Round 9, 2014

Step in the right direction, says Roosters boss

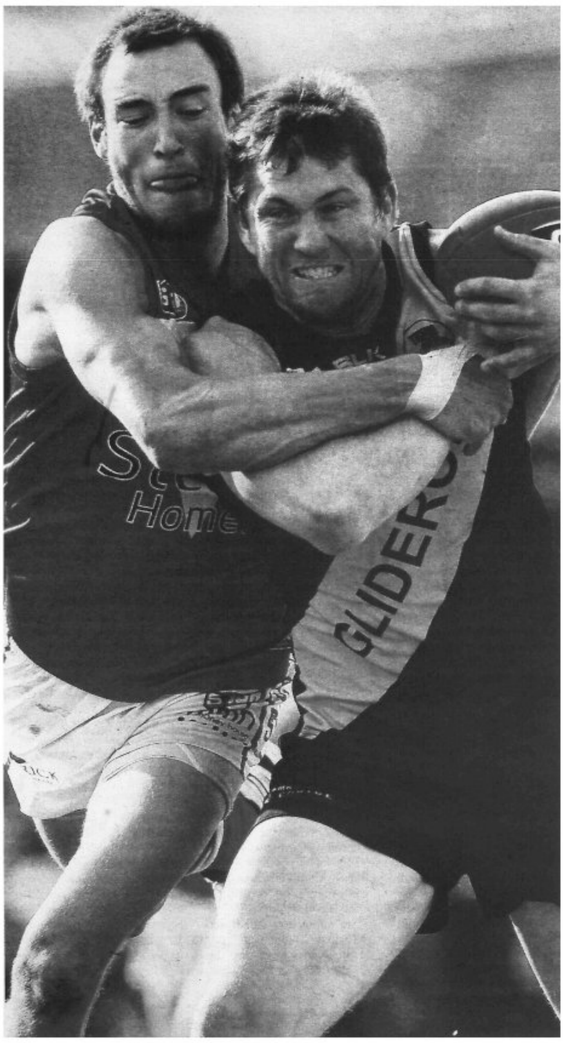
NORTH	2.3 5.7 12.14 17.16	118
GLENELG	3.2 5.3 6.4 9.7	61

BEST
North: Shannon, Amato, Williams, O'Brien, Thiele, Motlop. **Glenelg:** Snook, Agnew, Alleway, Bailey, Jolly.

GOALS
North: Obst 4, Schulz, Campbell 3, Boles, Thiele 2, Ryswyk, O'Keefe, Mitchell.
Glenelg: Alleway 5, Lonergan, Scott 2.

UMPIRES
T. Philp, C. Cook, R. Hundertmark.

CROWD
3868 at Glenelg.



COMING TO GRIPS: North Adelaide's Will Dalwood isn't letting Glenelg forward Clint Alleway get away easily but he still booted five goals against his former club. Picture: MARK BRAKE

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NORTH Adelaide finally put the brakes on its downward spiral and halted a four-game losing streak with a 57-point win over Glenelg yesterday.

The Roosters were challenged in the first half but turned it on with seven goals to one in the third term to break the game open and keep their top five chances alive.

Glenelg's Clint Alleway booted five goals against his old side but the Tigers had only two other goalkickers as the loss consigned them to remain on the bottom of the ladder.

Tigers coach Nick Stevens held his assistant coaches behind closed doors for an extended period after the game before calling the players into a meeting room to discuss the loss which leaves them at 2-7.

While North Adelaide won comprehensively, it still made some basic skill errors and is yet to convince that it deserves to play finals this year. But coach Ken McGregor said it was a much better feeling than copping four losses on the trot.

"We were more consistent and kept going for longer," McGregor said. "They (Glenelg) played some pretty good footy in the first half and we amped it up in the second half and played for four quarters.

"It's a step in the right direction ... there are still some areas I thought we weren't quite where we want to be and we'll try to work on those.

"But it's a lot better than the past month and it will be a big test next Sunday against West (Adelaide)."

Jay Shannon had 23 disposals and four clearances to win the inaugural Dean Higgins Medal as most courageous player on the ground, while McGregor praised Alan Obst, who returned from injury to kick four goals and Joe Anderson did a tagging job on Glenelg midfielder Sam Lonergan and laid a staggering 13 tackles.

"He's (Obst) very important to us, he straightens us up and gives us that competitive nature around centre half-forward," McGregor said.

The Tigers made the early running as Alleway booted the first three goals of the game - two from outbodying his opponent in the ruck and the other by marking on the lead.

North wasted a couple of early chances and it took 20 minutes to respond through Toby Schulz before Leigh Ryswyk's goal just before quarter-time kept the visitors in touch.

