

Port made to earn win as Bays go hard

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PORT Adelaide was forced to withstand a gritty challenge from Glenelg before emerging with a three-point victory at Glenelg Oval last night.

In an absorbing confrontation, Port had to come from behind in the final quarter to hold off a determined bid by the Tigers.

It was a Jake Neade snap 24 minutes into the final which gave Port the valuable two premiership points.

The clash opened at a frenetic pace with both sides having two goals within the first five minutes. Lively forward Terry Milera had both goals for the Tigers and he nailed a third just seven minutes into the battle.



Although the Port ruckman were getting most of the taps, the Tigers midfield was winning plenty of clearances to give the potent forward line opportunities.

There was no lack of physicality with the two sides adopting a spirited attitude. But the Glenelg pressure was especially outstanding and the Tigers challenged Port with their enthusiasm for the contest.

Port exposed some frustration when Joe Atley was reported late in the term.

When Ben Sawford snapped a terrific goal on the quarter-time siren, the Tigers led by eight points and their confidence was growing.

The first half was the Terry

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BEST

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GOALS

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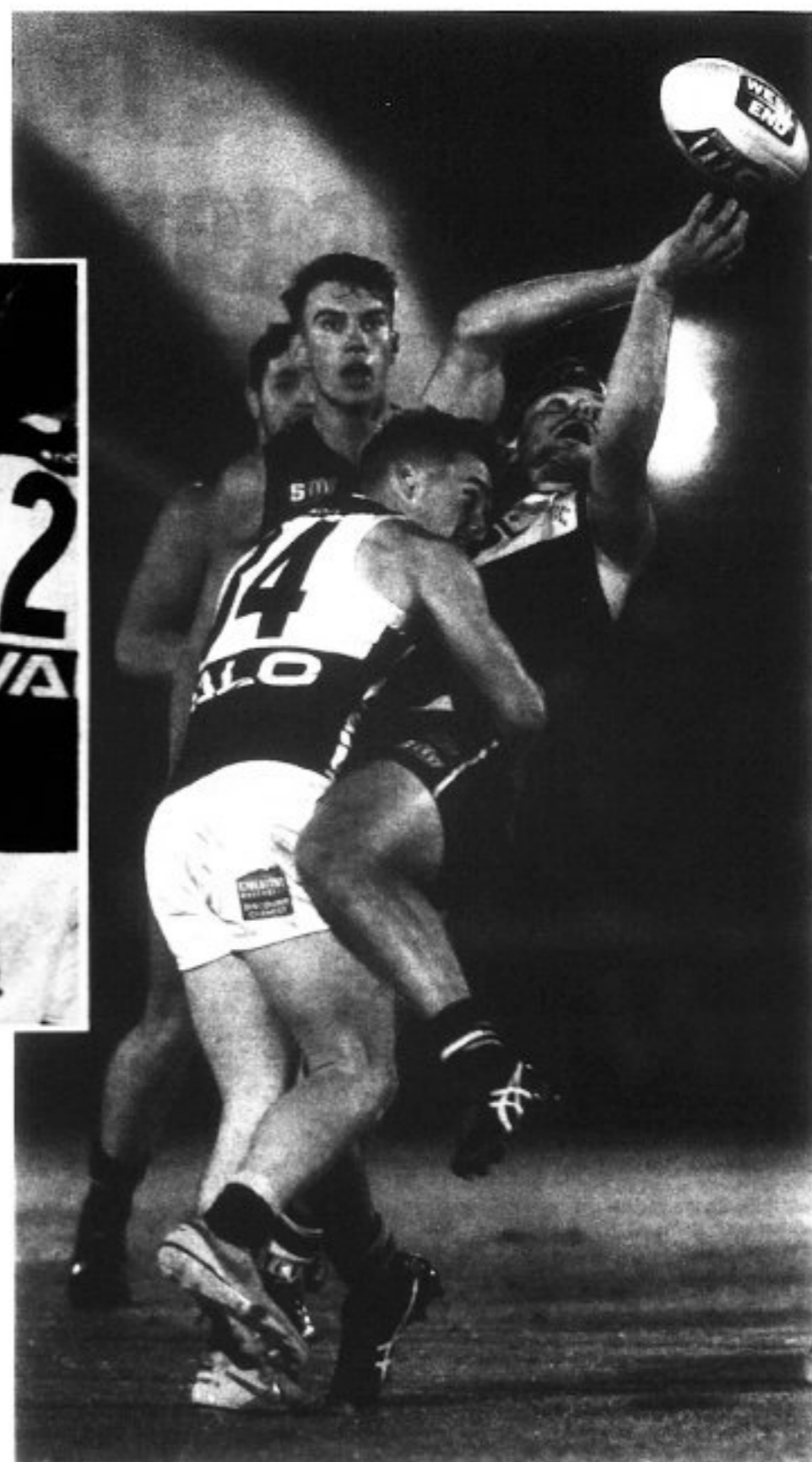
Port: Atley.

