


# Nothing pretty but Godden happy with


## Eagles' 4-1 start

### SANFL LADDER

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Stk	%	Pts
Norwood	6	5	0	1	442	372	3W	54.3	10
South Adelaide	6	4	1	1	428	420	1D	50.47	9
Eagles	5	4	0	1	456	301	4W	60.24	8
West Adelaide	5	4	0	1	476	355	2W	57.28	8
Port Adelaide	5	3	0	2	366	294	1W	55.45	6
Sturt	6	3	0	3	529	464	1L	53.27	6
Central District	5	1	1	3	305	388	1D	44.01	3
North Adelaide	5	1	0	4	336	525	3L	39.02	2
Adelaide	5	0	1	4	333	421	2L	44.16	1
Glenelg	6	0	1	5	404	535	2L	43.02	1

 <b>NORWOOD ADELAIDE</b>	4.3	6.5	10.10	12.15	<b>87</b>
	2.3	3.6	5.7	6.9	<b>45</b>


INJURIES Nil.  
CROWD 3025 at Norwood Oval.

 <b>CENTRAL DISTRICT SOUTH ADELAIDE</b>	2.0	5.0	7.1	8.1	<b>49</b>
	3.1	5.2	6.3	7.7	<b>49</b>


INJURIES Nil.  
CROWD 1342 at Elizabeth Oval.

 <b>EAGLES GLENELG</b>	5.5	8.8	8.11	12.13	<b>85</b>
	1.4	2.5	6.7	9.8	<b>62</b>

INJURIES Whittlesea (Eagles), Milera (Glenelg).  
CROWD 1429 at Woodville Oval.

 <b>WEST ADELAIDE NORTH ADELAIDE</b>	2.3	7.4	13.7	19.12	<b>126</b>
	3.3	4.4	5.6	7.6	<b>48</b>

INJURIES Nil.  
CROWD 1588 at Richmond Oval.

 <b>PORT ADELAIDE STURT</b>	2.1	6.7	7.10	10.15	<b>75</b>
	5.1	5.1	10.1	11.1	<b>67</b>

INJURIES Nil.  
CROWD 2038 at Alberton Oval.

 <b>CENTRAL</b> 2.0 5.0 7.1 8.1	<b>49</b>	 <b>WEST</b> 2.3 7.4 13.7 19.12	<b>126</b>
 <b>SOUTH</b> 3.1 5.2 6.3 7.7	<b>49</b>	 <b>NORTH</b> 3.3 4.4 5.6 7.6	<b>48</b>

**BEST**  
**Central:** Hoskin, Barmby, J. Schiller, Jansen, Thomas.  
**South:** Gotch, Crabb, Eddy, Rose, Bass.

**GOALS**  
**Central:** Hoskin 2, Jansen, Jenner, Goodrem, Kemp, Thomas, Retzlaff.  
**South:** Eddy 4, Cross, Ross, Veide.

**UMPIRES**  
M. Schramm, P. Lally, T. Medlin.

**CROWD**  
1342 at Playford Alive Oval.

**BEST**  
**West:** Porplyzia, Beech, Schiller, Green, Snelling, Haysman, Stevens, Silverlock. **North:** Obst, Wanganeen, Spina, Motlop.

**GOALS**  
**West:** Tuck, Nelson, Beech 3, Green, Porplyzia, Stevens 2, Helbig, Schiller, Keough, Hill.  
**North:** Obst 3, Spina, McMahon, De Leonardis, Wanganeen.

