Details

Sturt	4.4	7.7	11.13	14.15	(99)
Glenelg	3.1	5.4	7.5	8.8	(56)

BEST – Sturt: White, Weatherald, Atkinson, Robinson, Graham, Burton, Maloney. **Glenelg:** Golding, Chigwidden, Byrne, Mellody, Kretschmer, Hele.

SCORERS – Sturt: Burton 5.0, White 3.0, Graham 2.3, Squire, Atkinson, Twitt, Powell 1.0, Weatherald 0.4, Woosnam 0.2, Kartinyeri, Irvin 0.1, rushed 0.4. **Glenelg:** Grenvold 2.1, Cook 1.2, Winstanley, Cornes 1.1, Hosking, Mellody, Hele 1.0, Carr 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES – Sturt: Robinson (sprained ankle), Richter (corked thigh). **Glenelg:** Feddema (hamstring).

CROWD – 5537 at Adelaide Oval.

UMPIRES – D. Woodcock, D. Joyce, T. Pfeiffer.

BEST ON GROUND – S. White (Sturt).

TOP TEAM MAN – M. Golding (Glenelg).

Norwood	2.1	9.4	11.5	15.10	(100)
Central	7.1	8.3	11.4	12.6	(78)

BEST – Norwood: Crouch, Pitt, Borlace, James, Direen, Yerbury, D'Antiochia. **Central:** Hulm, J. Hicks, Macgowan, D. Hicks, Cook, Steinberner.

SCORERS – Norwood: O'Brien, Neill 4.0, Borlace 2.3, Harvey 2.0, Clements, Direen, Knights 1.0, Obst, Cunningham, Crouch 0.1, rushed 0.4. **Central:** Lee 3.1, Hulm 3.0, Cook, Giester 1.1, Steinberner, Balkwill, Bello, J. Hicks 1.0, Switala 0.2, Kreig 0.1.

INJURIES – Norwood: Harvey (ankle sprain). **Central:** Hulm (suspected broken ribs), Conway (shins).

UMPIRES – R. Bettridge, C. Rowston, G. Inge.

CROWD – 3629 at Elizabeth Oval.

BEST ON GROUND – A. Crouch (Norwood).

TOP TEAM MAN – D. Hulm (Central).

West	3.2	7.6	9.7	18.11	(119)
North	2.4	5.5	6.7	9.10	(64)

BEST – West: Connell, E. Richardson, Gray, Stewart, Bruhn, Myles, Andriske, Mellor, Parker, DiRosa. **North:** Ebel, Peucker, Fraser, Setchell, Naish, White.

SCORERS – West: Mellor 6.2, Myles 4.0, Symes 3.1, A. Richardson 1.3, Barrett 1.1, Stewart, Gray, Connell 1.0, Bruhn, Twomey, Banik 0.1, rushed 0.1. **North:** Naish 4.0, Jeffries 3.0, Lehmann 1.3, White 1.0, Parker, Cash, Pohlner, Ebert, Peucker 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES – West: Howard (shin). **North:** Robertson (knee).

UMPIRES – M. Humphreys, K. Chambers, A. Vickers.

CROWD – 2072 at Richmond Oval.

BEST ON GROUND – M. Connell (West).

TOP TEAM MAN – R. Ebel (North).

Eagles	3.1	9.3	14.6	14.8	(92)
South	3.2	5.8	8.10	13.12	(90)

BEST – Eagles: Colville, Cicolella, Pearce, James, Rogers, Hall, Biglands. **South:** Crawshay, Talbot, Mills, Cobb, Murray, Fernee.

SCORERS – Eagles: James 4.0, Pavlich 3.1, Cicolella 2.0, Dylan 1.2, Colville 1.1, McGregor, Holland, Biglands 1.0, Mathews 0.2, Faulkhead, Whelan 0.1. **South:** McKeough, Threadgold 2.1, Doyle, Ellen 2.0, Bone 1.1, Nicks, Morgan, Fernee, Cobb 1.0, Smart, Perrie, Talbot, Mills, Murray, Johnson 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES – South: Turnes (ankle).

