



Injured Panthers show inner steel

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IF South Adelaide ever becomes a SANFL powerhouse under Ron Fuller, this will be the game that is remembered as the turning point.

The Panthers were down to 17 fit men at three-quarter-time at the Bay yesterday and were facing an opponent in Glenelg that was fighting for a finals position.

The Tigers led by seven points with a quarter to go and, given South's injuries, were a real chance to kick away and gain the percentage they needed to challenge the Eagles for fifth spot.

But the Panthers didn't read the script, kicking eight goals to four in an amazing turnaround to record their most inspiring victory of the Fuller era.

"They dug deep, the boys - I couldn't be prouder of how they went about it," Fuller said.

"I think the players can understand if they keep digging deep, anything can happen."

Glenelg led for most of the match, pulling away at the beginning of each of the first three

quarters only to see the Panthers fight their way back.

Peter Rolfe was the main reason South was still in the game midway through the third quarter - his six goals more than half of his side's tally.

But when he joined Tarquin Brown on the interchange bench with a shoulder injury, Tim Houlihan was stretchered off with concussion soon after, and then Nick Liddle hurt his ankle, the Panthers looked shot.

But Keegan Brooksby stood up in the ruck, Joel Cross kept winning clearances and Andy Otten kept the backline composed.

Michael Wundke - well held by Tom Edwards to that point - kicked five goals, while Liddle still managed to have a hand in two majors.

"They were galvanised through having a lack of numbers," Glenelg coach Kris Massie said. "You could see in the last 10 minutes they were really hungry and hard at it and we weren't."

STURT 4.2 8.4 12.10 17.12 (114)
PORT 3.2 5.3 9.3 13.5 (83)

BEST - Sturt: Jenkins, Martin, Kerridge, Tambling, Sheedy, Krause, Hurley, Kurtze. **Port:** Young, Broomhead, Slattery, Clayton.

SCORERS - Sturt: Jenkins 8.1, Martin 4.1, McIntyre 3.3, Anderson 1.3, Krause 1.1, Kelly 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Port:** Thurgood 2.1, Gray, Harder, Cockshell, Summerton 2.0, Young 1.1, Slattery, Kirkwood 1.0, Rose, Banner 0.1, rushed 0.1.

NORTH 3.4 6.4 11.8 14.9 (93)
CENTRAL 0.2 2.5 4.9 11.10 (76)

BEST - North: Bennett, Ivens, Thompson, Johnston, Mayes, Miles, Dalwood. **Central:** Goodrem, Schiller, Habel.

SCORERS - North: Johnston 4.1, Alleway 2.2, Amato 2.0, Bennett 1.2, Gallman 1.1, Shannon, Thompson, Thiele, Clinch 1.0, Allan 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Central:** Hardy 4.0, C. Gowans 2.0, Menzel 1.2, J. Gowans, Schiller 1.1, Goodrem, Obst 1.0, Williams 0.3, Habel, Henderson 0.1, rushed 0.1.

EAGLES 3.0 3.1 4.3 7.10 (52)
WEST 0.1 3.3 4.4 5.6 (36)

BEST - Eagles: Grieger, Lewis, Fitzgerald, Hall, B. Sumner, Goldsworthy, Day. **West:** Birss, Bricknell, Macreadie, Fisher, Silverlock.

SCORERS - Eagles: Hall 2.0, Goldsworthy 1.3, Grocke 1.2, Knights 1.1, Staple, Joyce 1.0, Shirley, Lewis, Cicolella 0.1, rushed 0.1. **West:** F. Caruso 2.0, Silverlock, Willits, Still 1.0, Ezard, Borholm, Thompson, Crouch 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - West: F. Caruso (ankle).

CROWD - 2432 at Unleash Solar Oval.

SOUTH 3.2 6.5 10.6 18.7 (115)
GLENELG 3.3 7.7 11.7 15.8 (98)

BEST - South: Cross, Watson, Rolfe, Liddle, Murphy, Brooksby, Otten. **Glenelg:** Milne, Lyons, Davenport, Button, Edwards.

SCORERS - South: Rolfe 6.1, Wundke 5.0, Ainger 3.1, McKernan 2.2, Beilby, Carey 1.0, Redigolo, McKay 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Glenelg:** Kirkby 3.4, Button 3.0, Mules 2.1, Lyons 2.0, Hender 1.1, Allen, Milne, Davenport, Scharenberg 1.0, Agnew 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - South: Rolfe (shoulder), Houlihan (concussion), Liddle (ankle), Brown (shoulder).

