

Mickan has the balance right at Bay

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GLENELG coach Mark Mickan talked of his team being a work in progress after an impressive win over Sturt at Unley on Saturday.

Just four games into the season, Mickan claimed the side was slowly improving.

He also spoke of the balance in his squad but emphasised the need for every player to perform for the Tigers to play well.

The balance is there. It starts with hard-working ruckman Trevor Cranston, who is surrounded by a group of on-ballers who are fearless in their approach at the contest - the likes of Matthew Bode, Ben Kane, Adam Fisher and Ty Allen. Then there is a committed band of defenders such as Paul Sherwood, Brad Sugars and captain Ben Mules, who played his 100th league game on Saturday. They link with space finders Brett Backwell, Luke Panozzo and

Justin McConnell to carry the ball into attack where Todd Grima, Matthew Duldig, James Sellar and Ruory Kirkby lurk.

With Glenelg on top at the stoppages and the side prepared to hunt in packs, the Double Blues were confronted with pressure they had not witnessed in their four previous games this season.

The loss of Adam Thomson and Greg Bentley to the Power in the past two weeks has hurt, especially with coach Rick Macgowan's rotation plans.

Has Glenelg, which knocked Sturt out of the title race last year in the elimination final, got the wood on Sturt? Not at all says both camps. Glenelg was exceptional on Saturday with a performance which will put all rival clubs on notice. The Tigers have put structures in place which players must adhere to and against Sturt they displayed that trademark Mickan discipline. One gets the feeling, though, that Sturt may just have become a littler hungrier. Be wary.

GLENELG										
	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/og	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl	
SUGARS	10	6	3	1	1	0	0	0	2	
RUDOLPH	8	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	
PANOZZO	12	7	9	0	2	0	0	0	1	
HINGE	6	2	9	0	2	1	0	0	3	
SHERWOOD	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
MULES	5	2	12	0	1	0	0	0	3	
B. KANE	11	2	10	0	2	0	1	0	1	
FISHER	8	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	4	
McCONNELL	10	3	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	
BODE	12	4	7	0	1	1	0	0	5	
DULDIG	8	3	7	2	1	1	2	0	3	
KIRKBY	6	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	
SELLAR	4	1	2	1	0	1	0	4	0	
GRIMA	7	3	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	
BACKWELL	14	4	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	
CRANSTON	2	2	17	1	1	0	0	12	2	
ALLEN	4	0	10	2	1	0	0	0	5	
HOLMES	13	2	10	0	0	1	1	0	2	
RUWOLDT	10	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	
MURPHY	11	1	8	0	0	0	1	0	2	
McGREGOR	4	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	
Totals	171	54	121	13	15	15	14	16	40	

STURT										
	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/og	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl	
EVANS	12	7	11	0	0	1	0	0	3	
GUM	14	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	
CHAMBERS	10	8	0	0	1	6	2	0	1	
PERRIE	9	8	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	
HERRING	9	7	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	
BRATTON	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	
THRING	4	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	
SHEEDY	14	2	14	2	0	0	0	0	2	
WICKS	9	3	7	1	1	0	0	0	3	
McGLONE	9	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	2	
McLEAY	6	4	7	1	0	0	0	0	4	
WHITEMAN	9	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	
FARMER	11	6	6	0	0	2	0	0	1	
WARK	6	6	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	
CUBILLO	6	4	10	0	1	0	0	0	1	
DELUCA	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	16	2	
NELSON	6	2	7	1	1	0	0	0	7	
CRANE	21	5	13	1	0	2	3	0	3	
FEAST	5	4	10	1	1	0	0	27	0	
SHARPLES	12	4	10	3	2	0	0	0	2	
FITTOCK	3	1	8	1	1	0	0	0	2	
Totals	178	88	134	15	13	13	12	43	66	

SANFL DETAILS



FRIDAY

CENTRAL	3.6	7.9	8.12	12.12	(84)
NORTH	1.4	4.7	8.10	9.11	(65)

BEST - Central: Thomas, J. Gowans, C. Gowans, Havelberg, Goodrem, M. Westhoff, O'Sullivan. North: O'Brien, Wright, McIntyre, Archard, Allan, B. White.

SCORERS - Central: Havelberg 3.2, O'Sullivan 3.1, Lawry, L. Westhoff 1.2, C. Gowans 1.1, J. Gowans, Goodrem, Slattery 1.0, Thomas, Slade, Faulkner 0.1, rushed 0.1. North: O'Brien, D. White 2.2, Stewart 2.1, Wright 1.1, Alleway, Brown 1.0, Younie, Walker, Ryswyk, Allan 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPORT - Central: Thomas, for allegedly headbutting Alleway, by umpire Dey in the first quarter.

UMPIRES - D. Joyce, T. Dey, S. Hay.

CROWD - 4393 at Adelaide Oval.

NORWOOD	2.3	8.6	11.9	11.12	(78)
SOUTH	2.5	3.7	8.7	11.12	(78)

BEST - Norwood: Duigan, Zorzi, Gallagher, Dawes, Lower, Aish. South: Boyd, Thewlis, Parry, Otten, Baird, Sandery.

SCORERS - Norwood: Aish 4.0, Walker 3.3, Donohue 3.0, Trotter 1.0, Massie, Kite 0.2, Cockshell, Zorzi, McDonnell 0.1, rushed 0.2. South: Otten 4.2, Warren 3.3, Williams 1.2, Bachmann, Torney 1.1, Ellis 1.0, Burdett 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES - M. Cousins, A. Crosby, T. Pfeiffer.

