

SANFL ROUND 22



	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Stk	%	Pts
Eagles	18	14	0	4	1530	1079	1L	58.64	28
South Adelaide	18	14	0	4	1681	1286	5W	56.66	28
Sturt	18	13	1	4	1458	1214	1D	54.57	27
Adelaide	18	11	0	7	1651	1401	1L	54.1	22
Central District	18	10	0	8	1574	1398	1W	52.96	20
Port Adelaide	18	9	0	9	1636	1524	3W	51.77	18
Glenelg	18	6	1	11	1491	1697	1D	46.77	13
Norwood	18	6	0	12	1258	1527	1W	45.17	12
North Adelaide	18	4	0	14	1430	1640	8L	46.58	8
West Adelaide	18	2	0	16	1077	2020	8L	34.78	4

NORWOOD EAGLES	2.1	4.3	7.8	11.9	75
	0.4	2.9	3.10	6.15	51

INJURIES Nil
CROWD 2277 at Coopers Stadium, Norwood

CENTRAL DISTRICT WEST ADELAIDE	3.2	8.5	14.7	18.8	116
	2.3	5.5	8.6	11.8	74

INJURIES McLean (Central)
CROWD 2186 at My Money House Oval, Elizabeth

SOUTH ADELAIDE ADELAIDE	4.3	10.5	13.13	14.16	100
	1.2	4.3	6.4	9.8	62

INJURIES Haren, Gulden (South)
CROWD 1419 at Hickinbotham Oval, Noarlunga

STURT GLENELG	4.7	7.11	11.13	12.14	86
	2.2	5.5	9.5	13.8	86

INJURIES Nil
CROWD 2573 at Peter Motley Oval, Unley

Draw leaves Sturt limping into finals

JESPER FJELDSTAD

STURT is limping into the finals after yesterday playing out a surprise draw against Glenelg in front of a frustrated crowd at Peter Motley Oval.

It was a dismayed pack clad in blue that sauntered out of the Unley ground after the club's final home-and-away season match.

It had equal measures of relief and disbelief. Had not Sturt's best James Battersby slotted the final goal of the day shortly before the final centre bounce of the day, the match would have resulted in one of the upsets of the year.

Sturt will enter this finals series a different side to that which was so impressive mid-season. Its chains of possessions end with too many turnovers, in particular when the side chooses to move the ball via foot, and it doesn't have the dash and fluency it did.

The Bays, on the flipside, looked lethal as they ran with overlap and were prepared to use the centre corridor of Unley Oval.

Sturt coach Martin Mattner has a big job ahead of getting the Double Blues to play with the intensity that had the on-lookers pencil them in as an SANFL premiership fancy.

"I thought we were poor, pretty average, but they (Glenelg) were actually pretty good," Mattner said.

"Guys just didn't do what we'd asked them and that was disappointing.

"And we were definitely smashed in contested ball, which is something I think

STURT V GLENELG

DOUBLE BLUES	4.7	7.11	11.13	12.14	86
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TIGERS	2.2	5.5	9.5	13.8	86
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BEST

Double Blues: Martin, Battersby, Beard, Hone, Crocker, Carey.

Tigers: McFarlane, Vitkunas, Nicholson, Scott, Johansen, Milera.

GOALS

Double Blues: Beard, Carey 2, Greenslade, Hansen, Kirkwood, Martin, M Evans, Gamble, Battersby, Crocker.

Tigers: Vitkunas, Scott 3, Nicholson 2, Milera, Johansen, Rioli, Pitt, Koster.

UMPIRES

Schramm, Medlin, Haussen

CROWD

2573 at Peter Motley Oval, Unley.

we've been pretty good at all year."

There were some positives for the side. Battersby and Brodie Martin were calm and effective when it mattered most, Kory Beard's versatility invaluable and players such as Josh Hone and Henry Carey bring strong form into September.

Glenelg coach Matthew Lokan could not have been happier with his younger players.

"We've probably got eight of our senior players sitting in the grandstand, so massive pat on the back to our younger group to come out and serve it up to a side that's going to finish second," Lokan said.



UNDER PRESSURE: Sturt's Tom Harms handballs while being tackled by Glenelg's Carl Nicholson. Picture: MATT LOXTON

SOUTH ADELAIDE V ADELAIDE

PANTHERS	4.3	10.5	13.13	14.16	100
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CROWS	1.2	4.3	6.4	9.8	62
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BEST

Panthers: Seccull, Eddy, Liddle, Cross, Schwarz, Barnes, Crabb.

Crows: Grigg, Knight, Hunter, Beech, Milera, Wigg.

GOALS

Panthers: Eddy 5, Barnes 3, McMahon 2, Cross, Fields, Gulden, Schwarz.

Crows: Knight 2, Beech, Grigg, Greenwood, Hampton, Menzel, Hunter, Dear.

INJURIES

Panthers: Haren (shoulder), Gulden (ankle).

UMPIRES

Bowen, Bennett, Scott.

CROWD

1419 at Noarlunga.

CENTRAL DISTRICT V WEST ADELAIDE

BULLDOGS	3.2	9.5	14.7	18.8	116
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BEST

Central: Jenner, D. Fort, Jansen, Holman, J. Schiller, Edmead, F. Fort.

Bloods: O'Brien, Caire, Silverlock, Stevens, Rankine.

GOALS

Bulldogs: Edmead 6, F. Fort 4, Presbury 2, Holman, Jansen, Jenner, T. Schiller, D. Fort, J. Schiller.

Bloods: Turner, Middleton, Rankine 2, O'Brien, Hartlett, Fielke, Wasley-Black, Hampton.

INJURIES

Bulldogs: McLean (ankle).

UMPIRES

Sobieraj, Hosking, Philp.

CROWD

2186 at My Money House Oval, Elizabeth.

NORWOOD V EAGLES

REDLEGS	2.1	4.3	7.8	11.9	75
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EAGLES	0.3	2.9	3.10	6.15	51
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BEST

Redlegs: Panos, A. Forster, Bode, Cachia, Smart, Baulderstone.

Eagles: Hall, O'Brien, Petrenko, Allmond.

GOALS

Redlegs: Donohue 3, A. Forster, Bampton, Panos 2; Jefferies, Wilson.

Eagles: O'Brien 2; Ainger, Gaffney, Goldsworthy, Petrenko.

UMPIRES

Hundertmark, Crosby, Lewis.

CROWD

2277 at The Parade