

# Bays' rabbit out of a hat

Round 18, 2007

## SCOREBOARD

### GLENELG V WEST ADELAIDE

Broadspectrum - 1523

Glenelg	2.1	4.3	6.4	13.7	85
West Adelaide	3.2	5.6	8.7	11.7	73

**BEST PLAYERS:** GLENELG - Rudolph, Kirkby, Backwell, Panozzo, B Kane, Sherwood, Logan. **WEST** - Clark, Hollands, Ben Fisher, Dragicevic, Walsh, Smith, Fielke. **GOALS:** GLENELG - Kirkby 4; McConnell 3; Logan, Smith 2; Mahoney, Murphy. **WEST** - Ben Fisher 4; Cupido 3; Galea, Hollands, Wilson, Fielke. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** Glenelg - Mitchell (hamstring); Lewis (knee). **West** - Hollands for alleged head-high contact. **UMPIRES:** A Crosby, G Fila, C Rowston.

### Doug Robertson

GLENELG pulled off a "Harry Houdini" fightback at Richmond Oval yesterday to pip a fighting West Adelaide by 12 points and put the squeeze on a final five spot.

The cocky Tigers trailed from the five-minute mark of the first quarter until 18 minutes into the final quarter of the largely scrappy contest.

But once they slipped into rhythm, Glenelg overran the Bloods, kicking 7.3 to 3.0 in the final quarter.

West led by two points after Ben Fisher kicked his fourth goal for the day 16 minutes into the final quarter.

The wind was taken out of the Bloods' sails into time-on when Tigers giants Jeff Smith and Ruory Kirkby showed great experience to seize loose balls and slam through two goals within three minutes to seal their fate.

Sitting fifth on the ladder with five rounds remaining, the Tigers have eased three premiership points ahead of sixth-placed Norwood with Port Adelaide - which faces South Adelaide today at Noarlunga - four premiership points adrift before today's result.

Coach Mark Mickan admitted being "relieved and lucky" to beat the battered Bloods, who have won just two games this season.

"To Westies' credit, they are young and enthusiastic players (and) they were too good for us for 2½ quarters, really," he said.

"Possibly some experience paid off but I thought our ability as a team to persevere was very good.

"Players who did not have a great day came into the game and the thing that was very good was our ability to finish off in the last quarter."

Unsung key forward Kirkby (16 possessions and 11 marks) and gangly defender Sam Rudolph (23 and six effective tackles) were the only Tigers to fight for 100 minutes and when Brett



**PACE:** Tiger Mark Ruwoltd leads West's James Ezard

Backwell (23 possessions), Ben Kane (26), as well as Adam Fisher, Josh Mahoney, Luke Panozzo and Jack Fosdike picked up the slack there was no way Westies could withstand the attacking flow and team running.

But, importantly, when Glenelg - which lost forwards David Mitchell (hamstring) and Scott Lewis (knee) to injuries by two minutes into the second half - had to pull some face-saving tricks out of the bag they had the personnel, experience and the ability to do it.

With 10 players having fewer than 15 games experience at SANFL level, West had more possessions in the first half, created more scoring opportunities for the first three quarters and exhibited far greater desire than the vastly more talented Glenelg outfit.

But the Bloods could not hammer home the killer blows.

"We needed to put more scoreboard pressure on in the third quarter," coach Wayne Weidemann said.

"We kicked three (goals) and there were another three we could have got, and that's what hurt us the most."



### GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
FOSDIKE	5	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
MCCONNELL	7	3	2	2	0	3	0	0	1
MURPHY	5	3	4	0	1	1	0	0	0
MITCHELL	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
KIRKBY	15	11	1	3	0	4	0	0	0
LEWIS	1	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	1
MAHONEY	13	11	14	2	2	1	0	1	2
FISHER	9	4	14	0	3	0	1	0	5
BACKWELL	19	5	11	1	1	0	0	0	1
HINGE	7	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
SHERWOOD	7	1	7	1	1	0	0	1	1
KANE.B	16	5	9	1	4	0	0	0	1
SMITH	5	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	1
RUDOLPH	17	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	6
MULES	3	1	12	1	1	0	0	0	0
BUTTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
LOGAN	16	7	8	2	1	2	2	0	0
WILLOUGHBY	6	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	2
GUILHAUS	1	2	10	0	2	0	0	10	1
PANOZZO	12	2	15	2	3	0	0	0	0
RUWOLDT	10	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	3
Totals	175	78	135	19	22	13	7	15	28



