

# Battle but eight straight for Bays

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GLENELG overcame a spirited opponent - and a flu outbreak - to move back to the top of the SANFL premiership table with a hard-fought 26-point win against the Panthers yesterday.

One year after having a 12-match winning streak broken by the Noarlunga-based club, the Tigers narrowly averted another massive upset to win their eighth consecutive game.

The one-win Panthers, showing new heart, led late in the third quarter at Gliderol Stadium and trailed by only three points 19 minutes into the final term before being over-run.

In the end, grand finalist Glenelg knew how to win, the Panthers didn't.

With the game on the line, the Tigers dug deep to find another gear with Ruory Kirkby, Josh Willoughby, Todd Grima and Richard O'Grady slamming on goals in a blistering five-minute burst which broke the game wide open. This was a result of a dominance at the stoppages, where ruckman Trevor Cranston was supreme.

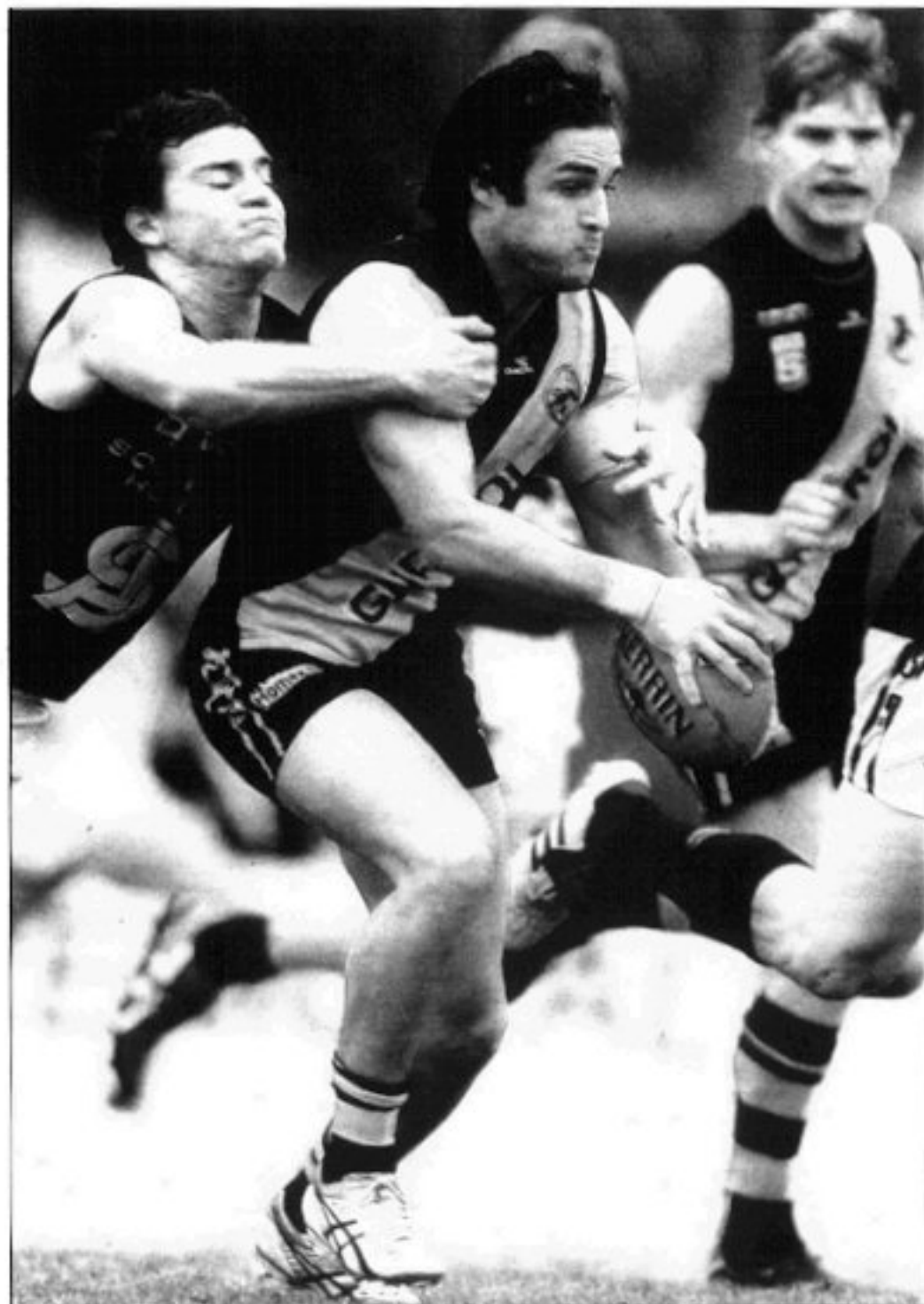
"It was a tough game, they made it hard for us and it was only in the last five or so minutes that we got away from them," relieved Glenelg coach Mark Mickan said. "But in the end I was pleased with our fighting qualities to be able to find something under pressure."

