

Tigers still can't deliver KO blow

By ZAC MILBANK

A SIGN of a successful football team is often found in its ability to kill off a team.

Despite its spiteful 24-point victory against North Adelaide on Saturday, which included a lengthy brawl on the boundary line, Glenelg is still learning this art. After establishing a match-winning 37-point margin at half-time while keeping the Roosters from kicking a goal, the Tigers failed to go on with the job in the second half.

A trademark crumbing goal from Paul James 15 minutes into the final term reduced the margin to four goals, putting the home team within striking distance. The Tigers managed to hold on grimly but as in their previous game against Norwood, were unable to deliver the knock-out punch.

"There's no doubt that's a characteristic of where the club's been," Glenelg coach David Noble said. "The first thing we addressed was our ability to start well and now what we've got to be able to do is maintain our structures and disciplines to finish them off (opposition)." Noble and his coaching staff can only imprint a certain amount of desire to ensure this happens - the rest is in the hands of the players.

"I think we've got a group who won't throw it in and won't give up," Noble said.

"And that group of players has the trait of understanding and knowing that, yes, they do have to kill off a side."



SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	
GLENELG	5.4	6.9	8.14	9.17	(71)
NORTH	0.3	0.8	2.10	6.11	(47)

BEST - Glenelg: Backwell, Neely, Sherwood, D. Raidis, Moore, Nicholas, S. Cook, Culpitt, Koster. **North:** O'Connor, Wintle, Gilham, James, Morgan, Younie.

GOALS - Glenelg: Backwell 3.0, Manfield 2.2, Smith, Nicholas 1.1, Polley, Statham 1.0, Ahmat 0.3, S. Cook 0.2, Moore, Salopek, Koster 0.1, rushed 0.5. **North:** Hargraves 2.5, Cook 2.0, Bamford, James 1.0, Ivens 0.2, Kellett, McGahey, Morgan 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJUIRES - North: D. White (hand), K. McLean (shoulder), Grocke (hand).

UMPIRES - T. Dey, P. Williams, C. Doddridge.

CROWD - 1639 at Prospect Oval.

Completing this task will not be easy on Saturday when the Tigers make the trip north to play seething Central at NAP Oval. "No you couldn't (get a tougher assignment)," Noble said. "They'd be disappointed and they're going to come out breathing fire, so we've got to be ready for them."

One way of doing this is to train on a larger oval so the Tigers - used to the confines of the small Glenelg ground - can get used to the wide expanses at Elizabeth.

"I'd like to train on a bigger ground if we could," Noble said.

"You have to address that with your drills and we have to put it in their heads to run and carry the ball a bit more... and to use the corridor because that's predominantly where you get good use of the ball from."

In a position to claw back into the contest, North needs to

learn how to make the most of its chances after failing to do so for the second week in a row.

"We just couldn't get any clean movement or running movement," North coach Darel Hart said. "We're having some real trouble with our midfielders running and getting them to carry the ball over lines and that part of it was disappointing."

Now firmly focused on beating South - a team lacking as much confidence as the Roosters - Hart feels his team is not far from turning the corner.

"We'll keep working on what we're doing wrong and we'll set out to win the next game," Hart said. "We know we're capable of winning and we've got to put that pressure and expectation on yourself as coaching staff and as players."

"We go into our next game and you set yourself to win."



HOT UNDER COLLAR: Brett Backwell and Graeme Kellett shape up as players tangle at Prospect. Picture: CAMERON RICHARDSON

SDetails

FRIDAY

PORT	2.3	5.7	10.11	15.13	(103)
CENTRAL	4.2	5.4	8.10	10.10	(70)

BEST - Port: O'Loughlin, Sinkunas, Miller, Poulton, AhChee, Peucker, Parry, Beinke, Plapp. **Central:** Healy, J. Gowans, Switala, C. Gowans, Bello.

GOALS - Port: Beinke 3.2, Miller, Plapp 3.1, Poulton 3.0, Evans 1.1, Cooke, O'Loughlin 1.0, Fitzgerald, McDowall 0.2, Fiegert 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Central:** C. Gowans 2.2, Coulter 2.1, J. Gowans 2.0, Cowan, Graham 1.2, Switala 1.1, Healy 1.0, R. Cochrane 0.2.

INJURIES - Port: Ashley (stomach). **Central:** Hopwood (concussion), Kellett (hand).

REPORT - Port Adelaide: Beinke, by umpire Carey for allegedly striking Davis in the first quarter.

UMPIRES - R. Fox, A. Meade, C. Carey.

CROWD - 4195 at Adelaide Oval.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
West	7	6	1	-	769	566	57.6	12
Central	7	5	2	-	782	472	62.4	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	50.6	8
Port	7	2	5	-	727	762	48.8	4
Glenelg	7	2	5	-	563	697	44.7	4
South	7	2	5	-	590	890	39.9	4
North	7	1	6	-	548	846	39.3	2

Norwood v Sturt today.

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Round 9 - Saturday: Eagles v Port (Woodville Oval 2.20pm), South v North (Noarlunga Oval, 2.20pm), Central v Glenelg (NAP Oval, 2.20pm), West v Sturt (Richmond Oval, 2.20pm). **Bye:** Norwood.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd 8	Total
D. Bradshaw	(West)	6.3	30.15
B. Chambers	(Sturt)	-	24.4
R. Neill	(Norwood)	-	20.3
D. Hargraves	(North)	2.5	20.16
R. Tregenza	(South)	1.1	19.3

RESERVES

Port 14.9 (93) d Central 13.14 (92), North 18.10 (118) d Glenelg 12.15 (87), West 19.9 (123) d South 11.19 (85). **Premiership table:** Port 13, Central 10, Eagles, West 8, Norwood, Glenelg 6, North 4, Sturt 3, South 2.

