

Roosters turn back time in vintage win

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A CLASSIC. Spectators at Prospect saw first-hand what is great about the SANFL product when North Adelaide and Glenelg produced a game for the ages.

On a day when North paid tribute to its 100th anniversary of games at Prospect Oval it took a goal from a free kick to Aaron Young, 25 minutes into the last quarter to give the Roosters the lead and victory by two points.

In a game of fluctuating fortunes and highlights by the bucket load – looking at you Keenan Ramsey, Young and Hugh Stagg – it was impossible to pick a winner until the final siren. Victory gave North a 5-1 count, while the Bays are 4-2 after losing the past two games by less than a kick.

There were stars galore for both sides with Harrison Wigg delivering something special for the Roosters with 44 possessions (12 inside 50s, eight clearances) and Ramsey kicking some clutch goals, with five after quarter-time.


Glenelg had its moments with skipper Max Proud again a rock deep in defence with eight marks and the always gutsy Matt Snook doing his best to fire up his team.

The Bays jumped to a flyer in the first quarter to lead 5.1 to 1.4 after Liam McBean kicked two goals and had a hand in a couple of others.

But the Roosters hit back in the second quarter, after trailing by 27 points, with five unanswered goals, a Glenelg turnover early in the second seemingly sparking the home side into a dominant period before the Bays kicked two late goals to lead by 10 points at half-time.

North's goalkicking radar was bang on target as it booted 11 straight goals from quarter-time to three-quarter-time but Glenelg turned for home two points ahead and looking the better side midway through the last quarter with a 12-point lead before the Roosters rallied late.

North coach Jacob Surjan

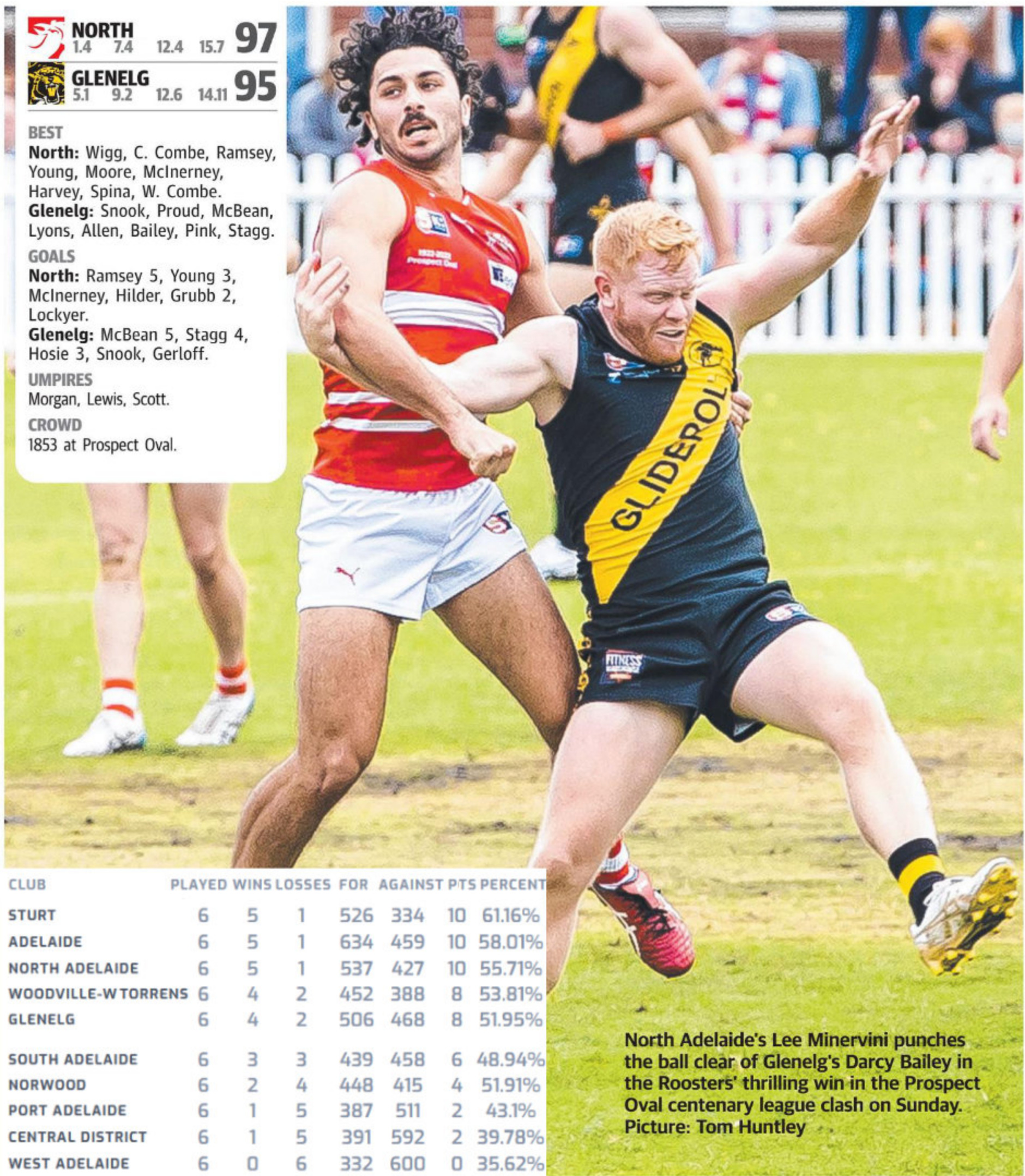
	NORTH	1.4	7.4	12.4	15.7	97
	GLENELG	5.1	9.2	12.6	14.11	95

BEST
North: Wigg, C. Combe, Ramsey, Young, Moore, McInerney, Harvey, Spina, W. Combe.
Glenelg: Snook, Proud, McBean, Lyons, Allen, Bailey, Pink, Stagg.

