

Young guns show Blues have a future

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STURT has made a statement off-field - now it is making one on it. With membership rocketing to 3750 as fans rally behind the financially-stricken club which is fighting for survival, second-year coach Seamus Maloney praised his players for "galvanising" as a group.

Rather than be distracted by talk the Blues might have to join forces with the Crows to stay afloat in the SANFL, Maloney said his players had taken upon themselves to make sure the proud club survives in its own right.

They took another significant step towards that happening yesterday when they convincingly beat Glenelg at Unley Oval to record consecutive wins for the first time this season.

"There's some good stuff happening off-field, now we've got to back that up with on-field performance," Maloney said after the 23-point triumph which followed an upset six-goal win against the Eagles. "The community and our supporters have got behind the club and the players know they've got to play their part as well by producing good, solid footy. We're a very proud club with a huge history and none of us want to see this club disappear. The players know what's at stake and they have really jumped on board. Our past month has been a good incline and it's nice to get some reward for our efforts."

"We think if we continue to bring four-quarter efforts we can definitely be in there swinging with most sides in the compe-

tion, perhaps not financially, but certainly with our ability to mix it on the field."

Sturt, which has moved to seventh and within striking distance of the top five after beating the struggling Tigers, already has 750 members more than last year while sponsorship also is up. Significantly, it yesterday showed it has a nice group of youngsters it can build around.

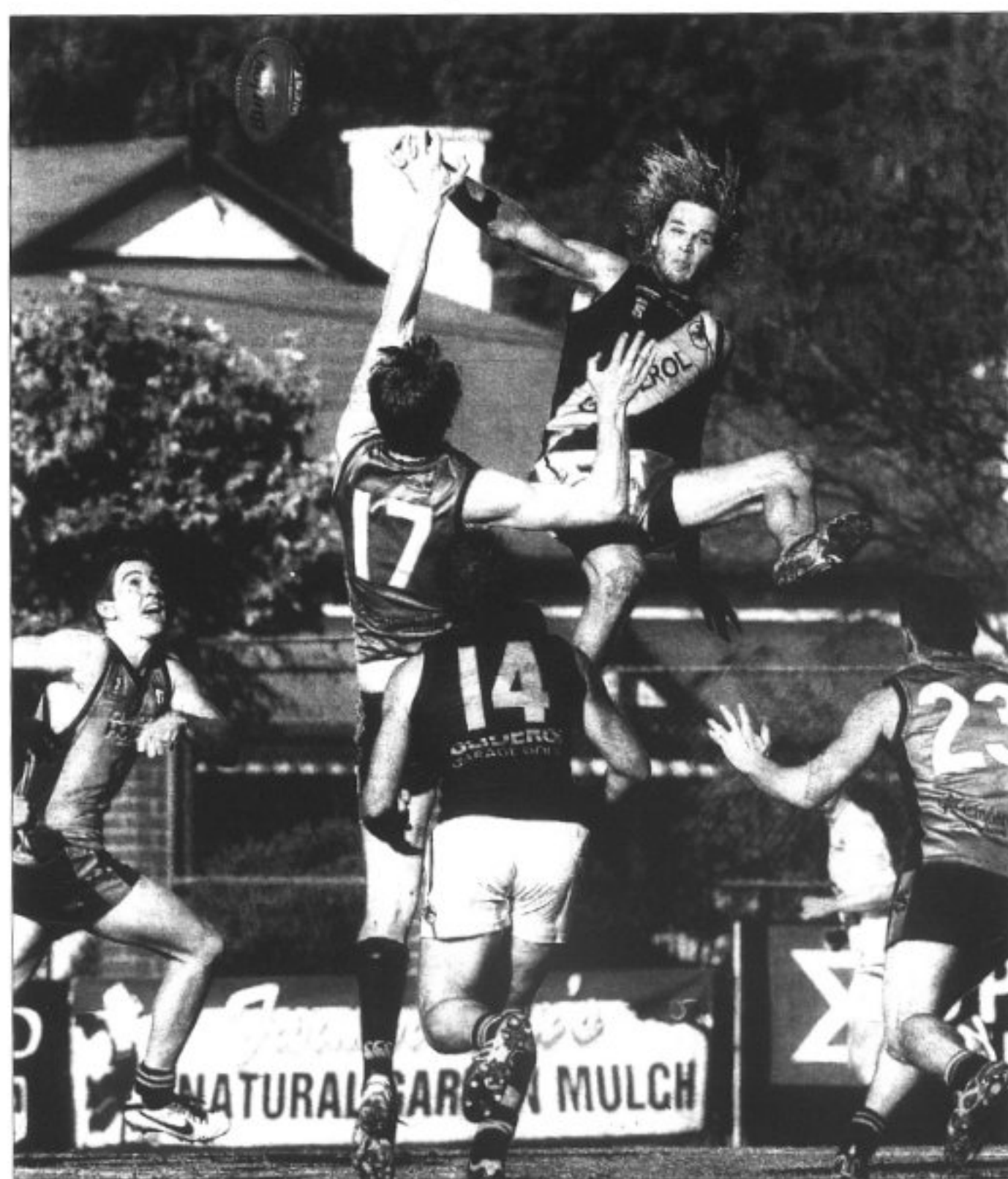
While ruckman Angus Kurtze was outstanding with 24 disposals, five marks and 40 hit-outs and tough Crow Aidan Riley (28 disposals and 11 clearances) and the classy Tom Hurley (31 possessions) set the win up in the midfield, plenty of kids stood out for the Double Blues.

