

# Bays fire as Blues crash back to earth

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GLENELG supporters can cringe as much as they like at the favouritism tag.

But it is a fact they have to accept after conquering Sturt by 24 points with a disciplined, team-orientated performance at Unley yesterday.

A tremendous work ethic, so typical of the Glenelg outfit under coach Mark Mickan, is the foundation on which the victory was built.

The impressive triumph has enabled the Tigers to jump back into top spot on the premiership ladder - a position Central District held for just 24 hours - and be on the verge of repeating last year's minor premiership.

As for the Double Blues, it was their third loss this season against the Tigers and again raises questions over their ability to handle the tough, tight football associated with finals.

Sturt more than matched it with Glenelg in the opening half. The first-quarter effort from the home side, when it led despite running into the wind, was especially encouraging. But as Sturt coach Luke Norman noted, the Tigers were prepared to work all day. Total commitment for four quarters has still to be mastered by Sturt against last season's runner-up.

The Double Blues have lost just three of their past 23 games at Unley and two of those have been against Glenelg, providing further evidence of the Tigers' domination in recent times.

"Our workrate dropped off and we stopped doing the physical things - we weren't hitting through the contest," Norman said. "The will to work hard for team-mates really dropped off in the last half. They (Tigers) were prepared to work all day and full credit to them."

Sturt took a stand against the Bays in the opening quarter with its defence, led by Michael Coad, working overtime to continually repel Glenelg's attacking raids with the wind.

Doubles Blues skipper Jade Sheedy was his usual prominent self on the ball and the home side had the visitors under pressure.

In an entertaining, willing contest, Sturt scrambled to a 17-point lead in the second quarter after goals to Ryan Herring and Josh Cubillo, only to concede much of the advantage when Daniel Meyer nailed a goal nearing the half-time siren. Glenelg took just 30 seconds of the second half to cut the margin to just three points. Lucas Block, having a productive day for the Tigers, then sent a scare through the camp when carried from the field on a stretcher with a knee injury.

Fortunately for Block the damage was no more than a knock and he returned to the action 10 minutes later.

The game swayed between the half-forward lines before Daniel Kirk put the Tigers in front with a goal after 17 minutes of the third quarter. They

would never relinquish the lead.

Glenelg, with Ty Allen and Trevor Cranston outstanding, lifted the ante and got in Sturt's face, creating doubt among the Double Blues as their skills and intensity dropped. Wayne Mills kept Sturt gun Brant Chambers to only one behind, although plenty of credit must go to the tireless defence of team-mates further afield.

By three-quarter time Glenelg had ventured into its attacking 50 arc 45 times compared to Sturt's 20 and had had 10 more scoring shots.

"It was important to get a good performance at this time of the year," Mickan said.

"The players held their nerve really well and kept at the things we wanted to do.

"We would like top spot but we never talk about it. We try to win enough games to be in the best shape possible when the finals come around."



ON THE WAY DOWN: Sturt ruckman Angus Kurtz flies over Tiger Trevor Cranston and comes down with a thud. Pictures: RAY TITUS

## SANFL DETAILS



### FRIDAY

NORTH	4.2	7.7	15.9	18.12	(120)
NORWOOD	3.2	4.3	5.7	8.10	(58)
BEST - North: Allan, Archard, Wright, Thiele, Ackland, Stewart, Gallman, Clarke, Cunningham. Norwood: McGuinness, Young, Rowe, Stopp, Puopolo.					
SCORERS - North: Stewart 4.3, Alleway 3.1, Clarke 2.1, Wright, Thiele 2.0, Archard, Sloane, Thring 1.1, Ryswyk, T. Armstrong 1.0, Younie, Allan 0.1, rushed 0.2. Norwood: Rowe 3.1, Walker 1.4, Kite 1.1, Terich, Weatherald, Schulz 1.0, Borlace 0.2, rushed 0.2.					
UMPIRES - R. Williams, C. Fleer, M. Hardham.					
CROWD - 3089 at Coopers Stadium, Norwood.					

