SANFL

SATURDAY

EAGLES 10.10 13.19 21.21 NORTH 13.11 (89)

BEST - Eagles: Inkster, Skipworth, Passador, Jarrad, Cicolella, Grocke, Powell, Rugolo, Pedler. North: Hudson, Howard, Gatto, Ivens.

SCORERS - Eagles: Skipworth 6.3, Passador 3.6, Rugolo Grocke 2.4, Westbrook, Inkster 2.0, Knights 1.1, Faircolugh, Shattock 1.0, Jarrad 0.1, rushed 0.6. North: M. Campbell 3.0, Ladhams 2.2, Howard 2.1, Hargraves 1.2, Alleway, Younie 1.1, Koops, Hudson, Perrie 1.0, White, Gill, Ryswyk 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Eagles: P. Fiacchi (knock to head). North: Giff

UMPIRES - G. Fila, S. Hay, R. Williams. CROWD - 3290 at Woodville Oval.

GLENELG 12.8 19.12 26.17 (173)STURT 1.1 5.3 8.7 11.9 (75)

BEST - Gleneig: Kirkby, McConnell, Mitchell, Backwell, Duldig, Moore, Yeomans, Allen. Sturt: Hurley, Chambers, Feast, O'Keefe, Button, Nelson,

SCORERS - Glenelg: Duldig, Kirkby 5.1, McConnell 2.3, Douglas, Graham 2.1, Kirk, Smith 1.2, Backwell, Gibbs, Allen 1.1, Yeomans, Willits, Mitchell, Hinge, Ruwoldt 1.0, Moore 0.1. rushed 0.2. Sturt: Chambers 4.4, Button 3.1, Davies, Hurley, McLeay, Taylor 1.0, Colreavy 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES - Gleneig: Sherwood (strained neck). Sturt: Whiteman (strained knee)

UMPIRES - T. Dey, S. Mackie, S. Thompson. CROWD - 2664 at Unley Oval.

SOUTH 23.12 (150)NORWOOD 13.13 17.15 6.6 11.9 (117)

BEST - South: Archard, Parry, Handby, Kenna, McGlone, Smith, Williams. Norwood: Campbell, Hughes, B. James, Borlace, Pfeiffer

SCORERS - South: Twomey 5.0, Cupido 4.0, Ilicesen 2.1, Archard, Wright, Handby 2.0, Kenna, Warren, Torney, Davey 1.2, Clarke, Williams 1.0, Smith, Parry 0.1, rushed 0.1. Norwood: Hughes 4.2, Borlace, Brunoli 3.0, Carslake 2.1, Culpitt 1.5, Vlatko, Gallagher, Bartemucci 1.1, Meesen 1.0, Cockshell, Gibson, Duigan 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - South: C. Sampson (knee), Thewlis (head

knock). Norwood: Gibson (soreness).

UMPIRES - C. Doddridge, D. Joyce, A. Meade. CROWD - 1816 at Noarlunga Oval.

PORT 11.19 14.22 (106)CENTRAL 11.16

BEST - Port: Slattery, Biacsi, Kingsley, Poulton, J. Clayton, Carr, AhChee, Maric, Looby, Waterhouse, Central: McCabe. Switala, Ware, Slade, O'Sullivan.

SCORERS - Port: Slattery 4.1, Waterhouse 3.4, J. Clayton, Kingsley 1.3, Maric 1.2, Poulton 1.1, Mann, Butcher, liett 1.0, Jenner 0.2, Biacsi, Lokan, Looby 0.1, rushed 0.3. Central: McCabe 4.1, O'Sullivan 2.1, Scoullar 1.2, J. Gowans, Slade 1.1, Stengle, McKenzie 1.0, Schell, Ware 0.2, C. Gowans, L. Westhoff, Currie, Wilson 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES - C. Bowen, C. Carey, R. Fox

CROWD - 3156 at Alberton Oval.

DRAW

ROUND 20 - Saturday: West v Port (Broadspectrum Oval. 2.20pm), Glenelg v North (Glenelg Oval, 2.15pm), Sturt v South (Unley Oval, 2.20pm). Sunday: Eagles v Norwood (Woodville Oval, 2.20pm). Bye: Central.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	-	W	L	U	r	A	PC	FLS
Eagles	17	13	4	-	1925	1515	56.0	26
North	16	12	4	-	1929	1548	55.5	24
Glenelg	17	10	7		1962	1556	55.8	20
Central	17	10	7	-	1714	1479	53.7	20
Port	16	9	7		1605	1618	49.8	18
South	16	8	8		1834	1570	53.9	16
Norwood	17	8	9	-	1544	1765	46.7	16
Sturt	16	3	13		1399	2124	39.7	6
West	16	1	15	-	1199	1936	38.3	2

