

Pies switch on after post break

By Zac Milbank
at Alberton Oval

PORT Adelaide's ability to switch on after an unscheduled 55-minute break due to a goalpost falling over allowed the Magpies to finish their season on a high with a 36-point win against Glenelg at Alberton yesterday.

When Glenelg defender Phil Bennett leaned on the right-hand goalpost at the northern end after a point was kicked by Magpie forward Justin Plapp, the post snapped and came out of the ground with 11 minutes to play in the second term.

Play was halted as the umpires and officials from both clubs deemed the mini-league post put in as a replacement was not satisfactory for the game to continue.

A replacement post was brought out and installed by the ground staff and — despite being crooked — was used

for the rest of the match without incident.

"I played (for Carlton) when the scoreboard caught on fire at the MCG but I've seen nothing like this before," Glenelg rover Brett Backwell said.

The Magpies were able to maintain their focus while the match was in limbo — if the new post wasn't safe the game would have been abandoned and declared a draw — which allowed them to boot three quick goals before the eight-minute half-time break.

Plapp goaled after taking a strong grab from a long Ross Funcke pass which, on top of majors to Tony Brown and Julian Wait, enabled the Magpies to turn a two-point deficit into a 17-point break during this defining period.

Before this, Glenelg was able to make the

most of its chances despite Brett Ebert running hot and amassing 17 possessions in the first term before finishing with 41, 10 marks and 2.1 for the match.

His outstanding performance should see him earn three Magarey Medal votes.

Not burdened by having to tag the opposition's best on-baller, Glenelg's Billy Neely proved he has an attacking dimension to his game in collecting 25 touches, many of them engineered from the bottom of packs.

The most exciting aspect for Glenelg was 17-year-old Michael Hare's debut.

A late inclusion for Craig Tasborski, Hare kicked four goals, including a major with his first kick in league football which bounced through from 45m out.

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| Fifth on the ladder | | | | | 128 points |
| Port Adelaide | 2.4 | 6.9 | 11.11 | 19.14 | |
| Glenelg | 3.1 | 4.4 | 9.7 | 14.8 | |
| Eighth on the ladder | | | | | 92 points |



Alberton Oval minus a goal post, top, and the mini-league replacement, bottom Pictures: James Elsby

Norwood v North

Norwood Oval — Friday

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|---------|-----|-----|------|-------------|
| NORWOOD | 5.4 | 9.5 | 13.8 | 18.12 (120) |
| North | 4.2 | 8.2 | 10.6 | 13.8 (86) |

BEST — Norwood: B. James, Dawes, Haythorpe, R. James, Knights, Gallagher, Nicholas. **North:** Kaesler, McGahey, Davis, O'Connor, Wintle, D. White.

SCORERS — Norwood: Patfull 4.2, Bartemucci 2.1, R. James 2.0, Borlace 1.3, Neill 1.2, Nicholas, B. James 1.1, Bown, Yerbury, Carslake, Gallagher, Grundy, Dawes 1.0, Knights 0.1, rushed 0.1. **North:** D. White 3.0, Davis 2.2, Oakley 2.0, McGahey, P. James 1.1, Trzesinski, Bamford, Kaesler, Gum 1.0, Gluschenko 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES — Norwood: Bown (knock to jaw). **North:** Casserly (thigh) replaced in selected side by Shee.

UMPIRES — Kowal, R. Williams, C. Carey.

CROWD — 2049.

West v Sturt

Richmond Oval

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|-------|-----|-----|------|-------------|
| STURT | 5.3 | 7.5 | 11.8 | 16.13 (109) |
| West | 2.2 | 6.3 | 7.4 | 10.10 (70) |

BEST — Sturt: Nelson, Begley, Chambers, Beveridge, Weatherald, Squire. **West:** Piasente, Bradshaw, Myles, Rutten, Howard, Symes.

