

Bloods' belief takes new battering

SANFL DETAILS



SATURDAY

NORTH	8.1	14.6	19.9	22.14	(146)
PORT	7.0	7.2	9.5	11.8	(74)

BEST - North: Ivens, Ryswyk, Ladhams, Gill, Hargraves, Walker, Schubert. **Port:** King, Davis, Baird, AhChee, Harry, Slattery, J. Clayton.

SCORERS - North: Hargraves 5.3, Gill 5.1, Younie 2.1, Bamford 2.0, Ladhams 1.2, M. Campbell, Perrie 1.1, Ryswyk, Howard, Alleyway, O'Hara, Walker 1.0, White, Kaesler 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Port:** Waterhouse 3.0, Harry 1.3, Poulton 1.1, Meiklejohn, AhChee, J. Clayton, Slattery, Davis, Baird 1.0, Gates 0.2, Biacsi, Dolling 0.1.

INJURIES - Port: Kingsley (hamstring), Waterhouse (hamstring), Morrison (thumb), Biacsi (hamstring).

UMPIRES - R. Fox, D. Joyce, R. Williams.

CROWD - 3466 at Alberton Oval.

NORWOOD	3.1	7.1	10.4	13.7	(85)
CENTRAL	5.2	7.7	11.9	12.11	(83)

BEST - Norwood: Thomas, Jackman, Campbell, Carslake, B. James, J. Vlatko. **Central:** McCabe, J. Westhoff, McKenzie, Switala, J. Gowans, C. Gowans.

SCORERS - Norwood: Vlatko 5.0, Cockshell 4.0, Campbell 2.0, Borlace, Nitschke 1.0, Carslake, Brunoli 0.2, Gallagher, Gibson 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Central:** J. Westhoff 4.3, Scheil 3.1, Ware 2.1, O'Sullivan 1.2, C. Gowans 1.1, McCabe 1.0, Hayes, Wilson 0.1, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES - C. Carey, T. Philp, C. Rowston.

CROWD - 2557 at Norwood Oval.

EAGLES	10.1	14.1	21.3	31.7	(193)
STURT	1.1	7.4	9.7	11.8	(74)

BEST - Eagles: Passador, Cicolella, Westbrook, Cooper, Inkster, Rugolo, Grocke, Lindsay, P. Fiacchi, Shattock. **Sturt:** Bentley, O'Keefe, Sheedy.

SCORERS - Eagles: Passador 10.0, Westbrook 6.0, Grocke 5.1, Cicolella 3.2, Rugolo 3.1, Powell 1.1, Shattock, Jarrad, P. Fiacchi 1.0, Earl 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Sturt:** Chambers 3.4, Button 2.1, Weatherald 2.0, Bentley 1.1, Taylor, Herring, Paley 1.0, Hurley, McLeay 0.1.

INJURIES - Eagles: Treeby (back), withdrew from selected squad. Powell (cut head).

UMPIRES - M. Cousins, G. Fila, T. Pfeiffer.

CROWD - 2465 at Unley Oval.

GLENELG	3.4	10.7	16.9	28.12	(180)
WEST	6.2	9.6	14.9	14.11	(95)

BEST - Glenelg: McConnell, Backwell, Douglas, Mules, Mitchell, Duldig. **West:** Porplyzia, Haynes, Glover, Jericho, Welsh.

GOALS - Glenelg: McConnell 7.0, Douglas 4.2, Duldig 4.1, Graham 2.3, Kirk, Rogers 2.1, Ruwoldt, Mules 2.0, Kirkby 1.2, Backwell 1.1, Moore 1.0, Sundqvist 0.1. **West:** Welsh 3.3, Porplyzia 3.0, Haynes 2.2, Jericho, Buckley 1.1, Donaldson, O'Sullivan, Dragicevic, Hollands 1.0, Slattery, Vanderloo, Glover 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - West: Glover (hamstring).

UMPIRES - C. Bowen, C. Doddridge, B. Duff.

CROWD - 2206 at Glenelg Oval.

