

It's only matter of time, says Honor

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GLENELG coach Brenton Honor says it is only a matter of time before his side is able to convert its competitiveness into victories.

In the past three weeks the Bays have come close to securing their third win of the season but fallen short at the last hurdle, with Saturday's 28-point loss to Sturt another example.

"The last three weeks we have been in a position to win and with a bit of luck we would have won all three of them," Honor said.

"I know we're not too far away from winning because we're doing the basics right and are competitive.

"It's just a matter of breaking through for a win."

The Bays looked destined to cause the upset of the season when Kelvin Maher goaled at the fifth minute mark of the third quarter to give the home side a 23-point lead. Sturt, which had struggled to use the ball efficiently for much of the first half, suddenly awoke and responded to Glenelg's challenge with vigour.

Simon Feast (20 touches, 13 marks), in stellar form all day in the ruck and attack, found a group of allies in raking left-footer Matthew Cooper (25), consistent rover Tim Weatherald (31) and wingmen Xavier Campbell (17) and Daniel Wicks (21, four tackles).

The group gave the Double Blues significant drive in the middle, overcoming the jaded Tigers to regularly thrust the ball into Sturt's forward 50m. In attack the Blues were served well by classy Brodie Atkinson (four goals), who

SCOREBOARD					
	1	2	3	4	
STURT	4.3	6.7	9.12	16.13	(109)
GLENELG	4.4	8.5	10.6	12.9	(81)

BEST - Sturt: Feast, Cooper, Weatherald, Campbell, Wicks, Curtis, Atkinson, Sheedy, Burton. **Glenelg:** K. Cornes, Baldwin, Koster, Handby, Sherwood, Manfield.

SCORERS - Sturt: Atkinson 4.1, Coad 3.0, Chambers 2.2, Cooper 2.1, Campbell, Thurstans 1.1, Feast, Reilly, Sheedy 1.0, Burton, Weatherald 0.2, Conway, Dent 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Glenelg:** Handby 4.1, Maher 3.1, Logan, Manfield 2.1, Baldwin 1.1, Byrne, Smith, D. Yeomans 0.1, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES - S. Przbilla, R. Fox, G. Standley.
CROWD - 2968 at Glenelg Oval.

booted three goals in the first quarter and enjoyed the return of bustling centre half-forward Julian Burton, who was playing his first league game of the season.

Burton gave Sturt a strong presence all day but with spearhead Brant Chambers (two goals) well held by Tiger full-back Paul Sherwood, Sturt struggled to fully capitalise on its third-quarter dominance. Having wiped away its third-quarter deficit, the Double Blues cruised past Glenelg with goals to debutant forward Michael Coad, Atkinson and centre half-back Toby Thurstans to be 18 points ahead.

Glenelg wingman Michael Handby brought the margin back to two goals with his third but it proved another catalyst for Sturt, with two more goals to Coad and a measured shot from best-on-ground Feast pushing the margin out to 29 points. The final score did not do Glenelg any justice with the Tigers stunned by Sturt's impressive finish to the game which netted 10 of the last 12 goals.

"I don't think it was a con-

fidence issue, we worked ourselves into a position where we could have won the game if these blokes had been playing all year," Honor said.

"What I saw was an improvement and the realisation that as a group we are good enough to match anyone when our best players are available. I thought we were going to win it in that third quarter. We were playing with passion and emotion but just could not sustain it."

Sturt coach Brenton Phillips admitted being relieved to escape with a win, particularly without adding to the Double Blues' already extensive injury list.

"I'm happy to take away the two points," Phillips said.

"All last week friends and work colleagues and people I spoke to away from the club said it would be an easy win against Glenelg this week. But it wasn't. They were really tough and took the match right up to us.

"At selection on Thursday night I said all I wanted was the two points. Today was all about getting the two points and moving on from here."

