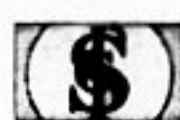


Glenelg now flag favourite



TIGERS v DOUBLE BLUES



Last night, Adelaide Oval. Crowd 6359.

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Sturt	1.1	2.3	5.3	8.6	54

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GOALS: Glenelg: Hinge 3.3, Grima, Kirkby 2.2, Willoughby 2.0, Sellar 1.1, Holmes, Mills, Ruwoldt, Murphy 1.0, Fisher, C. Kane 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Sturt:** Kurtze 2.0, Herring 1.3, Johncock 1.1, Martin, Evans, Gum, Sharples 1.0, Bratton, Cubillo 0.1.

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WARREN PARTLAND

GLENELG significantly pushed its claim to be tagged premiership favourite after a highly impressive 42-point victory over Sturt at Adelaide Oval last night.

The Tigers adopted a tremendous work ethic and desperate teamwork to claim their sixth successive win and kick two games clear of the second-placed Double Blues and Central District on the ladder.

The Bulldogs, who have played two matches less, can get back within one game of the Tigers when they take on North Adelaide at Elizabeth today.

Sturt's reputation has taken a dent in the past two weeks, following an 85-point thrashing of the Bulldogs with beltings from the Roosters and Glenelg.

The Double Blues nailed the opening goal four minutes into last night's contest when Charlie Sharples, back in the side after a lengthy stint in the reserves, pounced on a loose ball.

But the smiles belonged to Tigers supporters from there with Glenelg, well led by Ben Mules, taking control with the type of disciplined performance demanded from coach Mark Mickan.

Hard-working ruckman Trevor Cranston and his Glenelg on-ball mates continually retrieved the ball from the stoppages to spark a flood of attacking raids.

Presented with an abundance of opportunities, John Hinge provided a strong target at centre half-forward while full forward Todd Grima was also dangerous.

Midway through the opening

term Tiger Chris Kane produced a rare moment of undisciplined football when he was reported for allegedly striking Patrick Fittock, who was forced to leave the ground under the blood rule.

However, his team-mates stuck to the task with committed focus and put Sturt under constant pressure with a relentless attack on the body and ball. The Double Blues were given little freedom to operate and on the few occasions they did break clear, poor skills were a concern, especially with delivery deep into attack.

It took Sturt 17 minutes into the second term to kick its second goal while gun full forward Brant Chambers went without a possession in the first half. That was a reflection of the woeful decision-making of team-mates more so than the work of Glenelg defender Wayne Mills.

The Tigers moved the ball with efficiency and they went direct with method. No more was this evident than midway through the second term when Sturt spent five minutes on the attack for no result.

The Tigers then secured possession and raced the ball down the corridor against a powerless opponent before Ruory Kirkby marked and goalled.

Glenelg's domination of the stoppages allowed it to maintain the ascendancy and deny Sturt the chance to find rhythm or confidence. After taking a six-goal lead into the second half, the Tigers refused to relax the intensity and kept the foot on the throat of an opposition devoid of answers.