DRAW

ROUND 17 - Saturday July 29: Eagles v West (Woodville Oval, 2.20pm), North v Norwood (Prospect Oval, 2.20pm), Central v South (Hamra Homes Oval, 2.15pm). **Sunday:** Glenelg v Port (Glenelg Oval, 2.20pm). **Bye:** Sturt.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
North	13	11	2	-	1624	1228	56.9	22
Eagles	14	11	3	-	1531	1203	56.0	22
Central	14	8	6	-	1327	1215	52.2	16
Port	14	8	6	-	1404	1360	50.8	16
Glenelg	14	7	7	-	1494	1310	53.3	14
Norwood	14	7	7	-	1278	1429	47.2	14
South	13	6	7	-	1457	1249	53.8	12
Sturt	14	3	11	-	1246	1769	41.3	6
West	14	1	13	-	1023	1671	38.0	2

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd16	Total
M. Passador	(Eagles)	10.0	56.29
B. Chambers	(Sturt)	3.4	49.24
B. Warren	(South)	-	47.16
D. Cupido	(South)	-	42.23
B. Haynes	(West)	2.2	36.30

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Woodville-West Torrens v Sturt	
Mark Passador (Woodville-West Torrens)	3
Justin Cicolella (Woodville-West Torrens)	2
David Westbrook (Woodville-West Torrens)	1
Glenelg v West Adelaide	
Justin McConnell (Glenelg)	3
Brett Backwell (Glenelg)	2
Richard Douglas (Glenelg)	1
North Adelaide v Port Adelaide	
Luke Ivens (North Adelaide)	3
Leigh Ryswyk (North Adelaide)	2
Matt King (Port Adelaide)	1
Norwood v Central District	
Matt Thomas (Norwood)	3
Nick Jackman (Norwood)	2
Luke McCabe (Central District)	1

LEADERS - 16: Jeremy Clayton (Port). **15:** Justin Cicolella (Eagles). **12:** Matthew Slade (Central), Ben Haynes (West). **10:** Adam Fisher (Glenelg). **9:** Jade Sheedy (Sturt), Luke Ivens (North).

ANTHONY BARICH

WEST Adelaide coach Wayne Weidemann has revealed he has given his players professional psychological help to resurrect the club after two-and-a-half disastrous years.

But it failed at the crucial moment on Saturday when, despite staying within three goals of Glenelg at the last break, West completely capitulated as the Bays slammed on 12 unanswered goals in the last term.

Weidemann says there is clearly a mental problem with his outfit, which since contesting the 2003 grand final has hit new lows, winning just one game from 14 this year. Against Sturt the previous week he identified three areas - West was uncompetitive, its skill level was low and decision-making was poor. But he knows the problems run deeper than that. "We've had people come in and talk about their mental states... maybe I'll have to sack them for not doing their job," Weidemann joked.

"But unless you can actually carry it out, that's where you get the true belief from. We haven't come back all year from being down

and winning a game of footy.

"We can have people talk to the players and you can re-iterate it yourself but it's quarters like the first three that we have to build on. For three quarters we were as good as them. People will read the paper and think 'gee, they got belted', but the score didn't reflect our application for the rest of the game."

Weidemann's hope that the mind sessions had worked flickered briefly when his players showed remarkable fortitude to stay with the Bays when they threatened to blow the game open in the third term.

"I thought the game might have gone then but to come back to within two goals showed character," Weidemann said. "But the last quarter was just a total capitulation."

The players' fragile mental state appeared to hinge on whether Luke Jericho could nail his goal in the first five minutes of the last term, before the Bays' onslaught started.

Jericho battled hard all day on John Hinge and Weidemann by no means blames him but the ball sailing a few inches the other way could have given them a wet sail home.

More misery for West in Bay rout

Anthony Barich

GLENELG kept its finals hopes alive by smashing lowly West Adelaide by 14 goals at Glenelg Oval yesterday.

A seven-goal haul by Justin McConnell helped bury the Bloods 28.12 (180) to 14.11 (95) in a contest that saw-sawed in the second term before the Tigers put their foot down in the premiership quarter.

The Bloods started competitively enough - seemingly determined to make amends for their shocker in last week's wooden spoon battle against Sturt.

Ben Hollands, Ben Haynes, impressive youngster Charles Slattery and Jason Porplyzia ran through the corridor in numbers, while Glenelg's manning up again let it down.