LEADING GOALKICKERS

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M. Passador	(Eagles)	3.6	67.37
B. Chambers	(Sturt)	4.4	58.30
B. Warren	(South)	1.2	52.21
D. Cupido	(South)	4.0	48.25
B. Haynes	(West)		40.32
	RESERV	/FS	

Glenelg 21.23 (149) d Sturt 10.12 (72), Port 14.12 (96) d Central 9.11 (65), North 13.12 (90) d Eagles 12.10 (82), Norwood 18.7 (115) d South 13.16 (94). Ladder: Norwood 24, North 22, Glenelg, West 18, Eagles 15, South 14, Port 13, Sturt, Central 12.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR Woodville-West Torrens v North Adelaide

Tim Inkster (Woodville-West Torrens)
Hayden Skipworth (Woodville-West Torrens) 2
Ben Hudson (North Adelaide) 1
Gleneig v Sturt
Ruory Kirkby (Glenelg)
Justin McConnell (Glenelg)
David Mitchell (Glenelg) 1
Port Adelaide v Central District
Luke Slattery (Port Adelaide)
Shayne Biacsi (Port Adelaide)
Adam Kingsley (Port Adelaide) 1
South Adelaide v Norwood
Rhys Archard (South Adelaide)
Jason Tomey (South Adelaide)
Bryce Campbell (Norwood)
LEADERS - 16: Jeremy Clayton (Port), Ben Haynes (West). 15: Justin Cicclella (Eagles), 14: Tim Inkster (Eagles), 12:

Matthew Slade (Central). 11: Brett Backwell (Glenelg)

Still plenty to do, says Mickan

ANTHONY BARICH

GLENELG coach Mark Mickan is taking nothing for granted - and nor should he, with the horror draw ahead of him in the run to the finals.

With matches against North, premier Central District and dangerous South over the next month, Mickan has stressed the need to "stay firmly on the ground" rather than get carried away with a 98-point flogging of lowly Sturt on Saturday.

In his first year as Bays coach, Mickan has had a turbulent season, starting well then going off the rails, losing five from six games between rounds eight and 13, at which point he decided it was time to wield the axe. Mickan pinpointed a lack of discipline at training as the reason for the slump and has credited a lift in this area as the reason the Tigers are now a game away from second spot, which they will steal by rolling North on Saturday at the Bay.

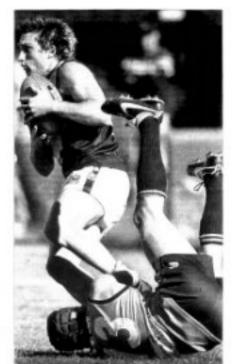
Glenelg already has superior percentage to North but the Roosters will be smarting from a devastating loss in their top-two clash with the Eagles, which will trigger some serious soul-searching about their ability to play finals footy.

"We need to remain firmly on the ground and understand we've got a lot of work to do to match it with a side like North Adelaide," Mickan said. "We fell away in some disciplines in our preparation, certain things around training, the necessary commitment. It only needs to drop off a couple of per cent and you can find yourself up against it. We've now got ourselves into much better training habits and routines.

"Finishing in the top three and getting the double-chance is a goal but it's only a goal. You've just got to keep winning

There were plenty of good signs for Mickan on Saturday. He noted the high number of contested grabs from key forwards Matthew Duldig and Ruory Kirkby, who bagged 5.1 apiece.

"From a team point of view I thought our finishing and kicking for goal could have been better," Mickan said. "I really think you can get confidence in the way you play from a game like that (against Sturt) but we need to put the win in perspective and understand North Adelaide is a team we haven't beaten this year and that represents a very big challenge for us."



UPS AND DOWNS: Glenelg hit the heights at Unley on Saturday, while Sturt crashed, oustanding Tiger Brett Backwell breaking away from Sturt's Ben Eckermann in a 98-point

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Glenelg is alive and kicking on after goal feast

Anthony Barich

GLENELG jumped to third spot on the ladder and firmed for the double chance after crushing Sturt at Unley Oval yesterday.

As Port Adelaide rolled Central District at Alberton, Glenelg needed to win so it didn't slip to fifth.

It did so with interest, with Tigers Matthew Duldig and Ruory Kirkby enjoying a shoot-out between themselves, kicking five goals each to lead the Bays to a 26.17 (173) to 11.9 (75) win.

However, Bays coach Mark Mickan was philosophical about third spot, even with just three rounds left.

"That sounds good but it's only at the end of the year that it matters where you finish on the ladder," he said. "It's just important that we keep winning games."

Sturt had a genuine crack but Glenelg blew them out of the water with a nine-goal first quarter thanks to the three players the Double Blues had specifically targeted in their pre-game planning - Brett Backwell, Justin McConnell and David Mitchell.

Even 228-game veteran Tim Weatherald could not contain Backwell, who was damaging off a wing and as a small forward.

