

# Rookie rampage

## Tigers caught napping

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A SIX-minute second-term purple patch inspired by Mathew Stokes and Dale Symmons catapulted Woodville-West Torrens to a stirring 27-point victory against Glenelg at Glenelg yesterday.

Trailing the Tigers by 11 points shortly after quarter-time, Stokes and debutant Symmons transformed their team's chances almost instantly by piling on four of the Eagles' five goals between them, gaining a crucial three-goal jump on the home side.

Playing his first league game after progressing through the juniors at Woodville, Symmons kicked two within 30 seconds to get the momentum rolling his team's way.

A minute later Dale Ellis slotted his first goal, and this was immediately followed by Symmons's third major from a behind-play indiscretion by Glenelg's Luke Panozzo.

Once the dynamic Stokes kicked truly on the run into an open goal from 20m, the visitors had silenced the home crowd desperate to see their team replicate last week's triumph against West Adelaide.

"It certainly changed the momentum (of the game)," Eagles coach Ron Fuller said of the period.

"We scratched around for the first quarter - the first game you're getting a feel for it - but then we split it open in that second quarter."

Darwin born and bred, Stokes was seemingly at home in the sweltering conditions, carving up the Tiger midfield to earn nine possessions and two goals during the match-turning second quarter.

"Stokesy was terrific all day," Fuller said.

"He had a great second half to last year and is turning into a great footballer."

Symmons was equally effective across half-forward with his nine damaging disposals complementing his three goals - the difference between the sides at the main change.

"Dale was great in his first game and certainly led the way," Fuller said.

Despite being within striking distance, the Tigers appeared to be in a

deep slumber after half-time as the Eagles slammed on five goals, three of them to Mark Passador, to open up a crushing seven-goal ascendancy.

"That was something we'd been talking a fair bit about, getting organised for the third quarter so it was disappointing," Glenelg coach Peter Simmons said.

"We got done pretty badly in the clearances out of the middle early on and we struggled most of the day to clear the ball from boundary throw-ins and field stoppages."

Dominating at half-forward, Passador did as he pleased in the last half, outclassing rookie Matt Joraslafsky, playing his second game of league football. After half-time Luke Powell, Peter and Robert Fiacchi, all got in on the act as the Eagles proved they will be hard to remove from the final five in 2005.

Despite conceding 40 scoring shots to the opposition, the Tigers still managed to score a more than respectable 16.11 (107) as the losing team, something they haven't done recently.

"That gives you some optimism with what's going on, it means your forward line is functioning a little bit better than what it has," Simmons said.

"And it makes it a lot more frustrating that you don't get the ball down there a little bit more."

Glenelg Oval, Crowd 2589									
TIGERS					107	V	134	EAGLES	
2.5	7.8	11.9	16.11				1.6	10.7	17.11 19.20

