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Sturt's Chad Wingard
Double Blues host Port on Saturday
Photo By Peter Argent

**SANFL
ROUND
TWO**

Saturday
**NORTH
V SOUTH**

**STURT
V PORT**

**CENTRAL
V NORWOOD**

**GLENELG
V WEST**

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6.15pm: CENTRAL v NORWOOD, 1197am 5RPH

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TRIBUNAL NEWS

Justin Cicollela (Eagles)

Impact was at the low end.

The action was completely unnecessary and after the play had stopped

Verdict: Guilty

Level 2 Striking

80 points

10% Addition for 1 Match penalty in 2011

Pleaded Not Guilty

No Deduction for Good Record

-80 points carried over from offence in 2011

1 Match Suspension

with 68 points carried over

Chris Kane (Eagles)

Chris Kane is guilty of rough conduct – dangerous tackle as it was unreasonable in the circumstances.

The tackle was of an inherently dangerous kind and there is a second lifting action before bringing the player to the ground with force

Verdict: Guilty

Level 1 Rough Conduct

125 Points

Loading 20% 1 Match in 2010 and 1 Match in 2009

Add 25 Points = 150

Deduct 25% for Guilty Plea

150 – 25% (37.5) = 112.5

1 Match Suspension

with 12.5 Points carried over

(Information courtesy of SANFL)

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POWERADE STAR SEARCH ROUND 1 WINNER



**Todd McKay
(South Adelaide)**

In the Panthers' loss to West, Todd finished the match with 11 kicks, 2 marks and 2 handballs as part of South's mid-field rotation.

The 18 year old's contested possessions and defensive pressure were a highlight in what was his seventh League match.

From the Noarlunga Football Club, McKay made his league debut as a 16 year old in 2010 and was an Under 18 State Representative in 2011.

(Information courtesy of the SANFL)

MACCA'S CUP ROUND 1 MOST VALUABLE PLAYER



**Oliver Johnston
(West Adelaide)**

Oliver's outstanding performance in West Adelaide's 135 point victory over South Adelaide earned him the Macca's Cup MVP nomination for Round 1.

Johnson played in the midfield and was extremely dominant, giving his teammates first use of the ball by having 19 clearances for the game.

The former Flinders Park player amassed 43 possessions, 9 marks, 4 inside 50's and a goal.

Johnson receives the weekly prize of a Macca's backpack, towel and Skins garment courtesy of McDonalds.

(Information courtesy of SANFL)

Bulldogs Bulletin

Saturday, March 31st - Night footy is back at Playford Alive Oval, Elizabeth as the Doggies kick off their 2012 season campaign against the Redlegs. Reserves start @ 3:45pm and League @ 6:30pm.

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NORTH v SOUTH

2.10pm Sat March 31st @ Prospect Oval



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RD 2 GAMEDAY STATISTICS

Records Since 1907	PI	NA	SA	D
Minor Round	241	164	79	3
ALL ENCOUNTERS	247	170	74	3
@ Prospect Oval	93	69	23	1

All Recent Encounters

: North have won 6 of the previous 7

Recent @ Prospect Oval

: Last 9 games, North have won 8 & 1 draw

: South last win at Prospect (Rd 9, May 28 2005)

“Did You Know” Statistical Notes

: North's last win was against the Panthers (Rd 22 2011), lost to Central Rd 23

: South's first ever game under the Noarlunga Oval lights was against North (Rd 2, April 9 2011)

: North are unbeaten against South in finals (6-0)

: The lowest number of scoring shots in a SANFL games is 2 by South against North

: North's Highest Ever Score (34.22.226) and biggest winning margin (178pts) are against South (Rd 7, May 13 1972 @ Adelaide)

2006-2012 Results

2011	Rd 22	Sept 3	@ Prospect	North	13.11.89	d South	12.8.80	by 9pts
2011	Rd 2	April 9	@ Hickinbotham	South	8.21.69	d North	8.9.57	by 12pts
2010	Rd 20	Aug 14	@ Prospect	North	17.11.113	d South	11.7.73	by 40pts
2010	Rd 11	June 5	@ Prospect	North	15.10.100	d South	13.9.87	by 13pts
2010	Rd 4	April 18	@ Hickinbotham	North	25.13.163	d South	1613.109	by 54pts
2009	Rd 23	Sept 5	@ Prospect	North	24.10.154	d South	15.4.94	by 60pts
2009	Rd 9	May 30	@ Hickinbotham	North	15.17.107	d South	10.11.71	by 36pts
2008	Rd 18	Aug 2	@ Hickinbotham	South	12.9.81	d North	10.13.73	by 8pts
2008	Rd 12	June 21	@ Prospect	North	15.11.101	d South	8.6.54	by 47pts
2008	Rd 6	May 3	@ Prospect	North	24.14.158	d South	8.11.59	by 99pts
2007	Rd 12	June 24	@ Hickinbotham	North	21.13.139	d South	15.10.100	by 39pts
2007	Rd 4	April 28	@ Prospect	North	10.12.72	drew South	11.6.72	DRAW
2006	1SF	Sept 24	@ Adelaide	North	14.18.102	d South	11.11.77	by 25pts
2006	Rd 21	Aug 26	@ Prospect	North	21.15.141	d South	16.6.102	by 39pts
2006	Rd 14	July 8	@ Prospect	North	20.18.138	d South	13.12.90	by 48pts
2006	Rd 2	April 8	@ Hickinbotham	North	20.21.141	d South	19.9.123	by 18pts

Last Final

2006 1SF Sept 24 @ Adelaide North 14.18.102 d South 11.11.77 by 25pts

Last Draw

2007 Rd 4 April 28 @ Prospect North 10.12.72 drew South 11.6.72

RECORDS

	NORTH		SOUTH	
Highest Score	34.22.226	(Rd7 May13 1972 @Ad)	29.20.194	(Rd9 May28 1977 @Ad)
Lowest Score	2.15.27	(Rd3 May15 1909 @Ad*)	2.0.12	(Rd3 May15 1909 @Ad)
Highest Losing Score	18.18.126	(Rd16 July17 1985 @Ad)	20.15.135	(Rd2 Apr22 1967 @Ad)
Lowest Winning Score	2.15.27	(Rd3 May15 1909 @Ad)	6.6.42	(Rd2 May10 1920 @Ad)
Biggest Winning Margin	178pts	(Rd7 May13 1972 @Ad)	118pts	(Rd9 May28 1977 @Ad)

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CLUB REPORTERS PREVIEW

North Adelaide By Phil Aspinall

North Adelaide will begin its 2012 campaign this Saturday afternoon, being the only team to not play a trial game or have an official hit out the previous weekend. After a disappointing season in 2011, the Roosters will be keen to start this year off on a positive note.

In the lead up to the first up contest against the Panthers, coach Josh Francou put his charges through an intense three hour training session last Saturday morning. Looking for consistency across the entire game, the Roosters will be keen to learn from the mistakes of last year and not have ten or fifteen minute lapses prove costly toward the end result.

Just the one trial game victory against Sturt and losses to Norwood and Central will have Roosters fans apprehensive about how the side will kick the season off. North's opponents first up, South Adelaide, have started its official season with a pretty inconsistent performance across the two halves in their loss to West Adelaide.

A midfield boasting the likes of James Allan, James Bennett and Tim Delvins has the Roosters matching up well with the South on ball brigade of Nick Liddle, Joel Cross and former Rooster Toby Stribling.

The ruck battle between Daniel Currie / James Craig and Keegan Brooksby / Ben Dowdell will also be critical in terms of getting their respective midfield first look at the ball.

With the captaincy handed over to James Allan, former skipper Clint Alleway will look to have a big year in attack and with a forward line including the likes of Alleway, Johnny Boras, Sam Mayes and possibly the Crows listed Lewis Johnstone , the Roosters look to have too much firepower for the Panthers defensive unit to handle.

The Roosters should be too strong in this one, having too much firepower for the Panthers, which will again struggle to kick a winning score without the Ken Famer Medallist in the side. North to get their season off to a good start and claim the two points.

North by 25 points

South Adelaide By Don Cooper

Following an embarrassing capitulation after half time in front of their home crowd last Saturday evening against a seemingly vanquished West Adelaide, South Adelaide's quest to right that deplorable wrong takes an epic journey north to Prospect Oval this week for the round two clash against the Roosters.

It's an epic encounter, not only due to the fact that of the past nine encounters between the two sides, the Panthers have not captured the 2 premiership points on offer - with their best being a draw in round 4 of 2007 – but also in the context of the season. However, given that record, one could say then, with every loss, they get closer to winning! But will this week be it? Well, it just HAS to be if South Adelaide is to avoid being suddenly seen as one of the competition's most vulnerable outfits.

