

McConnell's super seven

SCOREBOARD



GLENELG V SOUTH ADELAIDE
Glenelg Oval - 2121



Glenelg	2.2	10.7	14.10	22.13	145
South Adelaide	3.3	6.4	11.6	12.9	91

BEST PLAYERS: GLENELG - McConnell, Fisher, Mahoney, Kane, Murphy, Mitchell, Lewis. SOUTH - Clarke, Norsworthy, Jacques, Ellis, Bennett, Turner. **GOALS:** GLENELG - McConnell 7; Mahoney, Willoughby, Mitchell, Smith 2; Fosdike, Fisher, Lewis, Murphy, Kirkby, Douglas, Kane. SOUTH - Ellis, Clarke, Twomey, Jacques 2; Munkara, Sampson, Squire, Norsworthy. **INJURIES/REPORTS -** Glenelg: Cranston (hip); Sherwood (hamstring). South: Prendergast (hamstring). **UMPIRES:** T Pfeiffer, S Mackie, C Rowston.

Warren Partland

GLENELG'S hopes of a role in the finals are well and truly alive after a convincing 64-point triumph over South Adelaide at the Bay yesterday.

The Tigers have climbed back into the top five to set themselves up for a charge at the major round with five games remaining.

Utility Justin McConnell starred in the lacklustre contest, nailing seven goals without a miss and contributing to several others.

His was an outstanding performance and he again showed his versatility when used all over the ground.

A strong mark for his size, McConnell has an impressive kick and his goals late in the third term and then in the last quarter when the Tigers were threatened proved significant.

"McConnell was fantastic - seven goals off a wing," Glenelg coach Mark Mickan said.

"He showed his value to the team with his ball use and not just when kicking goals."

Mickan had demanded a more productive start after being plagued by tardy opening quarters in recent weeks.

But his request went unheeded as the Panthers scored the opening three goals with the aid of a strong breeze.

The Tigers, with Josh Mahoney, Adam Fisher and Ben Kane getting their hands to plenty of ball, launched raid after raid deep into attack only to be let down with poor delivery.

In contrast, the Panthers had limited opportunities but made the most of rebounding movement to grab the early ascendancy on the scoreboard.

With the wind at their backs in the second term the Tigers took control, running in numbers and putting the Panthers defence under pressure to find a path out of the danger zone.

Glenelg spent much of the



HAIR WE GO: Tiger Adam Fisher ruffles Cory McGrath

second term charging forward, aided by what South coach Robert Pyman claimed was disappointing skills from his side coming out of defence.

"We put ourselves under extra pressure missing the first target," he lamented.

The Tigers built a 38-point buffer late in the first half, only to have the lead eroded to 14 points in the third term.

How South reacted to two successive weeks of pathetic, dispirited football - and the departure of disgruntled rover Stephen Kenna - was always going to be the question but, to their credit, the players showed plenty of fight.

David Clarke provided run, Troy Jacques was lively on the ball and Dale Ellis made sure there was a contest when the ball was thrust deep into attack.

After the Panthers crept to within 13 points five minutes into the last term, McConnell took command to ensure a Tigers victory.

Glenelg bagged eight goals to one in the late splurge.

"Our workrate was higher (than recent weeks) in the first three quarters," Pyman said.

"This week was much better but the scoreboard does not reflect that."

SANFL LADDER - ROUND 17

TEAM	P	W	L	D	FOR	AGST	STR	PTS	%
Central	15	14	1	-	1769	1007	W6	28	63.72
Sturt	15	11	4	-	1477	1273	W3	22	53.71
North*	14	8	5	1	1347	1221	L2	17	52.45
Eagles	14	8	6	-	1353	1290	W4	16	51.19
Glenelg	15	6	8	1	1472	1347	W1	13	52.22
Norwood	15	6	9	-	1344	1509	L1	12	47.11
Port	15	5	9	1	1305	1336	L1	11	49.41
South	15	4	10	1	1193	1658	L3	9	41.84
West	14	2	12	-	1037	1656	L9	4	38.51

GOALS

Brant Chambers (Sturt)	(2)	76
Justin McConnell (Glenelg)	(7)	48
Jamie Vlatko (Norwood)	(2)	47

SCOREBOARD



CENTRAL DISTRICT V PORT ADELAIDE
Alberton Oval - 3185



Central	3.3	7.5	12.6	14.7	91
Port Adelaide	4.2	6.7	8.10	11.12	78

BEST PLAYERS: CENTRAL - O'Sullivan, Slattery, Callinan, J Gowans, C Gowans, Thomas. PORT - Meiklejohn, Perkins, Murray, Greenwood, Biacsi. **GOALS:** CENTRAL - Lawry, O'Sullivan 3; Callinan, Slade, C Gowans 2; Hadden, J Gowans. PORT - LeCras 3; H Miller 2; J Clayton, Murray, Wait, De Pasquale, Summerton, Mardling. **INJURIES/REPORTS -** Nil. **UMPIRES:** M Cousins, C Doddridge, T Philp.



