

# 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.

## 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 2.1, 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	-	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

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
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).	

## 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	46

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# Tigers burst Sturt's bubble

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GLENELG made a significant statement in the SANFL with an impressive 14-point victory over previously unbeaten Sturt at Unley yesterday.

After dropping their first-round clash with South Adelaide, the Tigers have responded with three successive wins to climb to third on the premiership ladder.

Sturt, so dominant in the first four rounds, were out-worked in a highly competitive battle against a spirited Glenelg squad.

It was also a personal triumph for Glenelg skipper Ben Mules in his 100th appearance. "I thought we kept putting the game to Sturt," Tigers coach Mark Mickan said. "The players deserve to be proud of themselves."

Even Sturt coach Rick Macgowan admitted Glenelg deserved their win, claiming they were fiercer at the ball and the body.

While Sturt appeared flat early, the Tigers were switched on for the challenge from the outset.

Ruckman Trevor Cranston was a tower of strength and had tough midfield allies such as Ty Allen, Ben Kane, Adam Fisher and Matthew Bode only too willing to get their hands dirty.

They dominated the stoppages to constantly force the ball up the ground and provide chances for their forwards, who had to contend with slippery conditions.

## SCOREBOARD

GLENELG v STURT					
House Brothers Oval - 2846					
GLENELG	4.3	8.6	12.10	15.14	104
STURT	3.1	6.4	10.7	13.12	90

**BEST PLAYERS:** GLENELG - Allen, Holmes, Cranston, Kane, Bode, Mules, McConnell. STURT - Crane, Sheedy, McLeay, Chambers, Sharples. **GOALS:** GLENELG - McConnell 5; Grima, Kirkby 2; Duldig, Backwell, Holmes, Bode, Hinge, Sellar. STURT - Chambers 6; Crane, Farmer 2; Perrie, Herring, Evans. **INJURIES:** Nil. **REPORTS:** Nil. **UMPIRES:** Kowal, Carey, Williams.

When Sturt did get their hands to the ball, their onballers were harassed and pounded by brutal Tigers' defensive work.

The Tigers were never headed, leading by eight points at quarter-time and 14 at half-time. In the third term the buffer stretched to 26, but they could not put the Sturt out of their misery.

Luke Crane and Jade Sheedy were again outstanding for the Double Blues while Brant Chambers nailed six goals in another lion-hearted performance.

The Tigers, however, would not be denied. Every time the Double Blues came at the Tigers - and the gap never extended beyond 17 points in the final quarter - the visitors had the answers.

There was no panic. The likes of Paul Sherwood and Brad Sugars set attacking raids alight from defence.

"They destroyed us right

from the start," Macgowan said. "They hunted the ball better than us. Their pressure was superb.

"I thought they controlled the game from the start and we did well to stay in touch.

But Glenelg deserved the win and we would have stolen it."



HOLD ON: Glenelg's Sam Rudolph is tackled by Sturt's Brant Chambers. Picture: Dylan Coker