And with the continued absence of spearhead Michael Wundke, due to an ongoing bout of osteitis pubis, the Panthers are facing an extremely tough task to get their season back on an even keel. Last week, Andrew Ainger looked as though he might provide the desired tonic up forward, but that look was fleeting – albeit promising.

The midfield brigade will again have to work overtime to nullify the influence of the Roosters' James' – namely Allen and Bennett - but the concerns are still there up forward with recruit Ben Casley not likely to front for at least another month, leaving the Panther forward line starved of height.

This void will have to be filled with an array of goals from the small forwards -including Rolfe and Daniel, while the on-ballers of Stribling, Liddle and co will need to ensure some pen-strokes in the goal column if the Panthers are to kick a winning score.

I'm going to take the Panthers on trust that last week was an awakening and not the catalyst for a rut of consecutive defeats!

South by 7 points.



NORTH v SOUTH

2.10pm Sat March 31st @ Prospect Oval



STURT v PORT

2.10pm Sat March 31st @ Commander Centre, Unley



LINEUPS & PANEL PREDICTIONS

NORTH

Squad of 21 Named

- 1 James BENNETT
- 2 Clint ALLEWAY
- 4 Kerren HALL
- 5 Michael HANDBY
- 6 Brett BACKWELL
- 8 Tim DELVINS
- 10 Luke IVENS
- 12 Stuart HILL
- 14 George THRING
- 16 James ALLAN
- 18 Daniel CURRIE
- 28 Dale ARMSTRONG
- 32 Leigh RYSWYK
- 33 Mitch CLISBY
- 37 Greg GALLMAN
- 42 Cohen THIELE
- 45 Jake KELLER

AFL LISTED PLAYERS

- Lewis JOHNSTON
- Nathan BLEE
- James CRAIG
- Andrew MOORE

Peter Argent

South must rebound after such a poor second half last week, although the Roosters are expected to be one of the big improvers in 2012. The Panthers must find avenues to goal and a decent spread of goal kickers. Fuller will not accept a second poor performance. **South by 14 points**

Phil Herden

Got burned badly by the Panthers last week and they have a poor record at Prospect. Who knows what North will produce this year, they beat Central in 2011 (almost twice) but lost to Sturt 3 times. When in doubt go with home team. **North by 12 points**

Chris Kendall

North coach Josh Francou would have watched the second half of South v West with great interest last week. West coach Andrew Collins worked assiduously to shut down the space for the Panthers to run into and clogged their half forward line, which left South forced to bomb to Andrew Ainger, who will be the main attacking focus for the next month in the absence of Ken Farmer Medallist Michael Wundke.

The fresher legs at home, plus some of North's new recruits – Daniel Currie's ruck battle with Panther Daniel Bass should be a beauty – should be enough to get them over the line in what looms as an entertaining, free flowing game if space allows. **North by 16 points**

John Nankivell

This should be a very intriguing contest. The Panthers blew it big time last week against the Bloods and they will be desperate to atone. It will be our first look at the Roosters for season 2012, and to be honest I am not quite sure what to expect.

The Red and Whites had a slow start to last season and in the end it may have cost them a Finals berth. Whether they have learnt from this will be evident in how they play on Saturday. South Adelaide will be wary of how they run this week's game out after their dramatic second half fade-out. Hard one to tip, but I'm going for the **Panthers by 24 points**.

Kyle Smith

I made my prediction last week for South based on the assumption that Wundke would be available for them. Now knowing that he will not be available in the recent future, I will select North Adelaide.

Like last week, the teams look fairly even on paper, and that's largely what could be used here given it is Norths' first match. Being at Prospect should be of a help to the Roosters as well. **North by 18 points**

SOUTH

Squad of 23 named

- 1 Nick MURPHY
- 2 Tim HOULIHAN
- 4 Toby STRIBLING
- 6 Brad CRABB
- 7 Josh THEWLIS
- 8 Michael WUNDKE
- 9 Nick LIDDLE
- 10 Nathan DANIEL
- 11 Xavier WATSON
- 14 Tarak REDIGOLO
- 17 Peter ROLFE
- 19 Joel CROSS
- 21 Justin BOLLENHAGEN
- 22 Andrew AINGER
- 24 Curtis PERREY
- 25 Tom REDDEN
- 26 Daniel BASS
- 27 Keegan BROOKSBY
- 28 Lachlan CAREY
- 32 Todd McKAY
- 34 Tyson BROWN
- 37 Cam DE VISSER
- 38 Michael LEONARD
- 49 Tarquin BROWN

AFL Listed Players

Shaun McKERNAN

INS

- Cam De VISSER (deb)
- Tarquin BROWN (deb)
- Shaun McKERNAN
- Josh THEWLIS

OUTS

- Ben DOWDELL
- Emmanuel IRA

RD 2 GAMEDAY STATISTICS

Records Since 1907	PI	PA	St	D
Minor Round	242	162	78	2
ALL ENCOUNTERS	268	17	92	2
@ Commander Centre Oval	79	42	37	-

All Recent Encounters

: Port won the last 5 encounters. Sturt the previous 8

Recent @ Commander Centre Oval, Unley

: Port have won the last 2

“Did You Know” Statistical Notes

: Port & Sturt played in front of the largest official crowd in SA Football history, 66,897 during the 1976 Grand Final at Football Park

: In the 18 seasons between 1954 and 1970, Port and Sturt between them won 15 flags.

2006-2012 Results

2011	Rd 20	Aug 19	@ Adelaide	Port	17.14.116	d Sturt	14.8.92	by 24pts
2011	Rd 15	July 9	@ Commander Ctr	Port	15.20.110	d Sturt	5.8.38	by 72pts
2011	Rd 10	June 4	@ AAMI Stadium	Port	14.5.89	d Sturt	6.15.51	by 38pts
2010	Rd 18	Aug 1	@ Alberton	Port	13.7.85	d Sturt	4.9.33	by 52pts
2010	Rd 9	May 22	@ Commander Ctr	Port	14.10.94	d Sturt	10.15.75	by 19pts
2009	Rd 23	Sept 5	@ Alberton	Sturt	20.11.131	d Port	10.13.73	by 58pts
2009	Rd 17	July 25	@ Commander Ctr	Sturt	19.15.129	d Port	5.7.37	by 92pts
2009	Rd 6	May 3	@ Alberton	Sturt	17.8.110	d Port	10.8.68	by 42pts
2008	Rd 20	Aug 17	@ Alberton	Sturt	13.13.91	d Port	9.9.63	by 28pts
2008	Rd 8	May 17	@ Commander Ctr	Sturt	12.9.81	d Port	7.13.55	by 26pts
2007	Rd 20	Aug 18	@ Alberton	Sturt	18.9.117	d Port	11.16.82	by 35pts
2007	Rd 11	June 16	@ Commander Ctr	Sturt	15.8.98	d Port	10.11.71	by 17pts
2007	Rd 3	April 22	@ Alberton	Sturt	20.3.123	d Port	16.18.114	by 9pts
2006	Rd 21	Aug 26	@ Alberton	Port	21.15.141	d Sturt	5.9.39	by 102pts
2006	Rd 14	July 8	@ Adelaide	Port	23.14.152	d Sturt	11.11.77	by 75pts

Last Final

2000 1SF Aug 27 @ AAMI Sturt 16.14.110 d Port 13.13.91 by 19pts

Last Draw

1997 Rd 10 June 7 @ AAMI Port 6.13.49 v Sturt 7.7.49

RECORDS

Highest Score
Lowest Score
Highest Losing Score
Lowest Winning Score
Biggest Winning Margin

PORT

34.18.222 (Rd18 Aug25 1990 @Ad)
3.7.25 (Rd16 Sept10 1910 @Ad)
19.8.122 (Rd20 Aug13 1977 @Un)
5.8.38 (Rd7 June12 1909 @Un)
148pts (Rd18 Aug25 1990 @Ad)

STURT

28.26.194 (Rd12 June18 1983 @Un)
3.8.26 (2 times, last Rd5 1911)
20.19.139 (Rd19 Aug15 1987 @Ad)
5.7.37 (Rd16 Sept10 1910 @Ad)
114pts (Rd18 June18 1983 @Un)





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CLUB REPORTERS PREVIEW

Sturt By Don Cooper

Round 2 is the first chance to see the new look Double Blues under the guidance of Seamus Maloney – and the much anticipated match against arch enemy Port Adelaide will take on even more importance as a barometer for Sturt's 2012 outlook following the Port Adelaide Magpies devastating win over the Eagles last Friday night.

As the first of ten home matches at Commander Centre Oval this season, the Blues will be looking to get off to a flyer and will need to set themselves for a bruising encounter.