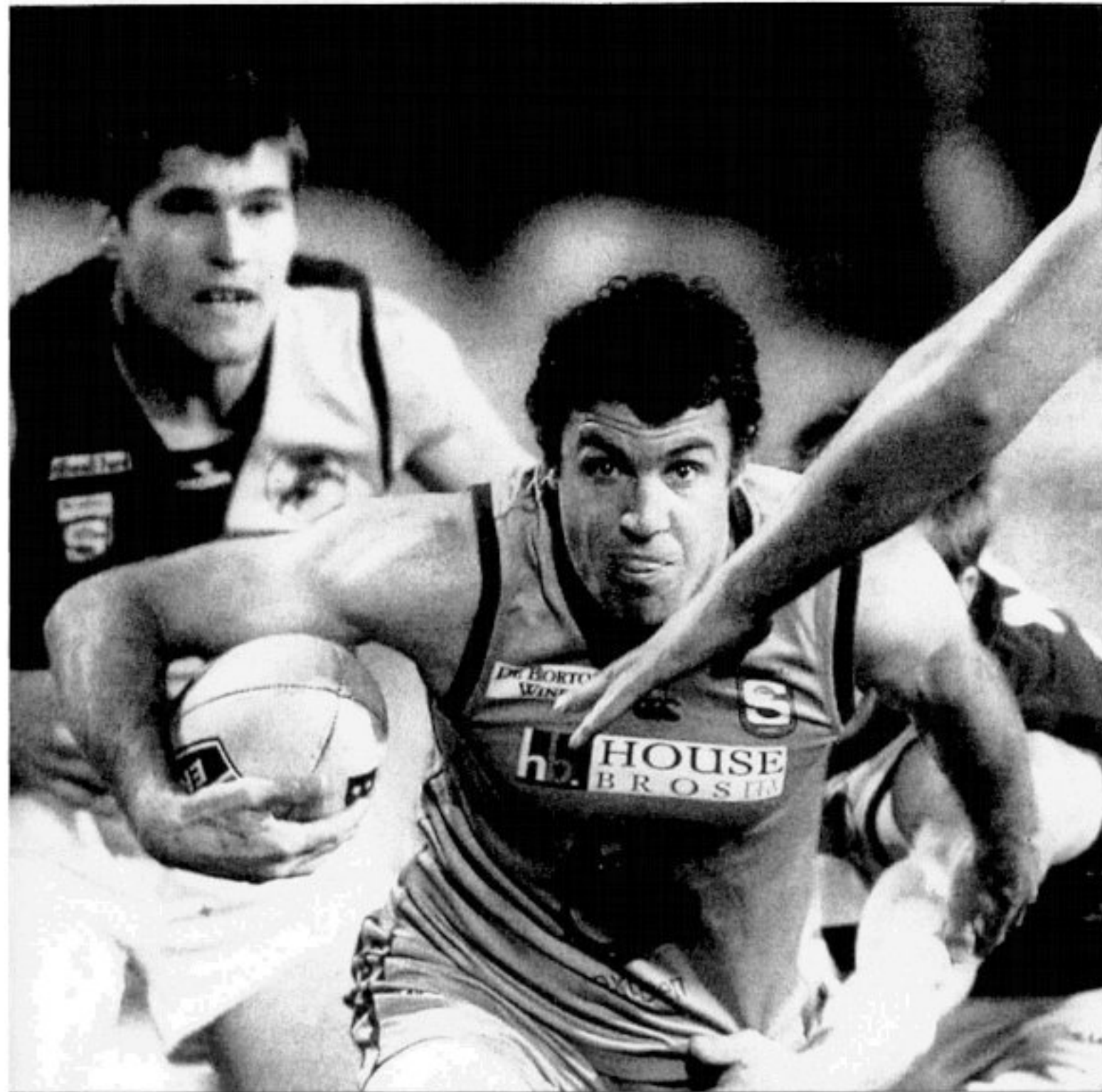
GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
ADLINGTON	6	4	6	1	1	-	-	-	2
ALLEN	6	1	18	1	3	-	-	-	2
BACKWELL	10	1	10	3	-	-	-	-	2
BLOCK	5	-	4	1	2	-	-	-	3
CRANSTON	1	1	8	-	3	-	-	-	31
FISHER	8	2	14	-	-	-	-	-	5
GRIMA	8	6	-	-	3	2	2	1	3
HALL	4	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	3
HINGE	10	5	8	-	2	3	3	-	-
HOLMES	8	2	8	1	-	1	-	1	3
B. KANE	8	4	11	1	3	-	-	-	2
C. KANE	3	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
KIRK	2	1	4	-	2	-	-	-	2
KIRKBY	6	4	4	2	-	2	2	4	2
MILLS	2	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	2
MULES	11	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
MURPHY	10	3	9	-	-	-	-	-	5
PANOZZO	8	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
RUWOLDT	12	2	6	3	1	1	-	-	1
SELLAR	3	4	6	-	2	1	1	15	1
WILLOUGHBY	5	1	7	1	-	2	-	-	1
Totals	138	53	151	14	24	14	12	55	48



