

# Hard yakka but Tigers too tough

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PERSISTENT Glenelg took almost three quarters to wind up to full power - and then blew away patchy Port Adelaide at Alberton yesterday.

The talented Tigers were truly tested before stamping their authority in the final term to grind out a 17-point win in a physical and uncompromising contest between the bitter rivals.

Fumbles and poor decisions by several Magpies late in the game gave Glenelg's leaders a second chance when they might have been slammed into submission by a more efficient opponent.

The lead changed four times in the second half - nine times for the day - and Glenelg didn't hit full flow until four minutes into the final term when tireless Chris Kane (two goals) goaled from 30m to put the Tigers three points up.

After a behind to Port - when Jordan Barham unsuccessfully tried to play on after marking 25m from goal and Brad Murray mopped up with a missed snap - the Tigers' Justin McConnell slipped on the end of a series of handballs to boot his only goal.

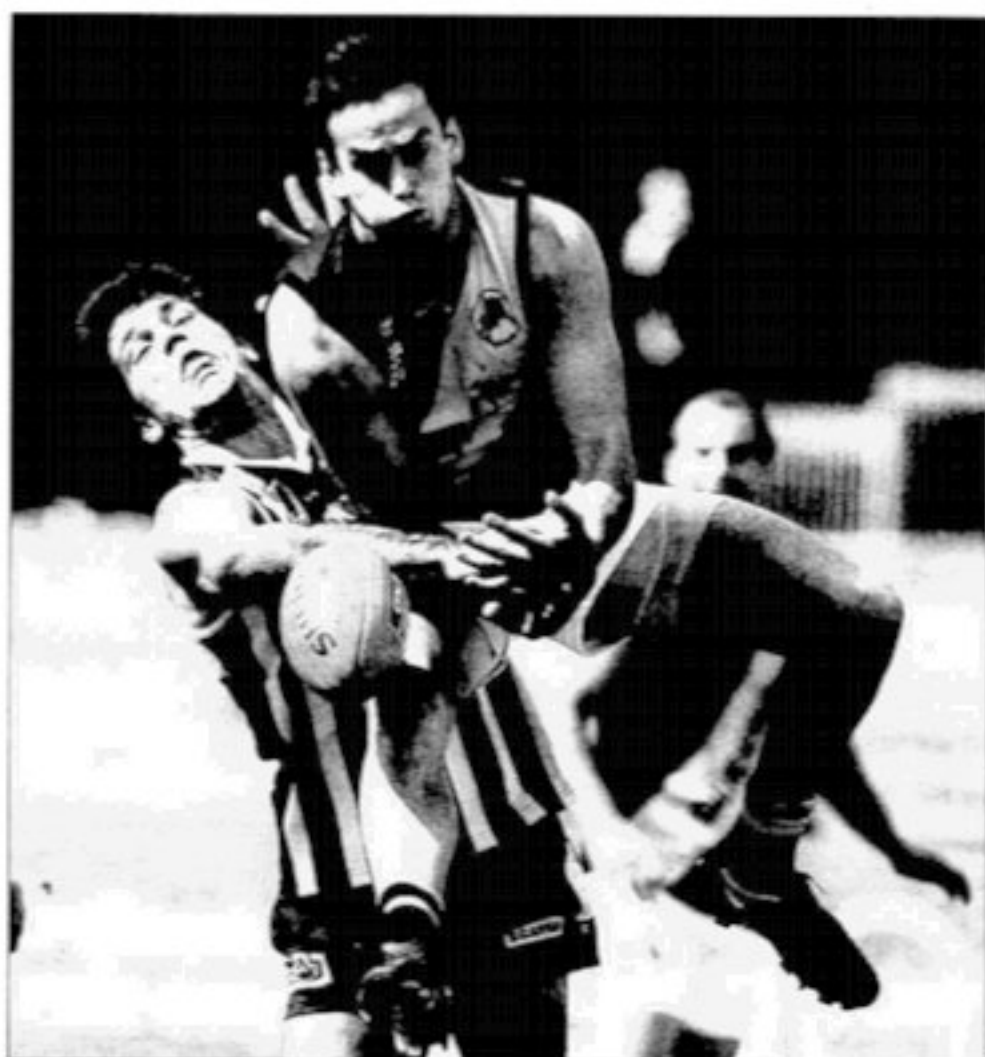
That allowed Glenelg to edge nine points clear and closer to their second win for the season.

The ball see-sawed for the next five minutes but, with every second, Glenelg's runners and forwards increased in confidence.

