

Desperate Sturt heads Tigers in one-point battle

SCOREBOARD

Glenelg Oval, 3669

GLENELG	95	96	STURT
4.3 7.8 9.8 14.11		2.2 8.3 13.5 15.6	

GOALS
Duldig, Rogers 4; Logan 2; Mitchell, McConnell, Fisher, Smith.
BEST
Backwell, Fisher, Cranston, McConnell, Hinge, Logan.

GOALS
Bentley 3; Weatherald, Bowen, Hurley 2; Sheedy, Nelson, Whiteman, Jarjoura, Taylor, Paley.
BEST
Sheedy, Whiteman, McLeay, Bentley, Nelson, Hurley, Weatherald.

INJURIES/REPORTS
GLENELG: Nil. **STURT:** Wicks (shoulder).
Umpires: D. Joyce, T. Medin, T. Pfeiffer (replaced by M. Johnston).

Warren Partland

BRAVE and desperate Sturt caused a major upset with a thrilling one-point victory over Glenelg at Brighton Road yesterday.

The Double Blues, second from the bottom and besieged by injuries and suspension to key players, cast aside a season of disappointing form to secure just their second win.

"I thought the personnel we had going into the game wasn't too bad," Sturt coach Brenton Phillips said.

"This win is fantastic for the club. We have been knocked around a little bit.

"I'm happy for the playing group. The best part about football is seeing blokes with smiles on their faces. That is what a win can do to a football club."

The umpires were forced to have five ball-ups to clear the square to open the game, but the entertainment then flowed as both sides attacked the contest.

Glenelg went into the battle a hot favourite but the Double Blues, with Jade Sheedy and Andrew Whiteman superb on the ball, accepted the challenge with enthusiasm and commitment.

Skill errors, mostly with handball, hurt Sturt early as it struggled to find fluency into the forward line.

In contrast, the Tigers looked far more potent going into attack.

Glenelg, well led by acting captain Adam Fisher and with Brett Backwell working hard to find space, was more precise and decisive with its delivery. And Matthew Duldig thrived on the opportunities, using his strong marking to cause headaches for the Sturt defence.

Both sides showed willingness to get involved in the heavy work, ensuring plenty

of pressure for combatants.

Seven minutes into the second quarter, promising youngster Tom Hurley showed his class with a goal which cut Glenelg's lead to just eight points and seemed to spark Sturt.

The Double Blues lifted their skill level and became surer with their ball work to put Glenelg under the pump.

While Sturt grew in confidence, the Tigers' skills dropped and poor decision making proved costly.

Moving James McLeay on to Duldig also had a huge impact.

If the action was not hot enough, late in the second quarter tempers became heated with a swag of players involved in a brawl.

The momentum swings continued into the third term with firstly Sturt in control. The fierce tackling of the Double Blues quelled the Tigers' running game, while the home side did not help its cause with overuse of handball and clumsy football.

Glenelg then grabbed the ascendancy before the Double Blues bagged the last three goals of the quarter to regain the high ground.

With the home side dominating the stoppages in the last quarter, the Tigers went on the prowl with constant days deep into attack.

Sturt struggled to clear its defence as the Tigers levelled the scores midway through the term.

"Credit to Sturt, its pressure was good, no doubt about that," Glenelg coach Mark Mickan said.

"They deserve their win.

"They were more efficient with the ball, decision making and skill level. So they get the result."

LADDER ROUND 9

TEAM	P	W	L	For	Agst	Str	%	Pts
PORT	8	6	2	829	665	L1	55.49	12
NORTH	8	6	2	942	869	L1	52.02	12
EAGLES	8	5	3	869	712	W3	54.97	10
GLENELG	8	4	4	852	750	L2	53.18	8
CENTRAL	8	4	4	753	739	W1	50.47	8
Norwood	8	4	4	760	808	L2	48.47	8
South**	7	3	4	756	680	W1	52.65	6
Sturt	7	2	5	641	874	W1	42.31	4
West	8	1	7	620	925	W1	40.13	2

**Bye *Yet to play this round

GOALS

Rank/Player	(R9)	Tot
1 Chambers (St)	(0)	27
1 Passador (E)	(5)	27
3 Warren (SA)	(*)	25
4 Cupido (SA)	(*)	23
4 Rogers (G)	(4)	23

ROUND 10

Saturday: North v Eagles (Woodville); North v West (Prospect); Sturt v Central (Unley).
Monday: Glenelg v Norwood (Glenelg).
Bye: Port.

RESERVES
NORTH 132 d Eagles 103
WEST 82 d Port 57
GLENELG 125 d Sturt 81
NORWOOD 121 d Central 61
UNDER 19
EAGLES 127 d North 39
PORT 180 d West 79
GLENELG 110 d Sturt 87
NORWOOD 86 d Central 66
UNDER 17
EAGLES 142 d North 63
WEST 150 d Port 84
STURT 156 d Glenelg 53
NORWOOD 94 d Central 40



GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
ROGERS	7	6	2	1	0	4	0	0	0
DULDIG	11	8	4	1	0	4	2	0	2
HORAN	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
RUWOLDT	13	3	6	2	2	0	1	0	3
SMITH	8	9	3	0	2	1	0	4	0
MITCHELL	15	7	3	0	0	1	2	0	1
MCCONNELL	14	5	3	1	1	1	2	0	0
FISHER	20	8	14	0	4	1	0	0	7
GIBBS	11	2	13	0	0	0	0	0	6
SUNDQVIST	6	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
WILLITS	11	9	7	1	1	0	0	0	0
MOORE	11	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	1
HINGE	10	4	7	1	0	0	1	0	0
SHERWOOD	8	5	7	0	1	0	0	0	1
PANOZZO	11	0	15	2	0	0	0	0	0
CRANSTON	4	2	12	2	2	0	0	20	3
LOGAN	10	9	14	1	0	2	1	0	1
BACKWELL	19	10	8	6	1	0	0	0	0
SELLAR	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	1
ALLEN	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2
YEOMANS	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	197	97	136	48	15	14	11	26	28



STURT

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
MCLEAY	7	3	5	2	0	0	0	0	0
DELUCA	7	2	4	2	2	0	1	19	0
PALEY	3	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
BRATTON	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
BOWEN	6	4	4	1	0	2	0	2	0
WEATHERALD	14	8	17	0	1	2	1	0	0
SHEEDY	21	6	12	0	5	1	1	1	5
JARJOURA	9	3	10	1	0	1	0	0	0
WICKS	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
NELSON	15	8	14	1	0	1	0	1	7
BENTLEY	9	6	11	1	0	3	0	1	3
OKEEFE	13	4	8	0	0	0	1	0	3
DAVIES	4	2	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
COAD	9	5	5	0	3	0	0	0	1
CURTIS	4	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	1
FEAST	3	3	3	0	0	1	1	17	2
WHITEMAN	10	5	15	2	1	1	0	0	0
TAYLOR	7	6	15	1	2	1	0	0	1
HURLEY	8	3	16	0	0	2	0	0	2
ECKERMANN	7	2	7	1	3	0	0	0	3
COLREAVEY	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	167	79	169	15	18	15	6	42	28

BOMBERS CHASE GIBBS

ESSENDON has signalled its intent to embark on a post-season player raid, with coach Kevin Sheedy warning the Bombers were on the "warpath" to poach Glenelg youngster Bryce Gibbs.

In the wake of Essendon's insipid 138-point loss to Adelaide on Friday, Sheedy confirmed the Bombers were determined to build their side for the 2007 season.

Sheedy and his recruiting staff yesterday stayed in Adelaide to watch Gibbs play for

Glenelg against Sturt. He said Essendon would do everything in its power to bring a young star into the club through the pre-season draft.

"The most important thing I could say is that we will be going after the best pre-season draft pick," he said.

"We have an opportunity to go after the best kid off contract and we will be on the warpath. We won't be trading our draft picks, I can tell you that," he said.

Jon Ralph

SCOREBOARD

Thebarton Oval, 3546

NORTH	68	147	EAGLES
3.1 6.7 8.10 9.14		4.3 11.3 18.7 23.9	

GOALS
D. Motlop 4; Weatherley, Gill 2; Edwards.
BEST
Gatto, Ivens, Edwards, McIntyre, D. Motlop.

GOALS
Passador 5; Inkster, Cooper 3; Westbrook, Earl 2; Grocke, Jarrad, Treeby, Shattock, Powell, P. Fiacchi, Cicolella, Vince.
BEST
Cicolella, Skipworth, Cooper, Vince, Treeby, Passador, McKenzie, Pedler, Lindsay.

INJURIES/REPORTS
NORTH: Younie (shoulder); Krieg (concussion).
EAGLES: T. Inkster reported by C. Rowston for alleged rough conduct.
Umpires: G. Fila, C. Rowston, R. Williams.

SCOREBOARD

Hamra Homes Oval, 3383

CENTRAL	113	73	NORWOOD
3.3 7.6 11.11 16.17		3.0 8.4 8.6 11.7	

GOALS
Ware 3; Cowan, J. Westhoff, O'Sullivan, Wilson 2; Slade, Schell, Switala, Dutschke, R. Cochrane.
BEST
Slade, McKenzie, R. Cochrane, Switala, McCabe, Scoullar, Wilson.

GOALS
Culpitt 4; deJongh 3; Sandery, Aish, Bown, Meesen.
BEST
B. James, Zorzi, Culpitt, Gallagher, Thomas, Meesen.

INJURIES/REPORTS
CENTRAL: Gowans (calf) withdrew from selected squad.
NORWOOD: Campbell (thigh).
Umpires: C. Bowen, C. Doddridge, R. Fox.

SCOREBOARD

Alberton Oval, 3086

PORT	61	100	WEST
4.3 7.4 8.6 9.7		2.5 7.10 10.16 13.22	

GOALS
Lokan 3; Ilett 2; Biacsi, Waterhouse, Elstone, Carr.
BEST
Baird, Fitzgerald, Biacsi, Elstone, DePasquale, Lokan, Meiklejohn.
INJURIES/REPORTS
PORT: J. Clayton (ankle); Waterhouse (cork).
WEST: Nil.

GOALS
Jericho 5; Haynes, Hollands, Porplyzia 2; Pettigrew, McMillan.
BEST
Haynes, Porplyzia, Jericho, Hollands, Dragicevic, Piasante, Glover, Pettigrew.

Umpires: T. Dey, S. Hay, S. Mackie.