STURT

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
AVERY	11	9	6	-	-	-	-	-	1
BODE	8	3	4	-	1	-	-	-	5
BOWEN	3	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	23
BRATTON	8	1	3	-	1	-	-	-	8
CHAMBERS	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
CRANE	7	1	4	1	2	-	-	-	2
CUBILLO	6	4	7	-	-	-	-	-	4
EVANS	11	3	6	1	1	1	-	-	-
FITTOCK	2	1	6	2	-	-	-	-	-
GUM	8	2	7	1	1	1	1	-	7
HERRING	6	3	3	2	-	1	1	3	-
JOHNCOCK	6	5	9	1	-	1	1	4	2
KURTZE	7	5	5	2	-	2	-	23	1
MARTIN	11	7	7	-	3	1	-	-	4
MCGLONE	15	6	9	1	1	-	-	-	2
MYLES	4	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
NELSON	6	-	12	3	-	-	-	-	4
PLANT	7	4	5	2	-	-	-	-	1
SHARPLES	9	4	8	2	1	1	-	-	2
SHEEDY	9	-	12	4	3	-	-	-	7
WARK	1	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	3
Totals	145	65	126	24	14	8	6	52	63



CONTESTED FOOTY: Sturt's Jade Sheedy takes on his Glenelg opponents at Adelaide Oval last night and, left, a pack reaches high in the battle between the top two SANFL teams. Pictures: RAY TITUS

FRIDAY

GLENELG 3.3 8.4 12.8 14.12 (96)
STURT 1.1 2.3 5.3 8.6 (54)

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REPORT - Glenelg: C. Kane, by umpire Fila, for allegedly striking Fittock in the first quarter.

UMPIRES - T. Philp, G. Fila, C. Bowen.

CROWD - 6359 at Adelaide Oval.

SATURDAY

PORT 3.1 10.6 10.9 16.14 (110)
NORWOOD 5.3 7.4 10.8 12.11 (83)

BEST - Port: Murray, Elstone, McInerney, AhChee, Meiklejohn, Summerton, Krakouer, Young. **Norwood:** Terlich, Donohue, Massie, Lee, Weatherald.

SCORERS - Port: Perry 3.2, AhChee 3.0, Krakouer, Mardling 2.2, Kirkwood 2.0, Summerton 1.1, DePasquale, Dolling, Murray 1.0, Fitzgerald, Meiklejohn, Thurgood 0.1, rushed 0.4. **Norwood:** Donohue 4.0, Terlich 3.1, Rowe 2.1, Lee 2.0, Jericho 1.1, Puopolo, Trotter, Littler 0.1, rushed 0.5.

INJURIES - Port: Lees (broken collarbone), Perkins (hip). **Norwood:** Campbell (shoulder), Weatherald (leg), Phillips (flu), withdrew from selected squad.

REPORT - Port: Lokan, by umpire Hardham, for allegedly striking Rowe at quarter-time.

UMPIRES - T. Pfeiffer, M. Cousins, M. Hardham.

CROWD - 3688 at Alberton Oval.

CENTRAL 4.0 4.3 8.5 12.8 (80)
NORTH 2.4 2.9 5.11 6.13 (49)

BEST - Central: Callinan, O'Sullivan, J. Gowans, Slade, Dutschke, Williams. **North Adelaide:** Archard, Ryswyk, Wright, Allan, Whyman.

SCORERS - Central: O'Sullivan 4.2, Havelberg 2.0, L. Westhoff 1.1, Dutschke, Giles, Henderson, Mackenzie, J. Gowans 1.0, Callinan 0.1, rushed 0.4. **North Adelaide:** Alleyway 2.2, Archard, White 1.1, Ackland, Younie 1.0, Schwarze 0.3, Deivins, Wright 0.1, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES - North Adelaide: Gill (ankle).

