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Foundation Cup - Round 1

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Bays beat South — and elements

Fidge makes his mark on SA's '93 report card

By ASHLEY PORTER

Burly Glenelg forward John Fidge became the first South Australian league player to be reported for season '93 yesterday during his team's 32-point win over South Adelaide at Kingscote, Kangaroo Island.

But don't expect him to miss Glenelg's next country trip to Karoonda on Sunday as he was automatically reported under the rules for time-wasting after giving away two successive 50-metre penalties.

It would not surprise if Fidge, an integral part of Glenelg's bid to retain the Cup, received a reprimand or a fine.

Also dampening Glenelg's win, which was a personal triumph for Mark Williams in his first official game as a coach, was an injury to Essendon recruit Dean Bailey.

He is expected to be sidelined for at least two matches with a calf strain.

Outweighing these setbacks in the cold, 50 knot winds and occasional heavy rain, braved by about 3000 loyalists and locals, were promising performances by some of Glenelg's new players.

Fitzroy reserves recruit Scott Jordan kicked three goals — and missed five other opportunities — from a forward pocket and also played servicably during his brief stints in ruck.

AT KINGSCOTE

GLENELG	3.3	6.4	8.6	13.10	(88)
SOUTH ADELAIDE	4.0	4.0	7.5	8.8	(56)

SCORERS – **Glenelg:** Jordan 3, Bow, Rattray, McGuinness 2, Fidge, Whittlesea, McCrae, Chigwidden. **South:** Jackson 2, Trevena, Polkinghorne, Parker, Koster, Rogers, Wadewitz.

BEST – **Glenelg:** Hele, McGuinness, McCully, Bow, Stuart, West, Rattray. **South:** Grummet, Rogers, Naley, Polkinghorne, Trevena.

Round two: Friday - Port v Sturt (6pm); Eagles v Central (8.15) at Football Park. **Sunday** - West v Glenelg (2pm) at Karoonda. Bye - Norwood.

Tasmanian centre half-forward Steve Rattray kicked two goals, while former State, Sturt and Hawthorn defender Greg Whittlesea showed glimpses of his best and even drifted from his half-back flank to kick a goal.

Outstanding for Glenelg was Simon Hele on a wing, while Phil McGuinness also relished the tough going on the ball. Stuart McCully crushed his opposition in ruck and set up much of the good play.

Glenelg kicked 3.3 into a gale in the first term before South had scored, and survived a comeback by South in the last quarter when it got within a goal with 10 minutes of play remaining.

South coach John Reid said he was pleased despite the loss.

"It was a good solid hit-out," he said. "They seemed a little bit more pumped up than we were.

"I was particularly pleased with all of the new players we tried.

"It was a good effort by players from both sides considering the dreadful conditions."

The result completed a great weekend for the new coaches as Williams joined Darel Hart (North Adelaide) and Bruce Winter (Eagles) to pass the first official "test" in the opening Cup round, while Haydn Bunton, who has a wealth of experience, will return to the South Australian league coaching scene with Sturt against Port Adelaide on Friday night.

Of the four new coaches, Williams perhaps faces the greatest level of expectation having switched from Port and replaced Kym Hodgeman in controversial circumstances.

If nothing else, yesterday's fine result in cruel conditions further raised the spirit down at the Bay and gave Williams a pleasant introduction to the Coaches Club.

Foundation Cup - Round 3

New injury hits Lindner

By ASHLEY PORTER

Half-forward Bruce Lindner has suffered another injury setback and will not be available for the Crows and West Adelaide for at least three weeks.

He strained a knee ligament during West's 48-point loss to Port Adelaide in Friday night's Foundation Cup third series.

It means Lindner has no chance of playing in the Crows' opening games of the Australian Football League season — against Richmond at the MCG on March 28, and the West Coast Eagles at Football Park on April 4. It was his first game after recovering from a calf muscle strain.

Glenelg might also suffer — the cruelty of going through the Foundation Cup series unbeaten yet missing the chance to defend its title in the grand final on March 30. This follows further wins by table leaders Eagles and Port which lead Glenelg clearly on percentage.

