Too few left to do too much at the Bay

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half the battle . . . the players must have the desire to pull off a victory. This is the dilemma facing Glenelg coach David Noble, who is searching for that secret formula as he attempts to drag his team out of the mire from the wrong end of the premiership table.

For the second time this season against West Adelaide, the Tigers had an opportunity to win consecutive matches for the first time since 1999. And for the second time they failed when being in contention to win deep into the final quarter, eventually beaten by 16 points at Glenelg Oval.

After languishing near the foot of the ladder for the best part of a decade, it reverts back to developing a winning culture.

"I think that's part of the problem, no doubt," Noble admitted. "We made mention of it again after we beat North Adelaide but it's not so much that statistic which worries me. It's their belief factor to step up and believe that they can do it week-in and week-out which is probably the biggest step we have to make as a footy club."

With regular contibutors Brett Backwell, Heath Culpitt and Billy Neely battling their hearts out consistently, it appears there is gap

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	
WEST ADELAIDE	5.3	7.4	11.7	14.10	(94)
GLENELG	1.1	6.8	9.8	11.12	(78)

BEST - West: Rusca, Hassan, Shepherd, Glover, Donaldson, Howard, Pettigrew. Glenelg: Culpitt, Parker, Neely, Backwell, Raidis.

SCORERS - West: Shepherd 4.3, Chadwick 3.0, Glover 2.1, Champion 2.0, Donaldson, Malinovski, Rusca 1.0, Norman 0.2, Harris, Rattley 0.1, rushed 0.2. Glenelg: Jamie Vlatko 3.0, Culpitt 2.2, Woods 2.1, Neely 1.3, Panozzo 1.1, Backwell, McEntee 1.0, Duldig, Allison 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES - West: Steinfort (hamstring), replaced in selected side by Clark, Rusca (hamstring).

Gleneig: Allen (corked thigh), replaced in selected side by Cranston, Allison (ankle), Golding (cut head), Woods (ankle).

UMPIRES - D. Kowal, S. Przibilla, J. Brown. CROWD - 2336 at Glenelg Oval.

between the top and middle tier of players at Brighton Rd. "There probably is too much of a reliance," Noble said. "But our next tier is developing alright. (Matthew) Duldig was really good and (Carl) Morris quietened Salim Hassan down so we're certainly trying to ease the burden on those guys. But it makes it difficult because you need to have another quality set of midfielders coming through."

Still only one victory ahead of bottomplaced Norwood, Glenelg's contest with the Redlegs at The Parade on Friday night has taken on extra importance, with the loser a prime candidate to be handed the wooden spoon. "I don't look at it that way. We've just got to continue to progress, we've got to teach our guys the rights and wrongs and how to win," Noble said. "When they're switched on

and determined enough you get a fourquarter effort out of them and you get the right result." Now faced with three teams set in the top five in Sturt (Broadspectrum), the Eagles (Woodville) and North (Prospect), West Adelaide can create its own destiny.

"We've just got to try to sneak in (to the finals)," West coach Shaun Rehn said. "If we can actually get our best team on the track and sneak in then we could be dangerous."

Realising the victory was far from comprehensive and that his injury list was added to with in-form Shannon Rusca pulling a hamstring, Rehn refused to get ahead of himself.

"We need to be able to get the wins on the board first," he said. "We'll take this today, it wasn't great footy but it will set us up for an honest effort next week."

