

Now Simmons' men must learn to finish off game

SANFL DETAILS

SATURDAY

NORTH EAGLES	5.3	8.5	14.6	18.11	(119)
	2.2	4.8	8.10	10.11	(71)

BEST - North: Roe, Gill, Ivens, Cook, Wakelin, D. White, Ladhams, Toia. **Eagles:** Knights, Symmons, Cicolella, O'Hara, Darzanos.

SCORERS - North: D. White 4.0, Hargraves 2.4, Gill, Ladhams 2.1, Wintle, Campbell 2.0, Cook, Younie 1.1, Ivens, Toia 1.0, Bamford, Roe 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Eagles:** Knights 2.3, Symmons 2.1, Stevens, Rugolo 2.0, Inkster 1.1, Darzanos 1.0, Fiacchi, Passador, Floreani, McKenzie, Watts 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - North: Gatto (leg).

UMPIRES - North: T. Dey, C. Rowston, G. Fila.

CROWD - North: 2403 at Woodville Oval.

CENTRAL WEST	4.4	13.9	17.14	25.17	(167)
	1.1	3.3	4.5	7.5	(47)

BEST - Central: Slade, Switala, Schell, R. Cochrane, C. Gowans, Scoullar, Bello. **West:** Ezard, Glover, Lewis, Vanderloo, Dabrowski.

SCORERS - Central: Schell 10.2, Cowan 2.3, Bello 2.2, C. Gowans, Kellett 2.1, Graham 2.0, Switala 1.2, Symes 1.1, Slade, Healy, Amott 1.0, Hopwood 0.2, Steinberner 0.1m Rushed 0.2. **West:** Glover, Vanderloo, Wiggins 2.0, Lewis 1.0, Ezard 0.2, Piasante 0.1, Rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - West: Prokopec (hamstring), Steinfort (shoulder), Dray (back, replaced in side by Harris, Norman (back, replaced in side by Vanderloo, Marsh (quadricep, replaced in side by Steinfort, Dragicevic, leg, replaced in side by Glover).

UMPIRES - West: C. Doddridge, J. Brown, P. Williams.

CROWD - West: 2734 at NAP Oval.

GLENELG NORWOOD	4.5	7.8	13.13	16.15	(111)
	0.3	4.9	5.9	11.15	(81)

BEST - Glenelg: Fisher, Neely, Culpitt, Moore, Smith, Duldig, Rogers, Gibbs. **Norwood:** Bassett, B. James, Dawes, Carslake.

SCORERS - Glenelg: Duldig 5.5, Mitchell 4.1, Smith, M. Reavill 2.1, Kirk, Gibbs 1.1, Moore 1.0, Fisher, Butcher, Culpitt, Horan 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Norwood:** Vlatko 4.2, Patfull 1.2, Bailey, Clements 1.1, Meesen, Carslake, Gallagher, Neill 1.0, Hill, Bartemucci, Thomas, B. James, McKinnon 0.1, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES - Glenelg: Sherwood (hamstring).

UMPIRES - Glenelg: S. Mackie, D. Kowal, T. Pfeiffer.

CROWD - Glenelg: 3106 at Glenelg Oval.

STURT SOUTH	5.2	12.5	15.9	19.12	(126)
	6.2	6.6	10.9	13.13	(91)

BEST - Sturt: Sheedy, Wicks, Beveridge, Nelson, Whiteman, Bowen, Colreavy, Thomson, Jarjoura. **South:** Davis, Bennett, Handby, Tuckey, Sampson.

SCORERS - Sturt: Chambers 3.3, Jarjoura 3.2, Sheedy 3.0, Weatherald 2.2, Bowen, Thomson 2.0, Coad 1.1, Feast, Klun, Cooper 1.0, Pearce, Colreavy, Wicks 0.1, rushed 0.1. **South:** Hall 3.2, Kenna 2.2, Davis, Sampson 2.0, Tuckey, Warren 1.3, Davey, C. King 1.0, Smith 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - Sturt: Feast (hamstring), Whiteman (cut head).

UMPIRES - Sturt: S. Grun, R. Williams, D. Joyce.

