

# No winner in race for fifth

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**SOUTH** Adelaide and Glenelg both threw away golden opportunities to take control of the race for fifth spot in the first draw of the SANFL season at Noarlunga last night.

Nathan Daniel's goal with just seconds remaining tied the score at 16.6 (102) apiece and capped a wild final quarter which included 13 goals, five lead changes and one report.

Glenelg was poised to boost its reputation as the comeback kings of the SANFL when a Ty Allen goal in the 32nd minute of the final term gave them a six-point lead.

But South responded through Daniel a minute later, allowing it to escape with a draw after blowing a 33-point third-quarter lead.

The result means Glenelg will hang on to fifth spot regardless of whether Port defeats Sturt at AAMI Stadium today.

But the Tigers' poor form in the first half against South and tough matches against Norwood and Central District in the next fortnight suggest they might not be there much longer.

South showcased both sides of its game in the first half - blasting clear with attacking play in the opening term before shutting down the Tigers with strong defensive work in the second.

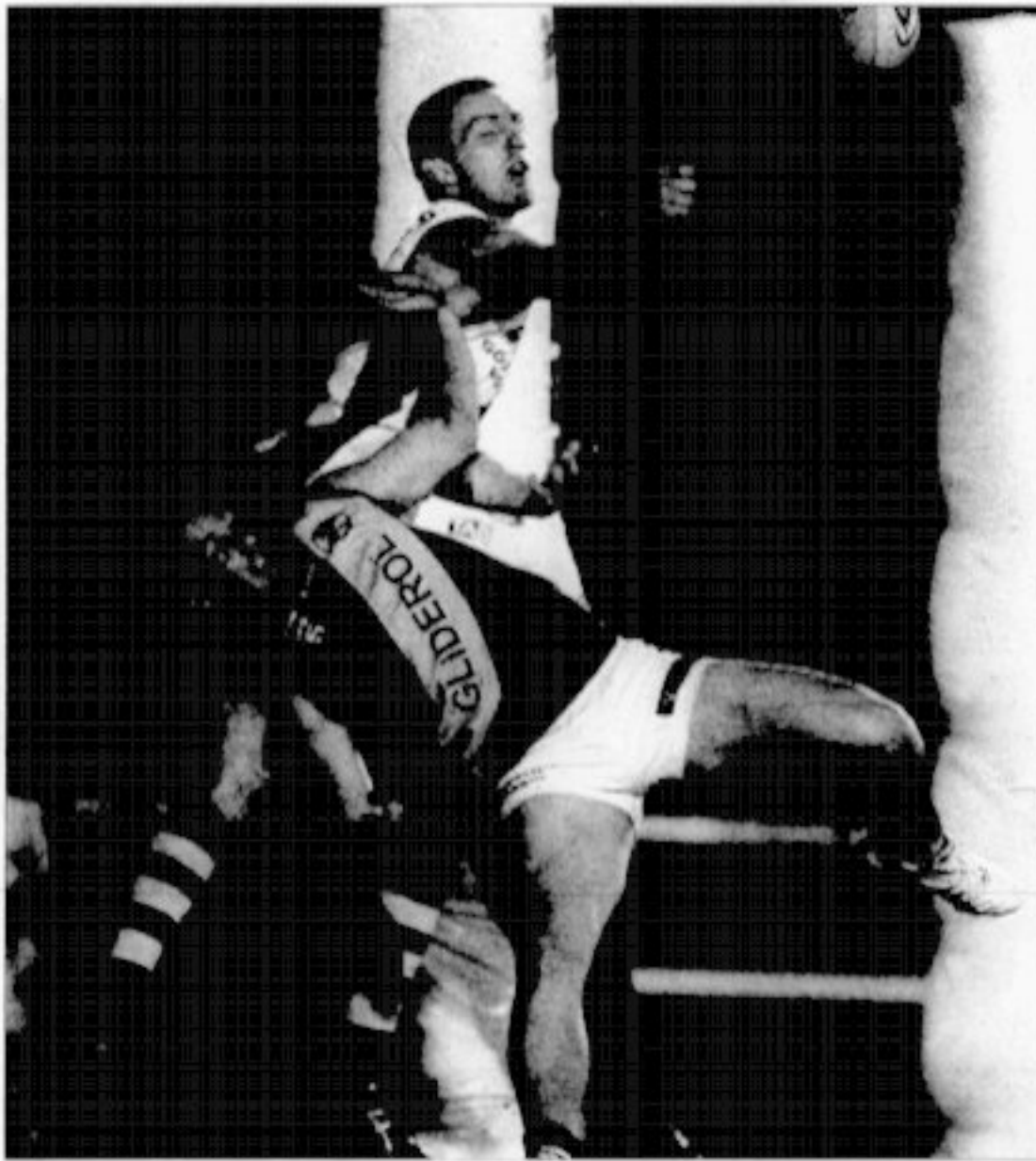
The Panthers held their opponents goalless in the second quarter while kicking three of their own to take a 32-point half-time lead.