It was a return to West's trend of starting strongly, kicking six goals to three in the opening term.

But the Tigers - desperate to stay in touch with the top five - soon turned the tables on West, kicking seven goals to three, with McConnell, Brett Backwell and David Mitchell on fire.

"The last two games have been positive in that when we've been challenged we've responded, especially in the last quarter," Glenelg coach Mark Mickan said.

"But we're still a work in progress and that needs to happen week in, week out."

It was a pleasingly fluid game for spectators, especially for the Bloods, who showed considerable courage to stay in touch with the Bays as they surged back into the game. In fact, the difference was barely one straight kick at half-time.

While AFL strugglers Carlton and Essendon played out a draw in the playfully-named "Bryce Gibbs Cup", the boy himself was having a tough time early, tagging former Bomber Haynes, whose experience and poise would have given the Bays a lesson in accountability.

Gibbs had more of the ball once freed of the responsibility.

A big reason behind Glenelg's briefly losing its way in recent times was

SCOREBOARD			
Glenelg Oval, 2206			
GLENELG	180	WEST	95
3.4	10.7	16.9	28.12
6.2	9.6	14.9	14.11
GOALS		GOALS	
McConnell 7; Douglas, Duldig 4; Graham, Kirk, Rogers, Ruwoldt, Mules 2; Kirkby, Backwell, Moore		Welsh, Porplyzia 3; Haynes 2; Jericho, Buckley, Donaldson, O'Sullivan, Dragicevic, Hollands	
BEST		BEST	
McConnell, Backwell, Douglas, Mules, Mitchell, Duldig		Porplyzia, Haynes, Glover, Welsh	
INJURIES/REPORTS			
GLENELG: Nil.			
WEST: Glover (hamstring).			
Umpires: C. Bowen, C. Doddridge, B. Duff.			

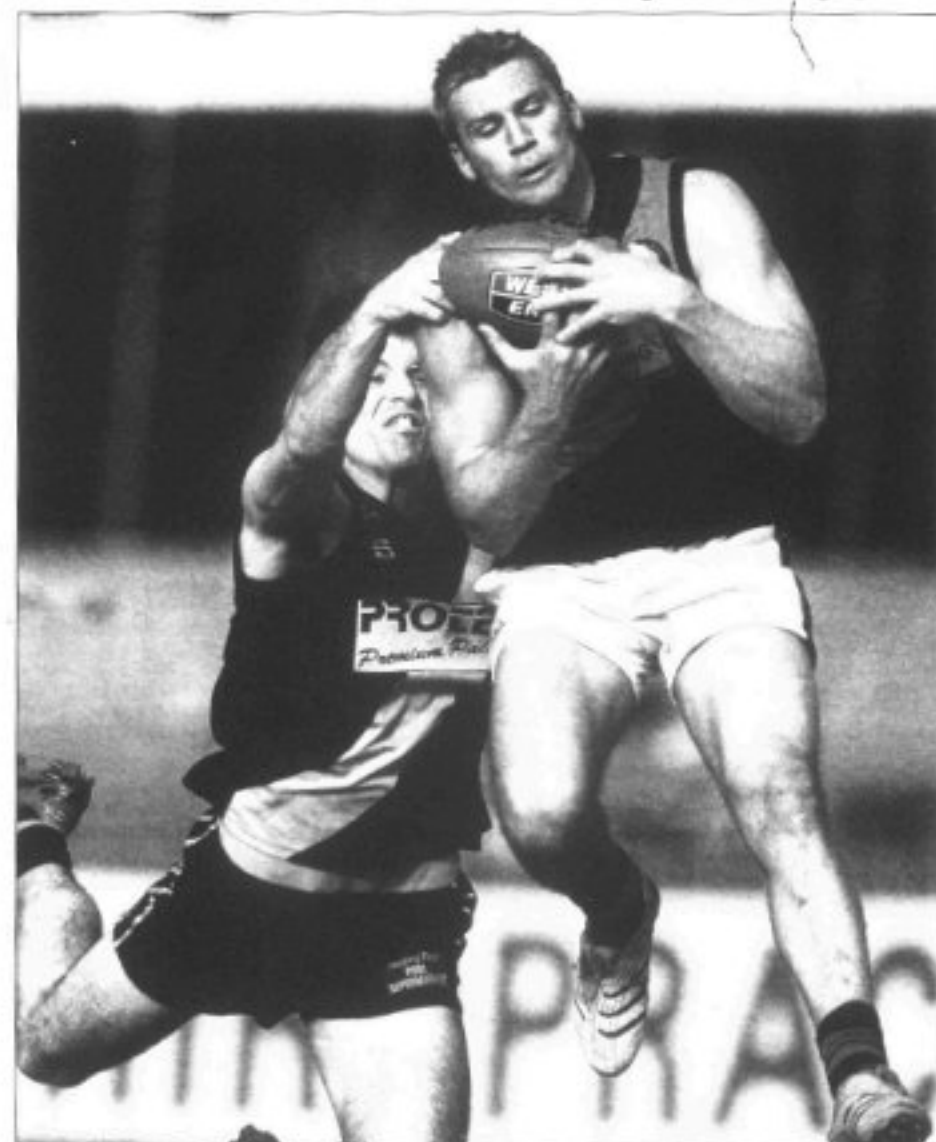
Crows' draftee Richard Douglas, who has missed key games through injury. But it took him just 17 seconds to give the Bays the initiative after half-time.