### SATURDAY

CENTRAL	4.2	11.3	18.7	23.11	(149)
PANTHERS	3.1	5.3	9.3	11.4	(70)
BEST - Central: Callinan, O'Sullivan, C. Gowans, J. Gowans, Thomas, Hayes, Cochrane. Panthers: Thewlis, Torney, Carlile, Handby.					
SCORERS - Central: J. Westhoff 4.3, C. Gowans 4.1, J. Gowans 4.0, O'Sullivan 3.1, Sansbury 2.3, Dutschke, Switala 1.1, Callinan, Jenner, Goodrem, Hayes 1.0, Thomas 0.1. Panthers: Thewlis 4.0, Warren 1.1, Redigolo, Cockshell, Handby, Cook, Bowd, Veide 1.0, Splitt, Schmidt 0.1, rushed 0.1.					
INJURIES - Central: O'Hara (soreness), withdrew from selected side.					
UMPIRES - C. Rowston, G. Fila, F. Manikas.					

### YESTERDAY

GLENELG	1.3	3.6	8.11	9.16	(70)
STURT	2.1	5.3	5.4	7.4	(46)
BEST - Glenelg: Mules, Cranston, Allen, Mills, Block, Ruwoldt, Murphy. Sturt: Coad, Sheedy, Nelson, Gum, Wark.					
SCORERS - Glenelg: Murphy 2.0, Ruwoldt 1.4, Kirkby 1.2, Kirk, Meyer, Duldig 1.1, Liebelt, Hall 1.0, McConnell 0.3, Backwell, Cranston, Plant 0.1, rushed 0.1. Sturt: Gum 2.0, Plant 1.1, Payne, Coad, Cubillo, Herring 1.0, Chambers, Jaensch, Johncock 0.1.					
INJURIES - Glenelg: Fisher (dislocated finger), withdrew from selected side.					
UMPIRES - T. Pfeiffer, T. Dey, J. Ralston.					
CROWD - 5322 at House Brothers Stadium.					
EAGLES	5.6	6.8	12.11	15.17	(107)
WEST	2.1	7.6	7.7	10.11	(71)
BEST - Eagles: Cicolella, Broadbent, McKenzie, Rimington, Daniel, Jarrad. West Adelaide: Dangerfield, Bailey, Caruso, Davies, Munn, Krakouer.					
SCORERS - Eagles: Passador 4.0, Grocke 2.2, Goldsworthy 2.1, Rimington 2.0, Cicolella, Broadbent 1.2, Cheep 1.1, McGregor, Almond 1.0, Jarrad 0.3, Westbrook 0.2, Polec 0.1, rushed 0.3. West Adelaide: Bennett 3.1, Willits 2.1, Davies, Rowe, Caruso 1.1, Munn, Martin 1.0, Ferguson, Blesing, Dangerfield, Fisher 0.1, rushed 0.2.					
INJURIES - Eagles: Treeby (withdrew from selected side).					
West: Webb, Piasente (withdrew from selected side).					
UMPIRES - T. Philp, S. Hay, C. Bowen.					
CROWD - 2359 at Woodville Oval.					

### DRAW

ROUND 22 - Saturday, August 29: West Adelaide v North Adelaide (City Mazda Stadium, 2pm), Central District v Sturt (Hamra Homes Oval, 6.30pm). Sunday, August 30: Panthers v Port Adelaide (Hickinbotham Oval, 2pm), Glenelg v Woodville-West Torrens (Gliderol Stadium, 2pm). Bye: Norwood

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Glenelg	18	15	2	1	1642	1340	55.0	31
Central	18	14	3	1	1572	1294	54.8	29
Sturt	18	13	5	-	1808	1202	60.0	26
Eagles	19	11	7	1	1659	1647	50.1	23
North	18	9	9	-	1509	1389	52.1	18
West	18	7	10	1	1329	1578	45.7	15
Norwood	19	6	13	-	1609	1705	48.5	12
Port	18	4	14	-	1494	1788	45.5	8
Panthers	18	1	17	-	1169	1941	37.6	2

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Rd 21	Total
B. Chambers (Sturt)	0.1	76.40
B. Warren (Panthers)	1.1	42.16
N. Salter (Eagles)	-	38.18
S. Rowe (Norwood)	3.1	38.17
J. Perry (Port)	-	36.14
D. White (North)	-	33.18

### RESERVES

EAGLES	8.5	13.7	20.13	21.14	(140)
WEST	1.1	1.3	2.4	5.6	(36)
GLENELG	3.1	6.7	7.9	16.13	(109)
STURT	4.6	5.8	8.11	9.11	(65)

BEST - Glenelg: Sverdlhoff, McGregor, Kellock, McGinty, Kane, Snook. Sturt: Kay, Brimacombe, McDonald, Paynter, Davey, McLeay. GOALS - Glenelg: Hitchcock 3, Donnelly, A. Grima, Snook 2, Cane, Carey, Couch, Kellock, McGregor, Sverdlhoff, Vallance. Sturt: Vassal 3, Myles 2, McDonald, McLeay, Anderson, Kay, Norwood 13.8 (86) d North 12.7 (79), Central 14.10 (94) d South 5.13 (43). Ladder: Eagles, 26, Sturt 24, Port, Central 22, Glenelg 21, North, West 16, Norwood 9, Panthers 8.

