

Dirty day for Double Blues

By Paul Kermode
at Unley Oval

GLENELG scored its biggest win of the season — in margin and in significance — trouncing reigning premier **Sturt** by 49 points at Unley Oval yesterday.



The Tigers led from the 10th minute mark of the first quarter, when Steven Salopek kicked the first of his four goals, and sealed the victory with a magnificent five-goals-to-nil last term.

Heath Culpitt was outstanding in the midfield for the Tigers, racking up 27 possessions, 12 marks and two goals and setting the tone with his tough approach.

Glenelg's midfield generally held sway against Sturt's highly-rated unit, Billy Neely curtailing Magarey Medallist Jade Sheedy and Culpitt, Salopek, skipper Kym Koster and Brent Backwell all collecting more than 20 touches.

By comparison Sheedy (eight possessions), Tim Weatherald (17), Ben Nelson (16) and Matt Cooper (22 but only three after half-time) struggled to have their usual impact on the game.

The Tigers also were

Seventh on the ladder					92 points
	Glenelg	5.0	7.2	9.4	14.8
	Sturt	2.5	3.9	5.11	5.13
Fifth on the ladder					43 points

brilliantly served by full-back Paul Sherwood, who completely blanketed Stephen White.

With Brant Chambers injured, White was the Double Blues' go-to forward but was consistently beaten in one-on-one duels by the disciplined Sherwood.

After giving up a 24-point quarter-time lead against Central District to lose by 86 points the previous week, Glenelg again burst out of the blocks, leading by 13 points at the first break.

The difference this week, however, was that the Tigers met every challenge Sturt could throw at it.

This was particularly true in the third term when the home side cut a deficit that had blown out to four goals back to 10 points.

Glenelg did not panic under the scoreboard pressure and, tellingly, created enough pressure on the field to capitalise on uncharacteristic Sturt turnovers.

"I thought our tackling pressure was the best I've

seen," Glenelg coach David Noble said. "Our intent on the ball, our discipline in terms of what we had set up in structure was terrific.

"We were able to hold firm today, too, when we were under a bit of pressure."

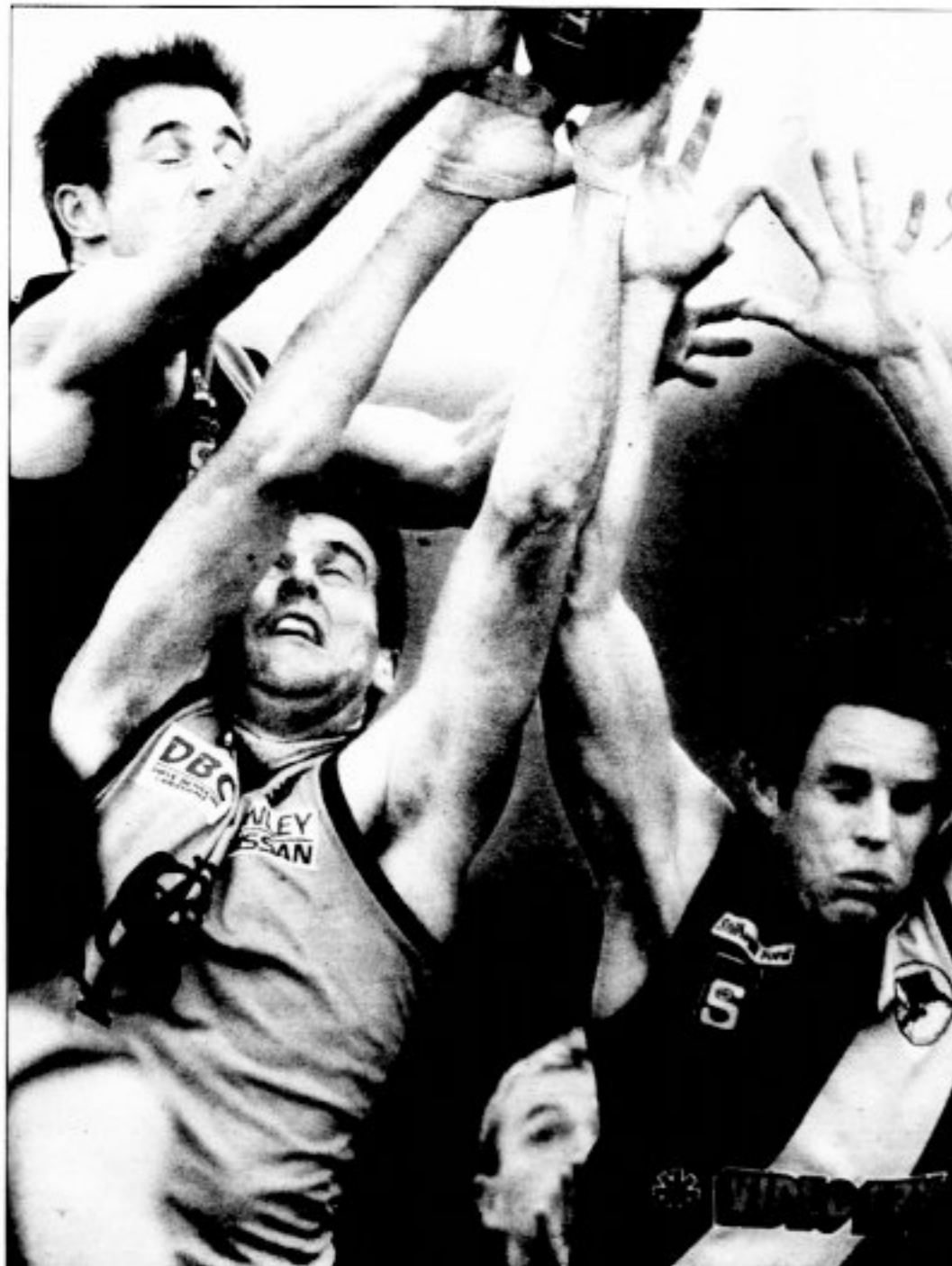
It was a dirty day for Sturt, which was looking to break a two-game losing streak but appeared out of sorts from the moment Clark Roberts-Thomson's first shot on goal from 20m in the second minute of the match slewed off the side of his boot for a behind.

