

Salopek future Power skipper, says Bays boss

By PAUL KERMODE

GLENELG coach David Noble has touted boom Power recruit Steven Salopek as a potential captain of Port Adelaide's AFL club.

Noble, the Tigers' first-year coach and former Western Bulldogs assistant coach, has guided Salopek through just two senior SANFL matches but already has seen enough to know the 17-year-old is a player of rare skill and character. "He's just a quality young man," Noble said.

"I've been involved with a fair bit of the junior stuff, a lot of the guys who came through with the Bulldogs and he's as genuine an intent a person as I've seen. I would think that if Port can hang on to him, he's a future captain. I've got no doubt."

Salopek's 29-possession, three-goal game was a highlight of another game for Glenelg that contained enough positives to give hope for the club's immediate future but again ended without two premiership points.

The discipline of Billy Neely, who contained the usually prolific Brett James to 10 possessions, was another positive for the Tigers, Noble suggesting Neely's form warranted him being considered for state duties.

Glenelg's structure - with Brad Smith and Matthew Manfield providing targets up forward and alternating with Michael Griffiths in ruck and Leigh Brockman marshaling the defence - was good enough to trouble Norwood for long periods of the game. When Norwood found another gear, however, at the start of the final quarter, the Tigers seemed to retreat within themselves, reacting to what their opponents were doing rather than setting the tone of the match. The Legs piled on four unanswered goals in the first 13 minutes of the term to secure a come-from-behind victory.

"That's the frustration of today that you let a side nearly double its score against you in the last quarter. It's just inexcusable," Noble said. "We can't have the situation where you're taking two steps forward, then getting belted and taking three steps backwards."

"You've got to keep the pressure on yourself to keep maintaining that. There's no doubt you take some positives out of it but the last quarter undoes all your good work."

Norwood takes a raft of positives out of a match that was about character and de-

SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	
NORWOOD	4.2	5.4	7.6	13.10	(88)
GLENELG	3.2	6.2	9.7	11.8	(74)

BEST - Norwood: Neill, Dawes, Borlace, Clements, Robran, Direen, Tamlin, Patfull. **Glenelg:** Salopek, Neely, Backwell, Brockman, Smith, Moore, D. Raidis, Koster, M. Raldis.

SCORERS - Norwood: Neill 5.1, Vidic 1.1, Borlace, Cunningham, Patfull, Carslake, Thiessen, Verco, Thomas 1.0, Clements, Tamlin 0.2, Ahmat 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Glenelg:** Backwell 4.0, Salopek 3.0, Manfield 1.1, Brockman, Robinson, Culpitt 1.0, Smith, Cook 0.2, Moore 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - Norwood: Hobby (asthma), replaced in selected side by Vidic.

UMPIRES - C. Carey, T. Pfeiffer, M. Johnston.
CROWD - 2064 at Glenelg Oval.

termination as much as skill. Coming off successive losses and down by 22 points in the third quarter, Norwood was "under the pump" according to coach Garry McIntosh.

That it found something extra is a trait that will stand the club in good stead for the rest of the season.

"The beauty is we've got a lot of young players in the side - we probably had seven blokes who had played under 15 games today - and to come away from that game with a win will give them a great sense of belief," McIntosh said. He singled out vice-captain Troy Clements for the restricting job he did on

Tigers midfielder Brent Backwell after half-time, saying it was critical to Norwood's resurgence.

"And (Scott) Direen started to get a lot of ball at the back, our on-ballers started to get their hands on the ball and we started to get some fluency," McIntosh said of the change in Norwood's game.

Without Robbie Neill, however, Norwood would not have been in a position to make a charge. He booted three first-term goals, had an impact in the midfield when he was swung there in the second quarter and finished the game with 23 touches, nine marks and five goals.

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PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Central	6	5	1	-	712	369	65.9	10
West	6	5	1	-	608	512	54.3	10
Sturt	6	4	2	-	627	428	59.4	8
Norwood	6	4	2	-	559	516	52.0	8
Eagles	6	4	2	-	548	536	50.1	8
South	6	2	4	-	536	729	42.4	4
Port	6	1	5	-	624	692	47.4	2
Glenelg	6	1	5	-	492	650	43.1	2
North	6	1	5	-	501	775	39.3	2

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Round 8 - Friday: Port v Central (Adelaide Oval 7.40pm).
Saturday: West v South (Richmond Oval, 2.20pm), North v Glenelg (Prospect Oval, 2.20pm). Monday: Norwood v Sturt (Norwood, 2.20pm). **Bye:** Eagles.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Rd 7	Total
D. Bradshaw (West)	1.0	24.12
B. Chambers (Sturt)	4.1	24.4
R. Neill (Norwood)	5.1	20.3
D. Hargraves (North)	1.2	18.11
R. Tregenza (South)	-	18.2

NORWOOD

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/forF/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tld	
G.VERCO	5	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	1
R.NEILL	20	9	3	4	0	5	1	0	5
R.AHMAT	3	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1
J.PATFULL	9	6	3	0	0	1	0	1	1
J.ROBRAN	13	10	6	0	2	0	0	10	1
S.BORLACE	16	4	6	2	0	1	0	0	3
J.THIESSEN	12	7	7	0	0	1	0	0	1
M.VIDIC	15	2	3	1	1	1	1	0	3
T.CLEMENTS	12	3	6	1	2	0	2	0	2
L.NITSCHKE	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.THOMAS	5	4	4	1	3	1	0	1	3
S.DIREEN	20	7	5	0	2	0	0	0	0
M.JOLLY	12	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
S.DANIELS	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.DAWES	14	7	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
T.NICHOLAS	7	1	3	0	2	0	0	5	3
B.JAMES	5	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	1
J.CUNNINGHAM	8	1	5	1	1	1	0	0	1
S.CARSLAKE	8	4	6	1	0	1	0	0	0
B.WILSON	3	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	1
H.TAMLIN	9	2	8	1	0	0	2	0	2