### GOALS

Duldig, Cook, Mitchell 3, Backwell, Culpitt 2, Smith, Neely, Kirk

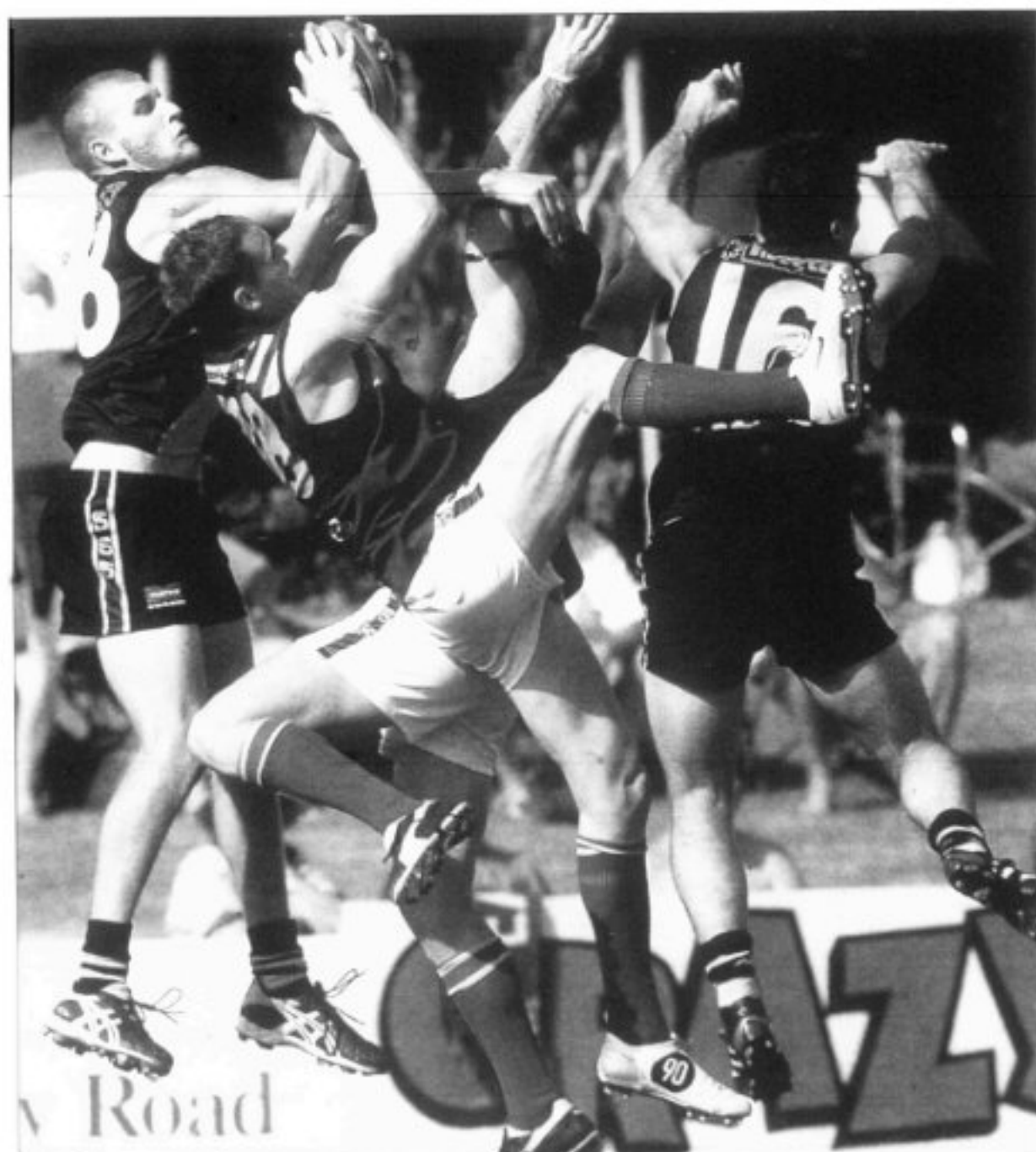
### BEST

Backwell, Mules, Cook, Kirk

### INJURIES

Eagles: Spencer (hamstring). Glenelg: Backwell (finger).

Umpires: R. Williams, C. Carey, T. Philp



MAN IN THE MIDDLE: Eagle Dale Ellis takes a strong mark in a pack at Glenelg Oval yesterday



### GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
MITCHELL	12	6	1	0	3	3	2	0	0
DULDIG	5	3	0	1	0	3	1	0	0
COOK	8	5	6	2	0	3	3	0	3
BLOCK	8	4	9	1	0	0	0	0	3
WILLITS	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	3	1
BACKWELL	17	5	14	3	1	2	0	0	1
BUTCHER	19	6	12	0	0	0	3	0	1
FISHER	18	9	14	2	2	0	1	0	9
MOORE	9	2	4	1	1	0	0	0	2
MULES	10	1	9	2	0	0	0	0	2
SMITH	6	2	3	0	1	1	0	3	1
ALLISON	5	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
PANOZZO	8	1	4	1	3	0	0	0	1
SHERWOOD	11	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	2
MILLER	9	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
KIRK	5	2	5	1	0	1	1	20	1
CULPITT	10	2	9	1	3	2	0	1	8
NEELY	10	5	13	2	2	1	0	0	4
ROGERS	9	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
HORAN	6	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	2
JORASLAFSKY	7	2	7	1	1	0	0	0	2
Totals	196	81	131	20	17	16	11	27	44



### EAGLES

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
STOKES	25	1	7	3	1	2	2	0	1
KING	5	5	8	1	1	0	0	0	0
ELLIS	8	2	1	1	1	2	3	0	0
WESTBROOK	8	4	2	0	0	1	3	0	1
WATTS	10	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	2
INKSTER	11	4	3	1	0	2	2	0	1
SYMMONS	6	3	7	2	0	3	0	0	1
MCKENZIE	5	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	2
TREEBY	2	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	1
POWELL	21	7	8	1	0	1	0	0	0
PASSADOR	18	9	5	0	1	5	4	0	0
OHARA	1	1	5	0	1	0	0	11	1
FLOREANI	3	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
PEDLER	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
FIACCHI R	14	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	2
LINDSAY	1	1	3	0	2	0	0	21	0
COLVILLE	8	1	8	2	3	0	1	0	3
FIACCHI P	13	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	1
RUGOLO	4	1	3	0	1	1	1	1	0
TOIA	9	6	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
SPENCER	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	183	65	86	17	20	19	20	33	16

### LADDER

TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	Strk	%	Pts
NORTH	2	2	0	0	232	143	W2	61.87	4
CENTRAL	1	1	0	0	96	44	W1	68.57	2
EAGLES	1	1	0	0	134	107	W1	55.60	2
PORT	2	1	1	0	187	165	L1	53.13	2
STURT	1	1	0	0	85	79	W1	51.83	2
Glenelg	2	1	1	0	209	225	L1	48.16	2
South	1	0	1	0	80	108	L1	42.55	0
West	2	0	2	0	138	190	L2	42.07	0
Norwood	2	0	2	0	140	240	L2	36.84	0

\*Yet to play this round

### SCOREBOARD

Prospect Oval, Crowd 2423									
ROOSTERS					88	V	47	BLOODS	
3.3	5.5	10.8	13.10				0.1	0.3	3.6 6.11

### GOALS

Ladhams, Gill 4; Younie 3; Oakley, Gum

### BEST

Coulter, Gill, Gilham, Heuskes, Cook, Krieg, Ladhams, Bamford

### INJURIES

West: Munn (knee)

Umpires: Dey, Mackie, Hay

### SCOREBOARD

NAP Oval, Crowd 2990									
BULLDOGS					96	V	44	REDLEGS	
2.5	8.8	10.8	14.12				2.2	4.3	5.6 6.8

### GOALS

Schell 4, C Gowans, Pfitzner 3, J Gowans 2, L Cowan, Officer

### BEST

Healy, Bello, R Cochrane, Graham, Hopwood, Symes

### INJURIES

Steinberner (shoulder, replaced in selected side by Pfitzner).

### GOALS

Meesen, Bassett, Yeomans, Hill, Bailey, Hughes,

### BEST

B James, Gallagher, Bassett, P James, Bailey, Borlace