"The first shot on goal missed and it just went downhill from there," Sturt coach Brenton Phillips said.

The result was hugely significant for both sides.

The Tigers' third win of the year — after nine games — equalled their mark of last season.

It also took them to within one game of Sturt, which has the bye this week and has dropped out of the top four and has now lost five of its past six matches.



Sturt's Mark Conway is swamped by Glenelg opposition at Unley Oval
Picture: Sarah Reed

Port v Norwood

Alberton Oval

PORT	4.2	12.5	16.7	22.8	(140)
Norwood	6.3	10.4	16.6	19.8	(122)

BEST — Port: O'Loughlin, Ebert, Lyle, Evans, Parry, Beinke, Ashley, Plapp. **Norwood**: McLean, Patfull, Dreen, Dawes, Thiessen, Nicholas, Vidic.

SCORERS — Port: Beinke 6.1, Evans 6.0, Plapp 5.0, O'Loughlin, Fitzgerald 2.0, Miller 1.1, McDowall 0.2, rushed 0.4. **Norwood**: Patfull 5.2, Cunningham 4.1, Neill 3.1, Thiessen, AhMatt 2.0, Vidic, Hobby, Nicholas 1.0, Borlace, Carslake 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — Port: Sinkunas (broken collarbone), Lyle (cramp), Peucker (cut head). **Norwood**: Tamlin (concussion), Borlace (hand).

UMPIRES — T. Dey, D. Joyce, C. Doddridge.

CROWD — 4864.

South v Eagles

Adelaide Oval

EAGLES	3.2	9.5	14.11	18.14	(122)
South	2.0	5.4	7.6	12.8	(80)

BEST — Eagles: Lindsay, Shirely, Jefferies, Stokes, Pesch, Cicolella, Passadour, Phillipou. **South**: Davis, Tregenza, Webb, Mills, Sampson, Hutchinson, Bennett, Parker.

SCORERS — Eagles: Passador 4.3, Stokes 4.1, Phillipou 3.0, Skipworth 2.2, Rugolo 1.2, Shirley 1.1, Jefferies, Earl, Powell 1.0, Pesch, Crowell, Ellis 0.1, rushed 0.2. **South**: Tregenza 4.2, Berry 2.1, Hutchinson, Davis 2.0, Steele, Sampson 1.0, Hall, Bennett, Challen, Mills 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — Eagles: Crowell (knee) Frewen (ankle). **South**: Hall (leg).

UMPIRES — M. Johnston, R. Williams, D. Wright

CROWD — 2339.

Sturt v Glenelg

Unley Oval

GLENELG	5.0	7.2	9.4	14.8	(92)
Sturt	2.5	3.9	5.11	5.13	(43)

BEST — Glenelg: Culpitt, Sherwood, Backwell, Salopek, Nicholas, Neely, Koster, Mules. **Sturt**: Squire, Wicks, Howman, Maloney, Graham.

SCORERS — Glenelg: Salopek 4.3, Cook 3.0, Culpitt 2.2, M. Raidis 2.0, Mules 1.1, Koster, Bell 1.0, rushed 0.2. **Sturt**: Roberts-Thomson 2.2, Coad, Smith, Maloney 1.1, Squire 0.2, Feast, Cooper, Wicks 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES — Nil.

UMPIRES — A. Meade, J. Brown, C. Carey

CROWD — 3176.

Central v North

NAP Oval, Elizabeth

CENTRAL	9.6	13.15	19.22	26.25	(181)
North	1.2	3.4	6.7	10.11	(71)

BEST — Central: J. Gowans, C. Gowans, Cochrane, Bello, Healy, Graham, Cowan, Sansbury, Thomas, Auferheide. **North**: Ladhams, James, Wintle.

SCORERS — Central: C. Gowans 4.4, Graham 4.2, J. Gowans 4.0, Cowan 3.4, Healy 3.1, Sansbury 2.2, Bello 2.1, Slade 1.2, Coulter, Cochrane, Krieg 1.1, Switala, Thomas, Steinberner 0.1, rushed 0.3. **North**: Hargraves, Morgan 2.0, Gluschenko, Bamford, Ladhams 1.1, McGahey, D. White, Sutherland 1.0, Wintle 0.2, James, O'Connor, Grocke 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES — Central: Davis (cut mouth)

UMPIRES — K. Broadbridge, R. Fox, D. Kowal

CROWD — 3226.

1 CENTRAL

2 WEST

3 NORWOOD

4 EAGLES

5	Sturt	9	4	5	0	788	698	53.03	8
6	Port	9	4	5	0	954	963	49.77	8
7	Glenelg	9	3	6	0	703	874	44.58	6
8	South	9	2	6	1	779	1121	41.00	5
9	North	9	1	7	1	728	1136	39.06	3

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	P	R8	Total
D. Bradshaw (WA)	8	5	35
D. Hargraves (NA)	8	5	25
B. Chambers (St)	7	0	24
R. Tregenza (SA)	8	5	24
R. Neill (Nwd)	6	0	23
S. Hahn (WA)	8	1	18
J. Gowans (CD)	8	2	18
J. Coulter (CD)	8	5	17