Not even a careless error by Shaun McKernan, whose set shot from 10m out was touched by the man on the mark, could hold back Fuller's side.

Blessed at the Crows selection table this week when Andy Otten, Myke Cook and McKernan were all made available, South coach Ron Fuller also had the luxury of bringing in Daniel Talia to shore up his defence.

The quartet made an undoubted difference to South's structure and with Glenelg ruckman Trevor Cranston missing with a side strain, McKernan dominated the ruck.

A goal to Michael Wundke 10 minutes into the third term extended South's advantage to a match-high 33 points but Glenelg responded with



**Thump:** South's Bradley Crabb spoils Darcy Armfield last night. **Picture:** Kelly Barnes

## final score

<b>South v Glenelg</b>	Hickinbotham Oval: 2526				
<b>Panthers</b>	5.2	8.5	10.6	16.6	102
<b>Tigers</b>	3.0	3.3	9.3	16.6	102

**BEST PLAYERS:** Panthers: Daniel, McKernan, Liddle, Stribling, Otten, Murphy. Tigers: Kirkby, McMahon, Snook, T. Grima, Allen, Salopek. **GOALS:** Panthers: Wundke, Daniel 4, Rolfe, Macleod 2, Lyons, Stribling, Thewlis, Horne. Tigers: Kirkby 5, Snook, A. Grima 3, Hitchcock 2, Cornes, Allen, Armfield. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** Panthers: Nil. Tigers: Rudolph (cheekbone). **UMPIRES:** Avon, Thompson, Manikas.

four consecutive goals to breathe life into the match.

Toby Stribling briefly stemmed the tide for South with a classy 45m goal but the Tigers - who had youngsters Shannon Snook and Alex Grima firing in attack - answered immediately to trail by just nine points at the final change.

Early misses in the fourth to Mark Ruwoldt and Jordan McMahon offered South a reprieve but Glenelg

wouldn't be denied and soon took the lead as Ruory Kirkby took control.

Kirkby almost won Glenelg the match, kicking four goals in the final quarter including a belter from the boundary line.

But South kept fighting and was given a helping hand by Todd Grima - who was superb in defence but was reported in the final term for a late hit on Andrew Horne.

## SATURDAY

<b>NORWOOD</b>	1.4	4.9	7.10	7.12	(54)
<b>CENTRAL</b>	2.4	3.6	4.6	7.11	(53)

**BEST - Norwood:** Jonas, McGuinness, Zorzi, Webber, Jefferies, Pfeiffer, Rowe. **Central:** Barmby, C. Gowans, Sansbury, Williams, Dunne, Habel.

**SCORERS - Norwood:** Donohue 1.2, Eagleton, Langford, Rowe, Shenton 1.1, Bown, Jericho 1.0, Terlich 0.2, Davis, Jefferies 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Central:** Havelberg 1.3, Williams 1.1, Duncan, C. Gowans, Hayes, Spurr, Sutherland 1.0, Dunne, Goodrem, Habel, Hannath, Jenner, Obst, Sansbury 0.1.