That being the case, they will need to show not only vigour, but improved efficiency with their disposal from last year if they are to both win the hard ball and make it count on the scoreboard.

Josh Cubillo is the key protagonist in a Sturt victory for mine – and in recent times, feel his best has been untapped as a pinch hitter, rather than being empowered to lead from the front as a starting midfielder. His trademark aggression is exactly what the Double Blues need more of to be able to break the game open for their free running style. But just what changes coach Maloney has brought to the table in respect of tactics will be known more after 5pm on Saturday evening.

There is no doubt the Blues will have the capacity to match it in the centre square with the Magpies, with the likes of Jade Sheedy, Luke Crane and star recruit Ben Kane all capable of turning a game with class and skill.

Sturt's forward set up will be of particular interest, with Matthew Duldig needing to have a cornerstone season after showing glimpses of form throughout 2011. If he has a capable deputy inside 50, then the Double Blues could be well on their way to a solid year.

Have to tip with the head and not the heart though, but the match should be an absolute cracker!

Port by 17 points

Port Adelaide By Chris Kendall

After their round one victory, Port is being freely spruiked by many tipsters as being the real deal. The win really needs to be put into perspective, as Woodville/West Torrens looked flat and mentally absent in a timeslot they play rarely – night. Certainly Port were very impressive with their pace and willingness to take on the opponent, but with 23 rounds to go, coach Tony Bamford will still be keeping a very tight lid on proceedings at Alberton.

Exactly how Sturt turn out in this one will be a real mystery, in terms of game style. The glimpses we saw in the trials were very good in patches, but the minor round is a different story again, and new mentor Seamus Maloney is still making his imprint on a list that will take a little time to shake off the Luke Norman gameplan.

On paper, Port look to have an advantage in ruck, but that is selling Double Blue big man Angus Kurtze very short. After appearing to stall a little early in 2011, his last half of the season was back to the form that had him the most improved ruckman in the competition the year prior. James Mielkejohn and Adam Cockshell rotated very effectively against Craig Parry on Friday night, but Sturt will be more alert to this and will look to drag both players out wide where their influence can be minimised.

If Jeremy Clayton can hold the form from Friday night, which had him right back to his stellar 2006 season, Ryan McKenzie can get his hands on it at the stoppages and Callum Wilson and Luke Harder can combine for 8+ goals, then the task may get away from Sturt in this one.

Port by 26 points

LINEUPS & PANEL PREDICTIONS

STURT

Squad of 23 Named

- 2 Luke CRANE
- 3 Adam THOMSON
- 5 Matthew DULDIG
- 7 Josh CUBILLO
- 9 Jade SHEEDY
- 11 Joe ANDERSON
- 14 James McLEAY
- 15 Paul CAHILL
- 16 Fraser EVANS
- 17 Angus KURTZE
- 20 John HINGE
- 21 Ben KANE
- 23 Tristian GUM
- 28 Jack STEPHENS
- 40 Benjamin HANSEN
- 42 Dan BOYLE
- 47 John GREENSLADE

AFL Listed Players

- Brodie MARTIN
- Richard TAMBLING
- Matthew JAENSCH
- Josh JENKINS
- Aidan RILEY
- Tim McINTYRE

Peter Argent

While there has been a lot to like about the pre-season form of the Double Blues and the new structure of their attack, with Matt Duldig kicking seven goals last week, the Magpies were playing with that hunger and ferocious attitude of a generation ago. It will be hard to match the Magpies strength at the stoppages. **Port by 41 points**

Phil Apisnall

With a comprehensive first up victory against the Reigning Premiers, it's hard to not look past the quality of Port Adelaide's performance last Friday night. The Double Blues had a solid win the same night against the Legs in a trial so this may be closer than people might think, especially if Sturt have a number of AFL players made available. That being said, the Magpies to be too strong here and get their second win of the season. **Port by 27 points**

Phil Herden

Port were ultra impressive in their demolition of the Eagles last Friday night converting strong trial game form into premiership points and a good percentage. Sturt may well improve on their 2011 Wooden Spoon position but even at Unley this is the clearest choice of the round. **Port by 36 points.**

John Nankivell

All signs point towards a big Port win on the weekend over the Blues. But Tony Bamford, while very pleased with his sides big win over the Eagles, will obviously be keeping a lid on things. That said, after observing the Magpies first hand last week it is hard to see where Sturt can find a winner on Saturday. If the Magpies show a similar intensity this week at Unley they will blow the home team off the park. And sadly for Sturt fans I think they will. **Magpies by 70 points.**

Kyle Smith

Possibly the easiest match to tip. Having seen first hand that this year Port means business via their impressive first round match, plus their recent form over Sturt can only point to me that a comfortable Port win is in the offing. **Port by 48 points**

PORT

Squad of 23 Named

- 1 James MEIKELJOHN
 - 2 Jeremy CLAYTON
 - 3 Callum WILSON
 - 4 Jordan ERSKINE
 - 5 Jarrod YOUNG
 - 6 Sam GRAY
 - 8 Matthew ROSE
 - 9 Daniel LEES
 - 10 Luke SLATTERY
 - 11 Ryan MCKENZIE
 - 13 Mark DOLLING
 - 14 Daniel KULIKOWSKI
 - 15 Zane KIRKWOOD
 - 16 Kory BEARD
 - 17 Luke HARDER
 - 20 Josh THURGOOD
 - 27 Adam COCKSHELL
 - 33 Steve SUMMERTON
 - 34 Shayne BIACSI
 - 52 Nick MADDEN
 - 55 Justin HOSKIN
- AFL Listed Players
- 26 Mitch BANNER
 - 39 Brett EBERT



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RD 1 GAMEDAY STATISTICS

All Time Records	PI	CD	Nw	D
Minor Round	113	56	59	-
ALL ENCOUNTERS	124	62	63	-
@ Playford Alive Oval	45	29	16	-

All Recent Encounters

: Central have won 6 of last 7 and 13 of the last 15

Recent @ Playford Alive Oval, Elizabeth

: Central have won the last 10

: Norwood's last win @ Playford Alive, Rd 2 (April 5) 2003

"Did You Know" Statistical Notes

: Norwood is only one of two teams Central currently have a losing record against (Port the other). This can change in their Rd 2 encounter at Playford Alive Oval as a Bulldogs win would make it 63 victories each.

: The last time they met (2011 Second Semi Final) was Norwood's lowest ever score against the Bulldogs (4.9.33)

: Norwood's biggest ever defeat was against Central (Rd 13, June 2007 @ Playford Alive)

: Central's last premiership (2010) was against Norwood

: Norwood's last grand final played (2010) was against Central

2006-2012 Results

2011	2SF	Sept 25	@ AAMI	Central	12.5.77	d Norwood	4.9.33	by 44pts
2011	Rd 22	Sept 3	@ Playford Alive	Central	16.14.110	d Norwood	9.7.61	by 49pts
2011	Rd 10	June 4	@ Coopers	Norwood	7.12.54	d Central	7.11.53	by 1pt
2011	Rd 4	Apr 25	@ Adelaide	Central	16.11.107	d Norwood	9.10.64	by 43pts
2010	GF	Oct 2	@ AAMI	Central	10.11.71	d Norwood	9.11.65	by 6pts
2010	2SF	Sept 19	@ AAMI	Central	12.9.81	d Norwood	9.9.63	by 18pts
2010	Rd 17	July 17	@ Playford Alive	Central	9.10.64	d Norwood	8.8.56	by 8pts
2010	Rd 11	Jun 6	@ Coopers	Norwood	9.15.69	d Central	9.12.66	by 3pts
2009	Rd 23	Sept 5	@ Coopers	Norwood	12.15.87	d Central	11.15.81	by 6pts
2009	Rd 14	July 4	@ Playford Alive	Central	17.10.112	d Norwood	15.5.95	by 7pts
2009	Rd 6	May 2	@ Coopers	Central	16.13.109	d Norwood	17.6.108	by 1pt
2008	Rd 16	July 19	@ Coopers	Central	13.8.86	d Norwood	12.12.84	by 2pts
2008	Rd 3	April 12	@ Playford Alive	Central	17.13.115	d Norwood	6.8.44	by 69pts
2007	Rd 22	Sept 1	@ Coopers	Central	16.15.111	d Norwood	8.12.60	by 51pts
2007	Rd 13	June 30	@ Playford Alive	Central	34.7.211	d Norwood	8.5.53	by 158pts
2007	Rd 6	May 11	@ Coopers	Central	23.11.149	d Norwood	13.9.87	by 62pts
2006	Rd 16	July 22	@ Coopers	Norwood	13.7.85	d Central	12.11.83	by 2pts
2006	Rd 9	June 3	@ Playford Alive	Central	16.17.113	d Norwood	11.7.73	by 40pts