Mickan refused to use a flu outbreak among his players as an excuse for his team's erratic display, despite half of the team being bed-ridden during the week and training being disjointed as a result.

"That's no excuse," he said. "Every team gets hit by the flu and once players make themselves available to play the expectation is that they are 100 per cent (fit). I thought to the Panthers' credit they prepared really well for the game and took it right up to us."

"They've been playing well - their form belies their spot on the ladder - and they moved the ball really well when they got clean possession, so in the end to come away with the win was pleasing."

After breaking to a 20-point lead early in the second quarter,



**RUNNING IN NUMBERS:** Glenelg's Josh Willoughby is tackled by the Panthers' Peter Rolfe but he has support from Adam Fisher as the Bays charge to victory yesterday at Gliderol Stadium. Picture: MORNE de KLERK

Glenelg was outplayed for long periods by a side which showed more desperation and ran hard in numbers through the midfield, where James Boyd, Crows-listed Myke Cook and Michael Handby were impressive. If not for the efforts of lion-hearted Cranston (35 hit-outs) and strong-marking key forward Ruory Kirkby - who kicked crucial goals under pressure - the Bays would have surrendered top spot.

Panthers coach Clay Sampson was left with mixed emotions. For the fourth consecutive week his team has been super competitive but failed to deliver the premiership points. Yesterday's four-goal defeat followed a one-point loss to Norwood, a

21-point defeat to the Eagles and a 16-point loss to premier Central District.

"I had a real belief at three-quarter time that we could win but unfortunately for us footy's not played over 105 minutes, it's 120 minutes," Sampson said.

"We've become competitive which is good but we have to turn competitive performances into wins and that means sustaining our efforts for the whole game. That's the key. When the game was there to be won, Glenelg, to its credit, did things better than us, which is a lesson we have to learn from."

## SANFL DETAILS

### SATURDAY

**STURT** 5.1 13.2 15.5 22.9 (141)  
**WEST** 2.1 4.2 7.2 7.3 (45)  
**BEST** - Sturt: McGlone, Reilly, Coad, Sheedy, Bode, Chambers, Martin, Herring. **West:** Morris, Ben Fisher, Pettigrew, Birss.  
**SCORERS** - Sturt: Chambers 7.2, Herring 4.0, Crane, Reilly 2.1, Coad 2.0, Evans, Kurtze, Vassal, Johncock, Plant 1.0, McGlone 0.1, rushed 0.4. **West:** Willits 2.1, Cupido 2.0, Caruso, Birss, Ben Fisher 1.0, rushed 0.2.  
**INJURIES** - Sturt: Bode (calf), Evans (shoulder), Bratton (groin), withdrew from selected side, Gum (back) withdrew from selected side. **West:** Champion (cut eye).  
**REPORT** - West: Cupido, by umpire Fila, for allegedly striking Coad in second quarter.  
**UMPIRES** - D. Woodcock, G. Fila, M. Hardham.  
**CROWD** - 2265 at Waikerie.

