

SANFL ROUND 19

Motlop's major lifts Bays home

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A MARLON Motlop goal with the final kick of the game saw Glenelg upset reigning premier Sturt by five points and win six consecutive matches for the first time since 2010 at the Bay yesterday.

In a remarkable finish, Motlop goaled with a snap shot as time expired after Double Blues defender Guy Page was penalised for running out of the goalsquare from a kick-in.

The Tigers gained possession from the ball-up and Motlop brilliantly snapped over his left shoulder from 20m as he was running away from goal.

Page's mistake came after Carl Nicholson had missed a regulation 30m set shot from in front that appeared certain to cost Glenelg the game.

Glenelg, which will miss the finals with a 9-9 record, had surrendered a 14-point lead in the last quarter to fall eight points behind after back-to-back premier Sturt illustrated its premiership qualities.

But powerful key forward Josh Scott imposed himself on the game in the final few minutes to kick a major and set up Nicholson's shot before Motlop's last-gasp heroics.

The last time the Tigers

won six games on the trot was from rounds 15 to 22, 2010.

Sturt's upset loss saw it fall from second to third but it was due to play Woodville-West Torrens in next Sunday's qualifying final at Adelaide Oval regardless of the result.

The biggest downside to its sixth defeat of the season was injuries to key pair Fraser Evans (ankle) and Aidan Riley (hamstring tightness) which has them in doubt for the final.

Jack Stephens (corked thigh) and John Greenslade (ankle) finished the match on the bench but coach Martin Mattner said they should play against the Eagles.

The Double Blues played out the final few minutes with only 17 men on the ground.

Glenelg however will take the win and some good momentum into next year with new coach Mark Stone delighted with the progress his side made in the back-end of the year.

"Sturt is a really good team which had some bad luck with injury but for us our whole game plan has been based on effort and a way of playing, never giving up, never backing down and having belief in each other and today was one of those days," he said.

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	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Stk	Chg	%	Pts
Norwood	18	14	-	4	1818	1348	1L	-	57.4	28
Eagles	18	12	1	5	1511	1198	1W	U1	55.8	25
Sturt	18	12	-	6	1544	1258	1L	D1	55.1	24
South Adelaide	18	11	-	7	1514	1213	2W	-	55.5	22
North Adelaide	18	11	-	7	1554	1415	1W	-	52.3	22
Glenelg	18	9	-	9	1361	1410	6W	-	49.1	18
West Adelaide	18	8	-	10	1314	1479	1W	-	47.0	16
Central District	18	7	-	11	1316	1462	1W	-	47.4	14
Port Adelaide	18	4	-	13	1190	1525	8L	-	43.8	9
Adelaide	18	1	-	17	1171	1985	5L	-	37.1	2

RESULTS

	EAGLES	2.5	7.6	9.8	13.11	89	
	CENTRAL DISTRICT	2.1	3.5	7.7	9.9	63	

BEST Eagles Sharrad, Stewart, Petrenko, Boyd, Lewis, Gray, N. Hayes. **Central** Nietschke, F. Fort, T. Schiller, D. Fort, Butcher, Jenner. **GOALS Eagles** Petrenko, N. Hayes 2, Borholm, Sharrad, Boyd, Poole, Lukosius, Johansen, Gray, Lewis, J. Hayes. **Central** Jenner 2, Butcher, Barnby, Gillard, Goodrem, Habel, Hoskin, Presbury. **UMPIRES** Sobieraj, Schramm, Burke. **CROWD** 1926 at My Money House Oval, Elizabeth.

	NORTH ADELAIDE	4.5	6.8	7.10	11.12	78	
	PORT ADELAIDE	2.1	7.4	10.7	11.8	74	

BEST North Schwarz, Tropeano, McInerney, Spina, Wundke. **Port** Summerton, Toumpas, Trengove, Snelling, Kluske. **GOALS North** Harvey, Hender 3, Woodcock 2, Young, McInerney, Ramsey. **Port** Ladhams, Trengove 2, Johnson, Morgan, Ortiz, Patmore, Summerton, Thomas, Wong. **UMPIRES** Harris, Broadbent, Lewis. **CROWD** 2201 at Prospect Oval.

