

Tigers pounce from nowhere

final score



Glenelg v Sturt GLIDEROL: 5,357

Glenelg	2.1	4.8	4.12	14.19	(103)
Sturt	1.5	6.7	11.11	12.12	(84)



BEST PLAYERS: Glenelg: Kane, Adlington, Kirkby, Clayfield, McMahon, Murphy. Sturt: Thomson, Jaensch, Martin, Duldig, Sheedy, Crane.
GOALS: Glenelg: Kirkby 3, Kane 2, Grima, Tenace, Cranston, Ruwoldt, Murphy, Hancock, Clayfield, Agnew, Adlington. Sturt: Duldig 4, Martin, Plant 2, Crane, Stokes, Johncock, Riley. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** Glenelg: Nil. Sturt: Cubillo (knee), Wingard (concussion).
UMPIRES: Rowston, Fleer, Haussen.

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GLENELG equalled a 75-year club record by storming back from 41 points down at three-quarter time to defeat Sturt at the Bay yesterday.

The round one miracle, which came after the Tigers had been dominated for most of the game, matched a 1936 final term comeback against Norwood.

But Glenelg arguably did it tougher this time because a goal to Brodie Martin in the opening minute of the final quarter pushed Sturt to a 47-point advantage.

To that point Sturt had been the more desperate, skilful and sharpshooting side, but the Tigers played an irresistible half hour of football in which they scored 10.7 to 0.1 to finish 19-point victors.

"It just shows the belief, we never stopped trying," Glenelg skipper Ben Mules said.

"It wasn't one person that really stepped up, it was the whole group. We just kept at it and kept at it and it worked for us in the end."

The remarkable finish, in which the Tigers played skilful, direct football, was a contrast to the congested, scrappy opening to the game.

Sturt more than matched the Tigers' physicality around the stoppages in the opening term and, despite a composed league debut by Crows-listed Glenelg midfielder Jarryd Lyons, had the best of the opening exchanges.

Glenelg began to control the game in the second term, forcing the Double Blues to continually kick the ball up the line - where their lack of height and key marking targets were exposed.

Ruory Kirkby and Todd Grima were dominant up for-

ward for the Tigers, hauling in 11 first-half marks and kicking a goal each.

But despite Glenelg's dominance, Sturt was able to catch the Tigers out on the fast break on a couple of occasions and earn an 11-point half-time lead.

Half back Matt Jaensch - who had 15 possessions to half time - went on several daring runs through the centre of the ground and James Plant capitalised with two neat finishes.

Former Tiger Matthew Duldig threatened to finish off his old team-mates in the third term, kicking three goals in 10 minutes to put Sturt up by 29 points.

Glenelg coach Mark Mickan responded by putting Grima behind the ball but when Luke Crane coasted in and scored, Sturt was out by 34 points.

Returning Double Blue Adam Thomson was the dominant clearance player for three quarters, continually feeding the ball out of packs to outside runners.

He set up another goal to lively Cameron Stokes, Sturt's fifth for the term, to put the Tigers down 41 points at three-quarter time.

Martin's long bomb appeared to end any chance of a Tiger comeback but Glenelg refused to buckle.

A fighting goal from Trevor Cranston ended Sturt's momentum and when Daniel Kirk - who had been moved to full forward - added another, the fightback was on.

Sturt barely touched the ball for the rest of the game and Glenelg, with youngsters Drew Clayfield, Paul Adlington, Wade Hancock and Brad Agnew all kicking majors, ran totally amok.



Hold on: Sturt's Craig Evans is tackled by Glenelg's Byron Murphy. Picture: Jo-Anna Robinson

ROUND 1

NORWOOD	1.2	4.2	7.5	8.7	(55)
PORT	2.4	3.7	6.9	7.10	(52)

BEST - Norwood: Gallagher, Terlich, Suckling, Pfeiffer, Rowe, McGuinness, Campbell. **Port:** Dolling, Lokan, Butcher, Surjan, Thurgood.

SCORERS - Norwood: Eagleton 2.1, Rowe, Bown 2, Persinos 1.2, Shenton 1.1, Jericho 1.1, Brown 1, Campbell 0.1. **Port:** Butcher 3.1, Thurgood 2.1, Harder 1.1, Ebert 1, Lindsay, Milera, Miller, Stanley 0.1.

REPORT - Norwood: Nil. **Port:** Butcher (striking).
UMPIRES - Williams, Medlin, Crosby.

CROWD - 23,214 at AAMI Stadium.

GLENELG	2.1	4.8	4.12	14.19	(103)
STURT	1.5	6.7	11.11	12.12	(84)

BEST - Glenelg: Kane, Adlington, Kirkby, Clayfield, McMahon, Murphy. **Sturt:** Thomson, Jaensch, Martin, Duldig, Sheedy, Crane.

SCORERS - Glenelg: Kirkby 3.3, Kane, Cranston 2, Grima, Tenace 1.1, Murphy 1.1, Agnew 1.2, Hancock, Clayfield, Adlington, Kirk 1, Kennedy 0.2, Panozzo 0.2, Ruwoldt 0.2, Meyer 0.1, Rudolph 0.1. **Sturt:** Duldig 4.1, Martin, Plant 2, Johncock 1.3, Riley, Stokes 1.2, Crane 1.1, McIntyre 0.2, Thomson 0.1.

REPORT/INJURIES: Glenelg: Nil. **Sturt:** Cubillo (knee), Wingard (concussion).

UMPIRES - Rowston, Fleer, Haussen.

CROWD - 5,317 at Gliderol.