Rushed 3

Totals 205 83 86 14 16 13 10 17 29

GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/forF/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tld	
S.NICHOLAS	8	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	1
M.MANFIELD	8	4	3	0	2	1	1	3	3
W.NEELY	5	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	3
S.COOK	7	3	4	3	0	0	2	0	0
B.SMITH	15	4	5	1	1	1	0	2	19
K.KOSTER	8	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	2
C.ROBINSON	7	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	2
S.SALOPEK	21	4	8	3	2	3	0	0	1
B.MOORE	15	5	3	0	1	0	1	0	3
M.RAIDIS	9	3	6	1	2	0	0	0	3
L.BROCKMAN	13	7	6	1	0	1	0	1	1
D.RAIDIS	11	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
B.AHMAT	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
P.SHERWOOD	7	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	1
B.MULES	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
M.GRIFFITHS	4	5	4	0	0	0	0	5	0
H.CULPITT	4	5	9	0	1	1	0	0	1
B.BACKWELL	12	5	8	1	1	4	0	0	2
N.BELL	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
C.TASBORSKI	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L.PANOZZO	8	2	6	0	1	0	0	0	0

Rushed 2

Totals 175 62 95 16 14 11 8 28 23

SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	
CENTRAL	3.3	8.5	13.7	19.8	(122)
EAGLES	3.5	4.7	8.10	9.10	(64)

BEST - Central: Guerra, Davis, Cowan, J. Gowans, Arnott, Healy, Bello, Hopwood. **Eagles:** Cicolella, Leal, Jeffries, Treeby, McLure.

SCORERS - Central: Guerra 6.3, J. Gowans 5.0, Coulter 2.0, Arnott, Cowan 1.1, C. Gowans, Switala, Kellett, Cochrane 1.0, Graham 0.1 rushed 0.2. **Eagles:** Cicolella 4.0, Stokes 2.1, Hentschel 1.2, Rugolo 1.1, Mathews 1.0, Bock, McLure, Passador, Shirley, Joe Pedler, Allison 0.1.

INJURIES - Eagles: Skipworth (broken nose), McLoughlan (shoulder), replaced in selected team by Rugolo.

UMPIRES - A. Dey, P. Williams, J. Brown.
CROWD - 2942 at NAP Oval, Elizabeth.

SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	
STURT	4.7	4.11	10.17	16.18	(114)
NORTH	0.4	1.8	4.9	7.12	(54)

BEST - Sturt: Nelson, Maloney, Wicks, Weatherald, Sheedy, White, Feast, Bishop, Whiteman, Campbell. **North:** Bamford, Davis, Morgan, Younie, Staples.

SCORERS - Sturt: White, Chambers 4.1, Weatherald, Feast 1.2, Wicks, Beveridge, Roberts-Thomson 1.1, Campbell, Bishop, Sheedy 1.0, Cooper 0.3, Squire 0.2, Conway, Klun, Nelson, Maloney 0.1. **North:** Davis 2.0, Bamford, Hargraves 1.2, McGahey 1.1, Morgan, Herbert 1.0, Younie 0.2, O'Connor, James 0.1, rushed 0.3.

UMPIRES - R. Williams, D. Joyce, C. Doddridge.
CROWD - 3100 at Unley Oval.

SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	
WEST	7.2	15.4	17.10	20.12	(132)
PORT	4.3	7.4	13.6	19.9	(123)

BEST - West: Hahn, Marsh, Norman, Dray, Koulouriotis, Cassisi, Ablett. **Port:** Miller, Ashley, Clayton, Lyle, Plapp, Parry, McDowall.

SCORERS - West: Hahn 6.1, Howard 4.0, Ablett 3.2, Fisher, Bradshaw, Cassisi 1.1, Malinovski, Glover, Hassan, Cooney 1.0, Marsh 0.2, Myles, Koulouriotis 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Port:** Miller, Plapp 4.0, Benke 3.1, McDowall 2.1, Sinkunas 2.0, Ebert, Fitzgerald, Clayton, AhChee 1.0, Evans 0.2, Fiegert 0.1, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES - West: Marsh (ankle).

UMPIRES - C. Rowston, K. Broadbridge, A. Meade.
CROWD - 2046 at Alberton Oval.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

LEADERS - 8: Justin Cicolella (Eagles). **6:** Matthew Cooper, Ben Nelson (Sturt), Paul Thomas, Brent Guerra (Central), Scott Hahn (West). **5:** Dean Howard, Salim Hassan (West), Chris Gowans (Central). **4:** Ricky O'Loughlin (Port), Michael Davis, Mark Bradley (South).

CENTRAL DISTRICT v EAGLES	
Brent Guerra (Central District)	3
Justin Cicolella (Eagles)	2
Tim Davis (Central District)	1

PORT ADELAIDE v WEST ADELAIDE	
Scott Hahn (West Adelaide)	3
Ben Marsh (West Adelaide)	2
Harry Miller (Port Adelaide)	1

STURT v NORTH ADELAIDE	
Ben Nelson (Sturt)	3
Seamus Maloney (Sturt)	2
Daniel Wicks (Sturt)	1

GLENELG v NORWOOD	
Robbie Neill (Norwood)	3
Steven Salopek (Glenelg)	2
Matthew Dawes (Norwood)	1