



# SANFL ROUND 12

	<b>SOUTH ADELAIDE</b>	1.4	4.8	9.12	14.13	<b>97</b>	
	<b>PORT ADELAIDE</b>	3.2	5.4	6.5	8.6	<b>54</b>	

**BEST South** Bass, Gotch, Seccull, Barnes, Veide, Crabb, Eddy, Fields. **Port** Mitchell, Ah Chee, Sharrad, Summerton, Bonner, Polec. **GOALS South** Eddy, Barnes 3, Trembath 2, Seccull, Gotch, Veide, Bass, Brown, Newell. **Port** Butcher 3, Schulz 2, Sharrad, Houston, Gray. **UMPIRES** Sobieraj, Lewis, Philp. **CROWD** 938 at Hickinbotham Oval, Noarlunga.

	<b>CENTRAL DISTRICT</b>	3.3	5.4	8.7	13.15	<b>93</b>	
	<b>NORWOOD</b>	2.7	5.10	7.11	8.13	<b>61</b>	

**BEST Central** Jansen, J. Schiller, Kavanagh, Holman, Hoskin, T. Schiller. **Norwood** Baulderstone, Georgiou, Webber, Kirwan, Levicki, Bower. **GOALS Central** Edmead 3, Rumbelow, Hanna 2, Holman, Kavanagh, J. Schiller, Dew, Furnell, Jenner. **Norwood** Wilson 3, Johnston, Dawe 2, Derham. **UMPIRES** Hundertmark, Schramm, Medlin. **CROWD** 2352 at Coopers Stadium, Norwood.

	<b>WEST ADELAIDE</b>	3.2	7.2	11.4	13.4	<b>82</b>	
	<b>NORTH ADELAIDE</b>	3.0	4.2	6.3	12.6	<b>78</b>	

**BEST West** Hartlett, Middleton, Schmidt, Favretto, Stubbs, O'Brien. **North** M. Thring, Schwarz, Clisby, G. Thring, Spina, J. Craig. **GOALS West** Stubbs 5, Fielke, Middleton 2, Agostino, Silverlock, Stevens, Willits. **North** M. Thring 3, Motlop, Barns, Wilkie 2, Harvey, Virgin, Ryswyk. **UMPIRES** Burke, Crosby, Sboro. **CROWD** 2223 at Prospect Oval.

	<b>STURT</b>	4.2	7.4	12.5	13.8	<b>86</b>	
	<b>GLENELG</b>	2.2	4.8	4.12	7.17	<b>59</b>	

**BEST Sturt** Kirkwood, Harms, Riley, M. Evans, Greenslade, Battersby, Beard, Page. **Glenelg** Johansen, Snook, McFarlane, Sawford, Woodall, Proud. **GOALS Sturt** Beard 4, M. Evans 3, Greenslade, Gilfoy 2, Wilson, Riley. **Glenelg** Scott 3, McFarlane 2, Rioli, Milera. **INJURIES Sturt** Wilson (dislocated shoulder). **Glenelg** Sellar (concussion). **UMPIRES** Bowen, Broadbent, Hosking. **CROWD** 3260 at Gliderol Stadium, Glenelg.

## DRAW

**ROUND 13 Saturday** Central District v Adelaide (My Money House Oval, Elizabeth), Eagles v South Adelaide (Maughan Thiem Hyundai Oval, Woodville), West Adelaide v Glenelg (City Mazda Stadium, Richmond). **Sunday:** Sturt v Norwood (Peter Motley Oval, Unley). **Bye:** North Adelaide, Port Adelaide.

## SANFL LADDER

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Stk	%	Pts
Sturt	10	9	-	1	863	628	9W	57.9	18
South Adelaide	10	8	-	2	945	789	2W	54.5	16
Eagles	9	7	-	2	796	551	6W	59.0	14
Adelaide	9	6	-	3	833	639	1W	56.6	12
Central District	10	6	-	4	901	783	1W	53.5	12
North Adelaide	11	4	-	7	953	983	1L	49.3	8
Glenelg	10	3	-	7	893	964	2L	48.0	6
Port Adelaide	11	3	-	8	904	1057	3L	46.1	6
Norwood	10	3	-	7	654	886	3L	42.5	6
West Adelaide	10	1	-	9	610	1072	1W	36.3	2

# Defensive pressure key to Sturt's rise: Mattner

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STURT coach Martin Mattner has hailed his side's "team defence" as the SANFL surprise packet extended its spectacular winning streak to nine at the Bay yesterday.

The Double Blues beat a spirited but error-riddled Glenelg by 27 points, restricting it to just seven goals, to consolidate top position. They haven't lost since the opening round of the season against the Eagles. While Sturt's all-star midfield brigade of Zane Kirkwood, Aidan Riley, Brodie Martin and James Battersby has been integral to the club's stunning rise up the ladder from eighth last year, rookie coach Mattner said the turnaround had been built on defensive pressure – the hallmark of his 222-game AFL career with the Crows and Swans.

"It's our defensive pressure," Mattner said of the key reason for the Double Blues' shock emergence as a premiership contender. "Sure, our midfield is good but our defence and our defensive pressure are the main reasons we're having a good season."

"We talk about it all the time – to be defensively minded first and then once we turn the ball over we go hard the other way. To keep Glenelg to seven goals was great – it's a good result for us."

"Our tackling pressure was really good again and we were able to turn the ball over a lot, including in our forward line."

"We talk about everyone defending on the ground, whether you're a forward, mid or defender and if we do that we feel we can turn the ball over and then hurt the opposition."

Mattner says Sturt has "exceeded expectations" this season and against Glenelg it was easy to see why. The Tigers had more disposals (321 to 309) and more scoring shots (24 to 21) but they were harassed into making mistakes.

In contrast, the classier Blues used the ball with precision, particularly through the middle of the ground, and had two winning forwards in Kory Beard (four goals) and Mark Evans (three). Their seven goals between them matched Glenelg's total goals tally.

Tigers coach Matthew Lokan, whose team has lost consecutive home matches to fall three games outside the top five, praised his players' endeavour but lamented their poor skills.

"I thought we showed a real want around the contest, that the effort was there and we were really competitive but we just butchered the footy," he said. "Our kicking efficiency was 58 per cent and theirs was 73. That's the difference."