

We were embarrassed: Laird

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CENTRAL District coach Roy Laird held his players behind locked doors for as long as any Bulldogs official could remember in his successful reign. He was far from impressed with the 21-point loss to Glenelg at Elizabeth on Saturday.

"If anyone (in the team) mistakenly thinks that we're the most talented group in the competition,

they are kidding themselves," Laird said.

"To be competitive from this point on we are going to need every individual to get the maximum out of himself, to train as professionally as they can. We will need to be at our absolute maximum to be just competitive against the good teams."

Are you behind the eight ball to win the premiership?

"Yep," he replied. "We had a talk on Monday about issues that have been evolving over the past three

weeks. We addressed those on Monday night but you are kidding yourselves if you think that is going to transform over within one week of playing good footy.

"This has been festering for five weeks and it became an issue against a very good side.

"The blokes have to wear criticism that is going to come their way and be man enough to address it and improve in those areas we are talking about.

"It looked to me like we thought we were infallible, that we were

offended by the fact a team stood up against us. We were embarrassed. Mentally a lot of players are not where they need to be."

No such worries at Glenelg. Coach Mark Mickan had nothing but praise for his squad after claiming a ninth successive win and the prized scalp of the Bulldogs at Elizabeth - their first win at the ground in 16 years.

Disciplined, hard-working, relentless, skilful, committed, desperate - the adjectives just keep flowing for a superb performance.

SANFL DETAILS



SATURDAY

STURT	4.8	8.11	16.11	19.15	(129)
EAGLES	1.3	4.8	4.10	6.12	(48)
BEST - Sturt: Crane, Sheedy, Herring, Bentley, Evans, Perrie, Deluca, Coad. Eagles : McGregor, Petrenko, Rimington, Fiacchi, Colville.					
SCORERS - Sturt: Chambers 7.1, Herring 3.2, Thomson 3.0, Evans 2.3, Crane, Coad, Perrie, Wicks 1.1, Farmer 0.2, Sharples 0.1, rushed 0.2. Eagles : Rimington 2.0, McGregor, Geddes 1.3, Hentschel, Fitzgerald 1.1, Pavlich, Jarrad, Fiacchi, Schwarze 0.1.					
INJURIES - Sturt: Feast (ankle), Gregory (knee), Nelson (leg).					
UMPIRES - T. Medlin, D. Woodcock, T. Philp.					
CROWD - 2296 at Woodville Oval.					

NORTH	4.2	7.6	13.8	15.11	(101)
SOUTH	2.0	4.2	5.3	8.6	(54)
BEST - North: Alleway, Allan, Lonie, Ward, Archard, D. White, Cunningham, Wright. South : Otten, Handby, Rolfe, Mackay, Redigolo.					

SCORERS - North: Alleway 5.1, Wright 2.1, O'Brien 2.0, W. Thompson, Delvins 1.2, Stewart 1.1, Lonie, B. White, Archard 1.0, Younie 0.2, D. White, Ward 0.1. **South**: Otten, Rolfe 2.0, Warren 1.3, Redigolo, Ellis, Boyd 1.0, Smith, Thewlis 0.1, rushed 0.1. **INJURIES** - North: Allan (Achilles). **South**: Neagle (hamstring), withdrew from selected squad.

UMPIRES - D. Joyce, S. Thompson, R. Williams. **CROWD** - 1560 at Prospect Oval.

GLENELG	7.5	9.5	13.12	15.13	(103)
CENTRAL	1.2	3.6	6.7	12.10	(82)
BEST - Glenelg: Allen, Fisher, Cranston, Hinge, Sugars, Panozzo, Murphy. Central : O'Sullivan, J. Gowans, Thomas, Slade, Havelberg.					

SCORERS - Glenelg: McConnell 4.1, Bode, Ruwoldt 2.2, Grima, Sellar 2.0, Backwell, Hinge, Liebelt 1.0, Fisher 0.2, Kane, Block, Murphy 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Central**: Havelberg 4.1, L. Westhoff 3.1, O'Sullivan 3.0, McCabe, Gowans 1.0, Goodrem, Switala, Ware 0.1, rushed 0.5.

REPORT - Central: Thomas, for allegedly striking Hinge, by umpire Dey in the fourth quarter.

UMPIRES - T. Dey, C. Carey, C. Rowston. **CROWD** - 3114 at Hamra Homes Oval.