### UNDER-18

Norwood 25.5 (155) d North 14.7 (91), Panthers 7.5 (47) d Central 4.11 (35), Glenelg 13.12 (90) d Sturt 8.12 (60).

### SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

North Adelaide v Norwood	
James Allan (North Adelaide)	3
Rhys Archard (North Adelaide)	2
Matthew Wright (North Adelaide)	1
Central District v Panthers	
Ian Callinan (Central District)	3
Chad O'Sullivan (Central District)	2
Chris Gowans (Central District)	1
Woodville-West Torrens v West Adelaide	
Justin Cicolella (Woodville-West Torrens)	3
Matthew Broadbent (Woodville-West Torrens)	2
Mark McKenzie (Woodville-West Torrens)	1
Glenelg v Sturt	
Ben Mules (Glenelg)	3
Trevor Cranston (Glenelg)	2
Ty Allen (Glenelg)	1
LEADERS - 16: Mark McKenzie (Eagles), 15: James Ezantf (West), James Allan, Rhys Archard (North), 12: Tristan Gum, Jade Sheedy, Scott McGlone (Sturt), Trevor Cranston (Glenelg), 11: Brad Murray (Port), Adam Fisher (Glenelg), Justin Cicolella (Eagles).	

### STURT

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/og	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
AVERY	8	4	4	-	1	-	-	-	2
BODE	7	6	6	-	1	-	-	-	2
BOWEN	3	2	5	2	1	-	-	11	2
BRATTON	9	3	5	1	1	-	-	-	2
CHAMBERS	1	1	2	-	1	-	1	-	-
COAD	23	3	4	4	1	-	-	3	-
CRANE	10	1	6	1	-	-	-	2	-
CUBILLO	5	-	7	2	-	1	-	1	4
EVANS	8	6	4	1	1	-	-	4	-
FITTOCK	6	4	10	1	1	-	-	4	-
GUM	14	5	8	1	1	2	-	2	-
HERRING	5	5	3	-	1	1	-	1	-
JAENSCH	10	6	10	2	3	-	1	1	3
JOHNSCOCK	4	3	7	1	1	-	1	5	1
KURTZE	1	4	8	-	-	-	-	16	-
MCGLONE	11	2	6	-	2	-	-	4	-
NELSON	6	1	7	-	2	-	-	1	-
PAYNE	6	5	7	-	1	-	-	4	-
PLANT	5	5	8	1	1	1	1	1	-
SHEEDY	14	4	17	1	-	-	-	3	-
WARK	5	2	6	2	1	-	-	5	-
Totals	161	72	140	20	20	7	4	34	50

### GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/og	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
ADLINGTON	5	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALLEN	5	1	10	1	3	-	-	-	4
BACKWELL	12	2	13	2	2	-	-	1	4
BLOCK	18	1	8	1	-	-	-	-	2
BUTTON	6	5	7	1	-	-	-	12	3
CRANSTON	5	4	8	1	1	-	-	1	26
DULDIG	5	4	5	1	1	1	1	2	1
HALL	9	3	4	-	3	1	-	-	3
KANE	8	2	12	-	1	-	-	-	-
KIRK	6	5	2	-	2	1	1	3	2
KIRKBY	12	6	3	1	1	1	1	2	6
LIEBELT	2	2	3	1	-	1	-	1	-
MCCONNELL	7	3	3	2	-	-	3	-	-
MEYER	11	5	3	1	-	1	1	1	1
MILLS	4	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
MULES	12	8	8	3	-	-	-	-	2
MURPHY	8	3	12	-	4	2	-	-	3
PANOZZO	12	5	6	1	1	-	-	-	3
PLANT	4	2	6	1	1	-	-	1	2
RUWOLDT	15	4	9	1	-	-	-	4	3
WILLOUGHBY	9	5	7	1	-	-	-	-	1
Totals	175	73	134	20	20	9	16	51	36