	GLENELG	3.3	8.5	10.6	13.7	85	
	STURT	5.4	6.6	8.9	11.14	80	

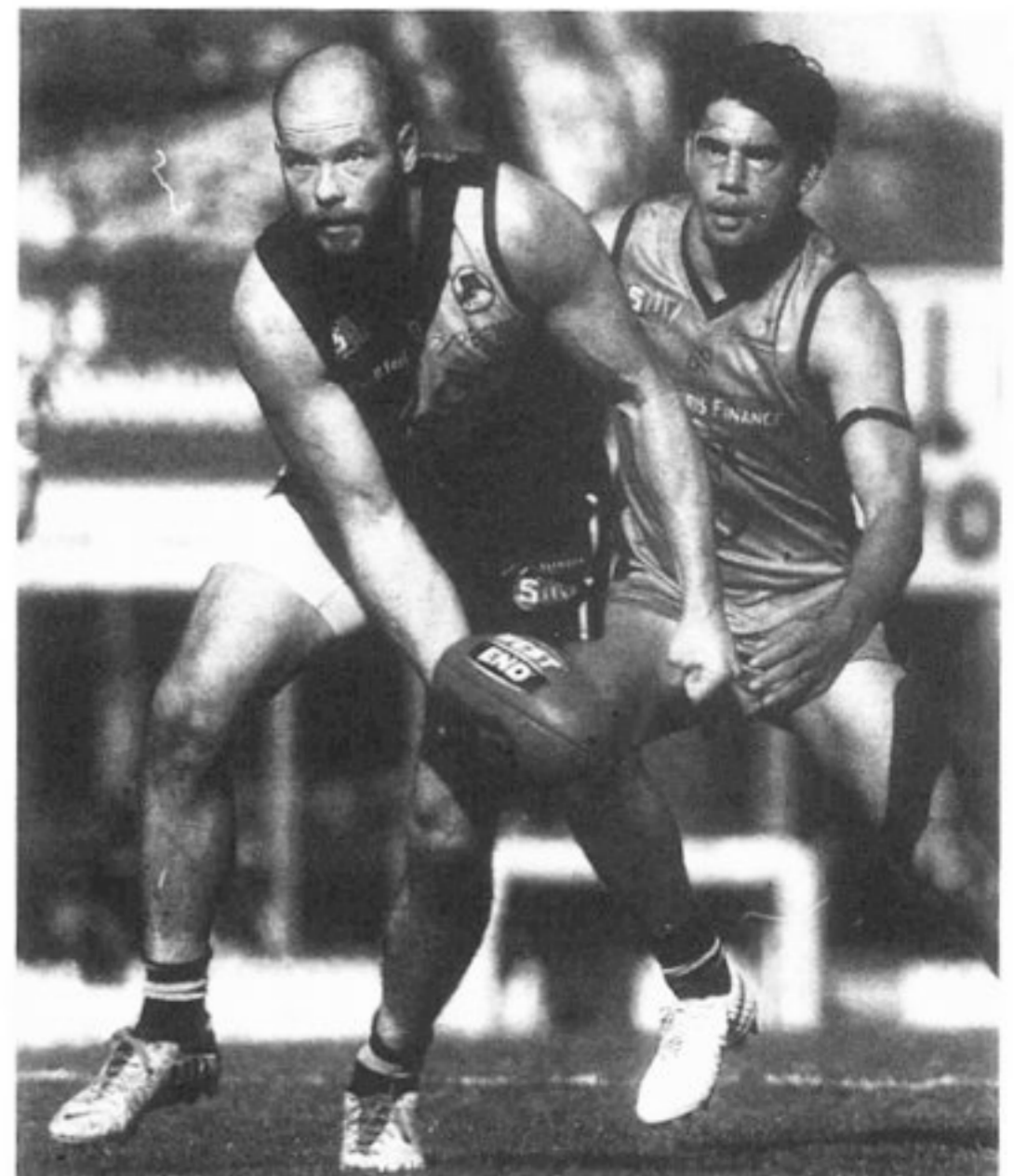
BEST Glenelg Snook, Nicholson, Motlop, Scott, Curran, White, Sawford, Uebergang. **Sturt** Kirkwood, McAdam, Colquhoun, Battersby, M. Evans, Crocker. **GOALS Glenelg** Scott, Motlop, I. Milera, Uebergang, Reynolds 2, Snook, Bailey, Hosie. **Sturt** McAdam 4, Taggart 3, M. Evans 2, Dodd, Hone. **INJURIES Sturt** F. Evans (ankle), Riley (hamstring), Stephens (corked thigh), Greenslade (ankle). **UMPIRES** Philp, Morgan, Scott. **CROWD** 3461 at Glenelg Oval.

	WEST ADELAIDE	3.5	9.9	12.14	19.17	131	
	ADELAIDE	3.1	3.2	5.2	10.7	67	

BEST West Beech, Stevens, Rankine, Schiller, Turner, Bates, Anderson. **Adelaide** Gibson, Wilson, Signorello, Boyle, Hunter, Cheney. **GOALS West** Beech 5, Rankine 3, Karpany, Middleton, Burgess 2, Porplyzia, Turner, Keough, Bates, Wasley-Black. **Adelaide** Davis 2, Boxer, Hunter, Jarman, Weetra, Offe, Wilson, Fogarty, Hadden. **UMPIRES** Bryce, Crosby, Sboro. **CROWD** 1696 at City Mazda Stadium.

	SOUTH ADELAIDE	4.2	7.7	14.8	16.11	107	
	NORWOOD	4.1	6.4	10.6	12.9	81	

BEST South Davis, Haines, Brooksby, Cailotto, Summerton, Fields, Rose. **Norwood** Nunn, Smart, Phillips, Abbott, Grigg, Georgiou. **GOALS South** Haren 4, Szust, Rankine, Fitt 2, Brooksby, Davis, Heaslip, Kreuger, Overall, Fields. **Norwood** Surman 4, Phillips 2, Bampton, Grigg, Hamilton, Abbott, Nunn, Sherton. **INJURES South** Brown (concussion). **UMPIRES** Bowen, Hundertmark, Bennett. **CROWD** 1928 at Hickinbotham Oval.



HEADS-UP: Glenelg's Aaron Joseph evades Sturt's Shane McAdam. Picture: NAOMI JELICOE