

Rehn has his say as West steadies ship



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SOME up-close and personal attention from coach Shaun Rehn got West Adelaide over the line against Glenelg at Broad-spectrum Oval on Saturday.

The Bays had not beaten West since 1999 - the last time they made the finals - and had lost to the Bloods the past 10 times but all that meant nothing as their aggressive, flood-oriented game plan started falling into place.

"We were giving it back to them so easily after we had control of the game, so I was encouraging them to play by our terms," was Rehn's explanation of why he came down to the boundary line to bark instructions to his men first-hand in the last term.

"We were really putting ourselves under pressure, with less than 10 minutes to go and you're more than two goals up, it's time to steady the ship and play it by your rate."

West had extended its paper-thin four-point three quarter-time lead to just seven when the Bays went on the attack and the home side was turning the ball over by rushing its play coming out of defence.

Consequently the Bays kept the ball in their attacking 50m arc for a good 15 minutes but their own poor skills let them down and when Ben Rutten - who had battled bravely all day - thumped a clearing kick out on to the wing they finally had some breathing space.

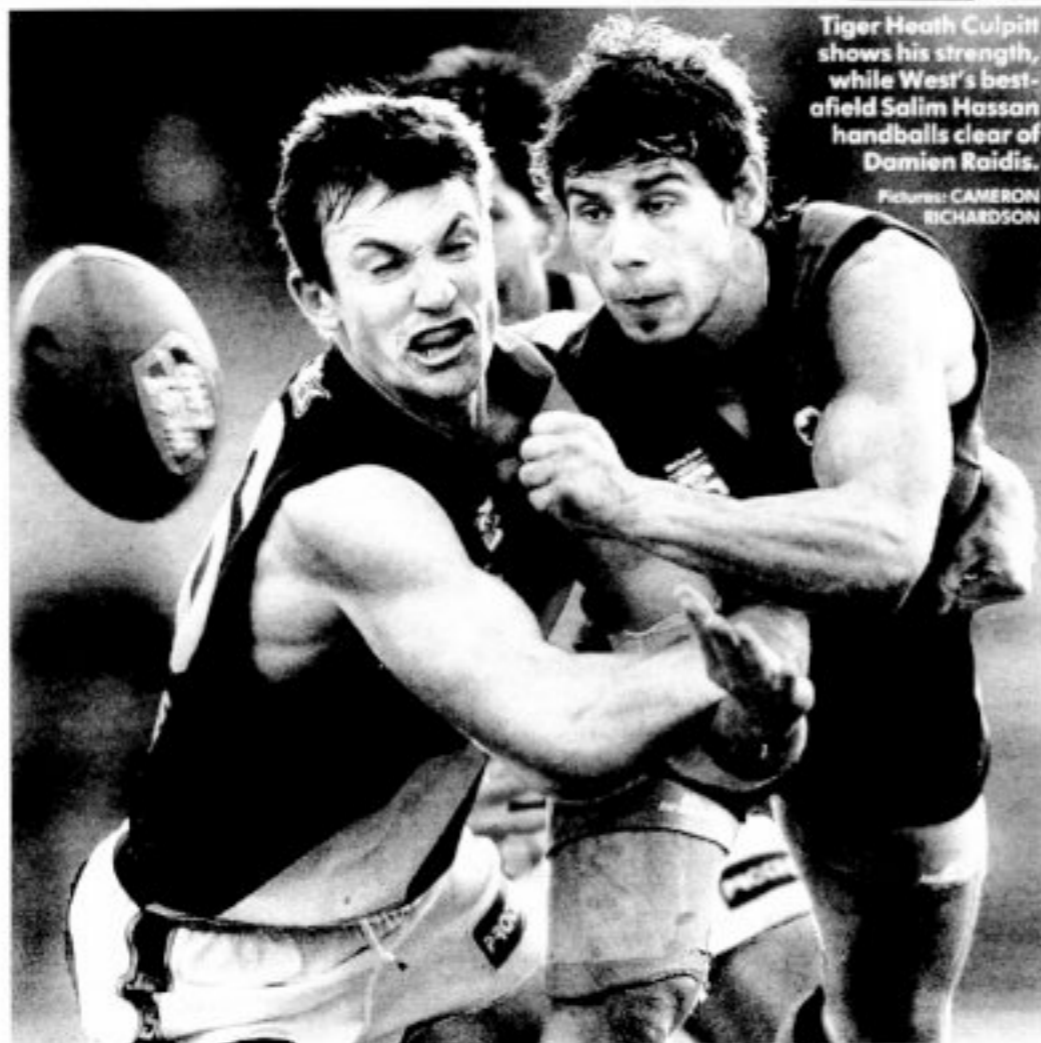
Reborn forward Brad Nordhausen squeezed one off the side of his boot and found best-on-ground Salim Hassan in the goalsquare and Bloods fans in the 1810 crowd breathed a collective sigh of relief.

It was all over. There was about five minutes to go but the Tigers would have needed to pull a rabbit out of a hat to win from there.

But in the 15 frantic preceding minutes it was a different story.