UMPIRES - R. Williams, D. Woodcock, A. Crosby.

CROWD - 3628 at Hamra Homes Oval.

YESTERDAY

EAGLES 3.2 6.8 10.10 13.11 (89)
PANTHERS 2.1 5.2 7.4 10.8 (68)

BEST - Eagles: Cheep, McKenzie, Shirley, Petrenko, Stewart, McGregor. **Panthers:** Williams, Crate, McKernan, Torney, Boyd, Rolfe.

SCORERS - Eagles: Grocke, Hill, Cheep 2.0, Westbrook 1.2, Miles, Banner 1.1, Cullen, Rimington, Ciccollella, Shirley 1.0, Jacky 0.2, Corbett, Hier 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Panthers:** Warren 3.2, Rolfe 1.2, Schmidt 1.1, Veide, Cook, Ryan, Thewlis, Elliott 1.0, Cockshell, Handby 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Eagles: Jacky (hamstring), Fairclough (ankle), Jarrad (hamstring).

UMPIRES - C. Rowston, M. Johnston, J. Ralston.

CROWD - 2272 at Hickinbotham Oval.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Glenelg	11	9	2	-	1029	859	54.5	18
Central	10	8	2	-	1020	821	55.4	16
Sturt	11	7	4	-	989	758	56.6	14
Eagles	11	6	4	1	874	909	49.0	13
North	10	6	4	-	890	749	54.3	12
Norwood	11	4	7	-	960	957	50.1	8
West	10	3	6	1	695	867	44.5	7
Port	10	2	8	-	849	989	46.2	4
Panthers	10	1	9	-	638	1035	38.1	2

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd 12	Total
B. Chambers	(Sturt)	0.0	42.22
B. Warren	(Panthers)	3.2	27.8
D. White	(North)	1.1	22.9
C. O'Sullivan	(Central)	4.2	21.7