WEST	5.3	8.4	13.6	17.9	(111)
NORTH	1.3	8.6	12.9	15.12	(102)

BEST - West: Schmidt, Ezard, Thompson, Birss, Piasente, Ferguson, Caire. **North:** Wright, Ivens, Gallman, Teasdale, Motlop, Gill, Alleyway.

SCORERS - West: Fisher 4.1, Pettigrew 3, Fielke 2.2, Macreadie 2.2, Hartlett 1.2, Piasente 1.1, Hill, Schmidt, Caruso, Briss 1, Ezard 0.1. **North:** Motlop 5.1, Gill 4.1, Wright 3, Alleyway, Teasdale 1.1, Allan 1, Delvins 0.4, Thring 0.1.

INJURIES - West: Geddes (knee), Hentschel (hamstring).

UMPIRES - Avon, Gary, Fila, Deboy.

CROWD - 2,492 at Prospect Oval.

EAGLES	3.1	4.5	10.9	11.12	(78)
SOUTH	5.1	7.1	7.1	10.3	(63)

BEST - Eagles: McKenzie, Cicolella, Jarrad, Powell, Rowntree, Hall. **South:** Stribling, Home, Liddle, Cross, Macleod, Crabb.

SCORERS - Eagles: Fitzgerald 3.2, Hall, Day 2.1, Raymond 2.0, Lewis 1.1, Thompson 1.0, Rowntree 0.2, Treeby, Sutcliffe, Rayner 0.1, rushed 0.2. **South:** Wundke 4.1, Cockshell 2.0, Irra, Lyons, Daniel, Gotch 1.0, Perrey, MacLeod 0.1.

INJURIES - Eagles: Treeby (concussion), O'Keefe (hamstring).

UMPIRES - Dey, Bowen, Manikas.

CROWD - 2,337 at Woodville Oval.

DRAW

ROUND 2 - Friday: West v Central (City Mazda Stadium, 7.40pm); Sturt v Norwood (Adelaide Oval, 7.40pm). **Saturday:** Port v Glenelg (Alberton 2.10pm); South v North (Hickinbotham Oval, 6.30pm). **Bye:** Eagles.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Eagles	1	1	0	0	78	63	55.3	2
Glenelg	1	1	0	0	103	84	55.08	2
West	1	1	0	0	111	102	52.11	2
Norwood	1	1	0	0	55	52	51.4	2
Port	1	0	1	0	52	55	48.60	0
North	1	0	1	0	102	111	47.89	0
Sturt	1	0	1	0	84	103	44.92	0
South	1	0	1	0	63	78	44.6	0
Central	0	0	0	0	00	00	00	0

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd1	Total
D. Motlop	(North)	5.1	5.1
B. Fisher	(West)	4.1	4.1
N. Gill	(North)	4.1	4.1
M. Duldig	(Sturt)	4.1	4.1
M. Wundke	(South)	4.1	4.1

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Norwood v Port Adelaide	
J. Gallagher (Norwood)	3
M. Dolling (Port Adelaide)	2
D. Terlich (Norwood)	1
North Adelaide v West Adelaide	
C. Schmidt (West)	3
M. Wright (North)	2
J. Ezard (West)	1
Glenelg v Sturt	
B. Kane (Glenelg)	3
P. Adlington (Glenelg)	2
A. Thomson (Sturt)	1
Woodville-West Torrens v South Adelaide	
M. McKenzie (Eagles)	3
T. Stribling (South)	2
J. Cicolella (Eagles)	1

GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
ADLINGTON	15	8	9	1	0	1	0	0	1
AGNEW	6	3	10	2	1	1	2	0	2
BRADLEY	6	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	2
CLAYFIELD	10	5	4	1	1	1	0	0	0
CRANSTON	3	1	10	2	2	2	0	9	1
GRIMA	12	6	3	1	0	1	1	1	2
HANCOCK	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
KANE	19	10	8	3	0	1	0	0	0
KENNEDY	6	1	4	2	0	0	2	0	2
KIRK	7	7	6	0	2	1	0	2	1
KIRKBY	13	9	1	2	5	3	3	0	3
LYONS	7	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
MCMAHON	12	3	13	0	0	0	0	0	2
MEYER	5	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
MULES	8	1	4	2	1	0	0	0	2
MURPHY	6	5	14	0	1	1	1	3	3
PANOZZO	18	5	6	1	0	0	2	0	3
RUWOLDT	12	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	2
SELLAR	4	1	9	1	0	0	0	9	1
TENACE	12	1	6	0	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	193	79	122	21	15	14	19	24	30

STURT

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
ANDERSON	6	3	8	1	1	0	0	0	2
CRANE	11	1	8	0	1	1	1	0	0
CUBILLO	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3
DULDIG	12	6	0	0	0	4	1	0	0
EVANS	12	2	6	0	1	0	0	0	3
HINGE	8	3	5	1	1	0	0	0	1
JAENSCH	14	1	8	2	0	0	0	0	2
JOHNSON	5	1	3	2	1	1	3	5	2
JONES	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	2
KURTZE	3	2	8	3	1	0	0	41	2
MARTIN	13	5	11	1	1	2	0	0	3
MCINTYRE	4	0	4	1	1	0	2	0	1
MCLEAY	3	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
MILES	14	4	5	1	1	0	0	0	1
NIELSEN	3	0	2	0	3	0	0	1	1
PLANT	3	3	5	0	0	2	0	0	0
RILEY	9	1	6	0	3	1	2	2	2
SHEEDY	17	4	6	1	2	0	0	0	4
STOKES	6	2	11	0	0	1	2	0	2
THOMSON	3	0	20	0	1	0	1	0	5
WINGARD	2	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	148	40	133	15	21	12	12	50	37