

Tigers on the prowl but lacking bite against Sabres

BASKETBALL | JOHN STOKES

SOUTHERN Tigers will aim to be more aggressive in the women's Central ABL after they went down 89-77 to second-placed Sturt Sabres at Morphett Vale on Sunday.

The Tigers were within two points at half-time but a sluggish start to the third period led Sturt to extend the gap in the second half.

Southern coach **Willie Jennette** said his team needed to improve when it had the ball.

"I thought our defence against a team like that did a really good job but on the offensive end we weren't as sharp as we should be," he said.

Ashleigh Spencer knocked down 21 points and had four blocks for Southern and **Alexandra Ciabattoni** had 13 points, while

Teresa Kinross (12 points) and **Rosalie Cutri** (11) also scored in double figures. Jennette said he was disappointed how easily Sturt dominated the rebound count.

The Sabres pulled down 47 boards to Southern's 25, with **Anna Maycock** grabbing 16 and **Monique Bowley** 10 for the visitor.

Jennette said he expected improvement in his young side in coming

weeks given the recent returns of Cutri and **Jessica Nolan**.

"I'm trying to incorporate those girls into what we're doing and it's going to take maybe a good month or so to hit our stride," he said.

The result leaves Southern's women fifth with a 5-4 record - tied with Central Districts which has a superior percentage.

In men's action, a slow start cost

the Tigers, going down 79-65 to Sturt. Southern was down 40-24 at the main break and was unable to bridge the gap in the second half.

Codey Ellison had 10 points, 11 rebounds and five assists for the Tigers. **Sam Hemmings** top-scored with 12. The Tigers slipped to ninth with a 2-7 record after the loss.

Southern hosts Forestville at Morphett Vale in men's and women's action this Saturday night.