GOALS
North: Ramsey 5, Young 3, McInerney, Hilder, Grubb 2, Lockyer.
Glenelg: McBean 5, Stagg 4, Hosie 3, Snook, Gerloff.

UMPIRES
 Morgan, Lewis, Scott.

CROWD
 1853 at Prospect Oval.



North Adelaide's Lee Minervini punches the ball clear of Glenelg's Darcy Bailey in the Roosters' thrilling win in the Prospect Oval centenary league clash on Sunday. Picture: Tom Huntley

CLUB	PLAYED	WINS	LOSSES	FOR	AGAINST	PTS	PERCENT
STURT	6	5	1	526	334	10	61.16%
ADELAIDE	6	5	1	634	459	10	58.01%
NORTH ADELAIDE	6	5	1	537	427	10	55.71%
WOODVILLE-WTORRENS	6	4	2	452	388	8	53.81%
GLENELG	6	4	2	506	468	8	51.95%
SOUTH ADELAIDE	6	3	3	439	458	6	48.94%
NORWOOD	6	2	4	448	415	4	51.91%
PORT ADELAIDE	6	1	5	387	511	2	43.1%
CENTRAL DISTRICT	6	1	5	391	592	2	39.78%
WEST ADELAIDE	6	0	6	332	600	0	35.62%

said it was an outstanding game. "We were challenged many times by Glenelg. Their intensity was above where we needed to be," Surjan said. "A win like that is more about the character of the group than the win. We executed a few things we had worked on during pre-season.

I could not be more proud of the guys against a very good side. To go into the break with five wins and one loss is a great result." Glenelg coach Brett Hand said there were many good areas to focus on but he said the second quarter was poor. "We are doing a lot right and had a very good start,"

Hand said. "But we went into our shell in the second quarter and conceded six goals which wasn't good enough. They got us out the back. "We responded from there but didn't take chances when we should have. We have played six very good sides but we need to do better." North Adelaide's 100-year

celebration of games at Prospect Oval has been a terrific promotion in the lead-up in various forms of media. But the ground announcer, in among his centenary fun facts, won the ambitious award saying, "for those who remember that game on May 8, 1922, North won by 25 points".

Tigers suffer a second narrow loss

– Brett Hand, Senior Coach

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Prospect Oval, Sunday 8th May, 1:10pm

It was a privilege to be playing on Mother's Day against North on the 100th anniversary of their time at Prospect Oval, where we replicated their first ever game at this ground. Conditions were perfect and we were looking forward to bouncing back from our loss to Port the previous week against a very strong North outfit.

But it wasn't to be. It was a disappointing one to lose in the last minute to a free kick against us 10m out from their goal. Unfortunately it was another extremely close contest and we ended up on the wrong side of the ledger when the final siren sounded.

We knew it was important to start the game well and for the majority of the first

quarter we played the way I wanted to. We were accurate in front of goals, kicking five goals to one, we were defending well, and our ball movement was looking positive on a bigger ground to what we are used to.

The second quarter was one that was played in patches, with both sides having the momentum after we started well and kicked the first goal of the quarter. We were struggling to get our hands on the ball but our defence was strong and we were rebounding the ball well. We let ourselves down with some costly free kicks that resulted directly in goals to North. But I was pleased with the way we were able to wrestle back the momentum in the quarter, kicking three of the last four goals of the quarter.

The third quarter started with North getting a lucky goal early on when Snooky was held without the ball and was unfortunately turned as he kicked it, so it ended up going the wrong way and resulted in a goal. North then claimed another one from centre bounce. From here, it was pleasing to see our guys rally together and wrestle the momentum back in our favour. We had our opportunities to be further ahead at ¾ time, kicking 3:4 for the quarter, but North were extremely accurate and continued their impressive accuracy, kicking five goals and no behinds during the third quarter to match their six goals straight in the second quarter.

The last quarter turned into a really good contest and we

had our chances, kicking 2:5 to 3:3 for the quarter. But unfortunately we didn't make the most of our chances throughout the day and North did. It was a disappointing way to finish the first batch of games knowing that the last two got away from us. It has been a tough start to the season playing the top five teams and a full Port Adelaide team. But we've managed to win four and this sets us up well leading into the next round of matches after the bye.

Congratulations to Liam McBean, Sam Durdin and Matthew Allen on being selected for the State team to play WA this weekend in Perth.