

SANFL DETAILS



SATURDAY

Table with 5 columns: Team, Kicks, Mks, Hbl, F/for, F/og, Gls, Pts, H/O, Tkl

BEST - Eagles: McKenzie, Rugolo, Cicolella, Colville, Treeby, Stokes. North: Gill, Ladhams, Younie, Hargraves, Bamford, Ivens, Coulter.

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BEST - Central: McCabe, C. Gowans, Steinberner, J. Gowans, Arnott, Hopwood, Scoullar, Schell. West: Malinovski, Jericho, Dragicevic, Grieger, Donaldson, Prokopec.

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BEST - Glenelg: Salopek, Schuback, Culpitt, Duldig, Burdett, Fisher. Norwood: Bailey, B. James, Bown, Zorzi, Clements, Neill.

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BEST - Sturt: Squire, Chaplin, Whiteman, Bevendge, Thomson, Pearce, Wicks. South: Parry, Davis, McGlone, Fleming.

DRAW

ROUND 18 - Saturday: Port v Sturt (Alberton Oval, 2.20pm), Eagles v Norwood (Woodville Oval, 2.20pm), West v Glenelg (Adelaide Oval, 2.20pm), Central v South (NAP Oval, 2.20pm).

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

Table with 8 columns: Team, P, W, L, D, F, A, Pct, Pts

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Table with 4 columns: Player, Team, Rd 17, Total

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- Sturt v South Adelaide: Damian Squire (Sturt) 3, Troy Chaplin (Sturt) 2, Andrew Whiteman (Sturt) 1.

GLENELG

Table with 10 columns: Player, Kicks, Mks, Hbl, F/for, F/og, Gls, Pts, H/O, Tkl

NORWOOD

Table with 10 columns: Player, Kicks, Mks, Hbl, F/for, F/og, Gls, Pts, H/O, Tkl

Simmons' men show they are fair dinkum

DOUG ROBERTSON

GLENELG gave itself a shot of self confidence with a last-quarter surge to swamp Norwood by 26 points at The Parade on Saturday.

The fightback pleasantly surprised its coach Peter Simmons after repeated fade-outs this year. The flipside result equally surprised Norwood coach Dale Lewis after a month of sustained efforts.

The win keeps Glenelg's faint finals hopes simmering. First, however, Glenelg must solve the internal bickering that resulted in a club-induced two-match ban on on-baller Billy Neely.

who said (the ban) was out of order," Simmons said. "But our leadership groups said we'll stick together."

"We haven't sacked Billy - we don't want him to go away. We just want him to know and everybody else in this footy club and the spectators and supporters to know that we're fair dinkum about what we're doing. We're not going to put up with any crap."

Lewis' task is getting the Legs - outside the five on percentage - mentally refocused to face powerhouse Woodville-West Torrens. "I knew we were off (Saturday) from the start," Lewis said.

SCOREBOARD

Norwood Oval, Crowd 2508

Scoreboard table showing Norwood 76 vs Glenelg 102

GOALS: Neill 3, Bown, Bailey 2, Patfull, Campbell, P. James.

BEST: Bailey, B. James, Bown, Zorzi, Clements, Neill.

GOALS: Schuback 4, Salopek 3, Fisher, Culpitt, Mitchell, Cranston, Ruwoldt, Herbert, Panozzo.

BEST: Salopek, Schuback, Culpitt, Duldig, Burdett, Fisher.

INJURIES/REPORTS

Glenelg: Schuback (cut above eye)

Umpires: G. Fila, D. Joyce, T. Pfeiffer

Tough Tigers keep finals hopes alive

Doug Robertson

GLENELG pulled off a character-filled final term to grind down Norwood by 26 points at The Parade yesterday, exposing a nagging weakness in the Legs' game when the pressure is high.

The decisive win kept Glenelg's finals hopes simmering as it eased to within one win of Norwood, Port Adelaide Magpies and South Adelaide in a dogfight for fifth spot on the ladder.

The more desperate Tigers - down by eight points at the last break - overran the Legs 7.5 to 2.1 in the final quarter, which must give the strife-torn outfit encouragement to maintain the united front which swamped Norwood.

Playing without star on-baller Billy Neely, suspended by the club for a discipline breach, AFL-listed Steven Salopek and Jacob Schuback took the lead role.

But it was a spark of sheer desperation and self-sacrifice from virtual unknowns such as Jack Horan, who stamped out Stephen Bailey's considerable influence in the final quarter, Mark Ruwoldt and Craig Statham that ignited Glenelg and clinched the error-ridden contest.

The skills were poor from both sides. The Tigers emerged quicker and hungrier after the last break and trapped the ball in their attacking 50 metres for the first five minutes of the last quarter, but added just two points.

Norwood's reactive outfit hardly had a possession, however, and Salopek snared a juggled mark in the square to goal and level the scores at 63 points apiece at the six-minute mark.

Then Schuback, who copped a cut above his right

eye in the third term, took a handball from Salopek to kick the Tigers six points clear from 20 metres out about a minute later and the run was on.

Robbie Neill goaled for Norwood to level the scores for the last time 10 minutes into the quarter, then it was all Glenelg.

The Tigers threw in their bodies fearlessly as the confidence lifted.

Glenelg players who had had little influence on proceedings suddenly became a driving force ... but that probably had as much to do with Norwood's evident drop in ferocity as it did with anything the Tigers threw out.

Despite being plagued by an alarming free kick deficit (13-30) for the game, Glenelg played simple but effective football and, for the first time in weeks, played as a united outfit.

"I'd love to be able to put my finger on it," coach Peter Simmons said of the last-quarter effort.

"If we start to play as individuals and do something miraculous to try to spark the team it will fall apart really quickly (so) we had to remind each other what our tactics were and stick at it."

The middle quarters were a virtual comedy of skill errors but Norwood coach Dale Lewis said his charges were flat even before the match.

Glenelg should have been way in front, having missed five shots from inside 40 metres in the first half, but Lewis said the ultimate difference was attitude.

"That just about sums it up," he said.

"The true reflection of the day was in the last quarter when they were a bit hungrier and harder at the footy than us."