UNDER-19

Norwood 12.11 (83) d Sturt 11.10 (76)
Glenelg 16.14 (110) d North 10.8 (68), Port 17.7 (109) d Central 14.12 (96), West 14.11 (95) d South 8.11 (59).
Premiership table: Central, Port 10, North, Glenelg, Norwood 8, Eagles, West 6, South 4, Sturt 0.

UNDER-17

Sturt 18.9 (117) d Norwood 5.10 (40).
North 19.17 (131) d Glenelg 7.4 (46), West 17.15 (117) d South 9.14 (68), Port 18.14 (122) d Central 10.6 (66).
Premiership table: Sturt 14, North 12, West, Glenelg 10, Port 6, South 4, Norwood, Eagles, Central 2.



GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
N.BELL	4	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	2
M.GRIFFITHS	7	3	3	1	1	0	0	12	0
S.COOK	12	5	7	0	1	0	2	0	1
M.MANFIELD	7	4	2	0	0	2	2	1	0
B.AHMAT	7	3	2	0	0	0	3	0	0
W.NEELY	1	2	7	0	2	0	0	0	4
S.SALOPEK	13	4	0	4	1	0	1	0	1
H.CULPITT	12	2	8	2	2	0	0	0	2
B.MOORE	18	3	6	3	2	0	1	0	1
S.NICHOLAS	10	5	3	1	0	1	1	0	1
L.BROCKMAN	5	4	4	0	1	0	0	2	2
D.RAIDIS	13	4	4	1	2	0	0	1	0
K.KOSTER	12	2	5	3	2	0	1	0	3
P.SHERWOOD	7	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	1
B.MULES	5	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	2
B.BACKWELL	14	2	16	2	1	3	0	0	0
M.RAIDIS	5	5	12	2	2	0	0	0	0
B.SMITH	6	3	2	0	3	1	1	4	1
C.ROBINSON	4	3	10	0	3	0	0	0	2
C.STATHAM	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
M.POLLEY	5	1	4	3	1	1	0	0	0
						Rushed	5		
Totals	170	63	105	24	27	9	17	20	23



NORTH

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
H.YOUNIE	13	6	3	2	0	0	0	0	3
D.HARGRAVES	8	6	2	0	1	2	5	0	0
P.JAMES	10	2	13	1	2	1	0	0	0
D.WINTLE	13	3	8	1	1	0	0	0	1
A.GROCKE	4	4	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
R.MCGAHEY	8	3	7	1	0	0	1	1	7
S.GILHAM	16	6	4	2	1	0	0	0	2
T.COOK	8	1	2	2	3	2	0	0	4
L.IVENS	8	3	9	2	1	0	2	1	5
G.KELLETT	7	3	7	1	1	0	1	0	0
A.MORGAN	11	6	6	1	2	0	1	3	0
K.MCLEAN	6	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	1
N.EGAN	7	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	1
T.GLUSCHENKO	10	6	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
C.STAPLES	8	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
R.O'CONNOR	10	10	16	1	0	0	0	20	2
C.DAVIS	5	1	4	2	3	0	0	0	1
S.BAMFORD	16	3	2	3	1	1	0	0	4
D.WHITE	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
W.MCLEAN	7	2	3	3	2	0	0	0	0
M.GEORGE	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
						Rushed	1		
Totals	181	74	102	27	24	6	11	26	33

SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	
WEST	4.3	8.9	19.11	24.17	(161)
SOUTH	1.5	3.7	4.10	7.12	(54)

BEST - West: Koulouriotis, Hahn, Hassan, Bradshaw, Howard, Piasente. **South:** Bennett, Parker, Davis, Manhood.

SCORERS - West: Bradshaw 6.3, Hahn 4.3, Ablett 3.3, Hassan 3.0, Koulouriotis, Rattley 2.1, Marsh 1.2, Glover, Cassisi 1.1, Howard 1.0, Fisher 0.1, rushed 0.1. **South:** Mills 2.2, Hall 1.2, Bennett, Tregenza 1.1, Chapman, Hutchinson, 1.0, Challen 0.2, Handby 0.1, rushed 0.3.

UMPIRES - R. Williams, D. Wright, D. Kowal.

CROWD - 1541 at Richmond Oval.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

PORT ADELAIDE v CENTRAL DISTRICT

Ricky O'Loughlin (Port Adelaide)	3
Matthew Sinkunas (Port Adelaide)	2
Harry Miller (Port Adelaide)	1

WEST ADELAIDE v SOUTH ADELAIDE

Paul Koulouriotis (West Adelaide)	3
Scott Hahn (West Adelaide)	2
Salim Hassan (West Adelaide)	1

GLENELG v NORTH ADELAIDE

Brett Backwell (Glenelg)	3
Billy Neely (Glenelg)	2
Ryan O'Connor (North Adelaide)	1

LEADERS - 8: Justin Cicoella (Eagles), Scott Hahn (West), 7: Ricky O'Loughlin (Port), 6: Salim Hassan (West), Matthew Cooper, Ben Nelson (Sturt), Paul Thomas, Brent Guerra (Central), Brett Backwell (Glenelg).