SCORERS — Sturt: Chambers 6.1, Nelson 4.1, Cooper 1.2, Graham, Squire 1.1, Moloney, White, Weatherald 1.0, Beveridge 0.3, Klun, Begley 0.1, rushed, 0.2. **West:** Bradshaw 4.1, Malinovski, Howard, Piasente, Hassan 1.1, Porplyzia, Nordhausen 1.0, Fisher, Rutten, Nathan 0.1, rushed, 0.2.

INJURIES — Nil.

UMPIRES — P. Williams, C. Doddridge, R. Fox.

CROWD — 2109.

Port v Glenelg

Alberton Oval

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|---------|-----|-----|-------|-------------|
| PORT | 2.4 | 6.9 | 11.11 | 19.14 (128) |
| Glenelg | 3.1 | 4.4 | 9.7 | 14.8 (92) |

BEST — Port: Ebert, Brown, Ashley, Wait, Poulton, Miller, Lyle, J. Wilson. **Glenelg:** Neely, Culpitt, Cook, Mules, Miller, Hare.

SCORERS — Port: Evans 3.0, Poulton 2.2, Brown, Plapp, Ebert 2.1, Sinkunas, Beinke 2.0, Cockatoo-Collins 1.4, Funcke 1.1, Wait, Miller 1.0, rushed 0.4. **Glenelg:** Hare 4.0, Smith 3.1, D. Raidis 2.0, Schuback 1.1, Jamie Vlatko, Cranston, Cook, Moore 1.0, Block 0.2, Backwell 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES — Port: O'Loughlin (facial infection) replaced in selected side by Cockatoo-Collins. **Glenelg:** Tasborski (hamstring) replaced in selected side by Hare, Schuback (hip).

UMPIRES — S. Przbilla, T. Pfeiffer, M. Cousins.

Central v Sturt

NAP Oval, Elizabeth

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|---------|-----|-------|-------|-------------|
| CENTRAL | 4.5 | 11.10 | 13.11 | 17.14 (116) |
| South | 4.1 | 7.5 | 8.5 | 12.8 (80) |

BEST — Central: J. Gowans, C. Gowans, Cochrane, Hopwood, Bello, Brooks, Thomas, Arnott. **South:** Parker, Cobb, Cotton, Hall, Handby, Davis, Webb.

SCORERS — Central: Cowan 5.3, C. Gowans 3.2, J. Gowans 2.2, Hopwood 2.1, Thomas 2.0, Ware 1.1, Schell, Walton 1.0, Graham, McKenzie 0.1, rushed 0.3. **South:** Warren 3.2, Hall 2.1, Handby 2.0, Berry 1.2, Tregenza 1.1, Doughty, Mills Newberry 1.0, Cotton 0.1, rushed 0.1.