**UMPIRES - G. Fila, A. Crosby, C. Deboy.**

**CROWD - 4655 at Coopers Stadium, Norwood.**

<b>NORTH</b>	2.5	6.5	9.7	16.8	(104)
<b>EAGLES</b>	5.3	8.7	12.10	13.12	(90)

**BEST - North:** Allan, Bennett, Stewart, Delvins, Thiele, Thring. **Eagles:** Powell, Parry, Goldsworthy, Rowntree, Grocke, Jarrad.

**SCORERS - North:** Stewart 5.1, Bennett 4.0, Thiele 1.2, Allan, Delvins, Teasdale 1.1, Ryswyk, White, Young 1.0, Clisby 0.2. **Eagles:** Hentschel 4.1, Rimington 3.1, Goldsworthy 2.2, Treeby 1.3, Grocke, Powell 1.1, Jarrad 1.0, Allmond, Rowntree, Sutcliffe 0.1.

**UMPIRES - R. Williams, T. Dey, M. Schramm.**

**CROWD - 2347 at Unleash Solar Oval, Woodville.**

<b>SOUTH</b>	5.2	8.5	10.6	16.6	(102)
<b>GLENELG</b>	3.0	3.3	9.3	16.6	(102)

**BEST - South:** Daniel, McKernan, Liddle, Stribling, Otten, Murphy. **Glenelg:** T. Grima, Kirkby, McMahon, Snook, Allen, Salopek.

**SCORERS - South:** Wundke 4.1, Daniel 4.0, Macleod, Rolfe 2.0, Lyons, Stribling 1.1, Horne, Thewlis 1.0, Ainger, McKernan, Murphy 0.1. **Glenelg:** Kirkby 5.0, A. Grima, Snook 3.0, Hitchcock 2.0, Allen, Armfield, Cornes 1.0, McMahon 0.2, Ruwoldt 0.1, rushed 0.3.

**UMPIRES - M. Avon, S. Thompson, F. Manikas.**

**CROWD - 2526 at Hickinbotham Oval, Noarlunga.**

<b>PORT</b>	1.1	5.2	7.2	14.5	(89)
<b>STURT</b>	3.5	3.12	4.14	6.15	(59)

**BEST - Port:** Kirkwood, Gray, Thurgood, Summerton, Banner, Dolling. **Sturt:** Sheedy, Anderson, McLeay.

**SCORERS - Port:** Mercer 3.1, Thurgood 3.0, Kulikowski 2.0, Carr, Maric, Kirkwood, Summerton, Harder, Hoskin 1.0, Banner, Bjacs 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Sturt:** Duldig 3.2, C. Evans 1.1, Norsworthy, F. Evans 1.0, McIntyre 0.3, Hinge 0.2, Sheedy, Wundke, Gum 0.1, rushed 0.4.

**UMPIRES - C. Rowston, M. Oates, L. Haussen.**

## PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Central	9	7	2	-	878	664	56.9	14
Norwood	9	6	3	-	734	559	56.7	12
Eagles	9	6	3	-	589	679	50.3	12
West	8	5	3	-	672	517	56.5	10
Glenelg	9	4	4	1	799	832	48.9	9
Port	9	4	5	-	672	741	47.6	8
South	9	3	5	1	693	895	43.6	7
North	9	2	7	-	810	757	48.5	4
Sturt	9	2	7	-	686	889	43.6	4

## LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd10	Total
M. Duldig	(Sturt)	3.2	28.14
M. Wundke	(South)	4.1	25.18
C. Alleyway	(North)	0.0	23.11
D. Havelberg	(Central)	1.3	23.8
R. Kirkby	(Glenelg)	5.0	20.13

## RESERVES

Sturt 11.15 (81) d Port 11.12 (78), North 17.13 (115) d Eagles 9.13 (67), Norwood 13.17 (95) d Central 2.3 (15).