CROWD - Sturt: 4004 at Unley Oval.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Sturt	6	5	1	-	618	547	53.1	10
North	6	4	2	-	598	459	56.6	8
Eagles	6	4	2	-	697	543	56.2	8
South	6	4	2	-	713	612	53.8	8
Central	6	3	3	-	592	536	52.5	6
Port	6	3	3	-	554	522	51.4	6
Glenelg	6	2	4	-	594	682	46.6	4
Norwood	6	1	5	-	470	666	41.2	2
West	6	1	5	-	456	724	38.6	2

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd 7	Total
B. Warren	(South)	1.3	26.11
D. Schell	(Central)	10.2	23.13
D. Hargraves	(North)	2.4	19.16
T. Inkster	(Eagles)	1.1	19.11

RESERVES

South 19.17 (131) d Sturt 8.6 (54), North 18.16 (124) d Eagles 8.3 (51), Norwood 18.8 (116) d Glenelg 14.11 (95), Central 20.9 (129) d West 8.8 (56). **Ladder:** Glenelg 10, South, Norwood 8, Eagles, West, North, Central 6, Port 4, Sturt 0.

UNDER-19

North 28.25 (193) d Eagles 3.8 (26), Glenelg 18.18 (126) d Norwood 11.8 (74), West 17.16 (118) d Central 6.7 (43), Sturt 9.7 (61) d South 8.9 (57). **Ladder:** Port, West 10, North, Glenelg 8, Central, Sturt 6, Norwood 4, South 2, Eagles 0.

UNDER-17

South 19.16 (130) d Sturt 5.1 (31), West 13.18 (96) d Central 3.3 (21), North 19.7 (121) d Eagles 7.11 (53), Glenelg 19.14 (128) d Norwood 14.10 (94). **Ladder:** South 12, North, Port, West 10, Glenelg 6, Eagles, Norwood, Sturt 2, Central 0.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

North Adelaide v Woodville-West Torrens

Jason Roe (North Adelaide)	3
Nick Gill (North Adelaide)	2
Luke Ivens (North Adelaide)	1

Central District v West Adelaide

Matthew Slade (Central District)	3
Adam Switala (Central District)	2
Daniel Schell (Central District)	1

Glenelg v Norwood

Adam Fisher (Glenelg)	3
Billy Neely (Glenelg)	2
Heath Culpitt (Glenelg)	1

Sturt v South Adelaide

Jade Sheedy (Sturt)	3
Daniel Wicks (Sturt)	2
Andrew Beveridge (Sturt)	1

Leaders - 8: Jeremy Clayton (Port) 6; Mathew Stokes (Eagles), Scott Bortace (Norwood), Jade Sheedy (Sturt), Adam Fisher (Glenelg) 5; Stephen Kenna (South), Nick Gill (North), Quinton Graham (Central), Luke Powell (Eagles).

By ZAC MILBANK

A WIN can often hide a multitude of sins but Glenelg's 30-point victory against Norwood on Saturday could not mask its inability to kill off a team.

Leading by a matchwinning margin of 52 points at the final change, the Tigers were perfectly placed to smash the Redlegs, instead choosing to switch off and allow the visitors to regain some respect.

And it was the second week in succession Glenelg produced an almost effortless final quarter, following round six's capitulation to Sturt.

It soured a brilliant third term, in which the Tigers gained complete control of the contest through more desperation to win the 50-50 duels and drying up Norwood's scoring.

"For whatever reason we've done it again and played terrible football

in the last quarter," Glenelg coach Peter Simmons said. "We rotated our midfield extensively and had a really light week on the track thinking it might have been a fitness issue. But I struggle to comprehend it is a fitness thing. I think it's a real mental aspect of our game we have to work on and improve."

For baffled Norwood assistant Stephen Rowe, there is not much his team can't improve before the daunting visit to face league-leading Sturt at Unley Oval on Saturday. "What do you put it down to?" Rowe said after the loss. "Is it want, is it desire, is it game plan, is it instruction, is it playing to instruction?"

"I think we're (coaching staff) as miffed as the players.

"It's not back to square one, we've just got to keep building and picking guys that are going to play to instruction and make the correct decisions."

GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/og	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
MITCHELL	8	4	1	0	2	4	1	0	0
DULDIG	11	10	1	1	0	5	5	0	1
BACKWELL	8	2	11	0	0	0	0	0	1
MILNE	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	1
SMITH	8	9	4	1	0	2	1	1	0
M. REAVILL	7	5	3	1	0	2	1	0	1
MOORE	13	2	4	3	2	1	0	0	1
FISHER	17	8	18	1	4	0	1	0	8
GIBBS	11	3	10	2	0	1	1	0	2
ALLISON	5	5	5	1	2	0	0	0	2
ROGERS	13	9	10	0	2	0	0	0	1
MULES	7	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
BUTCHER	13	5	5	1	4	0	1	0	0
SHERWOOD	6	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
PANOZZO	13	2	5	0	2	0	0	0	0
KIRK	8	6	5	2	4	1	1	15	3
CULPITT	16	4	12	0	0	0	1	0	0
NEELY	15	0	13	2	0	0	0	0	7
STATHAM	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
CRANSTON	2	0	1	2	2	0	0	4	0
HORAN	11	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	199	81	126	17	25	16	15	20	28

