

No excuses: Bloods boss



ADELAIDE	3.3	7.7	8.10	15.14	104	
PORT ADELAIDE	1.5	5.8	9.13	10.14	74	

BEST Adelaide: Knight, Lyons, Grigg, Ellis-Yolmen, Wigg, van Berlo, Ramsey, Otten. **Port:** Mitchell, Summerton, Butcher, Masters, Colquhoun, Amon, Reynolds. **GOALS Adelaide:** Knight, Ramsey 4, Lowden 2, Cameron, Beech, Ellis-Yolmen, Wigg, Lyons. **Port:** Butcher 4, Reynolds 2, Summerton, Mitchell, Ross, Byrne-Jones. **INJURIES Adelaide:** Shaw (migraine). **UMPIRES** J. Broadbent, A. Crosby, L. Haussen. **CROWD** 2323 at Mannum.

NORTH ADELAIDE	4.0	10.6	14.10	18.10	118	
NORWOOD	2.4	2.6	8.10	8.13	61	

BEST North: Grove, Ryswyk, Shannon, McKenzie, Harvey, Clisby, Spina, M. Thring. **Norwood:** Suckling, Cachia, Bode, Webber, Rooke. **GOALS North:** Barrs 4, McDonough, Harvey, McMahon, Ryswyk 2, McKenzie, Clinch, G. Thring, Hender, M. Thring, Olekalns. **Norwood:** Ferreira 2, Rooke, Johnston, Bode, Dawe, Denmead, Fuller. **INJURIES North:** G. Thring (knee). **UMPIRES** Hosking, Lewis, Bowen. **CROWD** 3009 at Prospect Oval.

GLENELG	4.3	9.4	13.7	21.14	140	
WEST ADELAIDE	3.3	5.7	9.10	9.11	65	

BEST Glenelg: Bradley, Sawford, Scott, Agnew, Kirkby, Johansen, Howard, Joseph. **West Adelaide:** Stubbs, Schmidt, Hardy, Middleton, Schiller, Tuck. **GOALS Glenelg:** Scott, Sawford, Kirkby, Rioli 3, Alleyway, Bradley 2, Proud, McFarlane, Milera, McGinty, Koster. **West:** Stubbs 3, Porpyzia 2, Schiller, Stevens, Webb, Middleton. **INJURIES Glenelg:** Milera (groin), Nicholson (head). **West Adelaide:** Klemke (hamstring). **UMPIRES** Bennett, Medlin, Philip. **CROWD** 2803 at Gliderol Stadium, Glenelg.

SOUTH ADELAIDE	3.4	8.6	10.8	14.12	96	
EAGLES	5.1	5.1	6.2	8.5	53	

BEST South: Daniel, Hitchcock, Overall, Rankine, Irra, Haren, Bass, Seccull, Veide, Fields. **Eagles:** Guiffreda, Wundke, O'Brien, Boyd, Allmond, Raymond, Appleton. **GOALS South:** Overall 3, Liddle, Eddy, Hitchcock 2, Haren, Irra, Gulden, Daniel, Rankine. **Eagles:** Wundke 3, Hayes, Rowland, Thompson, Redden, Press. **INJURIES Eagles:** Boyd (ribs), Wundke (groin). **CROWD** 1611 at Hickinbotham Oval.

DRAW

ROUND 3 Saturday Port Adelaide v North Adelaide (Alberton Oval). **Sunday** Sturt v Central District (Peter Motley Oval, Unley), Eagles v Adelaide (Maughan Thieme Hyundai Oval, Woodville), South Adelaide v West Adelaide (Hickinbotham Oval, Noarlunga). **Bye** Glenelg, Norwood.

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Stk	%	Pts
Adelaide	2	2	-	-	228	124	2W	64.8	4
South Adelaide	2	2	-	-	124	50	2W	58.4	4
Central District	1	1	-	-	154	47	1W	76.6	2
Glenelg	2	1	-	1	216	150	1W	59.0	2
Eagles	2	1	-	1	158	162	1L	49.4	2
Norwood	2	1	-	1	161	193	1L	45.5	2
North Adelaide	2	1	-	1	165	215	1W	43.4	2
Port Adelaide	2	-	-	2	149	174	2L	46.1	-
Sturt	1	-	-	1	66	105	1L	38.6	-
West Adelaide	2	-	-	2	115	264	2L	30.3	-

REECE HOMFRAY

IT'S looking very much like a premiership hangover at West Adelaide after the defending premiers were condemned to a 0-2 start by losing to hungry Glenelg by 75 points yesterday.

Without James Sellar, who was injured in the warm-up, and with only one fit man on the bench for the second half, the Tigers gave their supporters genuine reason for optimism with a high-scoring four-quarter blitz.

The Bloods have now opened their premiership defence with consecutive 12-goal hidings and yesterday their midfielders struggled to cope with a mountain of pressure as Glenelg took away their time and space with the footy.

"It's a very big concern," West coach Mark Mickan said.

"There's no excuse; we pick the team to do the job and they didn't get the job done.

"I thought our discipline dropped away, we got out-worked on the outside and I suspect our voice and on-field presence dropped off. They are all controllables and there were patches in both games where we identified we controlled them quite well but we haven't been able to go the distance."

Captain Chris Schmidt had 28 disposals and Collingwood recruit Trent Stubbs had 21 and kicked three goals but too many of West's good players

were down. Glenelg, meanwhile, had winners all over the ground led by Andrew Bradley and Ben Sawford in the middle and livewire forward Josh Scott, who imposed himself in the second half along with Ruory Kirkby, who showed he had lost none of his ability after a year out of the game.

"It's probably been one of our weaknesses as a team - that our defensive pressure hasn't been up to scratch (so) we had a huge focus on that during the week and our ability to put pressure on West was probably the difference in the game," Glenelg coach Matthew Lokan said. "We're not getting carried away, we understand where we're at. We finished ninth last year, we're round two and 1-1, today was an excellent performance and I thought we had an even contribution from our team."

Carl Nicholson was super in the first half but didn't emerge after the long break, then five minutes into the third quarter Terry Milera limped off and the Tigers were down to one on the bench.

Travis Tuck and Josh Schiller tried to lift the Bloods in the middle but Glenelg answered the challenge. Aaron Joseph began to find the footy and Christian Howard and Jake Johansen were very creative off half-back. The final quarter became embarrassing for the Bloods who managed just one behind to Glenelg's whopping 8.7.



WAY OUT IN FRONT: Glenelg's high-flying Josh Scott marks ahead of West Adelaide's Brett Turner as the Bays humiliate the reigning premier by 75 points at the Bay yesterday. Picture: CALUM ROBERTSON