

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

LIVING HEALTH CUP SEASON

	W	L	D	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Sturt	6	1	-	567	494	53.44	12
Port	4	2	-	538	442	54.90	8
Eagles	4	3	-	580	523	52.58	8
West	4	3	-	575	541	51.52	8
Norwood	4	3	-	570	547	51.03	8
Central	3	4	-	583	538	52.01	6
North	3	4	-	587	657	47.19	6
South	2	5	-	465	628	42.54	4
Glenelg	1	6	-	469	564	45.40	2

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Club	Rd 8	Total
A. Richardson	(West)	6	24.10
C. O'Brien	(Norwood)	3	22.7
J. Burton	(Sturt)	1	17.5
N. Smart	(South)	3	15.10
M. Jeffries	(North)	4	15.5

RESERVES

North 19.14 (128) d West 10.9 (69), South 17.12 (114) d Eagles 10.12 (72), Glenelg 22.18 (150) d Sturt 14.14 (98), Norwood 14.9 (93) d Central 10.6 (66).

UNDER-19

North 16.15 (111) d West 8.10 (58), Eagles 18.6 (114) d South 9.8 (62), Glenelg 14.12 (96) d Sturt 11.14 (80), Norwood 14.10 (94) d Central 9.9 (63).

UNDER-17

West 15.15 (105) d North 11.11 (77), Eagles 14.14 (98) d South 10.5 (65), Glenelg 17.13 (115) d Sturt 11.14 (80), Norwood 14.11 (95) d Central 11.9 (75).

	North	West	Eagles	South	Total
North	5.4	8.9	15.11	16.14	(110)
West	3.2	7.4	10.5	13.7	(85)

BEST - North: Nunan, Wintle, Phillips, Squire, Warner, Sutherland, Mail, Robertson, Sandford, Herbert. **West:** Power, A. Richardson, Watkins, Twomey, Heaver, Myles, Woosnam.

SCORERS - North: Jeffries 4.2, Squire 3.0, Edwards 1.4, Mail 1.2, Gerke, Phillips, Wintle, Robertson 1.1, Pech, Nunan, Lehmann 1.0, Sutherland 0.1, rushed 0.1. **West:** A. Richardson 6.0, Andriske 2.1, Watkins 1.2, Dempsey 1.1, Edwards, Power, Twomey 1.0, Heaver 0.2, Symes 0.1.

INJURIES - West: Godden (ankle) replaced in selected side by Cassidy.

REPORTS - West: McMahon for allegedly striking North's Brenton Phillips with a forearm to the head in the second quarter.

UMPIRES - A. Vickers, D. Ryan, T. Pfeiffer.

CROWD - 2505 at Prospect Oval.

BEST ON GROUND - Tim Nunan (North).

TOP TEAM MAN - Brad Warner (North).

	Eagles	South	West	North	Total
Eagles	1.3	2.7	5.10	10.14	(74)
South	0.2	4.1	7.5	8.9	(57)

BEST - Eagles: Pesch, Lambert, Wiggins, Burton, McLure, Crowell. **South:** Talbot, Osborn, Mills, Goodwin, Crawshaw, Sampson.

SCORERS - Eagles: Mathews 3.2, Burton 2.2, C. Kluzek 2.1, Higgins, M. Kluzek, McLure 1.0, Payze, Niemann 0.2, Pesch, Floreani 0.1, rushed 0.3. **South:** Smart 3.0, Sampson 2.0, Crawshaw, Pyman, Osborn 1.0, Fitzgerald 0.4, Kearn, Webb, Johnson 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES - D. Woodcock, R. Bettridge, C. Doddridge.

CROWD - 1984 at Noarlunga Oval.

BEST ON GROUND - Nick Pesch (Eagles).

	Sturt	Glenelg	West	North	Total
Sturt	3.6	4.10	7.10	9.11	(65)
Glenelg	0.2	2.2	6.5	8.12	(60)

BEST - Sturt: Lennon, Maloney, French, Thredgold, Richter, White, Katsaros, Weatherald. **Glenelg:** Hele, Rouvray, Growden, Chigwidden, Copping, Grenvold, Kelly.

SCORERS - Sturt: White 3.6, Katsaros 1.2, Lange 1.1, Burton, Lennon, Richter, Twitt 1.0, Weatherald 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Glenelg:** Copping 2.2, Burke 2.0, Johns 1.4, Hele, Chigwidden 1.1, Read 1.0, Comes, Growden 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - Sturt: Robinson (hamstring), French (stitches in finger), Powell (cut forehead).

REPORTS - Glenelg: Bartlett for allegedly striking Sturt's Maloney.

UMPIRES - T. Burton, G. Inge, M. Avon.

CROWD - 4426 at Glenelg Oval.

BEST ON GROUND - Bruce Lennon (Sturt).

TOP TEAM MAN - Nick Chigwidden (Glenelg).

	Norwood	Central	West	North	Total
Norwood	2.2	4.5	10.6	12.11	(83)
Central	1.2	6.3	9.4	10.5	(65)

BEST - Norwood: Pitt, Harvey, Dickie, Direen, Neill, Downsborough, Cunningham. **Central:** Dew, Daniel, Lee, Wakelin, Hopwood, Hulm.