Last Final

2011 2SF Sept 25 @ AAMI Central 12.5.77 d Norwood 4.9.33 by 44pts

Last Draw – Never Drawn

RECORDS

Highest Score	34.7.211	(Rd13 June30 2007 @EI)
Lowest Score	4.7.31	(Rd20 July30 1994 @FP)
Highest Losing Score	20.13.133	(Rd21 Aug29 1981 @Nw)
Lowest Winning Score	9.9.63	(Rd19 Aug26 1967 @Nw)
Biggest Winning Margin	158pts	(Rd13 June30 2007 @EI)

CENTRAL

NORWOOD

29.18.192	(Rd21 Aug29 1981 @Nw)
4.9.33	(2SF, Sept 25 2011 @FP)
17.14.116	(Rd15 July17 1976 @Nw)
6.9.45	(Rd18 Aug1 1998 @Nw)
133pts	(Rd12 June30 1973 @Nw)

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CLUB REPORTERS PREVIEW

Central District By Phil Aspinall

Having shown some indifferent form throughout the trial game period, the Bulldogs begin the 2012 season against Norwood, a club they have recently formed a modern day rivalry with. After financing the appropriate upgrades to the lightning at Playford Alive Oval, Saturday evening's fixture will also see the much anticipated return of night football to Elizabeth.

As per usual the Bulldogs haven't exactly set the world on fire throughout the trials, with losses to Port and Glenelg and a close win over North Adelaide but, as was the case last season, the club is having to deal with a heavy injury toll and as a result of this, limited pre-season training and trial game time to some of the senior squad.

Coach Roy Laird doesn't use injuries as an excuse, admitting he has been disappointed with some of the performances in the trial games but he won't have a full list to pick from until the midway point of the season when long term injured players Alan Obst (knee), Brayden O'Hara (hip) and Cameron Milne (shoulder) have recovered and get some match fitness back.

There will be question marks on whether the Dogs will have enough potency in their forward line to counter a strong Norwood back six, which could well determine the final outcome of this game. Expectations will be high on Matthew Westhoff in attack for the home side but he is going need help from the smaller players for the Dogs to kick a winning score.

Central is likely to be without cult hero Jason 'Pumpa' Sutherland due to injury so a large work load will be expected of Jack Hannath who could find himself rucking against Power listed big man Brent Renouff. The Redlegs will be one club that will have a strong contingent of Crows and Power players to have to handle coming in and out of the SANFL and AFL in season 2012.

Norwood has added some exciting recruits to their line-up, including forward line potency through the likes of Michael Newton, Ben Warren and crumber Nathan Batsanis, so the Bulldogs defenders will certainly have their hands full on the night. Returning veteran Yves Sibenaler and new recruit Tom Collier seem the likely match ups for the Legs' two key forwards.

It takes a brave man to tip against Central on their home soil, especially when they have won the last 10 contests against the Legs at home, but with poor trial game form and injuries again having a say at the selection table, the Dogs seem to be ripe for the picking early on.

Norwood by 9 points

Norwood By Chris Kendall

Great to see night football return to Elizabeth, although there are still not nearly enough games staged at one of the best SANFL venues at night this year.

Both teams kick off their 2012 campaigns here and given some of their stellar battles over the last few years, there is plenty to look forward to in this one. How the prize ex-AFL recruits perform for each team – former Brisbane Lion Tom Collier for the Bulldogs and new Redleg and former Demon Michael Newton – will be a real key, particularly with the likelihood they will line up on each other at some point. Newton's high flying approach will be the light to the more shade, but highly effective leading style of former Panther Ben Warren in the goalsquare. How these two combine will go a long way toward determining the fortunes of Norwood this year, with the multi dimensional attack.

Despite the experience in defence such as new skipper Kieran McGuinness and emerging star Alexis Georgiou, there is still a slight doubt over the strength of Norwood's back six to contain a continually attacking team, and when Central get a run on at times, they can be devastating when their dimensions are all firing at once. If the Redlegs can be patient with building from the last line, then their ability to set the tempo is crucial toward them taking the points in the contest.

They do look a little vulnerable in ruck, with Brady Dawe and Angus Clarke tending to be more effective around the ground than in the actual tapwork, so if their onballers prepare to rove to losing rucks the majority of the time, they can still gain an ascendancy. Home ground advantage, however, coupled with the experience of the Bulldogs in these situations, lean toward Central starting 2012 on a winning note.

Central by 17 points



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GLENELG v WEST

6.30pm Sat March 31st @ Gliderol Stadium, Glenelg



LINEUPS & PANEL PREDICTIONS

CENTRAL

Squad of 23 named

- 9 James BOYD
- 10 Kyle JENNER
- 11 Trent GOODREM
- 12 Edward SANSBURY
- 13 Scott DUTSCHKE
- 15 Ben NASON
- 16 Paul THOMAS
- 18 Jackson O'BRIEN
- 21 Chris GOWANS
- 22 Andrew HAYES
- 24 Matthew WESTHOFF
- 25 Luke HABEL
- 27 Jacob TEMPLETON
- 29 Tom COLLIER
- 30 Jason SUTHERLAND
- 33 Jack HANNATH
- 34 Paul MARSCHALL
- 35 Ryan WILLIAMS
- 37 Yves SIBENALER
- 38 Jarrod SCHILLER
- 45 Matthew PRIOR
- 54 David HAYDON

AFL Listed players
Brad SYMES

Peter Argent

This ground has been a graveyard for Norwood recently. Central District's form over the pre-season has been modest at best and there are areas they look susceptible. If the Redlegs forward line can function they can break the Elizabeth Oval hoodoo and have a strong beginning to 2012.

Norwood by 7 points

Don Cooper

Roy Laird's men have been waiting all summer for this moment – the first chance to show they are not done with as the competition super power. The Redlegs face a tough first up assignment against the club which completely buried their 2011 premiership hopes. It's always a long trip up Main North Road....but an even longer one home when you don't get the points. **Central by 28 points**

Phil Herden

Rule Number ONE in SANFL tipping: Do not tip against Central District at Elizabeth, especially at night where they have only ever lost one game. **Central by 10 points**

John Nankivell

This should be a beauty between two sides who would have been thoroughly disappointed with how their respective 2011 seasons ended. It will also be great to see night footy back at the Ponderosa. Centrals trial form hasn't been great, but then again Norwoods was quite patchy too. Which team settles early will play a big part in who wins. I am leaning towards the Redlegs, but only just. **Norwood by 10 points.**

Kyle Smith

The only match this round where both sides are fronting up for their first premiership match. Norwood have been hit harder in the off-season by the AFL draft, plus the retirements of Bown and Gallagher will hurt more than the equivalent losses that Central have had. The last two opening matches Central played after losing the Grand Final the year before, they won easy. The other factor that will sway my decision is that since the last time Norwood won at Elizabeth in Round 2 2003, the Bulldogs have won 75 and lost 6 at their home venue. **Central by 39 points**



NORWOOD

Squad of 23 named

- 2 Ben WARREN
- 3 Michael NEWTON
- 4 Nathan BATSANIS
- 7 Jaryd CACCIA
- 9 Brett ZORZI
- 10 Nathan EAGLETON
- 13 Kieran McGUINNESS
- 15 Jace BODE
- 18 Angus CLARKE
- 21 Mat SUCKLING
- 23 Tim WEBBER
- 27 Luke JERICHO
- 30 Brady DAWE
- 36 Matthew FULLER
- 37 Josh DONOHUE
- 39 Alexis GEORGIU
- 47 James AISH
- 49 Peter PERSINOS

AFL Listed players

- Tom JONAS
- Simon PHILLIPS
- Luke BROWN
- Will YOUNG

RD 2 GAMEDAY STATISTICS

All Time Records	PI	GI	WA	D
Minor Round	212	101	109	2
ALL ENCOUNTERS	215	104	109	2
@ Gliderol Stadium	91	46	44	1

All Recent Encounters

: Glenelg have won 11 of the previous 12

Recent @ Gliderol Stadium, Glenelg

: Glenelg have last 6

: West last win @ Glenelg, Rd 3 (April 21) 2007 @ Gliderol

"Did You Know" Statistical Notes

: Glenelg's last win was against West (Rd 21 2011), then lost to Port Rd 22 & South in Elim Final

: Glenelg's first ever game was against West (Rd 1 May 7 1921 @ Adelaide)

: Glenelg are undefeated against West in finals (3-0)

: Glenelg & West joined forces during World War II to play as a combined club from 1942-44.