UMPIRES – R. Fox, R. Williams, C. Doddgridge.

CROWD – 2025 at Noarlunga Oval.

BEST ON GROUND – G. Colville (Eagles).

TOP TEAM MAN – G. Colville (Eagles).

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

SMOKE FREE CUP SEASON

	W	L	D	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Port	3	-	-	269	158	63.00	6
Sturt	3	1	-	395	263	60.03	6
West	2	1	-	261	223	53.93	4
Eagles	2	1	-	228	218	51.12	4
South	1	3	-	304	290	51.18	2
Central	1	2	-	252	245	50.70	2
Norwood	1	2	-	228	272	45.60	2
Glenelg	1	2	-	173	223	43.69	2
North	1	3	-	206	424	32.70	2

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Club	Rd 4	Total
S. Phillipou	(Port)	-	16.3
J. Burton	(Sturt)	5	14.3
C. O'Brien	(Norwood)	4	12.3
G. Mellor	(West)	6	10.5
S. White	(Sturt)	3	9.4

Blues belt Bays

By DOUG ROBERTSON

A TOUGH and more systematic Sturt ground out a scratchy 44-point victory without much of its customary flair – but importantly with grunt – over desperate but wasteful Glenelg at Adelaide Oval last night.

Sturt earned the two premiership points with the 14.15 (99) to 8.8 (56) win and maintained its top-two rating – but the sloppy spectacle would not have excited football purists.

With towering Stephen White in control at centre half-forward and Julian Burton a hard-running target at the goalmouth, Sturt kept a grip on the outcome.

But it had to fight – probably the most pleasing sign for its fans – for the win when determined Glenelg found spark in the third term.

The Tigers came to within four points 12 minutes into the term and looked full of running.

Nick Chigwidden, Martin Mellody, Simon Hele, James Byrne and Sudjai Cook suddenly looked assured and made use of Matthew Goldings' ruck dominance.

They found time to deliver the ball neatly, for the first time on the night, and Glenelg's fringe players came to life. When the Tigers booted two goals in less than a minute the challenge was there.

But that's where it ended.

Merciless Sturt kicked back with 4.5 to nothing in the next 15 minutes to take the sting out of the Tigers' tail and put the result beyond doubt.

Sturt led by 32 points going into the last term but did not stop the intensity.

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CROWD – 5537 at Adelaide Oval.

White took 11 marks for the night and outworked Todd Winstanley then the unpretentious Corey Smelt, while Burton ran Paul Rouvay ragged.

They enjoyed Sturt's clean delivery while Glenelg's midfielders gave their forwards a nightmare with some of the sloppiest delivery seen in the SANFL for years. Glenelg won the ball enough to be a threat but its atrocious disposal, even when clear and free to lift the head, killed off any hope of victory.

Sturt simply was too good on the night but it, too, squandered opportunities in the opening quarter.

Its usually efficient key forwards and link-men overused the ball with a touch of arrogance that should have allowed Glenelg's defence to crack the flow.

But caught second to the ball on most occasions and often hesitant to take risks, the Tigers wasted the moment when a rush of direct play could have split open the Blues and turned a trickle of opportunity into a flood.

Glenelg allowed Sturt's forwards and midfielders to dictate proceedings for three quarters, and when Glenelg did venture forward it was usually short and wide to the vacant flanks.

It refocused from midway through the second term when James Byrne, Simon Hele and Josh Carr began winning the ball in the centre.

When they pushed forward quickly Chad Cornes at centre half-forward had a chance one-out.