National titles in town this week

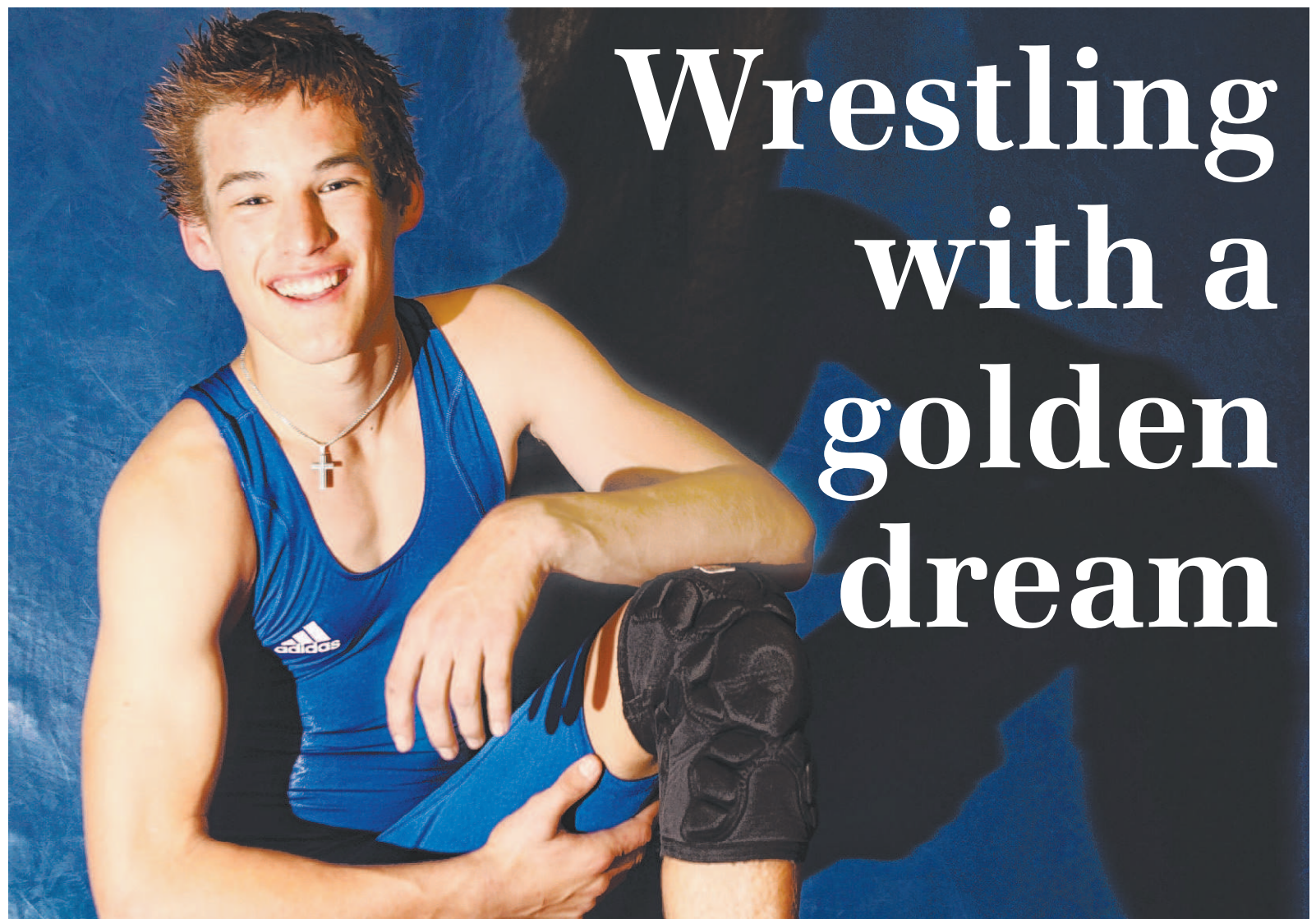
AMATEUR FOOTBALL | GORDON ARMSTRONG

SOUTH Australia is aiming for the Australian under-23 amateur football crown when it hosts this week's national centenary carnival at Thebarton Oval.

The carnival, to be played on Thursday, June 9, Friday, June 10, with finals day on Sunday, June 12, coincides with 100 years of amateur football in SA.

SA plays Victoria at noon on the Thursday, backs up against Western Australia at 3pm and then meets Tasmania on the Friday at 3pm. The final between the top two sides is played at 2pm on the Sunday.

SA is without star Gaza defender **Patrick Opie** who has a knee injury.



Wrestling with a golden dream

HIGH HOPES: Sixteen-year-old wrestler Jake Dornford is excited about fighting for gold in Europe this weekend.

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OUR PEOPLE | JOHN STOKES

JAKE Dornford will take another important step towards realising his Olympic wrestling dream when he competes at a prestigious international event this weekend.

The O'Sullivan Beach 16-year-old has had one eye on competing in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics since winning gold in the 63kg Cadet (age 15-17) category of the Oceania titles in February.

Dornford will compete in the same division in the Martinetti Cup in



Martigny, Switzerland, starting this Friday.

He is not daunted by competing in a new country against unfamiliar

opponents and will treat it like any other event.

"I don't really know what to expect but I'm going over there to win gold and that's what matters," said Dornford, who has been wrestling for three years.

"It's just like a competition in Adelaide - I'll just go over there and do my best."

The Marcellin Technical College Year 11 student will also compete in the 66kg Junior (18-20) class at the event and is excited about fighting for gold on his first European trip.

"It's going to be so much fun," said Dornford.

"I've been training heaps hard, so I really can't wait."

Dornford's coach **Luba Hofr** said if his charge remained positive, he would succeed.

"When he went to Oceania, his confidence was very good and he won all his matches there," said Hofr, a former national team member. "If he brings confidence like that to this tournament, he can do quite well."

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Draw tarnishes 400-game milestone for impressive McLean

SOCCER | LEE GAGLIARDI

NOARLUNGA United and White City shared the points after their 1-1 Super League soccer draw at Wilfred Taylor Reserve, Morphett Vale, last Saturday.

Unfortunately, Noarlunga goalkeeper **Fraser McLean** was not able to celebrate his 400th senior match with a win.

He did, however, collect votes for his impressive performance be-

tween the goal posts during the match.

It was **Paolo Paris** who scored for the home side.

White City captain **Michael Keens** got on the scoresheet after the scores were locked at 0-0 at half-time.

Andrew Leane and **Josh Gallas** were also impressive for Noarlunga.

Keens, **Andrej Rastovac** and **Dejan Markov** starred for White

THE BOTTOM LINE

- Premier League: Noarlunga United 1-1 White City, at Wilfred Taylor Reserve
- State League: Seaford 2-2 NAB, at Athelstone Recreation Reserve, South Adelaide 0-2 Salisbury United, at Steve Jarvis Park

City. The draw leaves the Bulldogs eighth on the ladder with nine points from nine matches.

They are just one point adrift of

the relegation zone, featuring Adelaide Cobras (eight points) and Playford City (six points).

Noarlunga hosts Adelaide Olympic at Wilfred Taylor Reserve this week.

Meanwhile, in the State League, Seaford had a 2-2 draw with NAB at Athelstone Recreation Reserve, while ladder leader Salisbury United had a 2-0 win over South Adelaide at Steve Jarvis Park.

The Panthers are now fifth on 14

points with four wins, three losses and two draws. Seaford is sixth on 13 points.

In other results, the Cove went down to Sturt Lion 2-1 at AA Bailey Reserve.

The loss keeps Cove on the bottom of the table with three points and a 1-8 record. South Adelaide hosts the Cove this week at O'Sullivan's Beach Oval and Seaford travels to Karbeethan Reserve to take on eighth-placed Gawler.