"Christian Calabrese, Matthew Crocker, Tom Harms, Ziggy Vitkunas, Fraser Evans and Jack Stephens are all pretty young and haven't played a lot of footy but they are really exciting," Maloney said. "We feel with the young players we've got and a few experienced guys around them that we've got the nucleus of having a pretty good side in a few years time."

Like Sturt, Glenelg is in a rebuilding phase but coach Kris Massie is not interested in excuses, questioning his players' "want and will".

"Sturt wanted the game more than us, that was obvious," said Massie, whose side was outplayed but added some respectability to the scoreboard by kicking seven last-quarter goals.

"At the moment, we're not hard enough as a group. I question our mental strength"



LEAP YEAR: Glenelg's James Lawton jumps high over Sturt's best-afield ruckman Angus Kurtze at Unley. **Picture:** SARAH REED



SANFL DETAILS

SATURDAY

PORT	2.3	6.5	8.7	10.9	(69)
NORWOOD	3.1	5.7	5.9	9.10	(64)
BEST - Port: Kulikowski, Beard, Gray, Kirkwood, Meiklejohn, A. Young, Summerton. Norwood: Suckling, Stevenson, Kirwan, Zorzi, Phillips, Georgiou.					
SCORERS - Port: Johncock, Thurgood 2.2, Summerton 1.1, Gray, Rose, Watt, Ah Chee, Hoskin 1.0, Beard, Johansen, Newton 0.1, rushed 0.1. Norwood: Phillips, M. Evans 3.1, Suckling 1.1, Warren, Renouf 1.0, Panos, Zorzi, Fuller, Smart 0.1, rushed 0.3.					
INJURIES - Norwood: Fuller (shoulder).					
UMPIRES - T. Philp, C. Bowen, J. Ralston.					
CROWD - 3586 at Alberton Oval.					

EAGLES	1.3	3.5	9.5	11.6	(72)
SOUTH	1.2	3.5	3.8	4.9	(33)
BEST - Eagles: Goldsworthy, Lewis, Salter, Rowntree, Mitchell, Kane, Summerton. South: Liddle, Cross, Brooksby, Hartigan, Daniel.					

SCORERS - Eagles: Salter 3.0, Goldsworthy 2.1, Lewis, Staple 2.0, Heath 1.1, Mitchell 1.0, Poole, Kane 0.2. **Norwood:** Wundke 1.5, Liddle, Cross, Gotch 1.0, Murphy, Brown, Snook 0.1, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES - T. Medlin, A. Crosby, P. Lally.

CROWD - 1203 at Noarlunga.

YESTERDAY

STURT	3.5	6.9	11.13	15.17	(107)
GLENELG	1.2	6.3	6.5	13.6	(84)
BEST - Sturt: Kurtze, Riley, Hurley, Greenslade, Calabrese, Evans, Hinge, Coad. Glenelg: Bradley, Earl, Davenport, Nicholson, Jolly, Agnew, Lyons.					

SCORERS - Sturt: Duldig 3.4, Panozzo 3.1, Calabrese 2.1, Vizkunas 2.0, McIntyre 1.5, Hurley 1.1, Coad, Kane, Kurtze, 1.0, Greenslade, Kelly 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Glenelg:** Davenport 3.0, Kirkby 2.1, Nicholson 2.0, Allen, Bradley 1.1, Lawton, Mules, Earl, McInerney 1.0, Carger, Hinge 0.1, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES - T. Dey, C. Deboy, S. Hosking.

CROWD - 3406 at Unley.

CENTRAL	1.8	6.10	12.15	14.18	(102)
NORTH	3.2	5.6	7.7	12.8	(80)

BEST - Central: O'Hara, Thomas, Symes, Jenner, Dunne, Colquhoun. **North:** Campbell, Gordon, G. Thring, Miles, Shannon.

SCORERS - Central: Dunne 4.6, Collier, Jenner 2.0, Dowdell, Goodrem, O'Hara 1.1, Williams, Templeton, Guilhaus 1.0, Boyd 0.2, Dutschke, Thomas, S Milne 0.1, rushed 0.4. **North:** Gordon 3.0, Ryswyk, Langford 2.1, O'Sullivan 1.2, M. Thring, Stewart, Amato 1.1, Anderson 1.0, Campbell 0.1.

