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Kenna's blitz inspires South



IT didn't come until late in the third term but when South Adelaide finally landed the knockout punch, it hit Glenelg hard.

Seven minutes of devastating football - which landed the Panthers six goals in succession propelled the home side to a crucial 14-point win against their fierce southern rival at Noarlunga yesterday.

"The first half in particular, it was like two boxers in a boxing ring waltzing around each other and waiting for the other to throw the first blow." South coach Robert Pyman said.

"It wasn't until halfway through the third quarter that we moved the ball quickly and formed a real contest in the forward line. The quicker we moved the ball, the quicker we scored."

Using the aid of a strong wind kicking to the southern end, South's greater efficiency proved the difference in this match-defining period.

The six-goal burst ensured South would finish with 8.6 with the breeze in the premiership quarter.

In contrast, the Tigers wasted opportunities when it was their turn in the final term, booting 2.6 and two out-of-bounds on the full.

Dangerous Tiger Justin McConnell - who until the last stanza had booted three goals straight missed three set shots all within range with little angle to worry him.

David Mitchell and debutant Lachie McGregor missed the target once each completely, causing Tigers fans to pull their hair out in frustration.

"When you look at who had the momentum the longest I think we did for the entire game," Glenelg coach Mark Mickan said.

"But we allowed them to do far too much scoreboard damage in the third quarter. Going into the last quarter the game was still there to be won but we missed some very easy shots for goal in a two-goal game.

"It's all what-ifs and buts and it's been like that every week but when the opposition gets momentum we need to be able to clamp down and prevent the scoring avalanche we've experienced against us."

The man Mickan needed to shut down most was the smallest opposition player on the ground, Stephen Kenna, who contributed three of the six goals within the game-breaking period. As South moved the ball in

quickly, Kenna caught the Tigers defenders flatfooted with his extreme pace as he crumbed the ball brilliantly and ran into an open goal on two occasions.

"I thought Kenna was our best player," Pyman said.

"One thing about Kenna is he has the ability to break the lines, run the ball 30m and kick the ball 50m, so he's an 80m player.

"He's forming a really damaging duo with Josh Maddox - Josh is really coming on too."

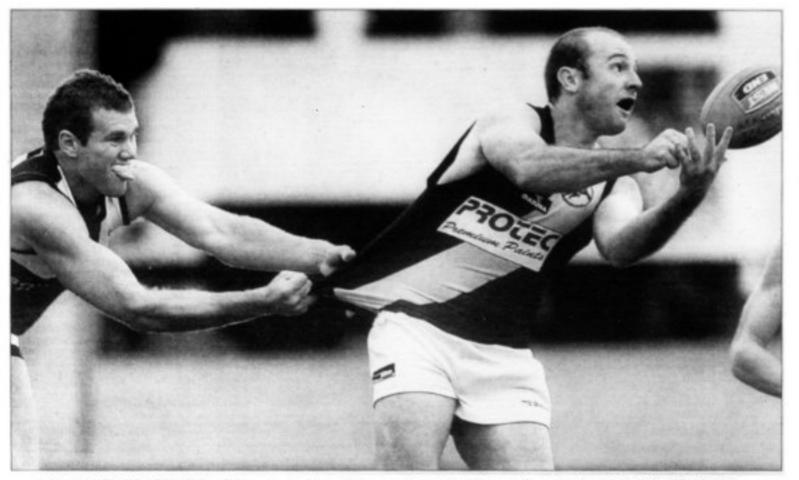
The captain and his deputy - Clay Sampson and Mathew Smith - were also influential on the contest. Crows rookie Rhys Archard a late inclusion – made a promising return from a hamstring strain with 25 disposals.

Once again Glenelg's midfield had plenty of the football but it was a similar story for the Tigers - there was a severe lack of a marking target inside 50m.

Debutant Rob Plant played at full forward and showed some promising signs but unless Glenelg can produce a consistent, damaging presence up forward, it will continue to tread water.

"That certainly helps," Mickan said.

"When we put a big player there (up forward) we need him to take a mark and kick a goal for us. We've got the players to do it but we've got to do it more consistently."