UMPIRES

Burke, Bowen, Lewis.

CROWD

2511 at Gliderol Stadium.



CRUNCH: Glenelg's Ben Sawford attempts to mark the ball under pressure from Port Adelaide's Will Snelling and, inset, Scott Thompson in the huddle last night.

Picture NAOMI JELICOE

Milera show and he bagged another two goals in the first seven minutes of the second term to give his side the ascendancy.

Marlon Motlop, recruited from North Adelaide, was prominent on the ball for the Tigers and extended their lead to 20 points before Milera kicked his sixth.

However, Port ate into the deficit courtesy of goals to Karl Amon and Peter Ladhams before turning up the heat in the third quarter to pose plenty of questions to the home side.

Port needed to match the Tigers' intensity and they found plenty of willing participants. Jarrod Lienert im-

pressed in defence and Amon got his hands to plenty of ball to be a spark for the visitors.

Jack Trengove made his debut for Port after joining the club from Melbourne and he put his side in front midway through the third quarter.

With such a heavy AFL presence the issue was whether the Tigers could maintain the pace against a side containing so many full-timers. And while the Tigers continued to fight, they seemingly ran out of answers against the early season favourites.

But the Tigers still had life and they hit the front after Milera kicked his seventh goal followed by a Sawford major.

RESULTS

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UMPIRES - Burke, Bowen, Lewis. **CROWD** 2251 at Glenelg Oval

	NORTH ADELAIDE	8.4 12.9 18.12 25.14	164	
	WEST ADELAIDE	0.3 1.5 1.8 2.14	26	

BEST - North: Ramsey, Thring, Allmond, Quinn, Tropiano, Barns, Wilkie, Olekans. **West:** Keough, Schiller, Anderson.

GOALS - North: Ramsey 6, Quinn 5, Barns 3, Hender, Thring, Harvey 2, Olekans, Young, Spina, Schwarz, McInerney. **West:** Middleton, J. Evans.

UMPIRES - M. Scott, S. Galletly, T. Philp. **CROWD** 1952 at Prospect Oval.

	EAGLES	4.2 10.5 12.8 13.12	90	
	CENTRAL	2.4 2.6 6.12 8.15	63	

BEST - Eagles: Boyd, J. Hayes, Sharrad, Goldsworthy, Thompson, Johansen, Westbrook. **Central:** Presbury, T. Schiller, Hanna, Milne, McLean.

GOALS - Eagles: J. Hayes 4, Johansen 3, Haylock 2, N. Hayes, Borholm, Gaffney, Sharrad. **Central:** McLean 2, McKenzie, F. Fort, Goodrem, Hanna, Jenner, Hannath.

UMPIRES - M. Schramm, T. Medlin, J. Broadbent. **CROWD** 1729 at Woodville Oval.

	STURT	3.0 8.2 13.3 19.4	118	
	ADELAIDE	3.1 4.2 7.8 10.9	69	

BEST - Sturt: Kirkwood, Coulquhoun, Gilfoy, Read, Hone, M. Evans, Battersby. **Adelaide:** Wilson, Gallucci, McMahon, Jarman, Leigh, Launer, Himmelberg.

GOALS - Sturt: Hone, Evans 4, Osborn 3, Samblich 2, Kirkwood, Read, McAdam, Stephens, Battersby, Thiele. **Adelaide:** Himmelberg, Wilson 2, Jarman, Pohlke, Davis, McMahon, Signorello, Rivers.

UMPIRES - Crosby, Harris, Sboro. **CROWD** 3143 at Unley Oval.

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	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Port Adelaide	2	2	-	220	122	64.3	4
Eagles	2	2	-	176	115	60.5	4
Sturt	2	2	-	187	126	59.7	4
North Adelaide	2	1	1	219	142	60.7	2
Norwood	2	1	1	185	149	55.4	2
Central District	2	1	1	179	145	55.2	2
South Adelaide	2	1	1	172	182	48.6	2
Glenelg	2	-	2	143	184	43.7	0
Adelaide	2	-	2	102	246	29.3	0
West Adelaide	2	-	2	78	250	23.8	0

	NORWOOD	4.3 8.4 15.10 19.13	127	
	SOUTH ADELAIDE	3.3 4.11 8.12 11.14	80	

BEST - Norwood: Baulderstone, Grigg, Panos, Johnston, Shenton, Talia, Georgiou. **South:** Little, Rose, Cross, Summerton, Fairlie.

GOALS - Norwood: Edmead, Panos, Phillips 3, Grigg, L. Wilson 2, Hamilton, Nunn, Shenton, Dawe, Surman, Olsson. **South:** Little, Cross 3, Brooksby, Overall, Davis, Fairlie, Moyle.

UMPIRES - Hundertmark, Sobieraj, Bryce. **CROWD -** 2290 at Norwood Oval.