UMPIRES - M. Avon, S. Thompson, L. Haussen.

CROWD - 3493 at Prospect Oval.

DRAW

ROUND 12 - Saturday, June 22: Norwood v South Adelaide (The Parade), North Adelaide v Sturt (Prospect), Central District v Port Adelaide (Elizabeth). **Sunday, June 23:** Glenelg v West Adelaide (Glenelg). **Bye:** Eagles.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Norwood	10	7	3	-	854	623	57.8	14
West	10	7	3	-	896	695	56.3	14
North	10	7	3	-	995	804	55.3	14
Eagles	10	6	4	-	963	812	54.3	12
Central	9	5	4	-	837	760	52.4	10
Port	9	4	5	-	739	818	47.5	8
Sturt	10	3	7	-	920	1046	46.8	6
Glenelg	10	3	7	-	820	1089	42.9	6
South	10	2	8	-	683	1060	39.2	4

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd 11	Total
A. Ainger	(Eagles)	0.0	27.13
M. Duldig	(Sturt)	3.2	27.12
G. Johncock	(Port)	2.3	27.11
M. Wundke	(South)	1.5	26.13
N. Salter	(Eagles)	3.0	20.12
M. Goldsworthy	(Eagles)	2.1	20.5
B. Warren	(Norwood)	1.0	19.9

RESERVES

Glenelg	4.4	9.5	9.5	13.9	(87)
Sturt	4.1	7.3	9.7	13.8	(86)

BEST - Glenelg: McFarlane, McNeil, Hayes, Button, Shaw, Trembath. **Sturt:** Wilson, Johnson, Langridge, Smith, Curnow, Boyle. **GOALS - Glenelg:** Shaw 5, Craig 2, Trembath, Curran, Milne, McCurry, Gamble. **Sturt:** Smith 6, Gore 2, Curnow, Wilson, Rupcic, Potts, Weich.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Leaders - 9: Ben Macreadie (West), Jarryd Lyons (Glenelg), Aidan Riley (Sturt), Brayden O'Hara (Central), 7: Nathan Gordon (North), 6: Matt Thomas, Mat Suckling (Norwood), Paul Thomas (Central), Andrew Moore (North), Joel Tippett (West), Matthew Goldsworthy, Scott Lewis (Eagles), 5: Chris Schmidt (West), Kieran McGuinness, Brett Zorzi (Norwood), Sam Gray, Steven Summerton (Port), Joel Cross (South).

STURT v GLENELG

Yesterday, Unley, Crowd 3406

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
HURLEY	16	3	15	2	0	1	1	0	3
RILEY	6	1	22	3	2	0	0	0	5
GREENSLADE	8	3	18	1	0	0	1	0	2
KURTZE	8	5	16	5	3	1	0	40	1
CROCKER	10	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	3
KANE	11	5	8	1	1	1	0	0	1
CALABRESE	12	4	6	0	1	2	1	0	2
MCINTYRE	16	7	2	4	4	1	5	0	1
KRAUSE	8	2	9	0	1	0	0	0	2
PANOZZO	12	2	5	0	0	3	1	0	0
TAMBLING	6	3	10	1	2	0	0	0	4
HINGE	10	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	3
PAGE	7	1	8	0	1	0	0	0	3
STEPHENS	9	7	5	2	0	0	0	0	0
COAD	9	3	4	0	0	1	1	0	0
DULDIG	9	6	4	0	0	3	2	4	1
HARMS	8	3	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
ATKINS	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	2
EVANS	6	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
KELLY	4	3	5	2	0	0	1	0	9
VITKUNAS	5	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	3
Total	185	73	172	23	16	15	17	44	45

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
BRADLEY	16	13	13	2	2	1	1	3	3
EARL	17	7	12	1	0	1	0	2	5
LYONS	12	3	16	1	1	0	0	0	5
JOLLY	17	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	1
DAVENPORT	12	5	8	1	1	3	0	0	4
AGNEW	8	4	10	0	1	0	0	1	4
NICHOLSON	9	2	9	2	2	2	0	0	4
CLUREY	12	4	5	0	2	0	0	0	5
CARGER	11	7	4	0	2	0	1	0	1
MULES	6	5	9	0	0	1	0	0	1
UNDERWOOD	5	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAWTON	6	3	7	1	3	1	0	10	0
PROUD	11	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	1
SNOOK	7	2	6	0	0	0	0	1	4
ALLEN	5	3	7	0	2	1	1	0	4
TAPP	2	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	1
KIRKBY	5	3	5	0	0	2	1	0	0
MCGINTY	3	2	7	3	2	0	0	27	4
HINGE	6	4	3	0	2	0	1	0	0
MCINERNEY	7	2	2	1	3	1	0	0	6
GILL	1	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	1
Total	178	82	158	16	23	13	6	44	54