COMING TO GRIPS: Glenelg's Ben Moore handballs as South Adelaide's Nathan Twomey tackles at Hickinbotham Oval yesterday. Picture: RAY TITUS

	THERS			SOUTH						1		GLENELG							
	Kicks	Mks	ны	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl		Kicks	Mks	ны	F/for	F/og	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tk
HTIM	11	4	9	1	1	2	0	0	2	McCONNELL	17	8	3	2	0	3	3	0	0
RENDERGAST	9	2	6	3	3	0	0	9	2	MITCHELL	16	8	0	0	2	1	1	0	1
WADDOX	10	4	10	1	0	0	1	0	2	DAY	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1
AcGLONE	13	5	11	1	0	1	0	0	1	ALLEN	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
WOMEY	3	2	4	1	0	0	0	2	2	SMITH	6	4	6	2	2	1	0	4	3
VRIGHT	11	1	11	2	0	0	0	0	4	LOGAN	8	6	9	0	1	1	2	0	1
AMPSON	16	5	1	3	2	2	3	0	2	MURPHY	8	7	11	0	1	1	0	0	0
AcGRATH .	8	2	7	1	0	0	ō	0	4	BOAK	10	9	12	0	0	0	0	1	0
MILLIAMS	10	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	2	MOORE	16	8	6	2	3	0	1	0	5
NEAGLE	4	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	KANE	14	5	9	0	3	0	0	0	1
ENNETT	5	5	7	4	1	0	0	0	0	KIRKBY	7	4	1	2	2	0	0	0	1
HEWLIS	17	7	3	1	3	1	0	Ö	2	MULES	. 6	5	7	1	0	0	0	0	2
CLARKE	19	8	8	1	1	1	2	ō	1	RUDOLPH	13	4	3	1	2	0	0	0	3
CARLILE	6	2	6	1	2	0	ō	ō	1	SHERWOOD	8	5	9	1	0	0	0	0	3
LICESEN	3	3	1	0	ī	2	ĩ	0	1	PANOZZO	8	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
ARRY	2	3	10	0	2	1	0	19	2	BUTTON · ·	4	6	9	1	0	0	0	9	1
IANDBY	9	4	3	1	- 1	0	0	0	1	FISHER	21	8	9	0	3	0	0	0	4
ENNA	20	6	10	2	0	3	1	0	4	BACKWELL	20	5	12	3	3	1	1	0	2
RCHARD	10	6 -	15	3	3	1	2	0	2	BLOCK	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
URNER	3	2	1	0	O	0	0	0	1	PLANT	7	4	2	2	0	2	1	0	0
OYD	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	ō	0	McGREGOR	5	3	0	3	1	2	0	0	0
otals	189	77	133	26	22	14	13	30	37	Totals	198	106	114	22	26	12	11	14	29

SANFL

SATURDAY

EAGLES 5.7 14.9 STURT 3.4

BEST - Eagles: Powell, P. Fiacchi, Cooper, Treeby, Batsanis, McKenzie, P. Stewart. Sturt: Nelson, Hurse, Evans, Deluca, Gum, Gregory, Bratton.

SCORERS - Eagles: Passador 3.2, Lomas 2.1, Treeby, Symmons 2.0, Cooper 1.2, McKenzie, Batsanis, P. Fiacchi, Klun, Grocke 1.0, Fitzgerald, Powell 0.1, rushed 0.3. Sturt: Chambers 4.3, Gum 3.0, Hurse, Nelson, Deluca, Herring, Weatherald 1.0, Crane 0.1.

INJURIES - Eagles: R. Fiacchi (ACL knee strain). Sturt: O'Keefe (groin), Thomson (knee), withdrew from selected squad. UMPIRES - T. Philip, M. Cousins, C. Doddridge. CROWD - 1877 at Woodville Oval.

NORWOOD (100)WEST 4.3 8.5 13.7 15.10

BEST - Norwood: Gallagher, McGuinness, Bailey, Massie, Aish, Jackman, Vlatko. West: Hollands, Gray, Dragicevic, Willits, Smith, Cupido. SCORERS - Norwood: Vlatko 5.3, Aish 3.1, Campbell 2.1, Gallagher 2.0, Bailey, Cockshell, Dawes, Culpitt, Massie 1.0, Borlace, Bown, Nitschke 0.1, rushed 0.1. West: Cupido 4.3, Gray 4.0, Clark 2.0, Donaldson, Wood 1.1, Caire, Hollands, Willits 1.0, Tippett, Hamblin, Smith, Dragicevic 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Norwood: Borlace (knee), Vlatko (blurred vision), Pfeiffer (blood nose). West: Barber (shoulder), Hutchins (knock to head). Walsh (hamstring), Tippett (shoulder). UMPIRES - C. Bowen, G. Fila, S. Hay.

CROWD - 1997 at Broadspectrum Oval.

CENTRAL 12.11 (73) PORT 6.5 11.7

BEST - Central: O'Sullivan, Slattery, Callinan, Westhoff, Thomas, Switala. Port: J. Clayton, LeCras, Summerton, Perkins, Perry, Hargraves.

SCORERS - Central: Goodrem 4.0, Westhoff 3.6, Callinan 3.0, Slade 1.1, Lawry 1.0, Ware 0.2, Slattery 0.1, Havelberg 0.1. Port: Hargraves 4.3, LeCras 4.1, Waterhouse 2.0, Jenner 1.0, Poulton 0.1, Miller 0.1, Dolling 0.1.

