

We're on right track, says Bays' boss

By PAUL KERMODE

GLENELG coach David Noble has declared his club is on the right track to regaining respectability as the SANFL breaks for the state game against Western Australia.

The Tigers sport a 3-8 record after pushing Port Adelaide to the limit at Glenelg Oval on Saturday and have developed a competitiveness marred only by costly lapses - like the third quarter against the Magpies in which they gave up eight goals to turn a 29-point half-time lead into a seven-point deficit at the last break.

The final result was a 13-point loss which showed Glenelg is closer to becoming a good team than it was at the start of the year ... but not there yet.

"I think we're right on or maybe slightly ahead of where we thought we'd be, to have three wins on the board and let the Norwood game slip," Noble said.

"Our style of game is pretty sound. It's probably the lapses we've got to deal with.

"I think there's no doubt

our best footy is still to come - we're going about our footy much more professionally."

On Saturday, Glenelg controlled proceedings during the first half, restricting Port to three goals and having Ben Ahmat (three first-quarter goals) and Brad Smith (two in the second) provide a scoring spark.

The Tigers also tackled superbly, denying Port the time and space to get the ball quickly to its potent forward line.

After a Stephen Williams half-time spray, however, the Magpies came out firing in the third quarter and Glenelg could not match them.

Port's 13-goal second half - inspired by forward Paul Evans, ruckman Cain Ackland and midfielder Brett Ebert - allowed it to escape the Bay with a much-needed 13-point win, which kept the Magpies within half a win of fourth-placed Norwood.

"I told the players at half-time 'If we don't win today, we don't play finals'," coach Stephen Williams said.

Whether or not Port does make the four may hinge on its next game, against reign-

		1	2	3	4	
PORT		2.3	3.7	11.8	16.11	(107)
GLENELG		3.3	8.6	10.7	14.10	(94)

BEST - Port: Evans, Ackland, Fiegert, Barrett, White, Ebert, McDowall.
Glenelg: Neely, Moore, Backwell, Smith, Koster, Ahmat.

SCORERS - Port: Evans 4.3, Beinke 3.1, McDowall 3.0, Ebert 2.0, Barrett 1.1, Poole, Plapp, Parry 1.0, Wilson 0.2, Ilett, White, O'Loughlin 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Glenelg:** Ahmat 4.0, Smith 2.1, Cook 2.0, Robinson, Backwell 1.1, Bell, Panozzo, Moore, D. Raldis 1.0, M. Raldis, Norman 0.2, Pearce, Neely 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Port: Ackland (groin), Ilett (ankle), Fitzgerald (back). **Glenelg:** Krueger (ankle), replaced in selected side by Norman, Norman (broken leg), Koster (ankle).

REPORT - Port: Beinke, by umpire Williams, for allegedly striking D. Raldis (Glenelg) in the fourth term.

UMPIRES - K. Broadbridge, R. Williams, S. Scriven.
CROWD - 2254 at Glenelg Oval.

ing premier Sturt, which also is on five wins for the season but has a vastly superior percentage. The winner of that match will have a clear advantage in the race to win a top-four spot.

"Our next game against Sturt in a couple weeks is critical - it's probably a four-point game," Williams said.

With the likes of Brayden Lyle, Tony Brown, Tony Bamford, Julian Wait and Fabian Francis to come back into its midfield mix, Port has the makings of a side that could make a some noise in September. The trick for the Magpies is making sure they reach the finals.

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PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
West	10	9	1	-	1146	758	60.2	18
Central	10	8	2	-	1239	643	65.8	16
Eagles	10	6	4	-	934	874	51.7	12
Norwood	10	5	4	1	887	921	49.1	11
Sturt	10	5	5	-	964	761	55.9	10
Port	11	5	6	-	1172	1176	49.1	10
South	11	3	7	1	961	1408	40.6	7
Glenelg	11	3	8	-	869	1099	44.2	6
North	11	1	8	2	858	1390	38.2	4

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Saturday: WA v SA (Fremantle Oval).

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd 12	Total
D. Bradshaw	(West)	4.3	49.19
D. Hargraves	(North)	5.0	34.21
R. Tregenza	(South)	2.0	32.8
P. Evans	(Port)	4.3	29.17
B. Chambers	(Sturt)	3.1	27.5

RESERVES

Sturt 18.10 (118) d South 12.4 (76), West 17.11 (113) d Eagles 7.6 (48), Port 9.16 (70) d Glenelg 7.7 (49), Norwood 20.9 (129) d North 9.14 (68). **Premiership table:** Port 17, Central, Eagles, West 14, Sturt 9, Norwood, Glenelg 8, South 6, North 4.

UNDER-19

West 9.14 (68) d Eagles 9.8 (62).
South 17.15 (117) d Sturt 10.14 (74), Norwood 9.13 (67) d North 8.11 (59), Port 18.14 (122) d Glenelg 11.8 (74). **Premiership table:** Port, Norwood 14, Central, Glenelg, West, Eagles 12, South 10, North 8, Sturt 0.