NORWOOD

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/og	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
HILL	5	2	3	0	4	0	1	0	0
MEESON	7	2	2	3	1	1	0	4	1
NEILL	5	1	6	3	0	1	0	0	1
BARTEMUCCI	7	4	3	0	2	0	1	0	1
VLATKO	10	3	4	5	0	4	2	0	3
CARSLAKE	9	2	7	1	0	1	0	0	3
McKINNON	9	5	8	1	1	0	1	0	2
BAILEY	8	5	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
CLEMENTS	16	2	8	2	1	1	1	0	1
B. JAMES	15	3	15	0	1	0	1	1	2
BASSETT	21	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	2
YEOMANS	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
DAWES	12	1	12	1	1	0	0	0	0
PATFULL	6	3	3	0	0	1	2	1	2
ZORZI	4	3	6	0	1	0	0	0	2
NICHOLAS	2	3	6	1	2	0	0	10	1
GALLAGHER	10	5	14	1	0	1	0	0	2
BORLACE	17	5	14	3	1	0	0	0	1
P. JAMES	6	3	7	2	0	0	0	0	0
THOMAS	4	2	2	0	2	0	1	0	1
CROUCH	12	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	188	69	138	25	17	11	15	16	27

Glenelg lives up to legend at the Bay

Zac Milbank

GLENELG coach Peter Simmons implored his men to stand up and earn some credibility.

And they responded to his challenge with a comfortable 30-point victory against a lacklustre Norwood outfit, playing in honour of 200-gamer Brett James, at Glenelg Oval yesterday.

Coming off a humiliating loss to Sturt last Sunday, the Tigers had to show some of the tenacity their mascot is renowned for and on the back of a dominant third term they gave their faithful renewed hope that a finals berth is still attainable.

"Absolutely (it was desperation stakes)," Simmons said after the game.

"Credibility for a whole lot of us was on the line today so we had to stand up and stand up strongly. A win today really keeps us in touch with what's going on (race for the finals)." Despite controlling the match in the first half, Glenelg didn't get the reward it craved on the scoreboard, with a lead of just 17 points at the main change.

But after half-time, this problem was rectified as the Tigers piled on seven goals - three to inaccurate full-forward Matthew Duldig - to establish a commanding break of 52 points at three-quarter time.

For Norwood, it was far from being a premiers quarter, with Stephen

SCOREBOARD

Glenelg Oval, Crowd 3106

GLENELG	111	81	NORWOOD
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4.5 7.8 13.13 16.15 0.3 4.9 5.9 11.15

GOALS
Duldig 5, Mitchell 4, Smith, M. Reavill 2, Kirk, Gibbs, Moore

BEST
Fisher, Neely, Culpitt, Moore, Smith, Duldig, Rogers, Gibbs

INJURIES
Glenelg: Sherwood (hamstring)

Umpires: S. Mackie, D. Kowal, T. Pfeiffer

Bailey's goal just before the siren being its only score for the term.

With the visitors on the ropes, it was time for Glenelg to deliver the knock-out punch but it failed miserably, letting the visitors earn some respect and reduce the final margin to five goals.

"The last quarter was really disappointing because we had an opportunity to bury a side and stamp our authority on a team," Simmons lamented.

However, the final term revival meant little to Norwood assistant coach Stephen Rowe.

"The sting was out of the game, anyone can do that," Rowe said.

"We had a guy playing his 200th game, one of the club greats, and the players and support staff are bitterly disappointed for him."

While Norwood had James'

milestone, the Tigers had 16-year-old Bryce Gibbs - son of Tigers premiers defender Ross - making his league debut and, despite the age difference, he was far from out of his depth.

Playing on the wing against the experienced Martin McKinnon, Gibbs earned 21 disposals and kicked 1.1, suggesting he has a bright future ahead.

But he wasn't alone, hard-at-it Adam Fisher was instrumental in setting up the win, particularly in the first half when the game was on the line while Heath Culpitt and Billy Neely lent solid support in the midfield.

While Duldig was at times wasteful, Geelong recruit Jeff Smith provided a needed avenue to goal at centre half-forward for the Tigers, taking nine marks, including a beauty on the grandstand wing.