Ruory Kirky - beaten for three quarters by lanky Josh Thurgood - Chris Kane, John Hinge, Josh Willoughby and Mark Ruwoldt finally found space and the Tigers began taking contested marks in attack for the first time.

The fighting Maggies were four points down when strong-marking Barham (5.1) added his fifth goal 13 minutes into the final quarter but by then Glenelg had clicked into a smooth flow and added 2.3 to a solitary point for the remaining 20 minutes.

"We were prepared for a real battle and that's what we got," Glenelg coach Mark Mickan said. "It was just our



**SUPER SPOIL:** Port's Corey Ah Chee prevents Glenelg's Todd Grima from marking

## SCOREBOARD

GLENELG v PORT ADELAIDE					
Alberton Oval					
GLENELG	4.2	8.4	13.8	17.13	115
PORT	4.3	7.5	12.6	15.8	98

**BEST PLAYERS:** GLENELG - B. Kane, Meyer, Panozzo, Block, Backwell, Fisher, Ruwoldt. PORT - Dolling, Meiklejohn, AhChee, Thurgood, Summerton, Shannon.  
**GOALS:** GLENELG - Hinge 3, Duldig, Grima, C.Kane 2, Ruwoldt, McConnell, Panozzo, Adlington, Backwell, B.Kane, Kirkby, Fisher. PORT - Barham 5, Summerton, Shannon 3, Waterhouse 2, Murray, Clayton. **INJURIES:** PORT: Thurgood (shoulder strain). **UMPIRES:** Raiston, Woodcock, Philp.

persistence and attack on the ball, especially in the second half, that put us in good stead. It (the win) was the power of persistence, really."

Port was tenacious from the first bounce and had the ascendancy in the centre where tireless big man James Meiklejohn, who had more effective hit-outs (25) than Glenelg combined, gave Mark Dolling (26 disposals, four tackles). Steve Summerton (three goals) and Tumbly Bay's two-game rookie Jay Shannon (three goals) first look at the ball.

Best-afield Dolling picked up 13 disposals (11 kicks, two handballs) and two powerful

tackles in the second term and almost always put the ball to good use throughout the day.

Defenders Corey AhChee, Brad Mercer, Joel Perry and Thurgood were tight but Port - now 0-2 at the foot of the ladder - didn't have enough four-quarter contributors.

"They're just not making the step and we just can't afford to carry one person," Port coach Tim Ginever said.

"We're an extremely competitive team but we can't beat the better teams. The effort is there but the skills were lacking at times."

PORT										
	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/agg	Gls	Pts	H/O	Thl	
SHANNON	9	8	6	0	2	3	0	0	0	
MERCER	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
YOUNG	9	3	4	0	2	0	1	0	2	
WATERHOUSE	12	7	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	
BARHAM	10	3	3	0	2	5	1	0	0	
SUMMERTON	20	5	7	2	0	3	0	0	3	
DOLLING	20	5	6	3	1	0	0	0	4	
CLAYTON J	13	4	6	1	0	1	1	0	3	
PERKINS	8	4	7	0	0	0	0	4	6	
DEPASQUALE	6	5	8	0	3	0	0	0	2	
AHCHEE	4	2	9	3	2	0	0	0	1	
THURGOOD	7	3	5	2	2	0	0	0	3	
LOOBY	9	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	
PERRY	11	4	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	
MADDEN	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	
MEIKLEJOHN	7	5	10	1	2	0	0	25	6	
ELSTONE	11	4	6	0	2	0	1	0	4	
MURRAY	16	6	6	0	1	1	1	0	2	
BOWES	9	2	7	1	1	0	0	0	1	
LOBBE	1	3	5	1	3	0	0	6	4	
WEETRA	5	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Totals	193	82	108	17	25	15	8	36	46	

GLENELG										
	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/agg	Gls	Pts	H/O	Thl	
FISHER	15	7	3	0	1	1	0	0	2	
DULDIG	8	3	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	
HINGE	7	3	2	1	1	3	1	0	1	
KIRKBY	10	7	1	4	2	1	0	1	0	
GRIMA T	2	1	5	0	1	2	0	0	0	
BACKWELL	10	4	14	5	2	1	0	0	4	
MCCONNELL	11	4	10	1	0	1	1	0	1	
HOLMES	9	6	8	0	1	0	0	0	2	
RUWOLDT	15	4	5	2	2	1	2	0	2	
MULES	10	5	6	0	2	0	0	0	2	
BUTTON	5	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	4	
PANOZZO	14	7	8	2	0	1	1	0	2	
MEYER	16	7	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	
MILLS	4	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	
ADUNGTON	5	4	3	0	1	1	0	0	2	
CRANSTON	0	3	11	1	3	0	0	10	2	
BLOCK	13	3	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	
KANE B	16	6	11	2	0	1	0	0	2	
WILLOUGHBY	7	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	2	
KANE C	8	4	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	
SELLAR	6	3	9	2	1	0	0	9	1	
Totals	191	92	137	25	17	17	13	21	32	

