	13	10	3	0	1104	809	57.71	20
<b>SOUTH</b>	14	10	4	0	1259	1009	55.51	20
<b>WEST</b>	13	9	3	1	1332	805	62.33	19
<b>PORT</b>	13	9	4	0	1291	932	58.07	18
Eagles	13	7	5	1	885	812	52.18	15
Norwood	13	6	7	0	994	898	52.54	12
North	12	4	9	0	855	1143	42.79	8
Central	13	2	11	0	717	1411	33.69	4
Sturt	13	1	12	0	710	1328	34.84	2

### U17

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
<b>WEST</b>	13	13	0	0	1645	639	72.02	26
<b>GLENELG</b>	13	11	2	0	1377	802	63.19	22
<b>EAGLES</b>	13	7	6	0	1074	915	54.00	14
<b>NORTH</b>	13	6	7	0	1000	1010	49.75	12
Central	13	6	7	0	921	1304	41.39	12
South	14	5	9	0	1130	1338	45.79	10
Port	13	4	9	0	874	1283	42.73	8
Norwood	13	4	9	0	874	1283	40.52	8
Sturt	13	3	10	0	907	1328	40.58	6