Weatherald was replaced by youngster Ben Eckermann in the second term. He couldn't get near Backwell but he at least managed to get some of the ball himself.

Sturt's midfield drive, already missing Damian Squire (neck), was negated early with Jade Sheedy blocked out of centre bounce

SCOREBOARD Unley Oval, 2664 173 8.7 11.9 12.8 19.12 26.17

GOALS

Chambers 4; Button 3; Davies, Hurley, McLeay, Taylor.

BEST

Hurley, Chambers, Feast, O'Keefe, Button, Nelson.

GOALS

Duldig, Kirkby 5; McConnell, Douglas, Graham 2; Kirk, Smith, Backwell, Gibbs, Allen, Yeomans, Willits, Mitchell, Hinge, Ruwoldt.

BEST

Kirkby, McConnell, Mitchell, Backwell, Duldig, Moore, Yeomans, Allen.

INJURIES/REPORTS

STURT: Whiteman (strained knee). GLENELG: Sherwood (strained neck).

Umpires: T. Dey, S. Macide, S. Thompson.

contests by Ty Allen, leaving midfielders Bryce Gibbs and Ben Moore and long-kicking McConnell and Mitchell pushing from half back to smash Sturt in clearances.

Bradley Yeomans, swapped on to Sheedy after quarter time, restricted the Sturt star and hurt Sturt offensively.

State Under-18 captain Tom Hurley came to the rescue, as did spearhead Brant Chambers with three goals as Sturt outscored Glenelg for the second term.

But skill errors still plagued the Double Blues, whose reflexes were too slow, especially under Glenelg's fierce pressure, and overused the handball.

The long, sweeping kicks from McConnell and Mitchell made Glenelg a ruthlessly efficient unit which still had most of the play though it lost the second term.

The only downer for Glenelg was seeing Cham-

bers' opponent, in-form fullback Paul Sherwood, stretchered off after an apparent accidental headknock in the first quarter.

Sturt came out after half time playing more accountable football and, with Simon Feast switched into the ruck after struggling up forward on Ryan Willits, dominated the ruck to form a great tagteam with Hurley.

Sturt's momentum was halted briefly when Mitchell kicked a massive goal from the centre square after 75m worth of penalties from the point kick-in, but the Double Blues did not give up.

Had it not been for another explosion from Glenelg in the last five minutes of the third term, when the Bays banged on five goals in as many minutes, Sturt could have won another quarter.

Sturt's future looks good in the form of Luke Button, who looked very confident, is strong in the air and bagged three goals yesterday.



GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	ны	F/for	F/ag	GIS	Pts	H/O	Tki		Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	GIS	Pts	H/O	T
KIRK	7	3	6	0	1	1	2	6	0	TAYLOR	6	4	7	0	0	1	0	0	
DULDIG	7	4	2	. 0	0	5	1	0	0	CHAMBERS	12	7	0	2	3	4	4	0	:
RUWOLDT	14	1	5	0	0	1	0	0	2	COLREAVY	10	4	9	0	0	0	1	0	-
MCCONNELL	20	5	3	2	1	2	3	0	0	RISCHBIETH	7	3	9	1	0	0	0	0	-
SMITH	6	3	5	1	1	1	2	5	0	FEAST	2	1	6	1	1	0	0	13	
KIRKBY -	15	11	0	1	1	5	1	0	0	BUTTON	7	5	2	0	1	3	1	0	-
MOORE	8	5	11	2	1	0	1	0	1	ECKERMANN	4	0	11	1	3	0	0	0	
BACKWELL	25	13	7	3	2	1	1	0	1	OKEEFE	18	5	9	0	1	0	0	0	
GRAHAM	11	7	5	0	0	2	1	0	1	JARJOURA	9	4	6	. 1	0	0	0	0	-
MULES	9	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	3	WEATHERALD	11	3	7	2	2	0	0	0	. :
WILLITS	7	3	4	1	1	1	0	1	2	DAVIES	6	1	4	1	0	1	0	0	
MITCHELL	19	7	5	2	2	1	0	0	1	WHITEMAN	4	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	-
PANOZZO	8	3	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	MAY	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	-
SHERWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	MCLEAY	11	6	4	1	1	1	0	0	-
HINGE	6	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	CURTIS	7	2	8	0	1	0	0	0	
CRANSTON	1	1	13	3	3	0	0	12	6	BOWEN	2	3	4	0	1	0	0	7	-
GIBBS	12	5	12	1	0	1	1	0	4	SHEEDY	9	2	12	2	5	0	0	0	
DOUGLAS	11	3	11	2	1	2	1	0	0	NELSON	2	3	10	0	2	0	0	0	1
ALLEN	8	1	11	1	0	1	1	0	4	DELUCA	1	5	10	0	2	0	0	13	-
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