2006-2012 Results

2011	Rd 21`	Aug 26	@ City Mazda	Glenelg	13.8.86	d West	10.1.74	by 14pts
2011	Rd 14	July 3	@ Gliderol	Glenelg	20.15.135	d West	14.6.90	by 45pts
2011	Rd 7	May 13	@ City Mazda	West	14.7.91	d Glenelg	7.12.54	by 37pts
2010	Rd 19	Aug 7	@ Gliderol	Glenelg	20.4.124	d West	7.11.53	by 71pts
2010	Rd 2	April 3	@ City Mazda	Glenelg	16.10.106	d West	12.8.80	by 26pts
2009	Rd 23	Sept 6	@ City Mazda	Glenelg	16.14.110	d West	9.4.58	by 52pts
2009	Rd 11	June 13	@ Gliderol	Glenelg	16.12.108	d West	9.8.62	by 46pts
2009	Rd 4	April 19	@ Gliderol	Glenelg	12.15.87	d West	12.11.83	by 4pts
2008	Rd 15	July 12	@ City Mazda	Glenelg	13.13.91	d West	4.9.33	by 58pts
2008	Rd 4	April 20	@ Gliderol	Glenelg	17.19.121	d West	9.13.68	by 53pts
2007	Rd 18	Aug 4	@ City Mazda	Glenelg	13.7.85	d West	11.7.73	by 12pts
2007	Rd 11	June 17	@ Gliderol	Glenelg	26.18.174	d West	6.6.42	by 132pts
2007	Rd 3	April 21	@ Gliderol	West	15.6.96	d Glenelg	12.20.92	by 4pts
2006	Rd 16	July 22	@ Gliderol	Glenelg	28.12.180	d West	14.11.95	by 85pts
2006	Rd 7	May 13	@ City Mazda	Glenelg	17.20.122	d West	8.9.57	by 65pts

Last Final

1977 PF Sept 17 @ AAMI Glenelg 11.14.80 d West 7.12.54 by 26pts

Last Draw

1990 Rd 7 June 2 @ Gliderol Glenelg 16.22.118 v West 19.4.118

RECORDS

Highest Score	32.25.217	(Rd5 May 4 1974 @Ri)
Lowest Score	3.9.27	(2 times, last Rd12 1922)
Highest Losing Score	23.11.149	(Rd3 Apr16 1983 @FP)
Lowest Winning Score	7.17.59	(2 times, last Rd23 1999)
Biggest Winning Margin	132pts	(Rd17 June 17 2007 @CR)

GLENELG

WEST

29.17.191	(Rd17 Sept 8 1928 @GI)
5.8.38	(Rd13 July30 1921 @GI*)
20.14.134	(Rd5 May4 1985 @FP)
5.8.38	(Rd13 July30 1921 @GI)
126pts	(Rd18 Aug26 1961 @Ad)



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CLUB REPORTERS PREVIEW

Glenelg By John Nankivell

While Saturday night should be one of celebration for the Bays, as they play their first home game under lights, I fear that they could be heading for a big fall.

Their opponent, West Adelaide, are full of confidence after their come from behind win against the Panthers. I just don't think the Tigers have the players to shut them down.

Glenelg will have to get the maximum effort out of their young inexperienced list to beat West. I feel it is just a little too early in the season to expect too much from some of the kids.

Undoubtedly older heads the like of new captain Ty Allen, Kane Tenace, Jason Davenport and former captain Ben Mules will play their roles, but there are still holes to fill.

Glenelg's lack of key defenders could be an issue. Sam Rudolph will get a big job on the night, for mine, perhaps Brad Fisher. Youngster Drew Clayfield has the height to go with the Blood's Michael Still, but maybe new recruit and former Hawthorn player, Riley Milne, is the better match. It isn't that Glenelg doesn't have the options to fill the roles; It is just whether the players are up to it.

I also worry about the Bay's goal kicking options. Daniel Kirk will have to spend a fair bit more time up forward to aid Ruory Kirby in his goalkicking endeavours. However they will need him in the ruck to now there is no Trevor Cranston. While younger players like Ben Kennedy and Lewis Hender will have to become regular goal scorers.

I take some heart from the Tiger's 47 point win over Central in their final trial game. As Port Adelaide showed us against the Eagles sometimes trial form is good form.

However it is not enough for me to tip the Bays to win on Saturday night.

It will be a big night at Gliderol Stadium. Hopefully we see a bumper crowd. Unfortunately the Tiger fans may not get the result they want.

West Adelaide By John Nankivell

The Bloods got their season off to the perfect start last Saturday night with a come from behind victory over South Adelaide at Noarlunga. They now come up against a very different challenge when they take on the Bays on Saturday night.

While not a lot is expected of Glenelg this year there should be a fair bit of expectation and emotion at Gliderol Stadium, as the Tigers begin their season with a history making night game.

It is that emotion and the expected big crowd that will add to West's task on Saturday night. West Adelaide must put the added support Glenelg might have to one side and concentrate on the task at hand.

If they can do this then they should win and win fairly comfortably.

They have an array of damaging midfielders who should be too strong for the Bays. The likes of James Ezard, Chris Schmidt and Ben Macreadie didn't star against the Panthers, but have the chance to lead from the front on Saturday night.

Aaron Fielke and Jonathon Beech were standouts last week, and are also capable of playing both in the mid-field and up forward. Both will, wherever they play, provide big headaches for the Tigers.

Former Essendon recruit Michael Still was another who impressed last week pulling down 10 marks and kicking 2 goals. He along with Brad Fisher, Daniel Webb and the Carusos should stretch the Bays thin defence to breaking point.

Don't forget also the big man strength of Ryan Willits who had 28 hitouts last week in the Ruck, and can be a damaging target around the ground. Up against youngsters like Lachlan Button and Warrick McGinty, Willits and Webb should have an edge.

With a strong defence featuring Joel Tippett, Scott Bricknell and the ever improving Tyson Slattery West Adelaide again has the class to overcome their Tiger opponents. Although whoever stands Kirkby will have to work hard.

Glenelg will be no easybeat, and as mentioned earlier the home support should play a factor, but the Bloods should win and make it two from two.

West Adelaide by 30 points.

GLENELG

Squad of 22 Named

- 2 Lewis HENDER
- 4 Daniel KIRK
- 5 Kane TENACE
- 6 Brad AGNEW
- 11 Andrew BRADLEY
- 13 Jacob CARGER
- 14 Ty ALLEN
- 14 Sam RUDOLPH
- 15 Josh TREMBATH
- 18 Max PROUD
- 22 Chris CURRAN
- 26 Ruory KIRKBY
- 28 Riley MILNE
- 30 Craig PITT
- 32 Angus LALLY
- 33 Ben MULES
- 35 Ben McINTYRE
- 39 Ben REID
- 40 Drew CLAYFIELD
- 41 Jason DAVENPORT
- 44 Lachlan BUTTON

AFL Listed players

J LYONS

Phil Apisnall

History is being made with the first night game under lights down at the Bay, which should see a bumper crowd. Many pundits, myself included, tipped the Tigers to slide down the ladder but the young cubs and new recruits impressed last week in the trial game win over the Dogs. West had a slow start but came home strong against South so this one could go either way, with the home side to just get up in the emotion of the night. **Glenelg by 15 points**

Peter Argent

This is an intriguing encounter and as it is a historic night at the Bay, the emotion of the game should propel to Glenelg to a strong first up win. West were excellent last week and surprised many punters with their purpose and aggression, especially in the second half. A win by the host will also help justifying Kris Massie's decision the put the broom through the playing list at Brighton Road. **Glenelg by 17 points**

Don Cooper

The Bloods turned around a poor start last week to overpower the Panthers and will be supremely confident of making it back to back wins against the Tigers in Saturday evening's historic floodlit encounter at the Bay. The Bloods look a well balanced and potent line up at full strength and will hold too many guns for a rebuilding Glenelg. **West by 31 points**

Phil Herden

A BIG night at the Bay & I think Glenelg will get up for the occasion. **Glenelg by 21 points.**

Chris Kendall

After years of wrangling, night football finally debuts at Glenelg, with the locals desperate to do justice to the historic occasion against an opponent that wheeled out a super impressive second half to run right over a disappointing South. Many tipsters have the Tigers finishing bottom here and that may well transpire come round 23, but their trial form has been steady – although that can be an unreliable guide – and the exuberance of the youngsters under Kris Massie, on such a big night for the club, in front of a vociferous home crowd that is desperate for success, should lift them over the line and have "Tigerland" pumping out by 10.00pm. **Glenelg 23 points**