Port plays bottom-ranked Norwood at Football Park on Friday while the Eagles and Glenelg have a bye. And in the final round, the Eagles meet second-to-bottom Sturt while Glenelg meets Norwood and Port has a bye.

The top three teams should remain unbeaten, and before Friday night's games, Glenelg trailed Port by 7.2 per cent.

The Magpies extended their break by beating West while the Eagles toppled South Adelaide by 25 points at The Parade.

In the other game at Football Park, Glenelg held on to its good first-quarter lead and beat North Adelaide by 24 points.

Glenelg	6.2	8.2	10.10	15.12	(102)
North	2.1	6.4	8.5	12.6	(78)

Best – **Glenelg:** Lamb, Hele, McCully, Thompson, Hallahan, West, Stuart. **North:** Mancini, Nunan, Soderstrom, Wellman, Perry, Marshall. **Scorers** – **Glenelg:** Fidge 4.2, Lamb 3.2, Hele, Hallahan 2.2, McRae 1.1, Bow, Jordan, Kretschmer 1.0, Thompson 0.1, rushed 0.2. **North:** Dittmar 3.1, Hart 3.0, Mancini 2.2, Nunan 2.0, Squire, Turner 1.0, Redden, Mail, Perry 0.1. **Injuries** – **Glenelg:** Rattray (shin), Lamb (back). **North:** Redden (driver), Bennett (calf). **Umpires** – Kevin Chambers, Greg Inge.

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PACK OF TIGERS . . . Glenelg's Clayton Lamb gathers possession as team-mate Greg Whittlesea keeps West's Brooke Fogden at bay. Picture: DAVID HIGHET.

Foundation Cup - Round 2

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Fidge bags five as Glenelg wins, but coach Williams has some worrying moments

Bays miss chance to bury West

By PETER PRIME

It wouldn't be football if league coaches failed to find things to worry about.

Take the Tigers' new commander, Mark Williams, for example.

A spirited Glenelg ran out comfortable 22-point winners over a persistent West Adelaide in their Foundation Cup clash at Karoonda yesterday.

Yet, there must have been moments of sheer frustration for the former Magpie champ in only his second SANFL match as coach.

The Tigers threatened to bury West yesterday . . . but they never quite made it.

Glenelg flowed beautifully at various stages during proceedings.

The Tigers tackling had a bit of devil about it, players ran in waves and there were numerous options in attack, including John Fidge who finished with five goals.

Glenelg's third term was tremendous when it kicked a brilliant seven goals for the period to hold a healthy 52-point advantage.

To all and sundry, a swift, precise execution appeared on the cards.

But West, brimful of promising youngsters, hit back superbly in that final quarter.

The Bloods lifted all over the ground, found open spaces and used the ball superbly.

Suddenly, for the first time, the Tigers appeared to have a case of the staggers.

But there was never any talk of an upset. In the final analysis, Glenelg, inspired by the brilliance of Philip McGuinness, won 15.11 to 12.7 to remain undefeated in the Cup competition.

McGuinness . . . yes, that's a pretty famous surname around Glenelg territory.

The young brother of Crows champ Tony McGuinness was the Tigers' heartbeat and inspiration yesterday and finished with four goals and a ton of possessions.

Another youngster in Craig McRae impressed as did Paul Hallahan, Simon Hele, Brett Deane and veteran Ross Gibbs.

GLENELG	3.0	6.4	13.9	15.11	(101)
WEST ADELAIDE	2.2	3.4	5.5	12.7	(79)

SCORERS – **Glenelg:** Fidge 5.0, McGuinness 4.1, McRae, 2.4, Budarick 2.2, Rattray 1.2, Reubenicht 1.0, Lamb, Hallahan 0.1. **West:** Peek 2.2, Mellor, Colbey 2.0, Deptula 1.3, C. Palmer, M. Palmer, Grosser, Kerr, Andriske 1.0, Banfield, Goodes 0.1.

BEST – **Glenelg:** McGuinness, McCrae, Hallahan, Hele, Deane, Gibbs, Bow, West, Fidge. **West:** Simpson, Peek, Porter, Banfield, Andriske, Mellor, Perugini.

UMPIRES – Ron Bettridge, Mark Miels.

