



Glenelg's Luke Parks storms out of defence under pressure from South Adelaide's Sam Overall in Sunday's thriller at Adelaide Oval. Picture: Sarah Reed



SANFL — Round 2

EAGLES 2.2 5.2 9.8 14.12 (96)
STURT 1.3 5.6 5.7 6.9 (45)
Goals: Sturt: Sutcliffe 2 Gore Fahey-Sparks Voss Slimming. **Eagles:** Von Bertouch 3 Rowe 3 Hayes 3 Goldsworthy 2 Carcuro 2 Comitogianni.
Best: Eagles: Toumpas Goldsworthy Loneran Comitogianni Foote, Rowe. **Sturt:** Evans Voss Kirkwood Wundke Fahey-Sparks.

NORTH ADELAIDE 0.1 5.4 8.7 9.9 (63)
NORWOOD 2.5 4.8 6.11 8.13 (61)
Goals: North Adelaide: Harvey 2 LeBois 2 Ramsey Szekely Combe Moore Hender. **Norwood:** Richards Bampton Grigg Hamilton Pinyon Baulderstone, Richards Panos.
Best: North Adelaide: Combe Moore Szekely Spina Hartung Chalmers. **Norwood:** Richards Hamilton Nunn McKenzie Douglas Shenton.

GLENELG 4.1 11.5 14.7 15.7 (97)
SOUTH ADELAIDE 3.1 5.2 7.4 14.8 (92)
Goals: Glenelg: Partington 3 Gregson 2 McBean 2 Motlop 2 Reynolds 2 Agnew Allen Park Stretch. **South Adelaide:** Sampson 3 Fitt 2 Bogle 2 Overall 2 Wilkinson 2 Dumesny Kapplier Whittlesea.
Best: Glenelg: Partington Snook, Motlop Agnew Bradley Allen Gregson. **South Adelaide:** Sampson, Haines Cross Broadbent Wilkinson Heaslip.

WEST ADELAIDE 6.5 7.10 10.11 12.14 (86)
CENTRAL DISTRICT 1.2 4.4 9.6 13.8 (86)
Goals: West Adelaide: Keough 3 Hupfeld 2 Waite 2 Fairlie Johnson Kirk, May Thilthorpe. **Central District:** Lange 4 Butcher 3 Durdin 2 T. Menzel 2 Boyd Olsson.
Best: West Adelaide: Stevens Boyle Anderson Keough Schiller Dunkin **Central District:** Boyd T. Menzel Lange Habel Durdin Butcher.

Standings

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
North Adelaide	2	2	0	0	159	128	55.4	4
Glenelg	2	2	0	0	173	165	51.2	4
Eagles	2	1	1	0	164	119	58.0	2
South Adelaide	2	1	1	0	166	165	50.2	2
Sturt	2	1	1	0	96	132	42.1	2
Central District	2	0	1	1	122	137	47.1	1
West Adelaide	2	0	1	1	153	182	45.7	1
Norwood	2	0	2	0	134	139	49.1	0

Late call helps Tigers hold on to pip Panthers

ANDREW CAPEL

A CONTROVERSIAL umpiring decision in the final minute cost South Adelaide a miraculous draw against premier Glenelg at Adelaide Oval on Sunday.

After producing a scintillating and brave comeback from 45 points behind at three-quarter-time to draw within six points, Panthers small forward Eamon Wilkinson was awarded a free kick for a push in the back by Tiger Michael Virgin in a marking contest on the edge of the goalsquare.

But unaware the free kick had been paid, Wilkinson then toe-poked the ball across the goal-line for a behind.

Rather than hand the ball back to Wilkinson, who would

almost certainly have kicked the goal to tie the scores and complete South's remarkable comeback, the field umpire called advantage play on, the behind stood and the stunned Tigers held on to win by five points, 15.7 (97) to 14.8 (92).

It was Glenelg's second consecutive win by less than a goal to start the season after it beat Norwood by three points in Round 1.

Panthers coach Jarrad Wright blasted the decision to rob Wilkinson of a possible game-tying shot at goal, saying "he should have been given the free kick and a set shot".

"There was no advantage in that decision at all," Wright said. "There was crowd noise, it was in the heat of the play and the ball goes through for a behind, there was no

advantage play on whatsoever.