Kyle Smith

This is another interesting match to tip. Much pessimism has surrounded the campaign that Glenelg are about to embark. Their pre season form suggests it's not all rough sailing ahead, but I'm still wary of practice match form up against premiership match form. While this may be another historic match in the shape of Glenelg Oval and its first night match, it seems that West like night conditions, as evidenced by their home night matches and last week. **West by 25 points**

WEST

Squad of 23 named

- 1 Fort CARUSO
- 2 James EZARD
- 3 Shane BIRSS
- 5 Chris SCHMIDT
- 7 Adam HARTLETT
- 9 Aaron FIELKE
- 10 Ben MACREADIE
- 12 Joel TIPPETT
- 13 Daniel CAIRE
- 14 Jonathon BEECH
- 15 Logan HILL
- 16 Ryan WILLITS
- 17 Michael STILL
- 19 Ben FISHER
- 18 Shannon GREEN
- 23 Tyson SLATTERY
- 24 Nat CARUSO
- 25 Brad FISHER
- 27 Ryan FERGUSON
- 28 Scott BRICKNELL
- 30 Nick HOMBURG

AFL Listed players

Brad CROUCH

Daniel WEBB

INS

- Ben FISHER
- Ryan FERGUSON

OUTS



FOXTEL CUP

PANEL TIPS FOR FOXTEL CUP GRAND FINAL

Peter Argent

- Port Melbourne d West Perth

Phil Aspinall

- Williamstown d Port Magpies

Don Cooper

- Port Magpies d NT Thunder

Phil Herden

- Williamstown d Subiaco

Chris Kendall

- Subiaco

John Nankivell

- Subiaco d Port Melbourne

Kyle Smith

- Port Melbourne d Subiaco



ROUND ONE : GAME ONE 10.30am (SA) - SATURDAY MARCH 31ST Mettricon Stadium, Gold Coast, Queensland



**MORNINGSIDE
PANTHERS (QLD)**



**LAUNCESTON
BLUES (TAS)**

For [Morningside](#) this is their 2nd Fostel Cup campaign. They played in the inaugural Fostel Cup game in 2011 losing to NT Thunder at AAMI Stadium.

In the NEAFL last season the Panthers lost the North Conference Grand Final also to NT Thunder making them the best club in Queensland. Last week they lost by 87 points to you guessed, it the NT Thunder, in Alice Springs.

For [Launceston](#) this is their first Fostel Cup campaign.

They are the defending Tasmanian State League Premiers defeating the Burnie Dockers in the Grand Final. They are also the oldest football club in Tasmania (Founded 1875)

For more information click on the club name and you will be taken to their respective web sites.

The winner will play the Port Adelaide v Subiaco winner in the First Quarter Final on Saturday June 2nd (venue TBA).

STATE OF PLAY



VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Round One Results

24/3	Coburg Tigers	11.11.77	d Northern Blues	9.10.64
24/3	Werribee Tigers	20.15.135	d North Ballarat	14.16.100
24/3	Casey Scorpions	13.9.85	d Williamstown	12.13.85
25/3	Port Melbourne	16.13.109	d Frankston	9.13.67
25/3	Sandringham	20.17.137	d Box Hill Hawks	12.11.83

Round Two Fixture

Sat Mar 31	Geelong v Collingwood
Sat Mar 31	Port Melbourne v Werribee Tigers
Sat Mar 31	Coburg Tigers v Casey Scorpions
Sat Mar 31	Northern Blues v Williamstown
Sun April 1	North Ballarat v Sandringham
Sun April 1	Frankston v Bendigo

WEST AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Round Two Results

24/3	Claremont	16.7.103	d East Perth	15.9.99
24/3	Swan Districts	19.13.127	d West Perth	14.7.91
24/3	South Fremantle	19.14.128	d Perth	19.6.120
24/3	Subiaco	19.17.131	d Peel Thunder	13.8.86

Round Three Schedule

Fri Mar 30 (N)	South Fremantle v Subiaco
Sat Mar 31	Perth v Peel Thunder
Sat Mar 31	East Fremantle v Claremont
Sat Mar 31	East Perth v West Perth

VFL LADDER

Club	W-L (Pts)
Sandringham	1-0 (4)
Port Melbourne	1-0 (4)
Werribee Tigers	1-0 (4)
Coburg Tigers	1-0 (4)
Casey Scorpions	1-0 (4)
Williamstown	0-1 (0)
Northern Blues	0-1 (0)
North Ballarat	0-1 (0)
Frankston	0-1 (0)
Box Hill Hawks	0-1 (0)
Bendigo	-
Collingwood	-
Geelong	-

WAFL LADDER

Club	W-L (Pts)
Subiaco	2-0 (8)
Claremont	2-0 (8)
Swan Districts	1-0 (4)
South Fremantle	1-0 (4)
East Perth	0-1 (0)
Perth	0-2 (0)
West Perth	0-2 (0)
Peel Thunder	0-1 (0)
East Fremantle	-

NEAFL NORTH LADDER

Club	W-L Pts
NT Thunder	1-0 (4)
Aspley	1-0 (4)
Southport	1-0 (4)
Labrador	1-0 (4)
Broadbeach	0-1 (0)
Redland	0-1 (0)
Mt Gravatt	0-1 (0)
Morningside	0-1 (0)
Brisbane Lions	-
Gold Coast Suns	-

NEAFL EAST LADDER

Club	W-L Pts
Sydney Swans	1-0 (4)
Queanbeyan	1-0 (4)
Ainslie	1-0 (4)
Hills Eagles	1-0 (4)
Sydney Uni	0-1 (0)
Belconnen	0-1 (0)
Tuggeranong	0-1 (0)
UWS Giants	0-1 (0)
Eastlake	-

TSL LADDER

Club	W-L Pts
Burnie	-
North Hobart	-
Lauderdale	-
Hobart	-
North Launceston	-
Devonport	-
Clarence	-
Glenorchy	-
Lauderdale	-
South Launceston	-

NORTH EAST AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Round One Results

24/3	Labrador	14.10.94	d Broadbeach	13.11.89
24/3	Aspley	20.11.131	d Mt Gravatt	11.9.75
24/3	Southport	25.9.159	d Redland	14.16.100
24/3	NT Thunder	21.16.142	d Morningside	8.7.55
24/3	Hills Eagles	14.12.96	d Sydney Uni	12.9.81
24/3	Sydney Swans	23.13.151	d UWS Giants	4.9.33
25/3	Ainslie	22.12.144	d Belconnen	18.8.116
25/3	Queanbeyan	30.20.200	d Tuggeranong	7.10.52

2012 Round Two

Sat Mar 31	Southport v Gold Coast Suns
Sat Mar 31	Ainslie v Labrador
Sat Mar 31	Mt Gravatt v Redland
Sat Mar 31	Aspley v NT Thunder
Sat Mar 31	Hills Eagles v Queanbeyan
Sat Mar 31	Sydney Uni v Belconnen
Sat Mar 31	Tuggeranong v Eastlake
Sun Apr 1	Broadbeach v Brisbane Lions

TASMANIAN STATE LEAGUE



2012 Round One Schedule

Sat Mar 31	Burnie v North Hobart
Sat Mar 31	Lauderdale v Hobart
Sat Mar 31	North Launceston v Devonport

2012 Round Two Schedule

Wed Apr 4 (N)	Clarence v Glenorchy
Fri Apr 8	North Hobart v Hobart
Fri Apr 8	Lauderdale v South Launceston
Fri Apr 8 (N)	North Launceston v Launceston
Fri Apr 8 (N)	Devonport v Burnie

2012 FOXTEL CUP BRACKET

Round One	Quarter Finals	Semi Finals	Grand Final
Morningside v Launceston (31/3)			
Port Adelaide v Subiaco (7/4)			
Werribee v Burnie (14/4)			
Ainslie v West Perth (21/4)			
Claremont v West Adelaide (28/4)			
Sydney Hills v Mt Gravatt (5/5)			
Williamstown v South Adelaide (12/5)			
NT Thunder v Port Melbourne (19/5)			



JACKMAN TO COACH BBH

By Peter Argent

A dentist by trade, former South Adelaide and Norwood league footballer Nick Jackman will coach the Booborowie-Burra-Hallett Rams in the North Eastern Football League competition for the 2012 campaign.

After two years as a player at the club Nick Jackman has been convinced to take on the coaching role with the Rams for the upcoming season.

Jackman was a key part of the Rams 2011 premiership success after arriving at the club at the start of 2010.

"I think the beauty of this role and the senior group we have at the club, I'm just in this role for a bit of guidance," Jackman explained.

"I will be using the experience of ('11 premiership coach) Danny (Schell) as much as I can.

"Having senior guys like the Boh Wall's and Casey Cooper's of the club, to help with the leadership will make my job easier.