ROUND (1)

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	w	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Eagles	13	12	1	-	1223	821	59.8	24
Central	13	10	3	-	1294	855	60.2	20
Sturt .	13	8	5		1114	871	56.1	16
North	13	8	5		1166	1111	51.2	16
South	14	6	8		1028	1184	46.5	12
West	13	6	. 7		1017	1248	44.9	12
Port	13	4	9	-	1022	1035	49.7	8
Glenelg	13	3	10		940	1198	43.9	6
Norwood	13	. 2	11	-	893	1372	39.4	. 4

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Round 9 – Friday: Norwood v Glenelg (Norwood Oval, 7.40pm). Saturday: Port v Eagles (Alberton Oval, 2.20pm), West v Sturt (Broadspectrum Oval, 2.20pm), Central v North (NAP Oval, 2.20pm). Bye: South.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

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D. Schell	(Central)	-	39.12
R. Tregenza	(South)	2.1	33.20
B. Chambers	(Sturt)	2.2	33.19
D. Hargräves	(North)	-	31.6
S. Phillipou	(Eagles)	0.1	26.14
R. Neill	(Norwood)	0.0	23.18

RESERVES

Sturt 20.17 (137) d Port 12.9 (81), Glenelg 14.14 (98) drew West 15.8 (98), South 7.9 (51) d North 5.7 (37), Eagles 16.10 (106) d Norwood 9.10 (64). Premiership table: South 25, Eagles 20, Central 18, Sturt 14, North 13, Port 10, Glenelg 7, Norwood 6, West 5.

UNDER-19

Port 14.14 (98) d Sturt 8.6 (54), West 14.13 (97) d Glenelg 8.11 (59), South 14.13 (97) d North 11.9 (75), Norwood 12.18 (90) d Eagles 10.14 (74). Premiership table: South 24, West, Norwood 18, Eagles, Port, Central 14, Glenelg 12, North, Sturt 2.

UNDER-17

Sturt 13.14 (92) d Port 10.12 (72), West 15.7 (97) d Glenelg 10.4 (64), North 24.11 (155) d South 10.6 (66), Eagles 11.9 (75) d Norwood 10.9 (69). Premiership table: Central 24, South 22, Sturt 16, North 14, West 12, Eagles 10, Glenelg, Port 8, Norwood 2.

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Totals

	Kicks	Mks	ны	F/for	F/og	Gls	Pts	H/O	T
RATTLEY	9	0	3	1	2	0	1	0	2
SHEPHERD	10	9	2	0	0	4	3	0	2
CHADWICK	4	1	4	0	0	3	0	0	_1
HOWARD	10	3	9	2	1	0	0	0	2
CHAMPION	5	2	2	0	1	2	0	1	1
MALINOVSKI	5	1	4	1	1	1	0	0	4
GLOVER	10	0	8	0	1	2	1	0	2
NORMAN	9	2	6	1	0	0	2	0	5
NATHAN	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	- 1
MUNN	5	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	2
ILLMAN	0	0	1	. 0	0	0	0	10	1
DONALDSON	11	1	6	2	1	1	0	0	2
PETTIGREW	9	4	3	-1	1	0	0	2	1
MYLES	7	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	- 1
HARRIS	2	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	C
CLARKE	2	4	5	0	1	0	0	19	C
HASSAN	14	1	5	1	1	0	0	0	1
RUSCA	11	1	13	0	0	1	0	0	3
HAHN	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	C
PURCHASE	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	C

Kicks Mks Hbl F/for F/ag Gls ALLISON WOODS MORRIS MILLER JAMIE YLADKO COOK 18 11 CULPITT MOORE 17 0 STATHAM PARKER 307 McENTEE 0 0 MANFIELD SHERWOOD

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STURT v PORT ADELAIDE

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GLENELG

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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LEADERS – 15: Matthew Slade (Central). 9: Mark McKenzie (Eagles), Brett Backwell (Glenelg), Jade Sheedy, Andrew Beveridge (Sturt), Clinton King (South). 8: Salim Hassan (West), Simon Feast, Andrew Whiteman (Sturt), William Neely (Glenelg), Gavin Colville, Hayden Skipworth (Eagles).

