

Stevens sees signs of hope as young Tigers charge home

SANFL DETAILS

SANFL LADDER

	P	W	L	For	Agst	Stk	%	Pts
Port Adelaide	7	6	1	869	465	W6	65.1	12
Eagles	7	6	1	681	555	W4	55.1	12
Sturt	7	5	2	679	497	W1	57.7	10
South Adelaide	7	5	2	644	538	L1	54.4	10
Norwood	7	3	4	472	526	W1	47.2	6
North Adelaide	7	3	4	595	691	L3	46.2	6
West Adelaide	7	2	5	474	584	L1	44.8	4
Central District	7	2	5	481	593	L1	44.7	4
Glenelg	7	2	5	475	739	W1	39.1	4
Adelaide	7	1	6	548	730	L4	42.8	2

DRAW

ROUND 8 Friday: Norwood v Eagles (The Parade). Saturday: Central District v Sturt (Elizabeth), North Adelaide v Port Adelaide (Prospect), West Adelaide v Glenelg (Richmond). Sunday: South Adelaide v Adelaide (Hickinbotham).

FRIDAY

	NORWOOD ADELAIDE	2.3 7.6 13.7 16.9	105
		5.2 7.3 10.6 11.8	74

BEST **Norwood:** Newton, Webber, Kirwan, Wilson, Dawe, Bode, Evans. **Adelaide:** Lyons, Ellis-Yolmen, Callinan, Otten, Battersby. GOALS **Norwood:** Newton 8, Phillips 3, Webber, Dematteis, Dawe, Roocke, Wilson. **Adelaide:** Lyons, Callinan 4, Thompson, Carroll, McKernan. UMPIRES Philp, Cook, Hosking. VENUE The Parade.

EAGLES V NORTH ADELAIDE

	EAGLES	4.2 12.9 14.16 24.19	163
	NORTH	6.3 7.5 11.7 12.15	87

BEST **Eagles:** Poole, von Bertouch, Raymond, Wundke, Hall, Ainger, Batley. **North:** O'Keefe, Amato, Shannon, J. Craig, O'Brien. GOALS **Eagles:** Wundke 7, Ainger 6, Poole 4, Dunstan 2, Boyd, Hall, McGregor, Kane, Batley. **North:** O'Keefe, Barns, Mitchell 2, O'Sullivan, Amato, Combe, Read, Williams, Motlop. UMPIRES Deboy, Hundertmark, Lally. CROWD 2366 at Woodville Oval.

PORT ADELAIDE V SOUTH ADELAIDE

	PORT	4.4 6.5 13.9 18.14	122
	SOUTH	1.0 5.0 7.1 10.2	62

BEST **Port:** Moore, Heath, Summerton, Stewart, Logan, Gray, Amon, Newton. **South:** Brooksby, Liddle, Cross, Rolfe, Daniel, Veide. GOALS **Port:** Butcher, Neade 3; Ah Chee, Amon, Biemans, Moore, Young 2; Haren, Stewart. **South:** Brooksby, Liddle, Cross, Rolfe, Daniel, Veide. INJURIES **Port/South:** Nil. UMPIRES Sobieraj, Haussen, Crosby. CROWD 3121 at Alberton Oval.

RESERVES

ROUND 8 South Adelaide 19.8 (122) d Port Adelaide 8.12 (60), Glenelg 17.20 (122) d Central District 11.9 (75), Eagles 13.4 (82) d North Adelaide 11.15 (81), Sturt 17.14 (116) d West Adelaide 7.8 (50). Ladder: Eagles 14, North 12, Glenelg 10, South, Norwood 6, West 5, Sturt, Port 4, Central 3.

MATT TURNER

GLENELG willed its way over the line against Central District at the Bay yesterday to record its second win for the season.

In a thrilling match that seasawed all day and looked headed for a draw, the Tigers hit the lead for the final time with a minute remaining thanks to a snap goal from Jacob Carger.