**Ladder:** Glenelg 16, Port, North 12, Sturt 10, Central, Norwood 8, West 6, Eagles 4, South 0.

## UNDER-18

North 13.20 (98) d Eagles 13.19 (97), Glenelg 22.9 (141) d South 10.7 (67), Port 12.12 (84) d Sturt 8.10 (58).

**Ladder:** Glenelg 16, Port 14, North 12, Sturt 10, Eagles 8, Central 6, Norwood 6, West 4, South 2.

## SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

### Norwood v Central District

Tom Jonas (Norwood)	3
Kieran McGuinness (Norwood)	2
Brett Zorzi (Norwood)	1

### North Adelaide v Woodville-West Torrens

James Allan (North Adelaide)	3
Luke Powell (Woodville-West Torrens)	2
James Bennett (North Adelaide)	1

### South Adelaide v Glenelg

Todd Grima (Glenelg)	3
Nathan Daniel (South Adelaide)	2
Ruory Kirkby (Glenelg)	1

### Sturt v Port Adelaide

Zane Kirkwood (Magpies)	3
Sam Gray (Magpies)	2
Josh Thurgood (Magpies)	1

**Leaders - 11:** Paul Thomas (Central), James Allan (North), 9: Bryce Campbell (Norwood), 8: Mark McKenzie (Eagles), 6: James Gallagher (Norwood), Toby Stribling (South Adelaide), Chris Schmidt (West), James Ezard (West), Ryan Willits (West).

	Kicks	Mts	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
AINGER	3	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
BROOKSBY	3	1	4	0	1	0	0	12	1
CAREY	12	5	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
COOK	7	4	5	1	1	0	0	0	2
CRABB	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1
CROSS	8	2	10	1	1	0	0	1	2
DANIEL	15	5	6	1	0	4	0	0	2
HORNE	9	4	6	2	0	1	0	0	0
IRRA	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
LIDDLE	16	4	4	3	2	0	0	0	8
LYONS	12	4	4	0	0	1	1	0	1
MACLEOD	11	6	5	0	1	2	0	0	2
MCKERNAN	16	4	4	2	3	0	1	42	0
MURPHY	11	4	9	1	0	0	1	1	3
OTTEN	8	5	12	2	0	0	0	0	1
ROLFE	8	2	1	0	2	2	0	0	0
SANDERY	3	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	5
STRIBLING	18	3	4	2	3	1	1	0	1
TALIA	10	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
THEWLIS	13	3	6	2	2	1	0	2	2
WUNDKE	13	6	2	2	2	4	1	0	1
Totals	199	79	100	21	21	16	6	58	34

	Kicks	Mts	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
ALLEN	11	2	9	4	4	1	0	0	6
ARMFIELD	2	2	7	0	0	1	0	0	2
CORNES	7	3	5	0	4	1	0	1	2
CURRAN	7	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	2
GRIMA	7	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	1
GRIMA	11	4	6	2	2	0	0	0	2
HITCHCOCK	11	3	2	0	1	2	0	0	0
KANE	16	8	3	1	2	0	0	1	5
KANE	7	4	6	1	2	0	0	3	2
KENNEDY	9	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	0
KIRK	4	3	5	1	0	0	0	12	0
KIRKBY	15	13	1	2	0	5	0	0	0
LYONS	8	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
MCGINTY	3	2	8	3	2	0	0	19	2
MCMAHON	14	4	9	1	0	0	2	0	2
MULES	7	4	7	0	1	0	0	0	5
PANOZZO	5	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
RUDOLPH	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RUWOLDT	3	3	4	0	0	0	1	1	4
SALOPEK	13	5	7	1	1	0	0	0	1
SNOOK	10	5	3	1	1	3	0	0	2
Totals	173	77	100	21	21	16	6	37	38