STURT													GLENELG												
Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl								
J.BURTON	4	6	9	1	0	0	2	0	1	B.MOORE	7	2	2	0	0	0	0	0							
B.CHAMBERS	4	3	2	0	0	2	2	0	3	S.LOGAN	5	3	1	0	3	2	1	0	0						
X.CAMPBELL	8	2	9	2	1	1	1	0	3	D.YEOMANS	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0						
T.KAESLER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	K.MAHER	6	3	5	1	0	3	1	0	2						
S.FEAST	12	13	8	2	0	1	0	12	0	M.BALDWIN	13	8	1	1	0	1	1	4	0						
B.REILLY	5	2	6	0	0	1	0	0	3	N.IRVIN	5	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0						
P.JARVIS	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L.PANOZZO	3	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0						
J.SHEEDY	9	1	13	1	0	1	0	0	2	C.ROBINSON	10	1	7	1	2	0	0	1	2						
D.WICKS	13	2	8	0	0	0	0	4	M.HANDBY	14	7	5	1	2	4	1	1	1	1						
M.CURTIS	8	3	11	2	1	0	0	0	2	K.KOSTER	4	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	2						
T.THURSTANS	5	4	7	0	2	1	1	0	0	B.THOMPSON	7	1	1	0	3	0	0	1	0						
D.WOOSNAM	7	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	S.HELE	8	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0						
A.GEDDES	6	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	P.SHERWOOD	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0						
S.MALONEY	11	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	M.MANFIELD	7	4	7	0	0	2	1	0	0						
M.POWELL	9	2	9	2	2	0	0	0	3	S.COOK	4	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	1						
M.CONWAY	7	3	4	0	0	0	1	8	0	B.SMITH	5	5	2	1	2	0	1	7	0						
T.WEATHERALD	17	3	14	2	2	0	2	0	1	K.CORNES	20	7	8	0	1	0	0	1	3						
B.ATKINSON	8	4	6	2	1	4	1	0	1	J.BYRNE	11	3	7	0	2	0	1	0	0						
M.COAD	5	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	S.NICHOLAS	5	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	3						
M.GOOPER	13	4	12	1	0	2	1	0	2	B.MULES	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
M.DENT	10	2	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	M.POLLEY	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Totals	164	69	138	18	9	16	13	20	26	Totals	141	62	75	9	18	12	9	16	14						

SCOREBOARD					
	1	2	3	4	
CENTRAL	2.2	6.3	8.4	11.5	(71)
EAGLES	5.5	7.8	7.10	9.13	(67)

BEST - Central: Hopwood, Hicks, Arnott, Arnold, Macgowan, Bello, Steinberner. **Eagles:** Cicolella, Shirley, Mathews, Jeffries, Potter, Hall, Lindsay, Darzanos.

SCORERS - Central: Hopwood 2.0, Steinberner, Schell 1.1, Hay, Thomas, Pfitzner, Cowan, J. Gowans, Arnott, Slade 1.0, Hamblin, Walton, C. Gowans 0.1. **Eagles:** Shirley 4.0, Hentschel 2.3, McKenzie 1.1, Frewen, Potter 1.0, Niemann, Fiacchi, Lindsay, Colville, Wise, Allison, Cicolella 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - Central: Pfitzner (hamstring), D. Stevens (concussion), withdrew before game. **Eagles:** Bock (toe), withdrew before game.

UMPIRES - G. Symons, K. Chambers, J. Brown.
CROWD - 2458 at Woodville Oval.

SCOREBOARD					
	1	2	3	4	
WEST	10.3	14.10	18.13	23.17	(155)
NORTH	2.3	3.6	7.8	10.10	(70)

BEST - West: E. Richardson, Twomey, Stewart, Hollands, Backwell, S. Munn, Plasente, Lowther, Marsh. **North:** Leal, Younie, Cook, Hargraves, Knowles.

SCORERS - West: A. Richardson 6.0, Hollands 5.1, Howard 2.4, E. Richardson 2.1, Schuback, Donaldson 2.0, Plasente, Marsh, Cassisi 1.1, Fisher 1.0, Backwell 0.3, Myles 0.2, Stewart, Lowther 0.1, rushed 0.1. **North:** Hargraves 2.5, James, Leal 2.1, Younie 1.1, Broad, Peterson, Casey 1.0, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - North: Paxman (sprain ankle), Gluschenko (thigh).

UMPIRES - T. Philp, D. Kowal, T. Dey.
CROWD - 1456 at Richmond Oval.

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FRIDAY

NORWOOD	5.5	12.8	16.11	25.17	(167)
PORT	1.2	3.5	5.7	7.8	(50)

BEST - Norwood: Cotton, Borlace, Daniels, Harvey, Dawes, Clements, Pitt, Crouch, Bartemucci. **Port:** Warrior, Ackland, Ebert, Smith, Ashley, O'Connor.