"I will be putting a lot of faith in this pair to look after the training and commitments from a local perspective.

"Hopefully I can continue on the good work of Peter Whittlesea and Danny's over the past few years."

The 28-year-old confirmed that by taking on the coaching commitments he has relinquished any aspirations of returning to SANFL football.

After a late start to the 2011 season due to a knee injury, Jackman was an important part of the premiership glory and suggested his body was capable of more football instead of its usual September tiredness, because of his late beginning.

He also confirmed he will not be taking on the on-field leaders role at the club, handing this back to Cooper, a player Jackman believes is perfectly suited to this role.

After the clubs second win in three years since the breakthrough title in 2009, the BBH Rams are seen as one of the early favourites for the 2012 title, after a raft on signings and '11 captain-coach Daniel Schell committing to play at the club as a player.

It has been previously confirmed that Jackman's brother Matt, a former Eagles and Panthers SANFL footballer and the 2011 best and fairest, along with the Mann brothers, Stephen and Peter have resigned this year.

When quizzed about his coaching philosophies, Jackman said he had taken different bits and pieces for a variety of coach all the way back to his SAPSASA days.

"While I'd didn't actually play under Nathan Bassett I was impressed with the way he went about his business, during the pre-season I was at the Redlegs," Jackman continued.

"Country football is quickly developing a lot of aspects we were using in the SANFL a couple of years back.

"We have a great foundation at BBH and my role is to continue to build on that strong base." Noted for his fairness and ball winning skills as a player, this is expected to permeate through Jackman's coaching.



HERZICK TO COACH GAWLER CENTRAL

By Peter Argent

The winds of change have moved quickly at the Gawler Central Football Club.

One of the assistant coaches under Craig Dawe last year, Damien Herzick is the new senior coach of the Tigers for 2012, on the last day of October. Previously Herzick had been senior coach at the South Gawler Lions from 2006 to 2009.

Last year he was an assistant helping out friend Matthew Gallerello at Elizabeth in the Amateur League.

"It has been a dramatic couple of days," Herzick, who received the confirmation phone call 72 hours after he first discussed the role, said.

"The first chat I had about the position was last Thursday afternoon.

"I've already made upwards of 30 phone calls to players and prospective assistants since Monday arvo.

"There is a lot of work ahead in the next month."

Herzick played the majority of his junior football at the Port Adelaide Magpies through to reserves level and them spent five years at Salisbury North, both being captain and coach of that club.

Noted as a strong mark full forward, Herzick's best haul was 112 goals in the 1996 season and he was leading goal kicker at the Hawks through each of his five years at the club.

He also played with the Lions in 2000, when he also led the clubs goal kicking tally.

"My coaching philosophies have changed over the years," Herzick, now 37, said.

"Naturally because I was a forward, it was predominately about attack, but they continued to evolve

"The modern game is about contested footy and turning defence into attack.

"One area I will focus on is the defence aspect of the way the Tigers play.

"There is a good talent base, and I was especially excited at a number of the lads in the senior colts group and a few who got their first chance at senior level this year."

"I'd like to make a special mention of the efforts of outgoing coach Craig Dawe, who brought me to this club.

"He has always had the best intention for Gawler Central at his heart.

"I suggested to the club that we go with a one-year deal to start and we'll look at this at the end of 2012."

Herzick is keen to ensure former Collingwood reserves footballer and Victorian cricketer Adam "Smudgie" Smith continues in an assistant's role at the club, after he has a significant impact during the 2011 campaign.

Gawler Central, who won the 2001 flag under Peter Vivian have been perennial preliminary finalists for the majority of the decade since.

Since 2000 the Tigers have played in the penultimate game of the season seven times, winning only once, in that flag winning winter.

They lost last year's preliminary final game by one point to Willaston.





JACK'S THE MAN

By Peter Argent

Kybybolite junior from the South East of South Australia, 2009 Croweaters State under 18s captain and Melbourne Demon Jack Trengove will become the youngest captain in AFL/VFL history when he leads his club onto Melbourne Cricket Ground against the Brisbane Lions on Saturday, March 31.

Trengove turns 21 on September 2 this year and at the start of the 2012 campaign will have played 37 AFL games.

SANFL Talent Manager and his under 18s coach Brenton Phillips said that Trengove was always destined to be a leader of men.

He debunked the myth Trengove's age was any issue, after he was selected as captain of the first club in the nation.

"Jack Trengove is just a born leader," Phillips said. "He has the capacity to captain Melbourne for the next 10 years.

"There are all the character traits you'd want and he's a well rounded bloke.

"Jack has a bit of rat cunning – also plenty of football smarts – as well as being an intelligent young man.

"I always believed he was something a bit special.

"He actually played in the under 16s program in 2007, but wasn't an absolute standout playing predominately off half back.

"In '08 he wasn't a part of our under 18s program because he went to England on a cricket tour with Prince Alfred College (PAC).

"From my perspective Jack is an excellent choice.

"When selecting leaders the first thing you look at is capability, as age is a secondary issue."

His coach at PAC Gary Jenkinson was even more glowing.

"Jack loves to work himself hard both on the training track and particularly in matches and that is why he is making his mark in the midfield,"

"He possesses a huge engine and will run hard for his teammates all match long, thriving in the modern game of Aussie Rules and he just loves playing with and for his mates.

"His pedigree and leadership was noted at PAC where he was a senior prefect, captain of the First XVIII (football) and captain of the First XI (cricket).

"Once a member of the South Australian under 15s cricket squad Jack, a stylish batsman that bowled handy mediums, toured England with the PAC 1st XI.

"He handles the spotlight with consummate ease and has been largely unaffected by all the media hype that has surrounded him since being drafted number two and now of course the captaincy.

"A club like Melbourne must see the same traits in Jack that were so evidence in his high school years or why else would such a traditional and famous club bestow the honour of co-captain on the youngster.



Trengove in action v Port last year
Photo By Peter Argent

"He has earned his Melbourne teammates' respect in such a short time and they will be confident that he will give his heart and soul fulfilling his leadership role and taking the Demons to a better place.

"Jack exudes a calmness, maturity and modesty that is far beyond his chronological age."

RURAL FOOTBALL PUTS PRIDE ON THE LINE

By Peter Argent

Now an annual event of the SA country football calendar, the City verses Country Challenge match has the state's rural cousins looking for another victory, after beating the SA Amateur League is the corresponding game in 2011.

Senior experienced South East footballer from Penola, Scott Duncan epitomises the passion of the country side.

Known for his mental strength and durability, Duncan is fierce competitor.

Now 31, on Easter Saturday afternoon, he will be a part of a SA Country representative team for the fifth time.

Having played SANFL league football with both the Magpies and Woodville-West Torrens, won a 2010 Mail Medal in the Kowree-Naracoorte-Tataira competition and being runner up last year, along with being a consistent representative and zone footballer Duncan has achieved plenty during a long and fruitful career.

Interestingly, despite all these achievements his passion for football and playing in a state country jumper hasn't diminished.

"I just love been involved in it this level of football, and would suggest to any who gets the opportunity offered to them, to grab it with both hands," Duncan said.

"All the boys involved are really keen on their football and have a tremendous passion for the game. "Because of this every gels well together in this common cause and take the task seriously.

"I certainly see it as an honour – it is a privilege to don a state country jumper – I rate this among my career highlights.

"It also presents an opportunity to play and test yourself at a higher level."

This side includes former SANFL footballers Josh Vick (South), Marcus Burdett (Port), as mentioned Duncan (Eagles-Port), Tyson Wait (Port), Travis Oakley (North –Eagles) and Josh Taylor (Port).

Midfielder Harry Miller junior from Mallee Park also played senior AFL football with Hawthorn.

Many of this group were also among the SA Country side which was successful against the WA Country team at AMMI Stadium on July 31, last year.

The game starts on AMMI Stadium at 4.20 pm on Saturday, April 7, and is a curtain raiser to the Adelaide vs. Western Bulldogs AFL fixture. The gates will open from 4.15pm.

This team will be coach by the victorious Western coach from the 2011 SA Country championships in Port Pirie, Symon Chase.