INJURIES - Central: C. Gowans (leg). Port: Jenner (knee). UMPIRES - D. Woodcock, T. Pfeiffer, C. Carey. CROWD - 6673 at Hamra Homes Oval.

YESTERDAY

SOUTH 12.11 14.13 (83)GLENELG 2.3 7.5 12.11 10.5

BEST - South: Kenna, Smith, Thewlis, Maddox, McGlone, Sampson, Archard, Carlile. Glenelg: Fisher, Backwell, Moore, Rudolph, Kane, Kirkby, Plant.

SCORERS - South: Kenna 3.1, Sampson 2.3, Iljcesen 2.1, Smith 2.0, Clarke, Archard 1.2, Parry, Thewlis, McGlone 1.0, Maddox, Williams 0.1, rushed 0.2. Glenelg: McConnell 3.3, Plant 2.1, McGregor 2.0, Logan 1.2, Backwell, Mitchell 1.1, Murphy, Smith 1.0, Moore 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - South: Jacques (reserves), replaced in selected side by Archard, Parry (leg).

UMPIRES - C. Rowston, D. Joyce, S. Mackie.

CROWD - 1834 at Hickinbotham Oval. DRAW

ROUND EIGHT - Saturday: Port v Norwood (Alberton 2pm), North v Central (Prospect 2.15pm), Sturt v West (Unley 2pm). Sunday: Eagles v South (Woodville 2pm). Bye: Glenelg.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

Central	6	6	*		701	423	62.4	12
Port	7	4	3	-	699	616	53.2	8
North	5	3	1	1	461	370	55.5	7
Eagles	6	3	3		585	584	50.0	6
Sturt	6	3	3	-	477	553	46.3	6
South	6	2	3	1	488	607	44.6	5
Norwood	6	2	4	-	558	635	46.8	4
West	6	2	4		530	622	46.0	4
Glenelg	6	1	5		454	543	45.5	2

LEADING GOALKICKERS Rd7 Total 29.11 B. Chambers (Sturt) 4.3 Waterhouse (Port) 2.0 26.13 M. Passador (Eagles) 3.2 25.5

13.11 14.12 5.6 11.10 South 4.4 6.6 (76)Glenelg

RESERVES

BEST - South: Elliott, Warren, Hateley, Norsworthy, Hunter, Munkara, Glenelg: Lewis, Horan, Holmes, Bell, C. Kane, Lally. GOALS - South: Warren 5, Munkara 4, Ellis, J. Sampson, Ryan, Elliott, Portlock. Glenelg: Holmes 3, Horan, C. Kane 2, Bradley, Duldig, Lally, Lewis.

Sturt 9.17 (71) d Eagles 8.15 (63), Norwood 14.14 (98) d West 11.19 (85), Central 15.6 (96) d Port 11.6 (72). Ladder: Central 10, Norwood, Sturt, South 8, Glenelg, North 6, Eagles 4, Port 2, West 0.

UNDER-19 Glenelg 9.7 12.10 17.18 South 1.2 2.4 6.9 7.16 (58)

BEST - Gleneig: Grosser, Sverdioff, Bartlett, Albrechtsen, Vallance. Davey, Ruwoldt, Clayson. South: Pegler, Riley, Skrypek, Carroll. GOALS - Glenelg: Grosser 5, Snook, Obst 3, Sulicich, Barrie 2, Bartlett, Albrechtsen. South: Pegler 2, May, Davenport, Murray, Carroll, Kent. West 16.17 (113) d Norwood 8.4 (52), Port 11.17 (83) d Central

8.11 (59), Sturt 7.13 (55) d Eagles 6.12 (48). Ladder: Port 14, Sturt, Glenelg 8, Central, West, North 6, South 4, Eagles 2, Norwood 0. UNDER-17

South 9.5 14.7 16.9 (145)Glenelg 7.9 12.11 14.12

BEST - South: Weckert, Davis-Neale, Bowd, Stone, Simmounds, Powell, Brown, Caiapich. Gleneig: Cox, Robertson, Bradley, Carey, Scott-Collins, Dempsey. GOALS - South: Simmounds 6, Caiapich, Bowd 4, Brown 3,

Davis-Neale, Davis, Crate, Weckert, Gericke. Glenelg: Carey 5, Cox 3, Scott-Collins, Robertson 2, Kelly, Pittard. Norwood 13.11 (89) d West 11.7 (73), Sturt 23.18 (156) d

Eagles 9.4 (58), Port 21.16 (142) d Central 7.3 (45). Ladder: Port 14, Eagles 12, North 10, Sturt, Norwood 8, Glenelg 6, South, Central 2, West 0.