**CENTRAL** 4.4 8.6 12.8 17.10 (112)  
**NORWOOD** 5.1 11.2 14.2 15.5 (95)  
**BEST** - Central: Williams, Thomas, Slade, M. Westhoff, J. Gowans, Giles, O'Hara, O'Sullivan. **Norwood:** Lower, Gallagher, Doyle, Walker, Kite, Lee, Puopolo, Zorzi.  
**SCORERS** - Central: Schell 3.3, M. Westhoff 3.0, Dutschke 2.1, Giles, O'Sullivan 2.0, Sansbury 1.2, C. Gowans, Slade 1.1, J. Gowans, Henderson 1.0, Jenner 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Norwood:** Walker 6.1, Rowe 3.0, Terlich, McGuinness 2.0, Gallagher 1.1, Jericho 1.0, Phillips, Vlatko 0.1, rushed 0.1.  
**INJURIES** - Norwood: Duigan (hamstring), Massie (back) replaced in selected side by Kite.  
**UMPIRES** - R. Williams, A. Crosby, R. Harvey.  
**CROWD** - 3015 at Hamra Homes Oval.

### YESTERDAY

**EAGLES** 3.1 9.2 14.5 19.9 (123)  
**PORT** 6.6 9.8 12.10 15.15 (105)  
**BEST** - Eagles: McKenzie, Cicolella, Burton, Allmond, Jarrad, R. Fiacchi, Petrenko. **Port Adelaide:** Elstone, Clayton, Dolling, Perry, AhChee, Mardling.  
**SCORERS** - Eagles: Passador 5.1, Burton 4.1, Salter 3.3, Cheep 3.0, Goldsworthy 2.0, Corbett, McKenzie 1.0, Petrenko, Allmond 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Port Adelaide:** AhChee 4.2, Perry 2.2, Clayton, Dolling, Milera, Kirkwood 1.1, Summerton, Elstone, Erskine, Thurgood, Mardling 1.0, rushed 0.5.  
**INJURIES** - Eagles: Jarrad (face). **Port:** DePasquale (knee).  
**UMPIRES** - T. Pfeiffer, T. Philp, T. Dey.  
**CROWD** - 3042 at Woodville Oval.

**GLENELG** 4.2 7.5 8.8 13.10 (88)  
**PANTHERS** 2.2 5.3 8.5 9.8 (62)  
**BEST** - Glenelg: Cranston, Kirkby, Willoughby, Panozzo, Fisher, Murphy, Mills. **Panthers:** Boyd, Cook, Cockshell, Handby, Torney, Williams, Crate.  
**SCORERS** - Glenelg: T. Grima 3.2, Kirkby, Willoughby 3.0, O'Grady 2.0, Hall 1.1, Mills 1.0, Adlington, Backwell, Block, Ruwoldt 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Panthers:** Rolfe 2.1, Cook, Warren 2.0, Schmidt 1.2, Ryan, Williams 1.0, Farmer, Handby, Kennedy-Hunt, Torney 0.1, rushed 0.1.  
**INJURIES** - Panthers: Kennedy-Hunt (ankle).  
**REPORT** - Glenelg: Hinge, by umpire Rowston, for alleged rough conduct against Crate in third term.  
**UMPIRES** - C. Rowston, M. Johnston, C. Bowen.  
**CROWD** - 2925 at Gliderol Stadium.

### DRAW

**ROUND 15 - Saturday, July 11:** Sturt v Eagles (House Brothers Oval, 2pm), West v Central (City Mazda Stadium, 2pm). **Sunday, July 12:** North v Norwood (Prospect Oval, 2pm), Port v South (Alberton Oval, 2pm). **Bye:** Glenelg.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Glenelg	13	11	2	-	1222	992	55.2	22
Central	12	10	2	-	1212	980	55.3	20
Sturt	12	8	4	-	1130	793	58.8	16
Eagles	13	7	5	1	1068	1119	48.8	15
North	11	6	5	-	962	843	53.3	12
West	12	4	7	1	834	1083	43.5	9
Norwood	13	4	9	-	1130	1163	49.3	8
Port	12	3	9	-	1048	1184	46.9	6
Panthers	12	1	11	-	764	1203	38.8	2

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd 14	Total
B. Chambers	(Sturt)	7.2	49.24
B. Warren	(Panthers)	2.0	29.9
T. Grima	(Glenelg)	3.2	26.13