WEST ADELAIDE v GLENELG	
Shannon Rusca (West Adelaide)	3
Salim Hassan (West Adelaide)	2
Heath Culpitt (Glenelg)	1

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	Jade Sheedy (Sturt)	3
	Michael Coad (Sturt)	2
	Tim Weatherald (Sturt)	
-	NORTH V SOUTH ADELAIDE	
	Ben Hudson (North Adelaide)	3
	Damon White (North Adelaide)	2
	lan Perrie (North Adelaide) EAGLES v NORWOOD	1
	EAGLES & HORTTOOD	-
	Lee Treeby (Eagles)	3
	Mark McKenzie (Eagles)	2

Matthew Dawes (Norwood) 1

SCOREBOARD 1 2 3 4 STURT 3.2 3.5 8.9 11.10 (76) PORT ADELAIDE 2.1 5.7 5.7 6.11 (47)

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Totals

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BEST – Sturt: Sheedy, Coad, Weatherald, Roberts-Thomson, Squire, Cooper, Beveridge. **Ports**: Brown, DePasquale, Fiegert, Ackland, Elstone, O'Loughlin. **SCORERS – Sturts**: Weatherald 3.1, Chambers 2.2, Bowen, Cooper, Roberts-Thomson, White 1.1, Squire, Sheedy 1.0, Richardson 0.2, rushed 0.1. **Ports**:

Thomson, White 1.1, Squire, Sheedy 1.0, Richardson 0.2, rushed 0.1. Ports
Evans 2.3, Poulton 1.1, McDowall, Burns, King 1.0, AhChee, Elstone, Brown,
Mann 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES - Sturt: Howman (hamstring).

SCOREBOARD

UMPIRES - K. Broadbridge, P. Williams, A. Meade. CROWD - 3761 at Adelaide Oval.

SCOREBOARD 1 2 3 4

EAGLES 3.3 7.4 12.8 17.12(114) NORWOOD 3.1 5.3 5.3 8.5 (53)

BIST - Ragles: Treeby, McKenzie, Cicolella, P. Fiacchi, Rugolo, Spehr, Colville, Inkster. **Nerwood:** Dawes, Borlace, B. James, Neill, Hazell, Nitschke, Patfull, Vassall.

SCORERS - Eagles: Phillipou 4.1, Rugolo, Spehr 3.1, Westbrook 2.0, Inkster 1.2, Toia, P. Fiacchi 1.1, McKenzie, Cicolella 1.0, Colville 0.2, Lindsay 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Nerwood:** Hazell 2.1, Hill 2.0, Borlace 1.2, Carslake, Dawes, Bartemucci 1.0, Clements 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Eagles: Frewen (groin), replaced in selected side by King, Stokes (shoulder), replaced by R. Fiacchi, Earl (concussion). Norweed: Devries (back strain), replaced in selected side by Jago.

REPORT - Nerwood: Bartemucci, by umpire Pfieffer, for allegedly attempting to strike Cicolella in the first term.

UMPIRES - T. Pfieffer, G. Symons, T. Philip. CROWD - 2221 at The Parade.

NORTH

SOUTH

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5.5 11.9 16.11 20.13 (133) 4.1 7.1 7.2 10.3 (63)

BEST - North: Hudson, D. White, Perrie, Ivens, Gum, Kellett, Bamford. **South:** Jackman, Bennett, Sampson.

SCORERS - North: D. White 7.3, Perrie 3.1, Walton, Younie, Gum 2.1, Wintle, Cook, Jeffries 1.1, Ladhams 1.0, Bamford, Sutherland 0.1, rushed 0.1. South: Tregenza 2.1, Hedge, Warren 2.0, Tarrant, Demasi, Berto, Handby 1.0, Carey, Jackman 0.1.

INJURIES - South: Wright (virus), replaced in selected side by Berto, Hall (calf), replaced by Demasi, B. King (omitted), replaced by Hedge, Handby (quad), Sampson (broken arm), Webb (knee).

UMPIRES - R. Williams, C. Doddridge, D. Joyce.

CROWD - 1565 at Noarlunga Oyal.