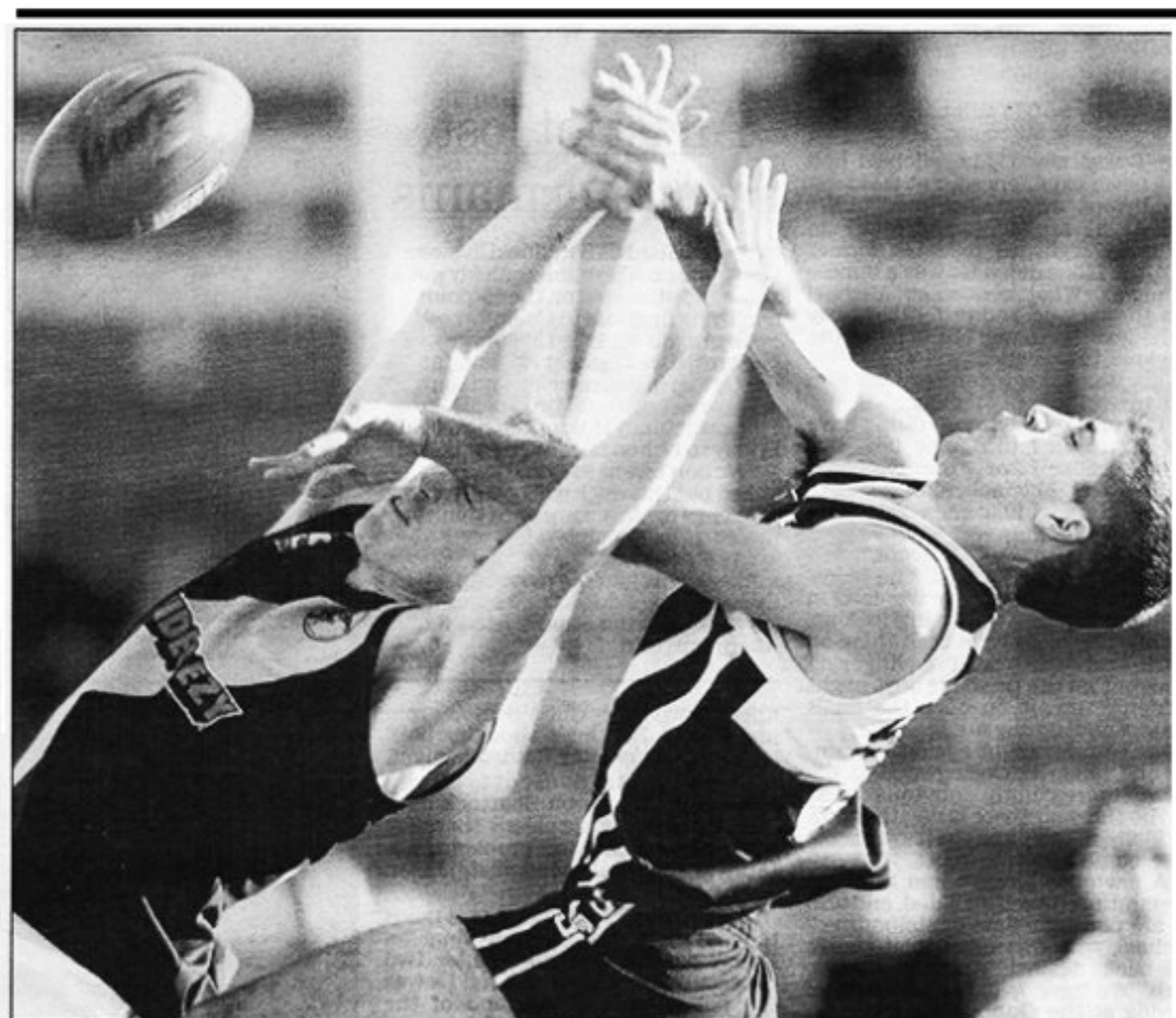
INJURIES — Central: Auderheide (calf) replaced in selected team by Brooks, Steinberner (bruised ribs). **South:** Tregenza (groin).

UMPIRES — T. Dey, S. Hay, A. Meade.

CROWD — 2180.

SANFL week ahead

MAJOR ROUND — First semi-final (subject to AFL draw): Sturt v Eagles (Football Park).



IN A TANGLE: Glenelg's Brad Smith tussles with Magpie Corey AhChee. Picture: CAMERON RICHARDS



PORT

| | Kicks | Mks | Hbl | F/for | F/ag | Gls | Pts | H/O | Tkl |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| H.MILLER | 14 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| J.PLAPP | 8 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| B.BEINKE | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| N.MCDOWALL | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| P.EVANS | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C.COCKATOO-COLLINS | 6 | 6 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| J.WAIT | 14 | 7 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A.BROWN | 16 | 7 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| J.POULTON | 15 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| M.CLAYTON | 7 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| N.FIEGERT | 12 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| R.FUNCKE | 7 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| T.BAMFORD | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C.AH-CHEE | 4 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| B.LYLE | 9 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| C.ACKLAND | 8 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 2 |
| B.EBERT | 24 | 10 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| M.ASHLEY | 11 | 5 | 20 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| S.ELLEN | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M.SINKUNAS | 10 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J.WILSON | 8 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 189 | 79 | 149 | 20 | 21 | 19 | 14 | 36 | 30 |