RESERVES

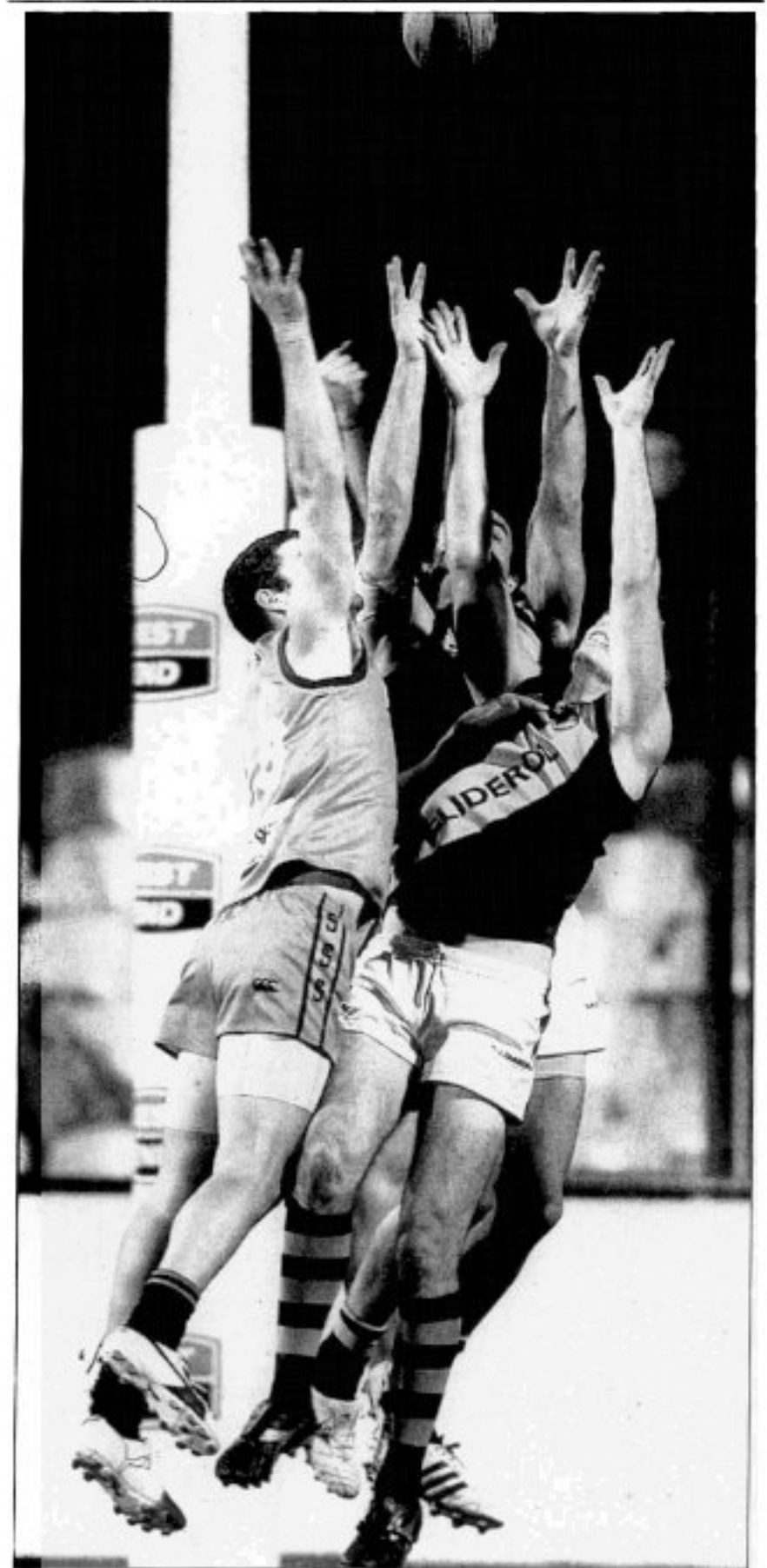
Glenelg 21.8 (134) d Sturt 9.10 (64), Port 13.7 (85) d Norwood 10.12 (72), North 14.6 (90) d Central 7.1 (43). **Ladder:** Eagles 18, Sturt 16, Central 12, Glenelg 11, Port 10, West, North 8, South 6, Norwood 5.

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Sturt 12.14 (86) d Glenelg 7.8 (50), Port 23.12 (150) d Norwood 5.6 (36), Central 17.9 (111) d North 11.8 (74), Eagles 10.19 (79) d Panthers 8.9 (57). **Ladder:** Glenelg, Port 18, Sturt 16, West 12, Eagles 10, Norwood 8, Central 6, South 4, North 2.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- Glenelg v Sturt**
- Ty Allen (Glenelg) 3
 - Trevor Cranston (Glenelg) 2
 - Mark Ruwoldt (Glenelg) 1
- Port Adelaide Magpies v Norwood**
- Brad Murray (Port Magpies) 3
 - Daniel Elstone (Port Magpies) 2
 - Ryan McInerney (Port Magpies) 1
- Central District v North Adelaide**
- Ian Callinan (Central District) 3
 - Rhys Archard (North Adelaide) 2
 - Chad O'Sullivan (Central District) 1
- Woodville-West Torrens v Panthers**
- Jay Cheep (Woodville-West Torrens) 3
 - Mark McKenzie (Woodville-West Torrens) 2
 - Dylan Williams (Panthers) 1
- LEADERS - 11:** Tristan Gum (Sturt). **10:** Adam Fisher (Glenelg), Rhys Archard (North). **9:** Matthew Wright (North), Mark McKenzie (Eagles). **7:** Trevor Cranston (Glenelg). **6:** Nick Lower (Norwood), Jonathon Griffin (Central), Ken McGregor (Eagles), James Ezard (West), James Allan (North), Jade Sheedy (Sturt), Ty Allen (Glenelg), Brad Murray (Port).



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