SCORERS - Norwood: Cotton 10.3, Borlace 4.0, S. Bassett 2.2, Hewitt 2.1, Morton 2.0, Carslake, Bartemucci 1.2, Bown 1.1, Crouch, Daniels 1.0, James, Direen, Hobby 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Port:** Warrior 3.2, Lockwood 2.0, Clayton 1.3, Bamford 1.0, Peucker, Smith, Burdett 0.1.

INJURIES - Norwood: Morton (hamstring), Robran (hamstring), Bown (hamstring). **Port:** Smith (stitches over eye).

UMPIRES - S. Scriven, T. Pfeiffer, R. Williams.

CROWD - 7676 at Norwood Oval.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Central	14	13	1	-	1847	938	66.3	26
Sturt	14	12	2	-	1481	989	60.0	24
Norwood	14	12	2	-	1551	1114	58.2	24
Eagles	14	6	8	-	1139	1119	50.4	12
Port	14	5	9	-	1084	1207	47.3	10
West	14	5	9	-	1247	1435	46.5	10
South	14	4	10	-	991	1411	41.3	8
North	14	4	10	-	1122	1632	40.7	8
Glenelg	14	2	12	-	985	1602	38.1	4

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Round 17 - Friday, 7.40pm: West v Port (Adelaide Oval).
Saturday, 2.20pm: Eagles v South (Woodville Oval), Central v Norwood (NAP Oval, Elizabeth), North v Sturt (Prospect Oval). **Bye:** Glenelg.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd 16	Total
D. Hargraves	(North)	2.5	40.26
B. Chambers	(Sturt)	2.2	37.32
B. Atkinson	(Sturt)	4.1	31.13
C. Gowans	(Central)	0.1	31.9
J. Cotton	(Norwood)	10.3	31.8
J. Gowans	(Central)	1.0	30.14

RESERVES

Port 12.13 (85) d Norwood 12.11 (83), Sturt 10.10 (70) d Glenelg 6.6 (42), West 17.9 (111) d North 12.8 (80), Eagles 12.3 (75) d Central 6.6 (42). **Premiership table:** Central 22, Port 20, Sturt 18, Norwood 16, Glenelg 14, Eagles, West 12, South, North 6.

UNDER-19

Port 13.12 (90) d Norwood 11.6 (72), Glenelg 19.9 (123) d Sturt 10.7 (67), Central 19.14 (128) d Eagles 7.12 (54), West 17.8 (110) d North 13.15 (93). **Premiership table:** Glenelg 22, West 21, Port, South 20, Eagles 15, Norwood 12, North 8, Central 6, Sturt 2.

UNDER-17

Norwood 14.22 (106) d Port 7.11 (53), Sturt 8.15 (63) d Glenelg 7.13 (55), Central 20.12 (132) d Eagles 5.4 (34), West 15.19 (109) d North 5.8 (38). **Premiership table:** West 28, Glenelg 22, Eagles, Central 14, North 12, South, Norwood 10, Port, Sturt 8.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

NORWOOD v PORT ADELAIDE

Jarrold Cotton (Norwood)	3
Scott Borlace (Norwood)	2
Eugene Warrior (Port Adelaide)	1

WEST ADELAIDE v NORTH ADELAIDE

Ed Richardson (West Adelaide)	3
Matthew Twomey (West Adelaide)	2
Scott Leal (North Adelaide)	1

CENTRAL DISTRICT v EAGLES

Justin Cicolella (Eagles)	3
Robert Shirley (Eagles)	2
Heath Hopwood (Central District)	1

STURT v GLENELG

Simon Feast (Sturt)	3
Matthew Cooper (Sturt)	2
Kane Cornes (Glenelg)	1

LEADERS - 11: Jade Sheedy (Sturt), 9: Tim Weatherald (Sturt), Brett James (Norwood). **8:** Scott Borlace (Norwood), Chris Gowans (Central), Matthew Shir (Glenelg), Derek Murray (South). **7:** Dean Brogan (South), James Gowans (Central), Ben Hollands (West), Steven Pitt (Norwood), Ryan O'Connor (Port). **6:** Brett Knowles, Daniel Hargraves, Heath Younie (North), Brodie Atkinson, Adam Klun (Sturt), Danny Stevens, Marco Bello (Central).