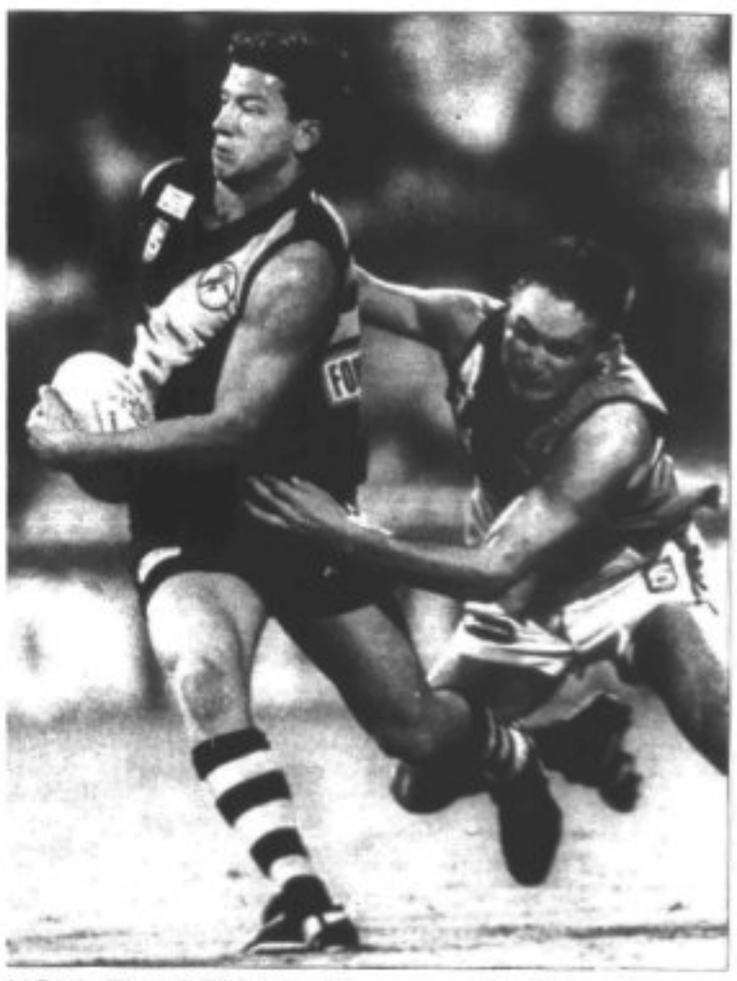
Cornes, however, did not battle desperately at half-chances and took just three marks for the night.

Glenelg sadly lacked a strong-marking target. Sturt had two and won the contest easily.

Reserves

Sturt	5.2	5.8	12.11	15.14	(104)
Glenelg	2.0	5.4	6.5	8.9	(57)

REACHING HIGH: Player of the Year leader, Sturt's Stephen White battles Tiger Corey Smelt.



HOLD THAT TIGER: Sturt rover Tim Weatherald (right) tries to keep Josh Carr at bay during Sturt's 44-point win at Adelaide Oval last night.
Picture: SARAH REED.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Sturt's sensational centre half-forward Stephen White has shot to the top of *The Advertiser*'s SANFL Player of the Year leaderboard with his second best-on-ground performance in as many weeks.

With his strong forward play White was influential from the outset in Friday night's match against Glenelg at Adelaide Oval and his three-goal display led the Double Blues' to their third victory in succession.

LEADERS – 6: Stephen White (Sturt). **5:** Matthew Golding (Glenelg), Gavin Colville (Eagles), Simon Crawshay (South), Darryl Poole (Port), Bruce Lennon (Sturt). **4:** Daniel Hulm (Central). **3:** Adam Crouch (Norwood), Rick Macgowan (Central), Andrew Rogers (Eagles), Sam Phillipou (Port), Matthew Bode (Glenelg), Matthew Bruhn (West), Scott Sutherland (North). **2:** Justin Cicolella (Eagles), Tony Bamford (Port), Derek Murray (South), Damian Squire (Sturt), Seamus Maloney (Sturt), Bryan Beinke (Port), Jay Viney (North), Adam Pearce (Eagles).

STURT v GLENELG
Stephen White (Sturt) 3
Matthew Golding (Glenelg)... 2
Tim Weatherald (Sturt) 1

CENTRAL v NORWOOD
Adam Crouch (Norwood)..... 3
Daniel Hulm (Central District) 2
Steven Pitt (Norwood)..... 1

WEST v NORTH
Matthew Connell (West)..... 3
Ed Richardson (West)..... 2
Troy Gray (West)..... 1

SOUTH v EAGLES
Gavin Colville (Eagles)..... 3
Justin Cicolella (Eagles)..... 2
Simon Crawshay (South)..... 1