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High-flying Roosters show they can do it the hard way

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NORTH Adelaide coach Josh Carr has hailed his team's resilience after it held off a strong challenge from a desperate Glenelg to move back to the top of the SANFL ladder.

In their first match since thumping Port Adelaide by 79 points at Alberton, the Roosters — the SANFL's biggest surprise packet this season — showed they could also win ugly.

They had to scrap in a tough, physical Queen's Birthday clash at the Bay before triumphing by 10 points in a match that turned into a dogfight.

The win was North's seventh from nine outings this season after it won just nine games in the previous three years.

"I thought Glenelg was switched on early and its pressure was really good all game so I thought we showed a lot of resilience to hold on to win," Carr said.

"It was a real battle so we didn't have to play the prettiest of football, we just had to find a way to win and we did.

"I think that showed the maturity of the group, while some of our recruits have made a big difference as well."

Glenelg displayed plenty of aggression and led by a point at half-time before falling behind by 20 in the third quarter.

But the home side came again and drew to within three points entering time-on in the final term following three consecutive goals from former Rooster Nick Amato who bagged four for the game.

Carr's outfit steadied with a late goal to the impressive Alex Spina to seal the deal and clinch the John Sandland Cup — presented to the winning team in Queen's Birthday clashes between the two rivals.

North midfielder Aidan Tropiano won the Dean Higgins Medal awarded to the most courageous player.

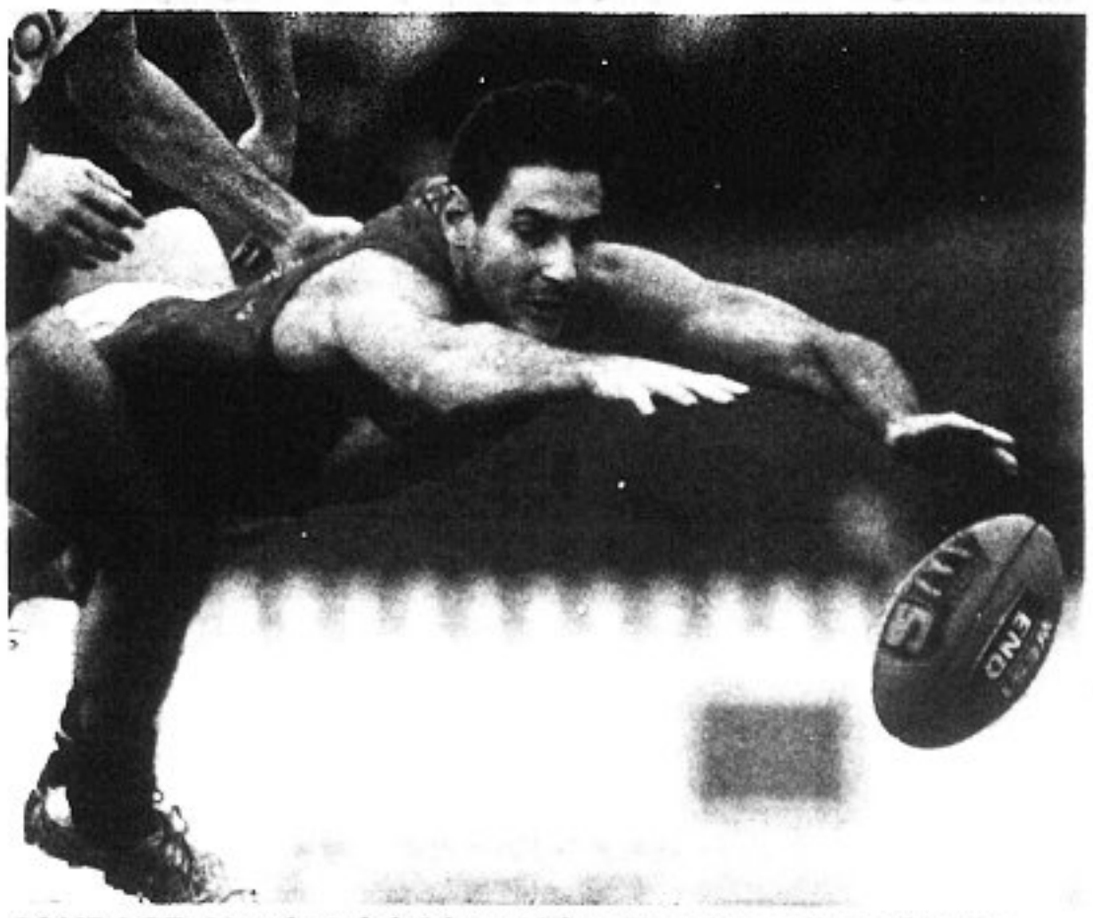
Glenelg, which has fallen to ninth with just three wins, fought all day but lacked the Roosters' class under pressure.

"In the end our guys who can use the ball with their class made a big difference," Carr said.