SCORERS - Norwood: O'Brien 3.3, Downsborough, King 2.2, Direen, Dickie 2.0, Cunningham 1.0, Fosdike 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Central:** Dew 6.1, Hulm 1.1, Switala, Hicks, Cook 1.0, Slade, Chambers 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Norwood: Molloy (knee).

REPORTS - Norwood: Bowman for allegedly charging Central's Hopwood in the last quarter.

UMPIRES - K. Chambers, M. Humphreys, D. Kowal.

BEST ON GROUND - Steven Pitt (Norwood).

TOP TEAM MAN - Stuart Dew (Central).

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Round 9 - Friday: Sturt v Port Adelaide (Adelaide Oval). **Saturday:** Eagles v Glenelg (Woodville Oval), South Adelaide v Norwood (Noarlunga), North Adelaide v Central (Prospect). **Bye:** West Adelaide.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU: Sturt and Glenelg players in a confrontation in the warm-up for Saturday's clash. Picture: SARAH REED.

Now for Magpies

Sturt 9.11 (65) d Glenelg 8.12 (60)

By PAUL KERMODE

STURT and Glenelg are hoping Saturday's nailbiter at the Bay Oval will propel them to greater heights this season.

The league-leading Double Blues were far from their free-flowing best on Saturday, but coach Phil Carman believes getting out of gaol for a five-point win will stand them in good stead for Friday night's top-of-the-table clash with Port Adelaide.

Glenelg looked to have the game sewn up when livewire Jon Copping goaled well into time-on to give the Tigers a one-point lead.

They then won possession from the centre bounce and tried to chip the ball around until the clock ran down to the final siren.

But Copping, who had an inspirational 10-possession, two-goal last term, kicked into the man on the mark and Linden Stevens started a Double Blue attack which ended with Bruce Lennon's winning goal with just one minute to play.

"The pleasing thing is to win games like this, it gives the players the attitude of 'we can overcome a lot of things,'" Carman said.

"It wasn't a big winning margin, but it was a pretty good win to get through like that.

"I thought we lost the plot for a fair amount of time in the third quarter - they got a lot of the ball and we didn't seem to have any accountability.

"They threw it all at us and we didn't play wonderful footy, so it's good to win."

Glenelg coach Tony McGuinness was left to lament another game where the Tigers (1-6) were in front in the last quarter, but fell short.

But he was pleased with the Tigers' ability to close down Sturt's danger players after being hopelessly outplayed in the first term and finding themselves down 0.2 to 3.6 at quarter-time.

"The No. 1 criticism of the club is that it's always offensive but doesn't work the other way and I thought by picking them off today we appeared to learn how to do it," McGuinness said.

"And we were a hell of a lot harder - the soft tag has been thrown around. Only time will tell whether we've been able to dispel all that, but today I don't think we were soft.

"During the week I talked to the guys about pride, confidence, belief, all those types of things, because if you don't have them in sport, you don't have anything.

"I guess on (Saturday's) performance the message got through but we won't really know until the year unfolds."

Glenelg did a fantastic job of stopping Sturt's prime movers. Captain Nick Chigwidden ran with Matthew Powell all day and kept him to just eight possessions and Brooke Fogden and Matthew Golding tag-teamed ruckman Simon Feast off the bench and stopped him taking a single mark on a fine, sunny day.

Paul Rouvray also played a fine game on the dangerous



SLIPPING AWAY: Giant Sturt forward Stephen White can't hold this mark over Glenelg's David Grenvold. Picture: SARAH REED.

Julian Burton, restricting him to one goal.

For all that, Sturt still found a way to win, which surely is the measure of a good side.

Lennon was classy and used his 18 touches to good effect, Seamus Maloney, Chris Thredgold and Mark Soderstrom were strong in defence and Barnaby French (17 possessions, 13 hit-outs) and Stephen White (3.6) posed Glenelg problems up forward.

But the Double Blues will look for a lift across the board for Friday night's blockbuster against Port at Adelaide Oval.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Eagles' Nick Pesch has snared the lead by two votes from Sturt's Simon Feast in the SANFL Player of the Year award after a best-on-ground performance against South Adelaide on Saturday.

NORTH v WEST

Tim Nunan (North)	3
Darryl Wintle (North)	2
Brenton Phillips (North)	1

EAGLES v SOUTH

Nick Pesch (Eagles)	3
Dean Talbot (South)	2
Corey Lambert (Eagles)	1

STURT v GLENELG

Bruce Lennon (Sturt)	3
Simon Hele (Glenelg)	2
Seamus Maloney (Sturt)	1

NORWOOD v CENTRAL

Steven Pitt (Norwood)	3
Stuart Dew (Central)	2
Anthony Harvey (Norwood)	1

LEADERS - 11: Nick Pesch (Eagles). **9:** Simon Feast (Sturt). **7:** Anthony Harvey, Steven Pitt (Norwood). **6:** Matthew Twomey (West), Geoff Wiggins (Eagles), Daniel Hulm (Central), Simon Crawshaw (South), Tim Nunan (North). **5:** Bruce Lennon (Sturt), Lucas Herbert (North). **4:** Brenton Phillips, Darryl Wintle (North).



QUICK HANDS: Glenelg's Dwaine Kretschmer just gets his handball away in time.