

Beware real deal Tigers

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GLENELG showed its shock round-one win over Port Adelaide was no fluke with a 61-point thrashing of reigning premier Sturt yesterday.

The Tigers shot to the top of the SANFL ladder after the 20.11 (131) to 11.4 (70) victory played out in front of a healthy Good Friday crowd at Glenelg.

The hosts trailed by as much as 20 points late in the second quarter but stormed back thanks to an eight-goal-to-one third term.

A 31-point advantage at the final break turned into a 10-goal winning margin as Glenelg ran riot with a further six fourth-term majors to leave Sturt searching for answers.

Glenelg coach Matthew Lokan praised his players for building on last week's triumph. "Our consistency over the last couple of weeks has been really good and something we're really trying to work on is getting better defensively," Lokan said.

"To keep Sturt to three goals in the second half then kick 15 of our own was really pleasing.



"It's a pretty good feeling but it's something that we need to reproduce consistently."

Half-forward Josh Scott, big man Liam McBean and off-season recruit Dom Barry booted three goals each as the Tigers swamped the Double Blues with pinpoint kicking and dogged pressure on the ball after the main break.

Ben Sawford (31 disposals) was relentless for Glenelg, while Carl Nicholson (29 disposals, two goals) and Matthew Snook (25 disposals, one goal) were strong in an impressive all-round team display.

Sturt looked in control at half-time but faded badly and remain winless following last Sunday's two-point loss to Adelaide. Kory Beard booted five goals and Sam Colquhoun (33 disposals) worked hard for the Double Blues on a day to forget for Marty Mattner's side.

The two teams engaged in a free-flowing opening term that finished all square as the sides

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UMPIRES
 S. Bau, A. Crosby, C. Cook.

CROWD
 4800 at Glenelg Oval.

went goal-for-goal.

Tom Read and Scott McMahon goaled early to give the Double Blues a buffer. The high-flying Scott took a commanding contested mark and kicked truly from a tight angle for the Tigers' first score.

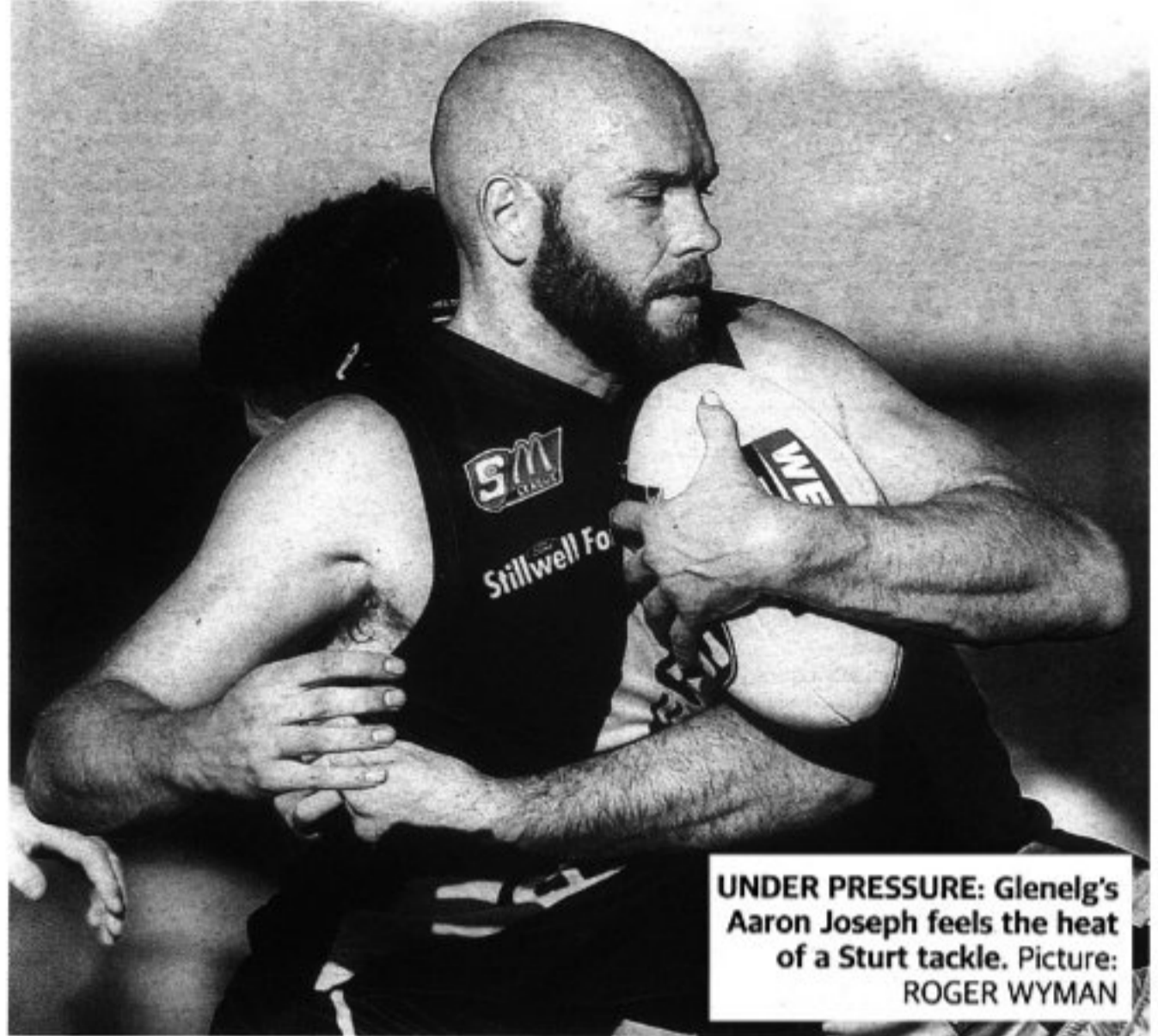
Forward Beard grabbed two goals for Sturt, one with a booming kick from 50m, either side of a slick pick-up and dribbled major from the lively Ian Milera.