Tropiano, captain Max Thring in his 100th game, Spina, Jarred Allmond, three-goal forward Keenan Ramsey and defender Mitchell Clisby, who kept danger man and the league's leading goalkicker Terry Milera scoreless, were North's best.

Amato, and defenders Max Proud and Chris Curran were strong for the Bays while teenager Brad Close was one of their better ball users.

Tigers coach Mark Stone was locked in a team meeting with his players after the game and unavailable for comment.



COURAGE: North Adelaide's Aidan Tropiano dives for the ball at Glenelg yesterday. Picture: TOM HUNTLEY

ROUND 10 RESULTS

NORWOOD	3.3	5.6	7.13	13.17	95	
WEST ADELAIDE	5.5	8.10	12.10	14.10	94	

BEST Norwood Panos, Glenn, Abbott, Shenton, Nunn. **West** Stevens, Noble, Green Karpany, B. Turner. **GOALS Norwood** Panos, Glenn 4, Hamilton, Shenton, Smart, Gngg, Gerloff. **West** Green, Rankine 3, Stevens 2, Agostino, Karpany, Middleton, Noble, Wasley-Black, Porplyzia. **UMPIRES** Sobieraj, Bowen, Harris. **CROWD** 2494 at City Mazda Stadium, Richmond.

PORT ADELAIDE	1.2	4.3	10.3	12.5	77	
CENTRAL DISTRICT	4.3	5.3	8.4	9.5	59	

BEST Port Amon, Barry, Toumpas, Hombsch. **Central** T. Schiller, Jenner, Hoskin, Madden. **GOALS Port** Thomas 3, Barry, Farrell 2, Marshall, Patmore, Johnson, Ladhams, Proude. **Central** Hoskin 3, Butcher 2, Richardson, Barreau, Fort, Presbury. **CROWD** 2238 at Elizabeth

EAGLES	4.5	6.12	10.16	16.18	114	
ADELAIDE	1.1	2.1	6.4	9.6	60	

BEST Eagles Lewis, Haylock, Hall, Goldsworthy, Poole, von Bertouch. **Adelaide** Wilson, Hampton, Cheney, Leigh, Signorello. **GOALS Eagles** Haylock, N. Hayes 3, Johansen 2, Boyd, Gray, Goldsworthy, Westbrook, Guilhaus, Thompson, Redden, J. Hayes. **Adelaide** McMahon, Davies 2, Himmelberg, Jarman, Leigh, Wilson, O'Brien. **UMPIRES** Scott, Sboro, Philp. **CROWD** 1735 At Maughan Thiem Hyundai Oval, Woodville.

NORTH ADELAIDE	3.3	5.5	9.8	12.10	82	
GLENELG	2.3	5.6	7.6	11.6	72	

BEST North Tropiano, Thring, Spina, Ramsey, Clisby, Allmond, Craig, Smith. **Glenelg** Glenelg: Amato, Proud, Curran, Close, Snook, Scharenberg. **GOALS North**: Spina, Ramsey 3, Hender 2, Tropiano, McDonough, Schwarz, Harvey. **Glenelg**: Amato 4, Scott, I. Milera 2, Motlop, Close, Schott. **REPORT** McGinty (Glenelg) for rough conduct against Spina (North) by field umpire Morgan in first term. **INJURIES Glenelg** Close (knee). **UMPIRES** J. Broadbent, A. Crosby, S. Morgan. **CROWD** 2083 at Glenelg Oval.

SOUTH ADELAIDE	2.0	5.3	7.7	11.8	74	
STURT	1.4	3.5	7.10	9.12	66	

BEST South Brooksby, Cross, Haines, Summerton, Brown, Liddle. **Sturt** Kirkwood, Harms, Crocker, Stephens, Battersby. **GOALS South** Kreuger 3, Liddle, Rankine 2, Cross, Biemans, Fitt, Haines. **Sturt** Taggert, Dodd, Harms 2, Thiele, Osborn, Sumner. INJURIES South Kreuger (concussion), Noble (corked thigh), Brown (finger). **UMPIRES** Medlin, Bryce, Hundertmark. **CROWD** 2810 at Peter Motley Oval, Unley.

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	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Stk	%	Pts
North Adelaide	9	7	-	2	830	623	2W	57.1	14
Eagles	9	6	1	2	738	587	2W	55.9	13
Sturt	9	6	-	3	738	598	1L	55.2	12
Norwood	9	6	-	3	929	769	5W	54.7	12
South Adelaide	9	6	-	3	724	640	2W	53.1	12
West Adelaide	9	4	-	5	669	774	2L	46.4	8
Port Adelaide	9	3	1	5	632	712	1W	47.0	7
Central District	9	3	-	6	698	728	4L	48.9	6
Glenelg	9	3	-	6	673	773	2L	46.5	6
Adelaide	9	-	-	9	561	988	9L	36.0	0