CROWD - 2873 at Coopers Stadium.

SATURDAY

GLENELG	4.3	8.6	12.10	15.14	(104)
STURT	3.1	6.4	10.7	13.12	(89)

BEST - Glenelg: Allen, Holmes, Cranston, Kane, Bode, Mules, McConnell. Sturt: Crane, Sheedy, McLeay, Chambers, Sharples.

SCORERS - Glenelg: McConnell 5.0, Grima 2.2, Kirkby 2.0, Duldig 1.2, Backwell, Holmes 1.1, Bode, Hinge, Sellar 1.0, McGregor 0.2, Kane, Ruwoldt, Murphy 0.1, rushed 0.3. Sturt: Chambers 6.2, Crane 2.3, Farmer 2.0, Perrie, Herring 1.1, Evans 1.0, Thring 0.1, rushed 0.4.

UMPIRES - D. Kowal, C. Carey, R. Williams.

CROWD - 2846 at House Brothers Oval.

EAGLES	3.1	8.2	12.5	17.7	(109)
WEST	4.5	4.7	7.7	9.13	(67)

BEST - Eagles: Stewart, Treeby, Jarrad, Grocke, Schwarze, Powell, Passador. West: Moran, Brown, Bailey, McCormick, Willits.

Scorers - Eagles: Passador 6.2, Grocke 3.1, Stewart 1.1, Treeby, Fitzgerald 2.0, Salter, Jacky 1.0, Cicolella, Fairclough 0.1, rushed 0.1. West: Hassan 3.0, Cupido 1.2, Willits 1.1, Bricknell, Martin, Ezard, Brown 1.0, Hartlett 0.3, Moran 0.2, Munn, McCormick, Hollands, Gray 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - West: Hill (broken leg).

UMPIRES - J. Ralston, C. Bowen, C. Rowston.

CROWD - 1662 at Broadpectrum Oval.

DRAW

ROUND SIX - Saturday, May 3: Eagles v Sturt (Thebarton Oval, 2pm), North v South (Prospect Oval, 2pm), Port v West (Alberton Oval, 2pm). **Sunday, May 4:** Glenelg v Central (Challenge Recruitment Oval, 2pm). **Bye:** Norwood.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Sturt	5	4	1	-	534	299	64.1	8
South	5	3	1	1	375	439	46.1	7
Glenelg	4	3	1	-	438	342	56.1	6
Central	4	3	1	-	360	294	55.0	6
Eagles	5	2	3	-	525	539	49.3	4
North	4	2	2	-	332	403	45.2	4
Norwood	5	1	3	1	357	490	42.1	3
Port	4	1	3	-	388	370	51.2	2
West	4	-	4	-	260	393	39.8	-

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd5	Total
B. Chambers	(Sturt)	6.2	23.14
D. Hargraves	(Port)	-	18.12
B. Warren	(South)	3.3	14.10
J. Vlatko	(Norwood)	-	12.5
I. Perrie	(Sturt)	1.1	11.6

RESERVES

North 13.16 (94) d Central 12.3 (75), Norwood 11.23 (89) d South 12.6 (78), Sturt 13.10 (99) d Glenelg 8.9 (57), West 15.12 (102) d Eagles 9.11 (65). **Premiership table:** Sturt 8, Eagles, Norwood, North 6, Glenelg, West, Central 4, Port 2, South 0.

UNDER-19

Norwood 11.11 (77) d South 5.9 (39), Eagles 9.12 (66) d West 7.17 (59), North 13.17 (95) d Central 6.12 (48), Sturt 14.7 (91) d Glenelg 7.18 (60). **Premiership table:** Sturt 10, Port, Eagles 8, West 6, Norwood 4, North, Glenelg 2, Central, South 0.

UNDER-17

Eagles 14.19 (103) d West 10.13 (73), Sturt 12.10 (82) d Glenelg 9.10 (64), North 33.17 (215) d Central 5.2 (32), South 14.5 (89) d Norwood 5.7 (37). **Premiership table:** Sturt, Eagles 12, North, Port, West, Glenelg 6, Norwood, South 2, Central 0.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Central District v North	
Paul Thomas (Central District)	3
James Gowans (Central District)	2
Rory O'Brien (North Adelaide)	1
Norwood v South Adelaide	
Nicholas Duigan (Norwood)	3
James Boyd (South Adelaide)	2
Brett Zorzi (Norwood)	1
Glenelg v Sturt	
Ty Allen (Glenelg)	3
Thomas Holmes (Glenelg)	2
Trevor Cranston (Glenelg)	1
Eagles v West Adelaide	
Paul Stewart (Woodville-West Torrens)	3
Leigh Treeby (Woodville-West Torrens)	2
Brad Moran (West Adelaide)	1
LEADERS - 6: Jade Sheedy (Sturt). 5: Adam Thomson (Sturt), Chris Ladhams (North), Paul Thomas (Central), Leigh Treeby (Eagles), Thomas Holmes, Ty Allen (Glenelg). 4: Ian Perrie (Sturt), Matthew Slade, Ian Callinan (Central), James Boyd (South).	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: West Adelaide players run out for the 50th anniversary of Richmond Oval on Saturday while, left, captain Colin Brown and vice-captain Max Hewitt lead West out for the first match at the ground. Right, volunteers, including players, officials, trainers and supporters at work laying reticulation pipes at the ground.

Main picture: JO-ANNA ROBINSON