Glenelg grew as the quarter wore on and drew level late in the term thanks to big McBean and another by Scott.

The visitors flexed their muscle in a four-goal second term on the back of cleaner marking and superior accuracy in front of goal.

Beard, Byron Sumner and ruckman Jack Osborn kicked truly, but Nicholson goaled for the Tigers in time on to reduce the margin to 10 points at the main break.

Glenelg turned the tables in the third term as two goals in two minutes by Ziggy Vitkunas put the Tigers in front for the first time and the eight-goal blitz really stung. Barry won a free kick and kept his nerve after the siren to hand Glenelg a 31-point advantage — and that was never threatened in a dominant final term.



UNDER PRESSURE: Glenelg's Aaron Joseph feels the heat of a Sturt tackle. Picture: ROGER WYMAN

ROUND 2 RESULTS

	PORT ADELAIDE	3.2	7.6	8.13	12.17	89
	NORWOOD	5.4	7.4	10.7	13.8	86

BEST Port: Sharrad, Toumpas, R. Young, Summerton, Neade. **Norwood:** Shenton, Webber, Kirwan, Baulderstone, Grigg, Bode. **GOALS Port:** Neade, Eddy 3, Frampton 2, Summerton, Sharrad, Marshall, R. Young. **Norwood:** Bartlett, Grigg 2, Roocke, Panos, Johnston, Phillips, Webber, Dawe, Kirwan, Georgiou, Levicki. **UMPIRES** Bowen, Broadbent, Sobieraj. At Coopers Stadium.

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	NORTH ADELAIDE	1.1	6.4	12.5	17.9	111
	CENTRAL DISTRICT	4.2	5.3	9.8	13.10	88

BEST North: M. Thring, Barns, Ryswyk, Clisby, Wundke, Spina. **Central:** Holman, Prior, Haydon, Hoskin. **GOALS North:** Barns 5, Smith 3, Hender, M. Thring, Ryswyk 2, Motlop, Schwarz, Harvey. **Central:** Holman, Hoskin 3, Jansen, Butcher, Dew 2, Habel. **UMPIRES** Philp, Sboro, Scott. **CROWD** 2952 at Prospect Oval.

	EAGLES	3.2	11.4	15.7	19.9	123
	WEST ADELAIDE	3.3	3.4	5.8	9.9	63

BEST Eagles: J. Hayes, Petrenko, Borholm, Goldsworthy, Allmond, Hall, N. Hayes, Stewart. **West:** Wilson, Stevens, Hill, Schiller, Burgess. **GOALS Eagles:** J. Hayes 4, Johansen, Wundke, N. Hayes, Boyd, Hall 2, Borholm, McGregor, Whittlesea, Rowland, Poole. **West:** Turner, Bates 2, Stevens, Haysman, Keough, Peter, Major. **UMPIRES** Schramm, Hundertmark, Lewis. **CROWD** 1769 at Woodville Oval.

	ADELAIDE	4.5	7.8	10.11	13.12	90
	SOUTH ADELAIDE	3.2	6.3	9.4	13.6	84

BEST Adelaide: Dear, O'Brien, Wigg, B. Crouch, Gore, Murphy. **South:** Overall, Liddle, Seccull, Gotch, Barnes, Rankine. **GOALS Adelaide:** Himmelberg, Dear 3, Pohlke 2, Beech, Gore, Jarman, O'Brien, Wittwer. **South:** Overall 4, Seccull, Barnes, Haren 2, Fields, McMahon, Rankine. **UMPIRES** Hosking, Burke, Medlin. **CROWD** 2379 at Encounter Bay Oval.

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	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Eagles	2	2	0	220	113	66.0	4
Glenelg	2	2	0	233	155	60.0	4
Adelaide	2	2	0	156	148	51.3	4
Norwood	2	1	1	174	155	52.8	2
North Adelaide	2	1	1	177	176	50.1	2
South Adelaide	2	1	1	157	160	49.5	2
Port Adelaide	2	1	1	174	188	48.0	2
Sturt	2	0	2	134	197	40.4	0
West Adelaide	2	0	2	133	196	40.4	0
Central District	2	0	2	138	208	39.8	0

HITS & MISSES

BROTHER IN NEST

WINNER: The Eagles lost a swag of big names after last season, including key forward Andrew Ainger. But they have found a gem in Nick Hayes' brother Jack, at left with Jake Comitogianni (3). Jack has strong hands and is a terrific ally for Michael Wundke. Could Jack be the next mature-age player drafted to AFL?

TIGERS ROARING

WINNER: Glenelg came into the season on the back of dramas with its facilities and lacklustre form in the trials. The Tigers were even belted by Norwood by more than 100 points. But they have beaten Port Adelaide and Sturt to start the season. Amazing. For those jumping on the Tigers' bandwagon, just be a little cautious. We need to see the Tigers winning away from home and on a big deck.

THIS WEEK

West Adelaide v Norwood, City Mazda Stadium, Friday, 7:10pm; **Port Adelaide v North Adelaide**, Alberton Oval, Saturday, 2:10pm; **South Adelaide v Glenelg**, Hickinbotham Oval, Saturday, 2:10pm; **Central District v Adelaide**, My Money House Oval, Saturday, 2:40pm; **Sturt v Eagles**, Peter Motley Oval, Tuesday, 2:10pm.