

Pumped-up Tigers give South a wake-up call

By Doug Robertson

Glenelg Oval

GUTSY Glenelg gave South Adelaide an embarrassing awakening and a 41-point flogging at Brighton Rd yesterday — a loss that should send shivers through the Panthers camp.

The margin didn't highlight the amount of control the raw, but willing, Tigers had over the game, especially after half-time.

Glenelg players were almost always first to the ball, harder running off the ball and more disciplined and robust than South, which is privately dreaming of playing finals while Glenelg admits to be rebuilding.

The Tigers confidently seized control of the outcome with nine unanswered goals — from when Matt Manfield goaled on the half-time siren from outside 50m until livewire Sudjai Cook slammed his fifth goal through minutes before the three-quarter time siren.

Glenelg again went in without lead ruckman Brad Smith (hamstring) but dominated the centre clearances and ran free down the corridor.

South's big-hearted Mark Bradley won his share of taps (21) but it was in-and-under Glenelg players who worked the ball out of centre and easily found targets because of South's failure to apply pressure.

Glenelg repeatedly outnumbered South at the ball because its players were united and had more hard-headed commitment.

"The boys were a little stirred by the loss (death) of (stalwart) Billy Neill and they needed to pay some due re-



spect and they did that," Tiger coach David Noble said.

"We concentrated more on the way we wanted to play.

"That's the style of player we've got and that sort of tackling effort and intensity is what's going to win us games."

Cagey Noble restructured his attack going into a strong wind in the second term and follower Brett Backwell exploded with 12 damaging touches in the quarter.

Kym Koster, against his old club, unsung Craig Robinson, Nathan Bell, Craig Statham, Ben Mules and Billy Neely cleaned up everything.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
 GLENELG	4.5	7.9	14.15	19.17	131 points
 SOUTH ADELAIDE	3.1	7.7	7.10	13.12	90 points

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
1 NORWOOD	3	3	0	347	241	59.01	6
2 STURT	2	2	0	233	153	60.36	4
3 WEST	2	2	0	200	147	57.64	4
4 EAGLES	3	2	1	292	284	50.69	4
5 Central	2	1	1	294	187	61.12	2
6 Glenelg	3	1	2	283	307	47.97	2
7 South	3	1	2	334	368	47.58	2
8 Port	3	0	3	250	378	39.81	0
9 North	3	0	3	244	412	37.20	0

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	P	R2	Total
D. Hargraves (NA)	2	5	9
C. Gowans (CD)	2	2	7
D. Bradshaw (WA)	1	6	6
D. Schell (CD)	2	0	6
B. Chambers (St)	1	0	5
B. Lade (SA)	1	5	5
J. Berry (SA)	2	0	5
B. Warren (SA)	2	1	5
J. Plapp (PA)	2	5	5
R. Neill (Nwd)	1	5	5

Eagles v West

Woodville Oval

WEST	6.5	7.9	9.12	12.13	(85)
Eagles	2.1	4.2	6.2	8.5	(53)

BEST — West: Hahn, Howard, Glover, Marsh, Myles, Porplyzia, Koulouriotis, Chubb, Bradshaw, Norman. **Eagles:** Hall, Frewen, Stokes, Skipworth.

SCORERS — West: Bradshaw 4.3, Hahn 2.1, Marsh 2.0, Rutten, Koulouriotis 1.1, Fisher, Dray 1.0, Malinowski 0.2, Porplyzia, Richardson 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Eagles:** Stokes 2.1, Wise 2.0, McLoughlan, Passador, Pesch, Jeffries 1.0, Cicolella 0.2, Colville, Treeby 0.1.

INJURIES — Eagles: Colville (knee), R. Fiacchi (general soreness) withdrew from selected side replaced by Allison.

UMPIRES — T. Dey, A. Meade, S. Przibilla.

Glenelg v South

Glenelg Oval

GLENELG	4.5	7.9	14.15	19.17	(131)
South	3.1	7.7	7.10	13.12	(90)

BEST — Glenelg: Backwell, Cook, Robinson, Bell, Manfield, Neely, Koster, Griffiths, Nicholas, Mules. **South:** Bennett, Tregenza, Jackman, McKeough.