CROWD - 2682 at Gliderol Stadium.

DRAW

SUNDAY: Elimination Final: North Adelaide v Eagles (AAMI Stadium, 12.10pm); Qualifying Final: Central District v West Adelaide (AAMI Stadium, 3.10pm).

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Norwood	20	18	2	0	1746	1046	62.5	36
Central	20	13	7	0	1821	1477	55.2	26
West	20	12	8	0	1437	1295	52.6	24
North	20	10	10	0	1650	1793	47.9	20
Eagles	20	9	11	0	1469	1649	47.1	18
Glenelg	20	8	12	0	1538	1779	46.3	16
Port	20	7	13	0	1707	1735	49.5	14
South	20	7	13	0	1715	1898	47.4	14
Sturt	20	6	14	0	1523	1934	44.0	12

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Rd 24	Total
J. Hardy (Central)	4.0	58.16
M. Wundke (South)	5.0	55.18
T. McIntyre (Sturt)	3.3	48.34
L. Johnston (North)	4.1	48.12
Brad Fisher (West)	0.0	45.21
A. Ainger (South)	3.1	45.14

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Sturt v Port Adelaide

Josh Jenkins (Sturt)	3
Brodie Martin (Sturt)	2
Jarrold Young (Port)	1

North v Central

James Bennett (North)	3
Luke Ivens (North)	2
Kriston Thompson (North)	1

Eagles v West

Ben Grieger (Eagles)	3
Scott Lewis (Eagles)	2
Zac Fitzgerald (Eagles)	1

South v Glenelg

Joel Cross (South)	3
Xavier Watson (South)	2
Peter Rolfe (South)	1

LEADERS - 20: Joel Cross (South). **18:** James Bennett (North). **17:** Chris Schmidt (West). **16:** Nathan Batsanis (Norwood). **15:** Nick Liddle (South).

GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
HENDER	8	1	7	3	0	1	1	0	3
TENACE	7	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	1
AGNEW	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
BRADLEY	7	3	5	2	2	0	0	2	7
ALLEN	4	1	11	2	2	1	0	0	6
RUDOLPH	4	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	2
MURDOCH	4	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROUD	7	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
CURRAN	3	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	1
EDWARDS	4	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
McGINTY	3	2	11	1	3	0	0	27	3
KIRKBY	8	5	1	2	2	3	4	0	0
MILNE	14	5	11	2	1	1	0	0	0
LYONS	9	0	12	1	0	2	0	1	1
PITT	9	2	6	1	0	0	0	1	6
MULES	10	6	5	2	0	2	1	0	3
DAVENPORT	17	6	10	0	1	1	0	0	2
HINGE	3	4	2	0	1	0	0	1	1
BUTTON	10	4	2	1	2	3	0	17	2
McFARLANE	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
SCHERNBERG	5	2	8	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	139	49	116	19	17	15	8	49	46

SOUTH ADELAIDE

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
MURPHY	20	3	7	0	0	0	0	1	7
HOULIHAN	4	3	7	0	2	0	0	0	2
STRIBLING	15	4	7	1	2	0	0	0	5
CRABB	9	3	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
WUNDKE	6	6	4	0	2	5	0	0	1
LIDDLE	4	4	14	1	0	0	0	0	5
DANIEL	9	3	7	2	1	0	0	0	6
WATSON	21	6	5	0	1	0	0	0	2
REDIGOLO	9	4	5	3	0	0	1	0	2
ROLFE	11	7	1	0	0	6	1	0	0
CROSS	13	4	17	0	0	0	0	0	7
OTTEN	11	4	6	2	0	0	0	0	3
BEILBY	10	5	8	0	1	1	0	0	4
AINGER	8	6	3	1	0	3	1	0	0
McKERNAN	6	8	3	1	3	2	2	4	1
BASS	4	2	6	2	4	0	0	11	1
BROOKSBY	5	6	9	1	0	0	0	37	6
CAREY	16	5	5	1	1	1	0	0	1
McKAY	4	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	3
BROWN	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
MILLER	5	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	192	92	131	17	19	18	7	53	61