### RESERVES

**GLENELG** 3.2 6.5 14.9 21.10 (136)  
**PANTHERS** 3.3 7.5 8.6 11.9 (75)  
**BEST** - Glenelg: Kellock, Plant, Pekin, Day, Hitchcock, McConnell. **Panthers:** Turner, Rosier, Trevena, Perrey, Elliott, Reeve. **GOALS** - Glenelg: Hitchcock 5, Donnelly 3, Day, C. Kane, Kellock, Plant, Vallance 2, McGregor, Ramsey, Snook. **Panthers:** Turner 4, Minns 2, Neagle, Reeve, Rosier, Billings, Veide.  
**PORT** 4.3 7.8 10.11 14.13 (97)  
**EAGLES** 3.1 4.4 6.8 10.7 (67)  
**STURT** 0.5 2.5 5.7 12.7 (79)  
**WEST** 2.3 5.4 8.5 10.5 (65)

Central 13.9 (87) d Norwood 8.5 (53). **Ladder:** Sturt, Eagles 18, Glenelg 15, Central, Port 14, West 10, North, Panthers 8, Norwood 5.

### UNDER-18

West 11.9 (75) d Sturt 10.11 (71), Central 22.23 (155) d Norwood 11.8 (74), Glenelg 14.8 (105) d South 10.3 (63).

### SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Sturt v West Adelaide	
Scott McGlone (Sturt)	3
Brent Reilly (Sturt)	2
Michael Coad (Sturt)	1
Central District v Norwood	
Ryan Williams (Central District)	3
Nick Lower (Norwood)	2
Paul Thomas (Central District)	1
Glenelg v Panthers	
Trevor Cranston (Glenelg)	3
Ruory Kirkby (Glenelg)	2
James Boyd (Panthers)	1
Woodville-West Torrens v Port Adelaide	
Mark McKenzie (Woodville-West Torrens)	3
Justin Cicolella (Woodville-West Torrens)	2
Brett Burton (Woodville-West Torrens)	1



## GLENELG



## PANTHERS

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/og	Gl	Pts	H/O	Tkl
ADLINGTON	6	1	4	2	-	-	1	-	2
ALLEN	1	-	12	2	1	-	-	-	1
BACKWELL	11	1	8	1	-	-	1	-	-
BLOCK	13	2	16	1	2	-	1	1	8
BUTTON	4	4	2	-	-	-	-	8	-
CLAYFIELD	2	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	1
CRANSTON	5	4	7	-	1	-	-	35	1
FISHER	11	-	13	4	2	-	-	-	6
GRIMA	9	6	5	1	2	3	2	-	2
HALL	9	2	6	-	-	1	1	-	1
HINGE	-	1	4	-	1	-	-	1	1
HOLMES	4	1	7	-	3	-	-	-	3
KANE	5	3	14	2	-	-	-	-	-
KIRK	5	4	6	1	1	-	-	1	1
KIRKBY	11	8	1	3	-	3	-	-	1
MILLS	4	1	7	2	-	1	-	-	1
MURPHY	10	3	13	-	1	-	-	1	1
O GRADY	10	5	6	1	-	2	-	-	1
PANOZZO	14	3	12	1	1	-	-	-	1
RUWOLDT	1	1	3	-	1	-	-	1	1
WILLOUGHBY	11	4	5	1	1	3	-	-	3
Totals	151	55	150	22	17	13	10	48	34

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/og	Gl	Pts	H/O	Tkl
BOYD	21	8	12	2	-	-	-	-	2
CARLILE	2	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
CAUDLE	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	2
COCKSHELL	10	8	6	1	1	-	-	-	27
COOK	15	6	7	1	1	2	-	-	4
CRABB	2	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	1
CRATE	7	2	5	1	-	-	-	-	4
FARMER	6	-	6	-	1	-	-	1	6
HANDBY	11	4	1	1	1	-	-	1	2
KENNEDY-HUNT	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
LYONS	7	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
REDIGOLO	7	4	1	1	2	-	-	-	6
ROLFE	8	3	7	1	2	2	1	-	3
RYAN	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	8
SANDERY	9	5	1	2	-	-	-	-	6
SCHMIDT	6	4	5	-	1	1	2	-	4
SPLITT	6	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	3
THEWLIS	3	1	2	1	3	-	-	-	3
TORNEY	8	9	11	-	5	-	-	1	2
WARREN	11	4	2	1	2	2	-	1	1
WILLIAMS	12	5	11	-	1	1	-	-	1
Totals	153	73	127	16	22	9	8	38	59