**UMPIRES**  
S. Hosking, L. Haussen, C. Cook.

**CROWD**  
1588 at City Mazda Stadium.

### ANDREW CAPEL

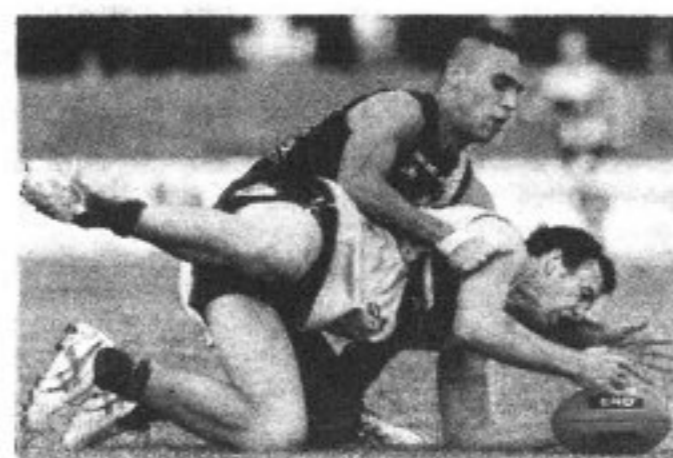
IT wasn't pretty but Woodville-West Torrens found a way to win.

And after a 2014 campaign when the wheels fell off in the second half of the season, Eagles coach Michael Godden is happy to take the two premiership points any way he can get them and move on.

The Eagles, considered a strong flag contender this year after losing last year's elimination final, broke Glenelg early at Woodville yesterday and then held off a spirited comeback from an improved team to win by 23 points. It was their fourth consecutive win and consolidates their top-three spot after what has been a tough draw to start the season.

The Eagles are 4-1 and have already beaten last year's grand finalists Norwood and the Port Magpies and Central District at Elizabeth.

"If you could have told me we'd be 4-1 after the draw we've had I would have taken it," premiership coach Godden said. "We didn't play particularly well against Glenelg but one of the things we learned from last year in the early part of the season was that when we were winning but not playing



**GROUND BALL:** The Eagles' Tom Whittlesea and Glenelg's Aisea Raikiwasa battle for the ball.

Picture:  
ROGER WYMAN

great footy we probably got frustrated and didn't enjoy our wins. But what I've learned and told the players is that you don't just run around a footy field every week and it's beautiful. There are days when you've just got to grind it out and this was one of those games. To win in different ways is a part of the process and we're happy to have been able to consolidate after our past three wins."

After a tardy start when Glenelg — still winless — made the early running, the Eagles did what they had to do.

The Tigers had the first four scoring shots but when playmaker Terry Milera limped off with a strained hamstring 13 minutes into the opening term the match took a sudden and dramatic turn. The Eagles had 10 of the next 11 scoring shots to break to a 25-point advantage at quarter-time and never relinquished their lead.

The home side pushed its lead out to 40 points early in the third quarter but Glenelg — unlike the past two years — kept coming and cut the deficit to 16 points at the last change. But when the game was in dispute, the cream rose to the top.

The Eagles had too many class players, with ball carriers Matthew Goldsworthy, James Boyd and Luke Jarrad combining for 82 disposals, Marc Borholm performing well in ruck and former Crow Luke Thomp-

son containing key Glenelg goalkicker Clint Alleway.

This Bays team is better than the ones which finished with the wooden spoon in the past two years and was given fine service from midfielders Matthew Snook and Sam Lonergan, while Christian Howard was excellent across half-back and teenage defender Bryce Woolard performed strongly on State squad member Lachie McGregor.

 <b>EAGLES</b> 5.5 8.8 8.11 12.13	<b>85</b>
 <b>GLENELG</b> 1.4 2.5 6.7 9.8	<b>62</b>

**BEST**  
**Eagles:** Goldsworthy, Boyd, Thompson, Rowntree, Hayes, Jarrad, Raymond, Borholm.  
**Glenelg:** Snook, Howard, Woolard, Lonergan, Bradley, Bailey, Scharenberg.

**GOALS**  
**Eagles:** Ainger, Dunstan, McGregor, Petrenko 2, Hayes, Boyd, Borholm, Schwarz.  
**Glenelg:** Alleway, Scharenberg 2, Bailey, Nason, Johansen, Jolly, Howard.

**INJURIES**  
**Eagles:** Whittlesea (ankle).  
**Glenelg:** Milera (hamstring).

**UMPIRES**  
C. Bowen, T. Burke, M. Scott.

**CROWD**  
1429 at Maughan Thiem Hyundai Oval.