## SANFL ROUND 1

West	3.3	6.5	9.7	11.11	77
Eagles	2.7	4.11	8.15	10.17	77
Injuries: N/A. Reports: . Crowd: 1768 at City Mazda Stadium.					
North	4.2	7.6	12.10	15.11	101
Central	4.2	11.8	14.11	19.15	129
Injuries: N/A. Reports: N/A. Crowd: 3410 at Prospect Oval.					
Port	4.3	7.5	12.6	15.8	98
Glenelg	4.2	8.4	13.8	17.13	115
Injuries: Thurgood (Port). Reports: N/A. Crowd: N/A.					
Sturt	2.7	6.9	12.12	14.16	100
Norwood	2.0	4.4	7.8	12.8	80
Injuries: Sheedy (Sturt), Doyle (Norwood). Reports: N/A. Crowd: 3364 at Unley Oval.					

SANFL	P	W	L	D	FOR	AGST	STR	PTS	%
Glenelg	2	2	0	0	208	158	W2	4	56.8
Central	2	2	0	0	203	167	W2	4	54.9
Panthers**	1	1	0	0	68	58	W1	2	54.0
Norwood	2	1	1	0	182	169	L1	2	51.9
Sturt	2	1	1	0	160	173	W1	2	48.0
Eagles	2	0	1	1	143	151	D1	1	48.6
West	2	0	1	1	135	153	D1	1	46.9
North	1	0	1	0	101	129	L1	0	43.9
Port	2	0	2	0	167	217	L2	0	43.5

\*Yet to play this round \*\*Bye

## SCOREBOARD

WEST ADELAIDE v WOODVILLE-WEST					
TORRENS					
City Mazda Stadium - 1768					
WEST	3.3	6.5	9.7	11.11	77
EAGLES	2.7	4.11	8.15	10.17	77

**BEST PLAYERS:** WEST - Ezard, Moran, Schmidt, Cupido, Ben Fisher, Davies. EAGLES - Shirley, Stewart, Jarrad, Broadbent, Allmond, McGregor. **GOALS:** WEST - Willits 3, Caruso 2, Brayden Fisher, Anderson, Davenport, Morris, Davies, Hartlett. EAGLES - Lane 3, Grocke 2, Salter, Cheep, McGregor, Cicolella, McKenzie. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** Nil. **UMPIRES:** C.Bowen, M.Hardham, C.Rowston.

STURT v NORWOOD					
Unley Oval - 3364					
STURT	2.7	6.9	12.12	14.16	100
NORWOOD	2.0	4.4	7.8	12.8	80

**BEST PLAYERS:** STURT - Bratton, Gum, Coad, Crane, Sheedy, McGlone. NORWOOD - Thomas, Gallagher, Weatherald, Terlich, Duigan. **GOALS:** STURT - Chambers, Crane 3, Johncock 2, Gum, Kurtze, Evans, Sheedy, Payne, Herring. NORWOOD - Vlatko 4, Lee 3, Phillips 2, Terlich, Weatherald, Campbell. **INJURIES-** Sturt: Sheedy (knee). Norwood: Doyle (calf) replaced in selected side by Dawe. **REPORTS:** Thomas (Norwood - misconduct). **UMPIRES:** Russell, Pfeiffer, Dey.

CENTRAL DISTRICT v NORTH					
Prospect Oval - 3410					
CENTRAL	4.2	11.8	14.11	19.15	129
NORTH	4.2	7.6	12.10	15.11	101

**BEST PLAYERS:** CENTRAL - Thomas, Callinan, O'Sullivan, Griffin, Williams, Symes, J. Gowans, Dutschke. NORTH - Wright, Gill, Stribling, Archard, Motlop, Ackland. **GOALS:** CENTRAL - O'Sullivan 4, Sansbury, M. Westhoff 3, Callinan, Jenner 2, Symes, Dutschke, C. Gowans, Slade, J. Gowans. NORTH - Gill 4, Schwarze 3, Ryswyk 2, Younie, Alleway, Archard, Wright, Ackland, W. Thompson. **INJURIES:** N/A. **REPORTS:** N/A. **UMPIRES:** Cousins, Williams, Fila.