YESTERDAY

PORT	6.2	9.6	10.10	13.15	(93)
WEST	3.4	6.4	7.4	8.9	(57)
BEST - Port: Elstone, Dolling, Summerton, Hargraves, Melikejohn, Murray, Surjan. West : Cupido, McCormick, Brown, Ferguson, Bailey, Hollands.					

SCORERS - Port: Hargraves 5.3, C. Carr 3.0, Waterhouse 2.2, AhChee, Rugolo, Krakouer 1.0, Surjan 0.2, Murray, DePasquale 0.1, rushed 0.6. **West**: Cupido 5.2, Willits 1.1, Hassan, Fisher 1.0, Ezard, Bailey, Hollands, Anderson, Neaves 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - West: Hassan (knee). **UMPIRES** - S. Hay, C. Bowen, M. Cousins. **CROWD** - 2196 at Broad Spectrum Oval.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Sturt	11	9	2	-	1245	717	63.4	18
Glenelg	10	9	1	-	1087	770	58.5	18
Central	10	7	3	-	958	765	55.6	14
North	11	6	5	-	1085	1097	49.7	12
Norwood	10	4	5	1	762	895	46.0	9
Eagles	11	4	7	-	1041	1179	46.9	8
South	11	3	7	1	772	1113	40.9	7
Port	10	3	7	-	883	941	48.4	6
West	10	1	9	-	648	1004	39.2	2

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd12	Total
B. Chambers	(Sturt)	7.1	56.26
D. Hargraves	(Port)	5.3	40.24
J. McConnell	(Glenelg)	4.1	37.12
M. Passador	(Eagles)	-	35.6
B. Warren	(South)	1.3	34.19
I. Perrie	(Sturt)	1.1	29.12

RESERVES

WEST	2.2	6.9	10.9	18.13	(121)
PORT	6.2	8.4	9.7	11.8	(74)
BEST - West: Robson, Bricknell, Buckley, Giles, Fielke, Luders. Port : Perkins, Saunders, Harvey, Wait, Stoyanoff, Madden, Prost. GOALS - West: Luders 4, Fielke, Vanderhaak 3, Giles, Bricknell 2, Pratt, Gathercole, Buckley, Morris. Port : Saunders, Biacsi, Erskine, Harder 2, Looby, Walker, Stanly.					

Sturt 18.11 (119) d Eagles 10.5 (65), North 17.12 (114) d South 9.5 (59), Glenelg 15.8 (98) d Central 13.7 (85).

Premiership table: Sturt 20, North 18, Glenelg 14, Central 10, Eagles, Norwood, West 8, Port 6, South 2.

UNDER-19

West 18.18 (126) d Port 11.8 (74), Sturt 14.15 (99) d Eagles 13.14 (92), North 13.12 (90) d South 11.6 (72), Glenelg 11.16 (82) d Central 10.8 (68). **Premiership table:** Port 16, Eagles, Sturt 14, Norwood, Glenelg 12, West 10, North 8, South, Central 4.

UNDER-17

Sturt 28.19 (187) d Eagles 9.7 (61), Port 8.9 (57) d West 6.10 (46), North 11.13 (79) d South 8.15 (63), Glenelg 16.13 (109) d Central 5.5 (35). **Premiership table:** Sturt 26, Port 16, North 14, Eagles, South 12, Glenelg 11, West 10, Norwood 6, Central 3.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

	Sturt v Woodville-West Torrens
Luke Crane (Sturt)	3
Jade Sheedy (Sturt)	2
Ryan Herring (Sturt)	1
North Adelaide v South Adelaide	
Clint Alleway (North Adelaide)	3
James Allan (North Adelaide)	2
Nathan Lonie (North Adelaide)	1
Glenelg v Central District	
Ty Allen (Glenelg)	3
Adam Fisher (Glenelg)	2
Trevor Cranston (Glenelg)	1
Port Adelaide v West Adelaide	
Daniel Elstone (Port Adelaide)	3
Mark Dolling (Port Adelaide)	2
Damian Cupido (West Adelaide)	1

LEADERS - 11: Paul Thomas (Central), Jade Sheedy (Sturt), Adam Fisher (Glenelg). 10: Ty Allen (Glenelg). 9: Luke Crane (Sturt). 8: James Allan (North Adelaide). 7: Trevor Cranston (Glenelg). 6: Leigh Treeby (Eagles), Brett Backwell (Glenelg), Ian Perrie (Sturt), Chris Ladhams (North). 5: Adam Thomson (Sturt), Tom Holmes (Glenelg), Jeremy Clayton (Port).



