

SANFL ROUND 15

Gritty victory has the Tigers crowing

ROUND 15 RESULTS

STURT	0.3	3.6	5.8	8.12	60	
WEST ADELAIDE	0.3	2.4	4.4	5.6	36	

BEST Sturt Battersby, Wilson, M. Evans, Kirkwood, Crocker, Colquhoun, Osborn. **West** K. Stevens, Silverlock, Rankine, Caire, J. Schiller, Burgess. **GOALS Sturt** M. Evans 2, Hansen, Crocker, Battersby, Beard, Sutcliffe, Osborn. **West** Rankine 2, Burgess, Turner, Stevens. **UMPIRES** Sobieraj, Scott, Bowen. **CROWD** 1645 at City Mazda Stadium, Richmond.

NORWOOD	3.6	4.9	9.14	13.19	97	
EAGLES	3.1	4.2	5.2	10.3	63	

BEST Norwood Kirwan, Panos, Shenton, Georgiou, Fuller, Grigg, Terlich. **Eagles** Lewis, N. Hayes, Sinor, Stewart. **GOALS Norwood** Bampton 3, Roocke, Panos 2, Grigg, Shenton, Dawe, Olsson, Kirwan, Smart. **Eagles** N. Hayes 3, Hall 2, Wundke, Boyd, Haylock, Lewis, Firms. **INJURIES Eagles** Allmond (shoulder). **REPORT Norwood** Shenton (forceful front-on contact). **UMPIRES** Hosking, Medlin, Philp. **CROWD** 1641 at Maughan Thiem Hyundai Oval, Woodville.

GLENELG	5.1	8.7	12.8	13.8	86	
ADELAIDE	3.1	4.3	6.4	10.9	69	

BEST Glenelg Snook, Earl, McBean, Agnew, Nicholson, Curran, McFarlane. **Adelaide** Wigg, Gallucci, Beech, Thompson, Launer. **GOALS Glenelg** McBean, T. Milera 4, Merrett 2, I. Milera, Nicholson, Scott. **Adelaide** Menzel 3, Launer 2, Beech, Boxer, Dear, Pinyon, Signorello. **INJURIES Adelaide** Hartigan (hamstring). **UMPIRES** Sboro, Crosby, Galletty.

THIS WEEK

ROUND 15 (second week of split round): Saturday - Central District v North Adelaide (My Money House Oval, Elizabeth, 2.10pm). Port Adelaide v South Adelaide (Alberton Oval, 2.40pm).



EVASIVE: Glenelg youngster Ian Milera gives off a handball in the win over Adelaide in Bordertown yesterday.

REECE HOMFRAY

GLENELG has one foot firmly in finals after a gritty 17-point win over Adelaide in Bordertown yesterday.

The Tigers have some breathing space in fifth spot with three games remaining and have unearthed another young star in Jackson Edwards - son of Crows legend Tyson - who shone in his league debut.

The Crows trailed by six goals at three-quarter-time but rallied through Troy Menzel and got to within 17 points midway through the final term before Carl Nicholson showed a cool head, slotting a goal from the boundary to seal the Glenelg victory.

"It was a crucial game in the context of our season, a little bit of an unknown coming down here and credit to the boys, I thought they played some really consistent footy," Glenelg coach Matthew Lokan said.

"The last quarter Adelaide gained some ascendancy and we knew that was going to come. But we were able to withhold it and come away with a win.

"I thought the first three quarters was nearly as good as we've played all year - our ability to put them under pressure - and we had 86 tackles for the game."

The Crows suffered another injury blow, with key defender Kyle Hartigan, who was returning from a hamstring injury, leaving the ground in the first quarter with another hamstring strain.

He was able to jog off the ground but had his left hamstring iced and did not return.

Adelaide coach Ryan O'Keefe praised his side's spir-

ited performance to fight its way back into the contest.

"That last quarter I was really proud of the guys. We lost Hartigan early and for such an inexperienced team to lose one of our most experienced guys, to keep plugging away and play the ball in our half (was pleasing)," O'Keefe said.

"Again, it's just a bit of our finishing work and execution, and a lot of Glenelg's scores were off our turnovers. But that's what we're going to get with this group. They're developing and maturing and hopefully from games like this, they learn and get better."

Edwards' first touch in senior footy saw him turn on the spot and hit Terry Milera with a left-foot pass inside 50 which led to Glenelg's third-straight goal to open the game, but the Crows rallied with two goals just before quarter-time to Blake Launer.

With Hartigan out of the game, Liam McBean took full advantage of his height and kicked two goals in the third term as the Tigers took control. But Adelaide again fought back in the final quarter when Menzel sprang to life and Tom Pinyon took a strong contested mark and kicked a goal.

Just as the Crows looked like causing an upset, strong marks to Nicholson, James Sellar and Edwards - who took a one-handed mark going back with the flight of the footy - helped the Tigers steady.

"I thought he (Edwards) was good - his ability as a kid to go inside the contest and win his own footy was good," Lokan said.

"He didn't have a huge impact statistically but did his role for the team."

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	P	W	L	For	Agst	Stk	%	Pts
Eagles	15	13	2	1204	865	1L	58.2	26
Sturt	15	10	5	1258	1065	2W	54.1	20
Norwood	15	10	5	1352	1148	1W	57.8	20
Port Adelaide	14	9	5	1374	1001	1W	57.8	18
Glenelg	15	8	7	1158	1243	1W	48.2	16
South Adelaide	14	6	8	966	1081	2L	47.2	12
Adelaide	15	6	9	1105	1297	5L	46.0	12
Central District	14	4	10	1098	1215	1L	47.5	8
West Adelaide	15	4	11	1009	1332	1L	43.1	8
North Adelaide	14	3	11	982	1259	3L	43.8	6