For both coaches it was a time to experiment. West coach Neil Kerley and Williams freely used the interchange to rest players. Bloods' youngster Scott Peek caught the eye while in defence Matthew Simpson turned in a solid performance.

At centre-half-back Simon Porter provided plenty of rebound and Peter Banfield, especially in the first half, was another key player.

For Williams it was his second win as a coach. He began his coaching role with a first-up win over South Adelaide — 13.10 to 8.8 — in their clash at Kangaroo Island.

West Adelaide suffered a 4.9 to 5.10 loss to North in its opening round Cup match.

It plays Port Adelaide next Friday night at Football Park, while Glenelg comes up against North Adelaide in the earlier game of the doubleheader.

Foundation Cup - Round 5

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Norwood shakes off shackles in tough battle

By KAREN PHILLIPS

Glenelg football director Laurie Rosewarne on Monday revealed his club's wish for a gruelling hit-out in its last Foundation Cup match against Norwood last night.

It is doubtful Rosewarne anticipated just how tough that battle would be. In the murky shadows of a poorly lit Norwood Oval, the winless Redlegs shook off with relative ease the shackles their opponents attempted to place upon them, and proceeded from a stunning 36-point first-term lead to beat Glenelg by 17 points.

Only for two brief periods — at the beginning of the second quarter and again in the last — did Glenelg threaten to inflict upon its host a come-from-behind defeat similar to that managed by Port Adelaide the previous week.

Instead, the Tigers returned west last night minus the "unbeaten" tag with which they had arrived at Norwood, and without even a faint hope of participating in Tuesday night's grand final.

NORWOOD	6.2	9.2	11.5	13.7	(85)
GLENELG	0.2	4.4	7.7	10.8	(68)

SCORERS – **Norwood:** Pierri 4.0, Ross 4.0, O'Leary, R. Kelly 1.1, Balme, Patterson, Smallridge 1.0, Tanner, Payne 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Glenelg:** McRae 4.2, Russell 2.0, Hele 1.1, Viska, McGuinness, Jordan 1.0, Chigwidden 0.2, rushed 0.3.

BEST – **Norwood:** Tumes, Burns, Robran, Thompson, Ross, Pierri. **Glenelg:** Chigwidden, McRae, McGuinness, Hele.

INJURIES – **Norwood:** O'Leary (strained knee), Bowman (broken nose), Thompson (slight concussion), M. Kelly (corked thigh). **UMPIRES** – Jeff Jeanes, Tim Pfeiffer.

The seeds of their demise were planted, then germinated and blossomed, in the first 20 minutes of the first quarter, when Norwood kicked six goals without reply.

Glenelg managed to direct the football past its 50m line perhaps four times in that first term, but defensive work of Scott Burns, Jonathon Robran and ruckman Michael Thompson — so instrumental in preventing it reaching even that point more often — permitted only one behind each to Simon Hele and visiting captain Nick Chigwidden.

But after a stern lecture from coach Mark Williams at the first break, the Bays began the second quarter with fervor. Three goals were added before Norwood scored again, but a corresponding trio from the Redlegs guaranteed Glenelg did not reduce its deficit by more than eight points at half-time. The Tigers played their best football in the third quarter, and may have created a closer battle in the final term had three forays forward after an opening goal from Phil McGuinness — among Glenelg's best after a quiet start — produced goals instead of behinds.

However, after a quieter third quarter, Norwood was ready to clinch its victory as the last quarter began. The transfer of Jonathon Ross from a pocket to centre half-forward increased his influence on the match, and, with full forward Anthony Pierri having kicked four goals by three quarter time, the 'Legs drove forward with confidence born from knowledge they had at least two goal-kicking targets at which to aim.

It was a "very good" performance which followed a similarly commendable effort the previous week, Norwood coach Neil Craig said later.

"The last two weeks have been very good. The first two were a concern, mainly because of the margins (105 points and 70 points)," Craig said.

"But the last two competitions were what we would expect. We set ourselves for better performances against Port and Glenelg, because they were the grand final sides, and we'd always planned we'd be stronger as we go along.

"The season hasn't started yet. People tend to forget that. It's a long season, and it hasn't started yet."