Rehn stormed out onto the boundary line appealing for calm from his young side with three debutants and for better ball control in the face of enormous pressure.

As Rehn said, that was a credit to the ever-improving Tigers, who showed four quar-



Tiger Heath Culpitt shows his strength, while West's best-on-ground Salim Hassan handballs clear of Damien Raidis.

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4
WEST	5.4	8.8	11.10	14.11 (95)
GLENELG	4.1	9.3	11.6	12.9 (81)

BEST - West: Hassan, Steinfort, Rutten, Glover, Norman, Rusca, Howard. **Glenelg:** Backwell, Culpitt, McEntee, Cook, Panozzo.

SCORERS - West: Kent 3.0, Rusca 2.2, Jericho, Russell, Hassan 2.1, McCabe 2.0, Walker 1.0, Glover, Norman, Howard 0.1, Rushed 0.3.

Glenelg: Allison 4.2, Golding 1.2, Woods, Vladko, Culpitt 1.1, Panozzo, Neely, McEntee, Morris 1.0, Duldig, Sherwood 0.1.

INJURIES - West: Charles (omitted), replaced in selected side by Steinfort. **Glenelg:** Bode (illness), replaced in selected side by Block.

REPORT - West: Howard, for allegedly striking Culpitt, in the second term.

UMPIRES - C. Doddridge, R. Fox, G. Fila.

CROWD - 1810 at Broad-spectrum Oval.

ters of intensity to push last year's grand finalist to the brink of its fifth straight defeat.

"I didn't care how we got our nose over the line, as long as we did," Rehn said. "The Bays were worse-hit than we are (with Tigers skipper Ben Moore, Jacob Schuback and Matthew Bode out) and they were a very formidable foe."

It was a similar philosophy for Glenelg coach David Noble, whose Tigers have engineered their flood superbly, choking up defence leaving plenty of room for Brett Backwell, Billy Neely, Damien Raidis and Paul Sherwood to stream out of defence.

"It was a bloody good, hard

style of game and that's what people want to come to see," Noble said.

Noble replicated Rehn's mantra that he will do whatever is necessary to win and the flooding was necessary to cover the Tigers' skill deficiency.

"You've got to win the games in any way, shape or form you can," Noble said.

"If you ask our members what they want - if they want us to play a nice, open brand of footy where we get beaten by 10 goals or to play some hard, attacking-when-we-get-the-ball (football) and push a few numbers back behind the ball to win the game, I know what the answer's going to be."

ROUND 9

FRIDAY

STURT	3.2	4.4	7.9	12.10	(82)
PORT ADELAIDE	3.4	6.4	6.5	7.6	(48)

BEST - Sturt: Beveridge, Chaplin, Whiteman, Reilly, Smith, Squire, Chambers. **Port:** Brown, Francis, Elstone, DePasquale, Funcke, Ashley.

SCORERS - Sturt: Chambers 3.2, Wicks 2.1, Nelson 2.0, White 1.2, Klun, Weatherald, Squire, Richardson 1.0, Smith, Reilly 0.2, Sheedy 0.1. **Port:** Smith 2.0, McDowall 1.2, Davis, Raines, Elstone, Evans 1.0, DePasquale, Fitzgerald, Parry 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Sturt: Howman (soreness), replaced in selected side by Jarvis, Powell (soreness), replaced by Scott-Toms. **Port:** Evans (groin).

UMPIRES - R. Williams, A. Meade, G. Symons.

CROWD - 3813 at Adelaide Oval.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Central	8	7	1	-	940	540	63.5	14
Eagles	8	7	1	-	790	557	58.7	14
Sturt	7	4	3	-	606	541	52.8	8
North	7	4	3	-	589	649	47.6	8
West	8	4	4	-	682	780	46.7	8
South	8	3	5	-	599	670	47.2	6
Port	8	2	6	-	595	688	46.4	4
Glenelg	8	2	6	-	549	825	44.0	4
Norwood	8	2	6	-	693	895	43.6	4

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Round 10 - Friday: Sturt v Central (Adelaide Oval, 7.40pm), Norwood v South (Norwood Oval, 7.40pm). **Saturday:** Port v Glenelg (Alberton, 2.20pm). **Sunday:** Eagles v North (Woodville Oval, 2.20pm). **Bye:** West.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd 9	Total
D. Schell	(Central)	-	28.10
B. Chambers	(Sturt)	3.2	22.12
R. Neill	(Norwood)	2.1	21.15
M. Passador	(Eagles)	-	20.6
D. Hargraves	(North)	3.1	20.4
R. Tregenza	(South)	1.0	19.11

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

PORT ADELAIDE v STURT

Andrew Beveridge (Sturt)	3
Troy Chaplin (Sturt)	2
Tony Brown (Port Adelaide)	1

EAGLES v NORWOOD

Matthew Bartemucci (Norwood)	3
Scott Borlace (Norwood)	2
Mathew Stokes (Eagles)	1

WEST ADELAIDE v GLENELG

Salim Hassan (West Adelaide)	3
Pat Steinfort (West Adelaide)	2
Brett Backwell (Glenelg)	1