Central had its fair share of chances to win a second straight nailbiter but lacked composure under pressure.

Instead the Bulldogs will enter the last match before the bye in the unfamiliar position of being a long way behind the top teams with 2-5 record.

"We're not a complete side because we've got too many guys that don't impact the game," Central coach Roy Laird said.

"There are some players now we've got to make some harsh calls on as to what sort of league futures they've got.

"It's a different time but we've got to make sure we handle it in the right way and make some calls."

Glenelg's endeavour over four quarters would have pleased its fans.

Tigers coach Nick Stevens said the win would give his side belief it could string performances like that together.

"It wasn't pretty but it's one of those games where if you won you're thrilled with the effort but if you lose you're devastated," Stevens said.



CONTEST: Glenelg's Ruory Kirkby attempts to mark.

"For a young group to keep going and win that game, I thought was great.

"I thought our back six in the last 10 minutes of the game were outstanding in pressure situations."

The game was an arm-wrestle, where the biggest lead was only 19 points and both sides played with desperation.

There were plenty of smothers, one-percenters that forced the opposition to turn the ball over and 106 tackles between the teams.

Scores were tied three times during the final quarter and it was the Bulldogs that looked like winning the game in the dying stages.

But Adam Cullen sprayed a shot out on the full, Shaun Tapp took a vital contested mark for Glenelg and the Tigers managed to clear the ball from their defensive 50.

Then Carger snapped the winning goal over his head

GLENELG V CENTRAL DISTRICT

	GLENELG	2.3 8.4 10.6 13.8	86
	CENTRAL	3.1 6.3 10.8 12.8	80

BEST **Glenelg:** Bailey, Bradley, McCarthy, Pitt, Hender, Hooper, Galley. **Central:** J. Schiller, Thomas, T. Schiller, Stephenson, McIntyre.

GOALS **Glenelg:** Hooper 4, Alleway, Joseph 2; Allen, Carger, Thorp, Jolly, Underwood. **Central:** McIntyre, Collier, Retzlaff 2; Gillbee, Haydon, Hill, Nason, Thomas, Williams.

INJURIES **Glenelg:** Joseph (arm).

UMPIRES Bowen, Medlin, Sboro.

CROWD 2449 at Glenelg Oval.

from close range at the 26-minute mark.

Central was fielding one of its least experienced outfits in recent years with just three players aged 26 or older (Paul Thomas, Scott Dutschke and Luke Barmby) and 10 who were yet to chalk up 10 league games.

But Laird was not using that as an excuse and said the club might opt to test more youngsters in matches in the coming weeks.

"We've got blokes who are aspiring league footballers but not what I'd consider good league footballers because they don't deliver consistently enough," he said.

SCOREBOARD

	STURT	6.4 14.5 17.10 20.12	132
	WEST	1.1 2.4 6.4 8.5	53

BEST **Sturt:** Tambling, Crocker, Kirkwood, Greenslade, Beard, Kane, Hinge, Evans. **West:** Silverlock, Milne, Beech, Keough.

GOALS **Sturt:** Duldig, Evans 3, Greenslade, Kurtze, Hansen, Kane 2, Watt, Bartlett, Hurley, Coad, Krause, Crocker. **West:** Keough 2, Beech, Fielke, Fisher, Newell, Tuck, Stevens.

INJURIES **Sturt:** Beard (ankle), Crocker (ankle).

West: Fielke (knee), Hartlett (leg).

UMPIRES M. Avon, M. Schramm, E. Glouftsis.

CROWD 3478 at Unley Oval.

UNDER 18

ROUND 8 South Adelaide 19.16 (130) d Port Adelaide 10.6 (66), Sturt 11.15 (81) d West Adelaide 9.18 (72), Central District 10.12 (72) d Glenelg 11.5 (71), North Adelaide 14.9 (93) d Eagles 10.2 (62). Ladder: North, Norwood 12, Eagles 10, West, Sturt 8, Glenelg, Port, Central 4, South 2.