EAGLES V NORWOOD
The Parade - 12462



Eagles	5.6	11.8	15.10	17.16	118
Norwood	2.2	4.4	10.7	13.8	86

BEST PLAYERS: EAGLES - Jarrad, Schwarze, Treeby, Powell, Hier, Salter, Symmons. NORWOOD - Pfeiffer, Jericho, Gallagher, Bailey, McGuinness, Nitschke. **GOALS:** EAGLES - Schwarze 7; Salter 5; Symmons 2; Grocke, Jarrad, P Fiacchi. NORWOOD - Bown, McGuinness 3; Jericho, Vlatko 2; Wonaemirri, Borlace, Dawes. **INJURIES/REPORTS -** Nil. **UMPIRES:** R Williams, A Crosby, B Duff.



STURT V WEST ADELAIDE
Broadpectrum - 2036



Sturt	5.1	9.4	12.8	14.8	92
West	1.3	2.3	3.8	10.12	72

BEST PLAYERS: STURT - Sheedy, Gum, Crane, Deluca, Herring, Hurse, McDonald. WEST - Porphyzia, Barling, Munn, Caire, Dragicevic, Smith. **GOALS:** STURT - McDonald 3; Chambers, Sheedy, Herring, Jaensch 2; Crane, Gum, McLeay. WEST - Porphyzia 4; Dragicevic, Fisher, Willits, McCormick, Ezard, Galea. **INJURIES/REPORTS -** Nil. **UMPIRES:** T Dey, C Bowen, S Thompson.



GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
MCCONNELL	21	7	8	3	1	7	0	0	0
PANOZZO	6	5	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
LOGAN	9	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAHONEY	12	8	17	1	0	2	2	0	4
KIRKBY	8	8	7	1	0	1	1	1	0
MITCHELL	11	5	3	1	0	2	1	0	1
FOSDIKE	8	3	1	1	1	1	2	0	0
FISHER	17	6	9	2	1	1	1	0	3
MOORE	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
HINGE	3	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	2
SMITH	5	4	6	0	0	2	0	5	3
KANE.B	21	8	7	0	1	1	0	0	1
SHERWOOD	4	7	3	2	1	0	0	0	1
RUDOLPH	7	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
MULES	9	7	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRANSTON	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
MURPHY	11	5	9	0	0	1	1	1	3
DOUGLAS	5	3	9	0	2	1	1	0	4
BUTTON	3	5	6	3	0	0	0	8	3
LEWIS	9	6	9	2	2	1	1	0	1
WILLOUGHBY	9	2	3	1	0	2	1	0	1
Totals	180	101	137	21	10	22	13	15	27



SOUTH

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
MUNKARA	6	4	3	0	0	1	2	0	3
ELLIS	8	5	0	0	2	2	2	0	2
THEWLIS	16	4	3	2	3	0	0	0	1
WRIGHT	5	7	15	0	0	0	0	0	3
TWOMEY	6	3	2	1	1	2	0	0	2
MADDOX	12	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	3
SAMPSON.C	10	5	6	0	1	1	1	0	1
NORSWORTHY	12	2	11	0	0	1	0	0	1
WILLIAMS	9	4	5	1	1	0	0	0	2
HATELEY	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
PRENDERGAST	4	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	1
NEAGLE	4	2	8	0	1	0	0	0	8
CLARKE	23	9	8	0	0	2	2	0	1
BENNETT	5	6	6	1	0	0	0	0	1
JACQUES	9	6	13	1	1	2	0	1	3
PARRY	4	4	6	0	5	0	0	18	2
MCGRATH	12	9	9	1	3	0	0	0	1
MCGLONE	12	3	8	1	0	0	0	0	1
TURNER	4	3	9	1	1	0	0	0	2
SQUIRE	4	2	1	0	0	1	1	9	0
HANDBY	4	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	169	87	132	10	21	12	9	28	39