SANFL LADDER

	P	W	L	For	Agst	Stk	%	Pts
Port Adelaide	9	8	1	1049	606	W8	63.3	16
Sturt	9	7	2	862	620	W3	58.1	14
Eagles	9	7	2	819	738	L1	52.6	14
South Adelaide	9	5	4	817	740	L3	52.4	10
Norwood	9	4	5	599	635	W1	48.5	8
North Adelaide	9	4	5	776	841	W1	48.0	8
West Adelaide	9	3	6	657	690	L1	48.7	6
Adelaide	9	3	6	769	882	W2	46.5	6
Central District	9	2	7	598	775	L3	43.5	4
Glenelg	9	2	7	587	1006	L2	36.9	4

GLENELG v NORTH ADELAIDE

GLENELG OVAL, TODAY, 2.10PM

▼ TIGERS		ROOSTERS ▲
FB B. Agnew 6	**W.** McGinty 25	S. Spriggs 17
FF C. Thiele 42	L. Mitchell 25	T. Schulz 34
HB H. Jolly 18	**M.** Galley 28	A. Bradley 11
HF J. O'Brien 9	A. Obst 19	L. Ryswyk 32
C D. McNeil 7	**S.** Lonergan 1	P. McCarthy 21
C M. Campbell 3	J. Shannon 31	M. Motlop 44
HF D. Bailey 42	**C.** Alleway 5	A. Joseph 4
HB M. Clinch 7	T. Miles 39	J. Anderson 2
FF J. Scott 29	**M.** Proud 19	A. Hooper 12
FB S. Hill 12	W. Dalwood 17	B. Williams 24
Foll J. Hinge 43	**L.** Earl 23	C. Pitt 31
Foll J. Craig 36	R. O'Keefe 6	N. Amato 15

Inter M. Snook 3, J. Jones 63, J. Carger 13, T. Allen 14, R. McFarlane 8. **In** Agnew, Snook, McGinty, Earl, McFarlane, Hinge, Scott. **Out** Gamble, Muir, Tapp, Kirkby, Woodall (ribs)

Inter P. Boles 16, C. Combe 21, C. Craig 5, A. Kangur 40, M. Virgin 29 **In** Campbell, Obst, O'Keefe, Schulz, Thiele **Out** Barns, Read, O'Sullivan

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SANFL DETAILS

FRIDAY

NORWOOD	1.4	1.8	2.11	7.13	55	
WEST ADELAIDE	0.1	1.2	3.2	5.4	34	

BEST Norwood: McGuinness, Baulderstone, Dawe, Panos, Bode, Wilson. **West:** Caire, Fisher, Hartlett, Silverlock, Tuck, Schiller. **GOALS Norwood:** Wilson, Dawe 2, Persinos, Baulderstone, Donohue. **West:** Dijksman, Newell, Tuck, Schiller, Milne. **UMPIRES** Sobieraj, Deboy, Lally. **CROWD** 3101 at Richmond Oval.

SATURDAY

ADELAIDE	6.2	9.8	11.12	16.15	111	
EAGLES	5.3	7.4	8.8	9.9	63	

BEST Adelaide: M. Crouch, Callinan, Reilly, Robinson, B. Crouch, Hartigan, McKernan, Porplyzia. **Eagles:** Batley, Jarrad, Sumner. **GOALS Adelaide:** Robinson 5, Callinan 3, Grigg 2, Atkins, Battersby, Burns, Knight, Porplyzia, Spina. **Eagles:** Grocke 3, Wundke 2, Allmond, Jarrad, Lloyd, Powell. **UMPIRES** Haussen, Crosby, Glouftsis. **CROWD** 3036 at Woodville Oval.

STURT	3.2	6.4	8.6	14.8	92	
SOUTH ADELAIDE	3.3	5.6	7.10	12.12	84	

BEST Sturt: Tambling, Greenslade, Coad, Beard, Watt, Harms, Crocker. **South:** Macleod, Liddle, Rose, Veide, Brooksby, Thewlis. **GOALS Sturt:** Coad 6, Bartlett 2, Calabrese, Crocker, Evans, Hansen, Tambling, Watt. **South:** Macleod 3, Eddy, Liddle 2, Brooksby, C. Daniel, Gulden, Hourigan, Rolfe. **UMPIRES** Bowen, Medlin, Lowe. **CROWD** 3138 at Unley.

YESTERDAY

PORT ADELAIDE	7.1	10.3	13.5	14.7	91	
CENTRAL DISTRICT	1.0	5.2	8.3	12.6	78	

BEST Port: Logan, Flynn, Summerton, O'Shea, Bruggemann, Byrne-Jones, D. Butcher. **Central:** Thomas, Retzlaff, McIntyre, Barmby, Williams. **GOALS Port:** Krakouer, Harvey, Young, Neade 2, Haren, J. Butcher, O'Shea, Shaw, Biemans, D. Butcher. **Central:** Retzlaff 5, McIntyre 2, Mabon, Wagner, Habel, Collier, Barmby. **INJURIES Central:** Cummings (knee). **UMPIRES** Avon, Burke, Schramm. **CROWD** 3059 at Alberton Oval.

DRAW

ROUND 9 **Today** Glenelg v North Adelaide (Glenelg). **ROUND 10 Saturday** Central District v Adelaide (Elizabeth). **Sunday** Glenelg v South Adelaide (Glenelg), Port Adelaide v Eagles (Alberton), Sturt v Norwood (Unley), North Adelaide v West Adelaide (Prospect).