"It was a scrumage, it wasn't like someone grabbed the ball, played on and took two bounces before having a shot at goal. It should have been called back and been a set shot at goal, so it was disappointing for the game to end that way."

Wright said Wilkinson had told him he didn't know he had been awarded the free when he soccered the ball through. The controversial end came after Glenelg - inspired by last year's Magarey Medallist Luke Partington dominating with 34 disposals and three goals - powered to a 45-point lead at the final change.

With Jack Oatey Medallist Matthew Snook (29 disposals) and fellow midfielder Marlon

Motlop (25 and two goals) also starring, the Tigers looked to be making a statement they were the team to beat again this year. But the gritty Panthers came storming back. They kicked seven goals to one in the final stanza to draw to within six points 26 minutes into the term before the game-deciding Wilkinson decision.

Glenelg captain Max Proud, playing his 100th game, said his team was relieved to get the points but the late collapse had left the players feeling "very empty".

"We played really well for three quarters and probably should have put the foot on the throat but we went away from doing the things we are good at and nearly paid a big price," he said. "It certainly gives us plenty to work on."

By ZAC MILBANK

Glenelg survived a spirited comeback from South Adelaide to hold on for a pulsating five-point win in the first game of a double-header at Adelaide Oval.

Seemingly coasting toward a convincing win after establishing a 45-point lead at the final change, the reigning premier was forced to defend grimly as the Panthers piled on seven of the eight goals kicked in the final quarter.

And Jarrad Wright's men nearly had a chance to steal the premiership points when, trailing by six, energetic South forward Eamon Wilkinson, who had earlier nailed a nice set shot from 50m, soccered off the ground for a behind.

Wilkinson had been awarded a free kick for in the back but elected to play on amid the drama, his opportunistic shot just falling to the left of the goal post.

The Bays - who had lost wingman Carl Nicholson to a heavy head knock earlier in the term - were then able to hang on for the next 90 seconds until the final siren sounded much to their relief.

Had South played with the same dash earlier in the contest, the result could have been very different as Glenelg took a stranglehold on the match with its unselfish play.

Leading by a goal at the first change, the Tigers produced an attractive brand of football which allowed all players to get involved through the use of handball.

They ended up having 53 more than South, which was no surprise given the way the ball was shared around inside their attacking 50m arc.

Premiership forward Marlon Motlop - one of his side's best with 25 disposals, seven tackles and nine clearances - was the beneficiary of this in the second term when he booted two easy goals.

And when a chain of four handballs in succession resulted in AAMI Rookie Callum Park booting his first League major in the goal square, it looked like the Bays were on their way to a percentage-boosting win.

Magarey Medallist Luke Partington started much stronger than Round 1 before finishing with 34 disposals, eight clearances and three goals, the third being the Tigers' lone scoring shot for the final term as he coolly finished on the run after an intercept at half-forward.

Jack Oatey Medallist Matt Snook was his industrious self in the middle with 29 disposals and 11 clearances while Brad Agnew laid a staggering 15 tackles to go with his 21 disposals and five clearances.

Glenelg's scoring was spread as key forwards Liam McBean and Luke Reynolds booted two each as recruits Billy Stretch, Matt Allen and Park were among those on the goal kickers' list.

Captain Max Proud defended valiantly in his 100th Statewide Super League game, alongside premiership

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skipper Chris Curran who returned to the line-up after missing Round 1.

Ruck recruit Jack Hannath dominated in the ruck to tally 42 hit outs with his 15 disposals in just his second game for the Bays.

South had few standout performers having been outplayed for the majority of the contest, co-captain Joel Cross bringing himself into the game during the final half hour to finish with 24 disposals and seven clearances.

The Magarey Medallist was also heavily involved in the last play of the day handballing over the top before snapping into the path of Wilkinson at the top of the goal square.

Defender Joe Haines (21 disposals and seven marks) was steady in defence while also starting up on the wing at times while Matthew Broadbent had his moments for 19 touches and five clearances.

Several of South's locally-bred youngsters continued their impressive development, with Hayden Sampson showing off his speed nicely to rack up 17 disposals and three goals.

Inclusion Luke Bogle booted two goals to match Wilkinson while Zac Dumesny kicked an important set shot goal in the third term after being rewarded for a strong tackle on Motlop.