SOUTH ADELAIDE v NORTH ADELAIDE

Mathew Smith (South Adelaide)	3
Clinton King (South Adelaide)	2
Mark Bradley (South Adelaide)	1

LEADERS - 12: Matthew Slade (Central). **8:** Hayden Skipworth (Eagles). **6:** Daniel Schell, Paul Thomas (Central), Matthew Bartemucci (Norwood), Salim Hassan (West). **5:** Clinton King (South), Dean Howard (West), Adam Heuskes (North), Heath Culpitt (Glenelg), Damiano Squire (Sturt), Mark Passador (Eagles). **4:** Mathew Stokes (Eagles), Scott Borlace (Norwood), Nathan Steinberner (Central), Darryl Wintle (North), Simon Feast (Sturt), William Neely (Glenelg).

SCOREBOARD 1 2 3 4

EAGLES	3.2	6.3	10.4	18.6	(114)
NORWOOD	4.3	9.6	12.9	12.9	(81)

BEST - Eagles: Stokes, Rugolo, Spehr, Lindsay, Toia, McKenzie, Colville. **Norwood:** Bartemucci, Borlace, P. James, Carslake, Gallagher, Robran, Bown.

SCORERS - Eagles: Spehr 4.1, Phillipou 4.0, Ellis, Rugolo 3.1, Watts 2.0, Toia 1.1, Stokes 1.0, Inkster, rushed 0.1. **Norwood:** Carslake 3.0, Hill 2.2, Bartemucci, Neill 2.1, Borlace 1.2, Paffull 1.1, P. James 1.0, Yerbury, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Eagles: Patter (buttock strain), Merriman (possible fractured thumb). **Norwood:** Dawes (groin).

UMPIRES - C. Carey, T. Pfeiffer, D. Joyce. **CROWD -** 2065 at Woodville Oval.

SCOREBOARD 1 2 3 4

SOUTH ADELAIDE	5.6	6.8	14.13	17.17	(119)
NORTH ADELAIDE	2.1	3.7	3.12	9.13	(67)

BEST - South: Smith, King, Bradley, Wright, Bennett, Smart, Webb. **North:** Ladhams, Wintle, Jaffries, D. White, Macgowan.

SCORERS - South: Warren 4.3, Wright 3.1, King 3.0, Damasi 1.4, Webb 1.2, Smith, Griffon 1.1, Manhood, Tarrant, Daly 1.0, Hedge 0.2, rushed 0.3. **North:** Hargraves 3.1, Wintle 2.2, Ladhams 1.1, Roe, Gum, Rohda 1.0, Sutherland 0.2, Heuskes, B. White, D. White, Younie 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES - South: Torney (Crows), replaced in selected side by Daly, Tregenza (groin), replaced in selected side by Tarrant. **North:** Heuskes (ankle), Ivens (carked thigh), Ebel (hamstring).

UMPIRES - S. Przibilla, P. Williams, S. Scriven. **CROWD -** 1564 at Noarlunga Oval.

WEST

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
RUSCA	10	6	2	0	0	2	2	0	4
KENT	4	2	2	0	0	3	0	0	0
JERICHO	6	4	2	1	0	2	1	0	1
RATTLE	5	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	2
RICHARDSON	8	5	3	0	2	0	0	4	0
GLOVER	13	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	3
RUSSELL	11	2	4	1	0	2	1	0	1
PORPLYZIA	6	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	1
NATHAN	8	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	3
NORDHAUSEN	6	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	1
MYLES	10	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
NORMAN	12	8	6	1	0	0	1	0	1
DRAY	6	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
RUTTEN	12	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
WALKER	11	7	5	1	2	1	0	0	1
STEINFORT	3	5	4	0	1	0	0	24	3
HOWARD	8	6	10	2	1	0	1	1	2
HASSAN	13	4	10	3	0	2	1	1	3
CLARK	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	1
HARRIS	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	2
MCCABE	4	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	1
Totals	161	90	80	17	8	14	11	32	33

GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
BACKWELL	18	3	9	4	2	0	0	0	3
GOLDING	4	4	2	0	1	1	2	2	0
WOODS	10	5	4	1	0	1	1	0	1
COOK	11	4	9	0	3	0	1	2	1
DULDIG	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JAMIE VLATKO	5	5	4	0	0	1	1	0	1
PANOZZO	12	3	5	0	2	1	0	0	2
CULPITT	8	3	14	0	1	1	1	0	4
ALLISON	6	3	2	0	1	4	2	0	1
STATHAM	5	6	7	0	1	0	0	0	0
CRANSTON	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	2
MCEENTEE	11	8	7	0	0	1	0	0	2
MANFIELD	5	3	6	1	1	0	0	0	2
SHERWOOD	5	1	6	1	2	0	1	0	0
D RAIDIS	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANDREWS	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	16	2
NEELY	10	3	9	0	3	1	0	0	2
BLOCK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MILLER	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
HORAN	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MORRIS	5	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
Totals	136	64	100	8	17	12	9	20	27