### WEST

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
SMITH	18	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	1
CUPIDO	14	7	4	0	0	3	0	0	1
GALEA	8	4	1	0	2	1	1	0	1
CAIRE	13	4	8	3	0	0	2	0	2
WILLITS	4	3	6	1	2	0	0	1	0
FISHER Brayden	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	1
MCCORMICK	14	7	9	1	2	0	0	2	1
DRAGICEVIC	12	5	7	0	0	0	1	0	1
FIELKE	8	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	2
MUNN	11	2	8	3	0	0	0	0	1
BARLING	9	4	4	3	3	0	0	0	1
WALSH	12	4	8	1	3	0	0	0	2
FLATMAN	6	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
HONNER	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
BLESING	9	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	1
CLARK	4	5	7	3	1	0	1	18	0
HOLLANDS	17	9	4	1	0	1	1	0	0
EZARD	12	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	2
FISHER Ben	8	5	2	1	3	4	0	0	1
JAQUES	3	3	4	1	0	0	0	3	2
WILSON	5	1	4	2	0	1	0	0	1
Totals	188	84	106	22	19	11	7	25	22

## SCOREBOARD

### CENTRAL DISTRICT V EAGLES

Hamra Homes - 2861

Central District	2.2	5.5	9.7	12.13	85
Eagles	2.4	4.5	10.6	11.9	75

**BEST PLAYERS:** CENTRAL - Symes, C Gowans, Schell, Griffin, Slade, Sibenaler, Grima, Lawry. **EAGLES** - Salter, Treeby, Lomas, Jarrad, Cicolella, Symmons. **GOALS:** CENTRAL - Grima, Slattery 2; Lawry, Griffin, Schell, Slade, Havelberg, MacKenzie, Callinan, J Gowans. **EAGLES** - Salter 6; Lomas, Treeby, Redden, Jarrad, Grocke. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** Central - Slattery (ankle). **Eagles** - Cooper (Achilles). **UMPIRES:** C Bowen, S Hay, T Pfeiffer.

## SCOREBOARD

### NORTH ADELAIDE V NORWOOD

Prospect Oval - 2087

North Adelaide	4.5	8.6	12.8	18.8	116
Norwood	0.4	3.5	6.8	8.11	59

**BEST PLAYERS:** NORTH - Alleway, Ladhams, Wundke, Stribling, Younie, Wright. **NORWOOD** - Campbell, Gallagher, Lower, McGuinness. **GOALS:** NORTH - Alleway 6; Wright 4; Weatherley, Wundke 2; Kaesler, Younie, McIntyre, Motlop. **NORWOOD** - Vlatko, Bartemucci 2; Campbell, McGuinness, Hill, Bown. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** North - Weatherley reported for a late challenge on Campbell. **UMPIRES:** T Dey, S Mackie, C Doddridge.

## NEXT ROUND

Saturday, August 11

Sturt v Eagles	(Adelaide Oval)
North Adelaide v Central District	(Prospect)

Sunday, August 12

Glenelg v Port Adelaide	(Challenge)
South Adelaide v West Adelaide	(Hickinbotham)

Bye: Norwood

## STATS LEADERS

### GOALS

Brant Chambers (Sturt)	(*)	76
Justin McConnell (Glenelg)	(3)	51
Jamie Vlatko (Norwood)	(2)	49
Ian Callinan (Central)	(1)	45

## SANFL LADDER - ROUND 18

	TEAM	P	W	L	D	FOR	AGST	STR	PTS	%
1	Central	16	15	1	-	1854	1082	W7	30	63.15
2	Sturt*	15	11	4	-	1477	1273	W3	22	53.71
3	North	15	9	5	1	1463	1280	W1	19	53.34
4	Eagles	15	8	7	-	1428	1375	L1	16	50.95
5	Glenelg	16	7	8	1	1557	1410	W2	15	52.48
6	Norwood	16	6	10	-	1403	1625	L2	12	46.33
7	Port**	15	5	9	1	1305	1336	L1	11	49.41
8	South**	15	4	10	1	1183	1658	L3	9	41.64
9	West	15	2	13	-	1110	1741	L10	4	38.93