UNDER-17

West 11.13 (79) d Eagles 6.9 (45).
North 18.18 (126) d Norwood 6.9 (45), South 11.15 (81) d Sturt 6.13 (49), Port 19.16 (130) d Glenelg 4.7 (31). **Premiership table:** North 18, West 16, Sturt, Glenelg 14, Port 12, South, Central 6, Norwood, Eagles 4.

SA U-18 ACADEMY v TASSIE MARINERS

South Australia	3.2	12.4	14.7	19.9	(123)
Tasmania	2.1	2.3	5.5	7.6	(48)

BEST - SA: Cooney, Butler, Griffen, Dubieniecki, Kellett, Horner. Tasmania: Graham, Viney, Savage, Grima, Crane, Andrews, Lonergan. **GOALS - SA:** Cooney 5, Griffen 3, Willoughby, Wilson, Pfitzner 2, Butler, Fraser, Nash, Copping, Grundy. Tasmania: Graham, Lee, Viney 2, Crane.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

STURT v SOUTH ADELAIDE

Daniel Wicks (Sturt)	3
Jade Sheedy (Sturt)	2
Simon Feast (Sturt)	1

NORTH ADELAIDE v NORWOOD

Robbie Neill (Norwood)	3
Darryl Wintle (North Adelaide)	2
Scott Carslake (Norwood)	1

WEST ADELAIDE v EAGLES

Justin Cicolella (Eagles)	3
Luke Donaldson (West Adelaide)	2
Brad Dabrowski (West Adelaide)	1

GLENELG v PORT ADELAIDE

Paul Evans (Port Adelaide)	3
Billy Neely (Glenelg)	2
Cain Ackland (Port Adelaide)	1

LEADERS - 11: Justin Cicolella (Eagles). **10:** Ricky O'Loughlin (Port). **9:** Scott Hahn (West). **8:** Michael Davis (South), Chris Gowans (Central). **7:** Dean Howard (West). **6:** Salim Hassan (West), Ben Nelson, Matthew Cooper (Sturt), Paul Thomas, Brent Guerra (Central), Brett Backwell, Billy Neely (Glenelg), Robbie Neill, Jon Robran (Norwood).

		1	2	3	4	
STURT		8.0	15.4	20.8	27.14	(176)
SOUTH		2.1	5.2	7.3	10.3	(63)

BEST - Sturt: Wicks, Sheedy, Feast, Beveridge, Weatherald, Mattner, Cooper, White, Maloney, Graham. **South:** Sampson, Davis.

SCORERS - Sturt: Beveridge 5.1, Chambers, Squire 3.1, Weatherald 2.2, Mattner, White 2.1, Feast, Roberts-Thomson, Klun 2.0, Nelson 1.1, Wicks, Cooper, Curtis 1.0, Sheedy, Howman, Maloney, Graham 0.1, rushed 0.2. **South:** Berry 4.0, Tregenza 2.0, Sampson 1.1, Vick, Davis, Warren 1.0, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - Sturt: Curtis (hamstring), Feast (shoulder), Squire (hip), Klun (concussion).

UMPIRES - T. Pfeiffer, T. Dey, C. Carey.
CROWD - 2353 at Unley Oval.

		1	2	3	4	
WEST		2.9	6.11	9.14	13.21	(99)
EAGLES		1.1	6.5	8.6	10.7	(67)

BEST - West: Donaldson, Dabrowski, Howard, Richardson, Tuck, Nathan, Piasente, Porplyzia. **Eagles:** Cicolella, Powell, Inkster, Skipworth, Pesch.

SCORERS - West: Bradshaw 4.3, Hahn 3.2, Hassan 2.2, Howard 1.3, Tuck, Dabrowski 1.1, Donaldson 1.0, Myles 0.2, Rattley, Ablett, Piasente 0.1, rushed 0.4. **Eagles:** Inkster, Bock 2.1, Ellis, Rugolo 2.0, Passador, Pesch 1.0, Jeffries 0.2, McLoughlin, Powell 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Eagles: Phillipou (bruised ribs), replaced in selected side by Bock, Hall (hit to face).

UMPIRES - J. Brown, C. Doddridge, D. Wright.
CROWD - 2249 at Adelaide Oval.

		1	2	3	4	
NORTH		4.4	6.6	10.7	12.7	(79)
NORWOOD		4.0	7.5	10.5	12.7	(79)

BEST - North: Wintle, James, O'Connor, Bamford, Morgan. **Norwood:** Neill, Carslake, Robran, McEntee, Hobby.

SCORERS - North: Hargraves 5.0, Herbert 2.1, Wintle 1.2, K. McLean, Sutherland, P. James, Cook 1.0, Leal 0.3, rushed 0.1. **Norwood:** McEntee 3.1, Turner 3.0, Patfull 2.1, McLean, Clements 1.1, Knights, Gunning 1.0, Thiessen 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - Norwood: Dawes (shoulder), James (ankle). **North:** Ivens (jaw), P. James (kneecap).

UMPIRES - R. Fox, C. Rowston, A. Meade.
CROWD - 2294 at Prospect Oval.