We are around the mark now, says Bays boss

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LENELG coach David Noble believes it would

premiership ladder as judgment of his club's The Tigers have won just twice this season after overcoming Norwood by 31 points at Glenelg Oval yesterday. They still sit at the bottom of the table, separated by percentage, however, from Port Adel-

be unfair to use the

Redlegs. Noble is adamant the ladder does not reflect the club's encouraging form and where he visualises its future.

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"Our form is around the mark." Noble said. "Everyone is having trouble with Central but we probably let one slip against Port. The Eagles were really good and I was just disappointed with the second half, North has shown it is a better side than they were last year and we had the win over South."

Noble is also confident the Tigers' youth policy is bearing fruit, pointing to the likes of Luke Panozzo, Jamie Vlatko and Craig Statham as prime examples.

Having Adelaide rookie Rowan Andrews in ruck has enabled Noble to structure the forward line around Matthew Golding. The Tigers have lacked a key target in attack and Noble is promoting an unselfish attitude. This was evident yesterday when Panozzo kicked four goals in the second quarter and Paul Allison four in the last while Nathan Woods. Vlatko and Jacob Schuback were also mutiple goalkickers.

On yesterday's display Glenelg is definitely not the worst team in the competition - that title belongs to Norwood. The Legs were absolutely woeful. They mucked around with possession, even going with the wind in the first quarter and coughed up mistake after mistake. In fact, the Redlegs' last quarter when their only goal came after the siren - as opposed to eight from Glenelg - bordered on embarrassment.

"Over-handballing cost us," Norwood coach Garry McIntosh lamented. "The more times you handle it the more chance of turning it over." Glenelg worked in numbers and with more certainty. Billy Neely was superb along with fellow midfielders Brett Backwell, Heath Cul-

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	
GLENELG	1.3	7.9	11.11	19.12	(126)
NORWOOD	3.4	7.5	11.11 13.8	14.11	(95)

BEST - Glenelg: Neely, Backwell, Culpitt, Sherwood, Bode, Allison. Norwood: Gallagher, Bartemucci, B. James, Borlace,

SCORERS - Gleneig: Allison 5.1, Panozzo 4.0, Schuback 3.1, Vlatko 2.2, Woods, Copitt 2.0, Cook 1.3, Bode, Moore, Golding, Statham 0.1, rushed 0.1. Norwood: Borlace 3.3, Hazell, Bartemucci, Carslake 2.0, Neill 1.2, Hill 1.1, Bratton, B. James, Robran 1.0, Verco 0.2, Campbell 0.1, rushed 0.2.

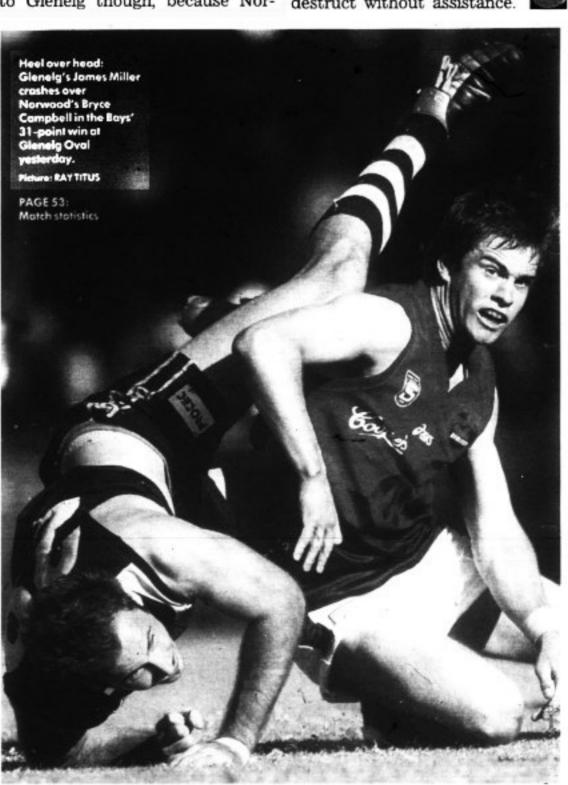
UMPIRES - J. Brown, D. Kowal, A. Meade. CROWD - 2702 at Glenelg Oval.

pitt and Matthew Bode. Between them they amassed a staggering 143 touches. Down back, 100-gamer Paul Sherwood led a defence which was aided by Norwood's poor delivery into the forward line and inferior commitment to the contest.

This was a battle between eighth and ninth and it showed. Apologies to Glenelg though, because Norwood's performance certainly dragged down the standard.

The Redlegs created their own pressure with an avalanche of turnovers, poor decision-making and shocking skills.

Yesterday morning there was fear of rain spoiling the entertainment. Norwood didn't need rain to upset its game, it was able to selfdestruct without assistance.



SCOREBOARD CENTRAL DISTRICT 4.1 8.3 13.4 17.7 (109) 2.3 SOUTH ADELAIDE 2.1 5.4 10.4 (64)

BEST - Central: Bello, Slade, Thomas, C. Gowans, J. Gowans, Hopwood, Switala. South: Torney, Wright, Carey, Bradley, Handby, Bennett.

SCORERS - Central: Schell 5.1, Cowan 3.1, Bello 3.0, Hay 2.0, C. Gowans 1.2, Ware, Krieg, Symes 1.0, Scoullar, Switala 0.1, rushed 0.1. Souths Warren 3.0, Torney 1.2, Demasi, Tregenza, King, Cobb, Wright, Miller 1.0, Kruger, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - South: Tregenza (groin), Sampson (knee soreness), Kruger (shoulder).

UMPIRES - R. Fox, D. Joyce, R. Williams. CROWD - 3107 at NAP Oval, Elizabeth.