The Victorious 2011 Country Side
Photo By Peter Argent



SA Country team vs. SAAFL April 7, 2012

Player	Club	Zone side
Josh	VICK	Cove
Matt	WOOLFORD	Central Augusta
Marcus	BURDETT	Mt Compass
Waylon	JOHNCOCK	Koonibba
Brodie	MURPHY	South Clare
Carl	SEMMLER	Tasmans
Scott	BROWN	Willunga
Scott	WENDELBORN	Ironbank
Geoff	APPLETON	Weeroona Bay
Luke	DUNCAN	Penola
Tyson	WAIT	Imperials
Matt	HODGE	Victor Harbor
Harry	MILLER Jnr	Mallee Park
Levi	KONITZKA	Waybacks
Nathan	SMITH	Naracoorte
James	PEDLER	Ramblers
Jason	FARRIER	Reynella
Tyler	BALDCKOCK	Wirrulla
Phil	BENNETT	Angaston
Travis	OAKLEY	Jamestown Peterborough
Josh	TAYLOR	Willaston
Luke	WELLS	Tanunda

Coach	Symon Chase
Ass Coach	Neville Philips
Runners	Dion Woolford
Selectors	Chairman -Scott Duncan
Team Manager	Daryl Montgomerie
Trainers	Ash Franklin
	Russell Branson
	Peter Kesting



Botton Medal Winner, Brodie Hudson with Geno Capogreco. Photo By Peter Argent.

By Kyle Smith

This is the first time that a full round of pre-miership matches will be played on the 31st of March.

1984 saw the first matches for premiership points played in March; however only four out of the five matches were played on the 31st. West opened their premiership defence with a 7 point win over North the following day.

In 1986, a double header on Easter Monday to complete the first round of matches was held at Football Park between Glenelg/Norwood and Torrens/Woodville. Two days earlier, the other three matches were played on what is still the hottest day that premiership matches have been contested on (37.9 degrees celsius).

After Norwood and Central kicked off the 2001 season on Friday the 30th of March, the other three matches were held on the 31st. And the last time a match was played on the 31st of March was the season opener for 2006 between Glenelg and Norwood.

Thus, 10 matches have been played on the 31st of March. Glenelg are the only side to have played on all four occasions in 1984, 1986, 2001 and 2006.

North vs South:

Since 1991, North/South matches have produced more draws than any other combination (3 times).

Glenelg vs West:

Prior to last season, Glenelg and West had never met under lights for premiership points.

Sturt vs Port:

Despite not appearing in the finals series for the past few seasons, a win here by Port will see their best winning streak against Sturt since the 21 games won in succession by Port during 1989-Rd 1 1997.

Central vs Norwood:

The last first matches for Central after their losses in Grand Finals, saw a 123 point win against North in Round 1 2003, and a 7 goal win against their eventual GF opponents in 2007.

Central District have only lost one of their previous 17 home night matches - to North in Round 22 2006 by 2 points. Norwoods' only encounter against Central under lights at Elizabeth was in Round 3 2008. The 71 point win to the Dogs is their biggest winning margin under lights at home.



Ryan Williams
Photo By Peter Argent



SCHEDULE & SCORES

ROUND 1

(Central, Glenelg, North, Norwood & Sturt—Bye)

Friday 23rd March

Port 18.13.121 d Eagles 10.6.66 (Crowd 4,566)

Saturday 24th March

West 12.9.81 d South 5.13.43 (1,929)

ROUND 2 (Eagles—Bye)

Saturday 31st March

North v South @ Prospect

Sturt v Port @ Commander Centre

Central v Norwood (N) @ Playford Alive

Glenelg v West (N) @ Gliderol

ROUND 3 (Port—Bye)

Thursday 5th April

West v Central (N) @ City Mazda

Friday 6th April

South v Sturt (T) @ Hickinbotham

Saturday 7th April

Norwood v Eagles @ Coopers Stadium

North v Glenelg @ Prospect

ROUND 4 (Sturt—Bye)

Friday 13th April

West v North (N) @ City Mazda

Saturday 14th April

Eagles v Glenelg @ Unleash Solar

Central v South @ Playford Alive

Sunday 15th April

Port v Norwood @ Alberton

ROUND 5 (Norwood—Bye)

Friday 20th April

Glenelg v South @ Gliderol

Saturday 21st April

Port v Central @ Alberton

North v Eagles @ Prospect

Sturt v West @ Commander Centre

ROUND 6 (West—Bye)

Wednesday 25th April

Eagles v Central (2.40pm) @ Unleash Solar

Friday 27th April

Glenelg v Sturt @ Gliderol

Norwood v North @ Coopers Stadium

Saturday 28th April

South v Port @ Hickinbotham

ROUND 7 (Central—Bye)

Friday 4th May

Norwood v Glenelg (N) @ Coopers

South v Eagles (N) @ Hickinbotham

Saturday 5th May

West v Port @ City Mazda

Sturt v North @ Commander Centre

ROUND 8 (West—Bye)

Friday 11th May

Norwood v West (N) @ Coopers

Saturday 12th May

Port v North @ Alberton

Central v Glenelg (N) @ Playford Alive

Sunday 13th May

Eagles v Sturt @ Unleash Solar

ROUND 9 (Eagles—Bye)

Friday 18th May

Glenelg v Port (N) @ Gliderol

Saturday 19th May

Sturt v Norwood @ Commander Centre

North v Central @ Prospect

West v South @ City Mazda

ROUND 10 (Port—Bye)

Friday 1st June

South v Norwood (N) @ Hickinbotham

Saturday 2nd June

West v Eagles @ City Mazda

Sturt v Central @ Commander Centre

Sunday 3rd June

Glenelg v North @ Gliderol

ROUND 11 (Sturt—Bye)

Saturday 9th June

Central v West @ Playford Alive

North v Norwood @ Prospect

Port v South @ Alberton

Monday 11th June

Glenelg v Eagles @ Gliderol

ROUND 12 (West—Bye)

Saturday 16th June

Central v Port @ Playford Alive

Sturt v South @ Commander Centre

Eagles v North @ Unleash Solar

Sunday 17th June

Norwood v Glenelg @ Coopers

SCHEDULE & SCORES



ROUND 13 (South—Bye)

Saturday 23rd June

Glenelg v Central @ Gliderol

North v Sturt @ Prospect

Port v Eagles @ Alberton

West v Norwood @ City Mazda

ROUND 14 (North—Bye)

Saturday 30th June

Port v West @ Alberton

Central v Eagles @ Playford Alive

Sunday 1st July

South v Glenelg @ Hickinbotham

Sturt v Norwood @ Commander Centre

ROUND 15 (North, Glenelg & Port—Bye)

Saturday 7th July

West v Sturt @ City Mazda

Eagles v South @ Unleash Solar

Sunday 8th July

Norwood v Central @ Coopers Stadium

ROUND 16 (Glenelg, South & West—Bye)

Saturday 14th July

Central v Sturt @ Playford Alive

Sunday 15th July

North v Port @ Prospect

Eagles v Norwood @ Unleash Solar

ROUND 17 (Norwood—Bye)

Saturday 21st July

Port v Central @ Alberton

West v Glenelg (N) @ City Mazda

Sunday 22nd July

South v North @ Hickinbotham

Sturt v Eagles @ Commander Centre

ROUND 18 (West—Bye)

Friday 27th July

Norwood v Port (N) @ Coopers

Saturday 28th July

Glenelg v Central @ Gliderol

North v West @ Prospect

Sunday 29th July

South v Sturt @ Hickinbotham

ROUND 19 (Eagles—Bye)

Friday 3rd August

Norwood v Sturt (N) @ Norwood

Saturday 4th August

North v Glenelg @ Prospect

ROUND 20 (Sturt—Bye)

Friday 10th August

Norwood v South (N) @ Coopers

Saturday 11th August

Port v Glenelg @ Alberton

Central v West @ Playford Alive

Sunday 12th August

Eagles v North @ Unleash Solar

ROUND 21 (North—Bye)

Saturday 18th August

West v Norwood @ City Mazda

Eagles v Port @ Unleash Solar

South v Central @ Hickinbotham

Sunday 19th August

Sturt v Glenelg @ Commander Centre

ROUND 22 (Glenelg, South & West—Bye)

Friday 24th August

West v South (N) @ City Mazda

Saturday 25th August

Norwood v Eagles @ Coopers

Central v Sturt (N) @ Playford Alive

Sunday 26th August

North v Port @ Prospect

ROUND 23 (Central — Bye)

TBA Weekend of Saturday 1st September

Glenelg v Norwood @ Gliderol

Port v West @ Alberton

South v North @ Hickinbotham

Sturt v Eagles @ Commander Centre

ROUND 24 (Norwood —Bye)

TBA Weekend of Saturday 8th September

Central v North @ Playford Alive

Glenelg v South @ Gliderol

Port v Sturt @ Alberton

Eagles v West @ Unleash Solar

2012 SANFL FINALS (All @ AAMI Stadium)

Sunday 16th September— Elimination & Qualifying Finals

Sunday 23rd September—First Semi & Second Semi Finals

Sunday 30th September— Preliminary Final

SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER—GRAND FINAL

STATE GAME—SANFL v WAFL, Gliderol Stadium, Saturday 26th May Time TBA