TOP TWO SHOW THEIR CLASS: Glenelg's Byron Murphy is tackled by Central's Paul Thomas at Hamra Homes Oval and Sturt's Ian Perrie kicks under pressure from the Eagles' Ken McGregor at Woodville as the Tigers and Double Blues score superb drought-breaking wins. On Saturday they clash for top place. **Pictures: DYLAN COCKER**

Tussle for top spot

CANDICE KELLER

THIS weekend will provide a real test for Sturt when it faces top-spot rival Glenelg at the Bay.

Placed one and two at the halfway mark of the season, these teams have undoubtedly set the benchmark of the competition in 2008. Saturday's challenge will give Sturt an opportunity to test its depth around the ground and toughness at the ball, two traits Glenelg has displayed so well.

Double Blues coach Rick Macgowan said it was quite possible the team will come up against the Tigers with a depleted list because of in-

juries. But he wasn't too worried.

"They're a quality side and it's going to be really tough," he said.

"We've gained a lot of confidence from the win (against the Eagles)."

That said, Macgowan felt it was important not to get caught up in the hype and to remain focused on the goal of winning each week.

"This competition is too tough to get ahead of yourself," he said. "We've got a team we are pretty confident will win every week, now we'll talk about the process of winning games."

"If we do that right we're going to be around the mark. We're fortunate enough to have a good enough group together at

the moment that when we get in front we are kicking away."

This round will also be a telling week for the Eagles. Woodville-West Torrens is suffering at the moment and has struggled to string together consecutive wins. Coach Ron Fuller said times were not just tough for him, though.

"It's not just me, it's the whole club. I'm just the coach... the whole club is challenged but it's not a bad thing," Fuller said.

He said as devastating as it would be to go back over Saturday's loss to Sturt, there was a lot to learn from defeat. "We won't write today's game off. We will reflect very strongly on today's game," he said.



GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/og	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
McCONNELL	12	4	6	2	0	4	1	0	1
DULDIG	2	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
BACKWELL	13	4	5	2	0	1	0	0	0
BLOCK	3	1	4	3	1	0	1	0	2
GRIMA	7	7	5	1	1	2	0	0	0
KIRKBY	6	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
HOLMES	9	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	2
BODE	9	5	7	0	1	2	2	0	0
B. KANE	8	2	9	2	0	0	1	0	0
HINGE	13	9	7	4	0	1	0	0	1
LIEBELT	7	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	1
PANOZZO	17	13	10	2	2	0	0	0	0
SUGARS	9	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
RUDOLPH	5	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	3
MURPHY	9	7	12	0	0	1	0	1	1
CRANSTON	4	2	7	1	0	0	0	11	2
ALLEN	7	0	13	6	1	0	0	0	3
FISHER	17	2	9	3	4	0	2	2	7
SELLAR	8	4	1	1	1	2	0	7	0
RUWOLDT	11	3	8	1	1	2	2	0	3
ADLINGTON	5	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	181	84	122	32	16	15	13	20	27



CENTRAL

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/og	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
J. WESTHOFF	8	5	3	0	2	3	1	0	1
HAVELBERG	9	5	1	1	1	4	1	0	1
DUTSCHKE	8	2	5	0	3	0	0	0	4
O'SULLIVAN	11	3	9	1	1	3	0	0	2
LAWRY	6	1	4	0	2	0	0	0	1
WILLIAMS	9	4	2	1	2	0	0	0	3
FAULKNER	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. GOWANS	10	5	12	5	2	1	0	0	4
WARE	6	2	4	1	1	0	1	0	0
SWITALA	13	5	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
SHELL	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
SYMES	11	4	9	1	0	0	0	1	2
HAYES	3	3	10	0	1	0	0	0	2
SIBENALER	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	1
COCHRANE	10	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	1
GILES	2	2	5	1	0	0	0	12	1
THOMAS	17	8	9	0	5	0	0	0	4
SLADE	14	7	8	1	3	0	0	0	3
MacKENZIE	3	1	3	0	3	0	0	13	3
GOODREM	7	1	8	1	1	0	1	0	1
McCABE	7	2	5	0	1	1	0	1	1
Totals	161	66	107	16	32	12	10	27	35

DRAW

ROUND 13 - Saturday June 28: Eagles v Central (Woodville Oval, 2pm), Norwood v West (Coopers Stadium, 2pm), Port v North (Alberton Oval, 2pm), Glenelg v Sturt (Challenge Recruitment Oval, 2pm). **Bye:** South.