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	
STURT	1.5	6.9	9.9	15.15	(105)
WEST ADELAIDE	1.3	5.3	12.8	12.10	(82)

BEST - Sturt: Whiteman, Feast, Squire, Reilly, Sheedy, Chaplin, Weatherald. West: Rutten,

Howard, Richardson, Rusca, Glover, Porplyzia.

SCORERS - Sturt: Chambers 3.3, Reilly 3.1, White 3.0, Squire 2.2, Weatherald, Richardson, Nelson 1.1, Beveridge 1.0, Klun, Sheedy 0.1, rushed 0.4. West: Champion 3.1, Howard, Richardson 2.0, Hassan 1.2, Kent, Hahn, Ayres, Porplyzia 1.0, Rusca 0.2, Malinovski 0.1, rushed 0.4. INJURIES - West: Steinfort (hamstring) replaced in selected side by Charles.

UMPIRES - T. Pfeiffer, S. Scriven, S. Grun. CROWD - 3114 at Unley Oval.

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PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	w	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Central	8	7	- 1	-	940	540	63.5	14
Engles	7	6	. 1		676	476	58.7	12
North	6	4	2		522	530	49.6	8
Sturt	6	3	3		524	493	51.5	6
West	7	3	4	9.	587	699	45.6	6
Port	7	2	5	0.0	547	604	47.5	4
South	7	2	5		480	603	44.32	4
Norwood	7	2	5	-	612	781	43.9	-
Glenela	7	2	5	3.2	568	730	43.8	-

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Round 9 - Friday: Port v Sturt (Adelaide Oval, 7.40pm). Saturday: Eagles v Norwood (Woodville Oval, 2.20pm), West v Glenelg (Broadspectrum Oval, 2.20pm), South v North (Noarlunga Oval, 2.20pm). Bye: Central.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd 8	Total
D. Schell	(Central)	5.1	28.10
M. Passador	(Eagles)		20.6
R. Neill	(Norwood)	1.2	19.14
R. Tregenza	(South)	1.0	19.11
B. Chambers	(Sturt)	3.3	19.10
N. Prokopec	(Central)	- 5	18.3

RESERVES

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Norwood Glenelg	1.2	7.6	8.10 4.8	12.15 8.8	(87) (56)	
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BEST - Norwood: Sandery, Allocca, Blake, Yerbury, Patfull, Vassal. Glenelg: Horan, Allen.

GOALS - Norwood: Allocca 3, Patfull 2, Nicholas, Vidic, Cox, Stansborough, Alskne, Sandery, Johnston. Gleneig: Morris, Norman, Griffiths 2, Gillings, Kilsby.

Eagles 15.8 (98) d Port 14.10 (94), Sturt 19.9 (123) d West 6.10 (46), South 12.6 (78) d Central 11.10 (76). Premiership table: South 14, Eagles 12, Central 10, Sturt 8, Port 6, North, Glenelg 4, West, Norwood 2.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

EAGLES v PORT ADELAIDE

Andrew Merriman (Faales)

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Gavin Colville (Eagles)	2
Mark Stevens (Eagles)	
STURT v WEST ADELAIDE	
Andrew Whiteman (Sturt)	3
Simon Feast (Sturt)	2
Ben Rutten (West Adelaide)	1
CENTRAL DISTRICT V SOUTH ADELAIDE	
Marco Bello (Central District)	3
Matthew Slade (Central District)	
Paul Thomas (Central District)	
GLENELG V NORWOOD	
William Neely (Glenelg)	3
Brett Backwell (Glenelg)	2
Heath Culpitt (Glenelg)	1

LEADERS - 12: Matthew Slade (Central). 8: Hayden Skipworth (Eagles). 6: Daniel Schell, Paul Thomas (Central). 5: Dean Howard (West), Adam Heuskes (North), Heath Culpitt (Glenelg), Damian Squire (Sturt). 4: Nathan Steinberner (Central), Darryl Wintle (North), Simon Feast (Sturt), William Neely (Glenelg).

GLENELG Kicks Mks Hbl F/for F/og MANFIELD GOLDING BACKWELL JAMIE VLATKO DULDIG MOORE 7 18 .22 COOK SCHUBACK 14 5 7 3 CRANSTON WOODS STATHAM SHERWOOD 10 8 23 BODE MILLER RAIDIS 160 MCENTEE 71

NORWOOD Kicks Mks Hbl F/for F/og 12 11 THOMAS BORLACE NEILL CAMPBELL BARTEMUCCI HAZELL CARSLAKE DIREEN DANIELS CLEMENTS BOWN GRUNDY DAWES CALABRESE B. JAMES GALLAGHER VERCO 2 BRATTON P. JAMES

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SCOREBOARD 17.11 (113) EAGLES PORT ADELAIDE 4.2 8.4 (52)

BEST - Eagles: Merriman, Colville, Stevens, Lindsay, Floreani, Stokes, Toia. Ports Brown, DePasquale, Ackland, Fitzgerald, Francis.

GOALS - Eagles: Stevens 8.4, Stokes 4.0, Watts 2.1, Rugolo 2.0, Linsday 1.0, Westbrook, Colville, McKenzie, Fiacchi, Toia, rushed 0.1. Port: Smith 2.0, Matthews 1.1, Brown, O'Loughlin, Parry, Funcke, Stevens 1.0, Davis, Ackland, Cockatoo-Collins 0.1.

INJURIES - Eagles: Pedler (groin), replaced in selected side by Phillipou, Ellis (groin), replaced in selected side by Fiacchi. Port: Cockatoo-Collins (shoulder), Burns (back spasm), Elstone (ankle), Raines (ankle).

UMPIRES - S. Hay, C. Doddridge, D. Kowal. CROWD - 2640 at Adelaide Oval.