GLENELG

| | Kicks | Mks | Hbl | F/for | F/ag | Gls | Pts | H/O | Tkl |
|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| J.VLATKO | .9 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| S.COOK | 15 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| M.HARE | 6 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J.SCHUBACK | 10 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| T.ALLEN | 3 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| P.BENNETT | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| K.KOSTER | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| H.CULPITT | 22 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| B.MOORE | 12 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| T.CRANSTON | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 2 |
| C.STATHAM | 11 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| B.MULES | 7 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| S.NICHOLAS | 8 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| J.MILLER | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| D.RAIDIS | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| B.SMITH | 7 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| B.BACKWELL | 11 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| W.NEELY | 14 | 6 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| L.BLOCK | 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| L.PANOZZO | 6 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| M.GRIFFITHS | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | 172 | 56 | 93 | 21 | 20 | 14 | 8 | 29 | 32 |

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

| | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pc | Pts |
|---------|----|----|----|---|------|------|------|-----|
| Central | 20 | 16 | 4 | - | 2182 | 1286 | 62.9 | 32 |
| West | 20 | 15 | 5 | - | 2072 | 1678 | 55.3 | 30 |
| Sturt | 20 | 13 | 7 | - | 2008 | 1563 | 56.2 | 26 |
| Eagles | 20 | 12 | 8 | - | 1779 | 1663 | 51.7 | 24 |
| Port | 20 | 11 | 9 | - | 2027 | 1854 | 52.2 | 22 |
| Norwood | 20 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 1729 | 1895 | 47.7 | 19 |
| South | 20 | 6 | 13 | 1 | 1853 | 2261 | 45.0 | 13 |
| Glenelg | 20 | 5 | 15 | - | 1621 | 1997 | 44.8 | 10 |
| North | 20 | 1 | 17 | 2 | 1493 | 2567 | 36.7 | 4 |

LEADING GOALKICKERS

| | Rd 23 | Total |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| D. Bradshaw (West) | 4.1 | 88.28 |
| B. Chambers (Sturt) | 6.1 | 60.15 |
| R. Tregenza (South) | 1.1 | 59.26 |
| M. Passador (Eagles) | - | 49.23 |
| D. Hargraves (North) | - | 48.28 |
| P. Evans (Port) | 3.0 | 46.23 |



RESERVES

Norwood 16.12 (108) d North 10.13 (73), Port 20.12 (132) d Glenelg 4.7 (31), Central 20.12 (132) d South 7.12 (54), Sturt 14.12 (96) d West 11.12 (78). **Premiership table:** Eagles 30, Central 28, Port 27, Norwood 22, Sturt 21, Glenelg 20, West 18, North 8, South 6.

UNDER-19

South 16.13 (109) d Central 6.8 (44), West 24.14 (158) d Sturt 9.8 (62), Norwood 15.20 (110) d North 9.11 (65), Port 10.14 (74) d Glenelg 7.15 (57). **Premiership table:** Central 30, Port, South, West, Norwood 24, Eagles 20, North 18, Glenelg 12, Sturt 4.

UNDER-17

Glenelg 13.15 (93) d Port 4.11 (35), Sturt 14.13 (97) d West 6.5 (41), North 21.13 (139) d Norwood 6.9 (45), Central 14.10 (94) d South 9.16 (70). **Premiership table:** Sturt 32, West, North 28, Port 22, Glenelg 18, Central, Eagles 16, South 14, Norwood 6.

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

First semi-final — Sunday: Sturt v Eagles (AAMI Stadium, 2.20pm).