And, although West matched them in a brief shoot-out, Douglas's follow-up four minutes later gave Glenelg the buffer it needed from which to build a victory.

His second major triggered an avalanche that broke West's back. Three more

goals followed in under seven minutes and, before they knew it, the Bloods were 25 points down and a great opportunity to push a finals contender had gone begging.

The Bloods showed resilience once more to claw their way back to within 12 points towards the end of the third term. But it turned into a mauling when they just stopped in the last term, allowing the Bays to take two valuable premierships points.



PRESSURE: West Adelaide forward Scott Welsh marks strongly. **Picture:** Sam Wundke

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GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
DULDIG	6	2	2	1	0	4	1	0	0
ROGERS	7	4	3	2	0	2	1	0	2
ALLEN	7	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	2
MCCONNELL	18	6	4	3	1	7	0	1	0
WILLITS	5	5	9	0	0	0	0	4	1
KIRKBY	10	7	3	0	0	1	2	0	0
GRAHAM	12	8	3	1	0	2	3	0	0
BACKWELL	22	8	20	5	1	1	1	0	1
MOORE	15	1	8	2	1	1	0	0	0
MULES	9	4	21	0	1	2	0	0	6
KIRK	5	5	0	0	4	2	1	7	4
MITCHELL	15	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
HINGE	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	1
SHERWOOD	5	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
PANOZZO	3	1	6	0	1	0	0	0	1
CRANSTON	3	0	4	1	0	0	0	25	2
DOUGLAS	17	2	4	3	2	4	2	0	1
GIBBS	12	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	2
RUWOLDT	10	2	3	0	3	2	0	0	1
SUNDQVIST	3	4	6	1	0	0	1	0	0
YEOMANS	3	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	190	73	127	21	16	28	12	37	24

WEST

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
JERICO	10	8	7	0	0	1	1	0	2
WELSH	10	9	0	0	1	3	3	0	1
BUCKLEY	6	3	5	2	1	1	1	0	0
HAYNES	21	6	4	2	2	2	2	2	0
O'SULLIVAN	4	3	4	0	0	1	0	8	1
HOLLANDS	12	6	4	0	1	1	0	0	1
SLATTERY	11	5	5	1	2	0	1	0	3
DRAGICEVIC	11	3	10	0	1	1	0	0	1
VANDERLOO	10	3	6	1	1	0	1	0	2
PIASENTE	9	5	14	2	3	0	0	0	3
GRIEGER	2	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	1
PROUD	7	3	7	1	1	0	0	0	3
MUTCHINS	7	2	8	2	2	0	0	0	2
JAQUES	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
ARCHIBALD	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
ILLMAN	2	2	9	1	1	0	0	15	1
GLOVER	10	7	6	0	0	0	1	0	0
PORPLYZIA	20	6	10	0	2	3	0	0	1
DONALDSON	7	2	6	2	1	1	0	1	1
BRICKNELL	6	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
OSWALD	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	171	80	116	16	21	14	11	24	29