SCORERS — Glenelg: Cook 5.0, Manfield 4.4, Backwell 2.3, Tasborski 2.1, Neely 2.0, Mules 1.1, Bennett, Statham, Morris 1.0, Griffiths 0.3, Bell 0.2, McEntee, D. Raidis, Pearce 0.1. **South:** Tregenza 4.1, Sampson 3.1, Johnson 2.3, Warren 2.0, Jackman, Mills 1.0, Demasi 0.4, Berry 0.2, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — Glenelg: Smith (hamstring), Kreuger (virus) withdrew from selected squad. **South:** Handby (hamstring), Stephensen (corked buttock).

UMPIRES — D. Kowal, R. Williams, D. Joyce.

Juniors on tour

NINE of the best junior football talents in the state are in Ireland as part of an AFL/AIS Academy tour after gaining selection from last year's under-16 national championships in Perth.

They will play against Irish combinations in the hybrid form of the game — international rules.

South and West Adelaide each have two representatives — Ryan Griffen and Matthew Hodge from the Panthers and Tim Schmidt and Beau Waters from the Bloods.

Glenelg's Josh Willoughby, joint winner of the Kevin Sheehan medal with Schmidt for the best player at the carnival, also is a member of the team.

The remaining four players are Benet Copping (Sturt), Heath Grundy (Norwood), Iszac Thompson (Eagles) and Sam Butler (Central).

Former Western Bulldogs coach Terry Wheeler is in charge of the side.

3 new Tigers

GLENELG continues to build a positive association with the Central Australian Football League.

The Tigers have recruited three players from that competition — all members of West Alice Springs's 2002 premiership side.

They are Rory Hood, Sean Cantwell and Filipino-born Henry Labistida, all looking to make their mark in the SANFL.

Last year, promising Samuel Lokan from Alice Springs was used in a key forward position — one of the few successes in a disappointing season for the Glenelg Football Club.

- Peter Argent

Norwood v North

Norwood Oval — Friday

NORWOOD	5.3	8.4	11.10	14.16	(100)
North	4.4	7.5	9.12	10.16	(76)

BEST — Norwood: Robran, James, Neill, Massie, Bown, Jolly, Thomas. **North:** Younie, Hargraves, Davis, Bamford, Gilham, McLean.

SCORERS — Norwood: Ahmat 4.2, Neill 4.1, Massie 2.1, Brown, Thiessen 1.2, McEntee 1.1, Jolly 1.0, Borlace, Hobby, James, Carslake, Bartemucci, Dreen 0.1, rushed 0.1. **North:** Hargraves 4.2, Groke, McGahey 2.0, Younie 1.2, McLean 1.0, Staple, James, Bamford 0.2, Kellett, Allocca 0.1, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES — Norwood: Borlace (corked thigh), Clements (groin).

UMPIRES — C. Rowston, G. Symons, T. Pfeiffer.

CROWD — 4104.

Sturt v Port

Unley Oval

STURT	3.4	9.8	15.11	17.15	(117)
Port	1.2	5.6	7.8	12.11	(83)

BEST — Sturt: Cooper, Roberts-Thomson, Weatherald, Sheedy, Whiteman, Mattner, Howman, B. Nelson, Maloney, Curtis. **Port:** Parry, Funcke, Miller, M. Wilson, Kingsley.

SCORERS — Sturt: Cooper 4.2, Chambers 3.0, White 2.5, Weatherald, Roberts-Thomson 2.1, Powell 1.2, Beveridge, Feast, B. Nelson 1.0, Sheedy, Squire 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Port:** Evans 3.2, McDowall 3.1, Miller 2.0, Kingsley 1.2, Clayton, Beinke 1.1, M. Wilson 1.0, Plapp, J. Wilson 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — nil.

UMPIRES — R. Fox, J. Brown, P. Williams.