

Eagles share the spoils in dramatic last quarter as . . . .

# Bays make their point despite tie

EAGLES	1.2	8.3	11.10	15.13	(103)
GLENELG	7.4	9.7	12.11	15.13	(103)

**BEST - Eagles:** Nicol, Spehr, Neave, Weidemann, Rogers, Sziller. **Glenelg:** Liptak, Barton, Stuart, Bailey, Marshall, Hele.

**SCORERS - Eagles:** Morphett 5.1, Schache 3.1, Taylor 2.2, Nicol 2.1, DiBiase, Breuer 1.1, Totham 1.0, Weidemann, Sziller 0.1, rushed 0.4. **Glenelg:** Barton 3.2, Marshall, West 2.1, McGuinness, Lamb 2.0, Fidge 1.2, Liptak, Chigwidden 1.1, Kretschmer 1.0, Hele, McCully 0.1, rushed 0.3.

**INJURIES - INJURIES - GLENELG:** Kretschmer (cut eye), Martin (corked thigh). **UMPIRES -** Ron Bettridge, Kevin Chambers.

**BEST ON GROUND -** Matthew Liptak (Glenelg). **TOP TEAM MAN -** Jason Spehr (Eagles).

By PAUL DOWLING

Glenelg was the loser in yesterday's enthralling tie with the Eagles, but the grit and desire it displayed in a hectic last quarter gave its coach Mark Williams hope for the future.

The Eagles left Woodville Oval far happier with the single premiership point than their opponents, who never surrendered the lead after charging to a 45-point advantage entering time-on of the first quarter.

But, while Glenelg was devastated by its inability to apply the knock-out punch, its effort to stifle an Eagles outfit pumped up for a wind-assisted avalanche in the last quarter was admirable.

The determined characteristics shown in those final 30 minutes had been conspicuous by their absence in the Tigers' past two losses to North and South Adelaide.

"We toughed it out against the breeze," Williams said of the last quarter. "In the end I was happy to accept the result. We started to show some of the stuff from earlier in the season and, hopefully, we can build on that now."

The Eagles three times drew level with Glenelg in the last term and appeared to possess the necessary momentum for victory.

But the Tigers, through the heroic deeds of Michael Barton, Matthew Liptak, injured Dwaine Kretschmer, and tough defender Hamish Stuart, refused to submit.

Ultimately, the Eagles could have won the game had centre half-forward Stuart Nichol chosen to handball to a team-mate on his left rather than kick to Laurence Schache in a one-on-one duel with the outstanding Hamish Stuart at full forward.

Nevertheless, the Eagles hierarchy was grateful for the point, secured by a Shayne Breuer goal 50 seconds from time.

"I thought at half-time we were in for a heavy struggle," said Eagles coach Bruce Winter.

"They obviously had a point to prove after a couple of losses. In the last few minutes we still had opportunities to win the game, but Mark

Williams probably thinks the same about his team."

Glenelg's first-quarter assault was sparked by Liptak, half-back Dean Bailey, centre half-forward Jim West and centremen David Marshall, who took full toll of Wayne Weideman's slow start.

But it was the strength of Weidemann and Nicol, Simon Neave's ability to nullify Liptak, albeit briefly, and Andrew Rogers' rebound from half-back that hauled the Eagles back into the contest in the second quarter.

They dominated the third term, outscoring Glenelg into the breeze but wasting opportunities in front of goal.

Scott Morphett, held for most of the day by Bailey, began to win some crucial touches. So too did Steven Sziller, Breuer, Alan Schwartz and Neave as the Eagles warmed to their task.

Williams chose to reshuffle his defence - Hamish Stuart on to Schache, Paul Hamilton to Nicol and Erik Martin to Andrew Taylor - and succeeded in reducing the Eagles' forward line potency.

Williams pointed out afterwards that Stuart had not had a goal kicked on him all day.

At the other end, with full forward John Fidge being soundly beaten by Jason Spehr, Barton and West took up the task of inspiring the Tigers.

But as the last quarter unfolded it became increasingly difficult to separate two closely-matched teams and the final score was an accurate reflection of the contest.

For the two first-year coaches, their first draw was a perplexing experience.

"It's a funny feeling," Winter said, as he tried to evaluate the day's proceedings.

Williams initially could shed no more light saying: "I don't know how to react."

Williams now has only five days to prepare his charges for Saturday's must win game against Central. Conversely, Winter will use his team's second bye of the season to give his players the week off.

## SANFL LADDER

	W	L	D	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Port	10	1	-	1425	1029	58.10	20
Eagles	7	3	1	1125	975	53.57	15
Central	6	4	-	1055	905	53.83	12
Glenelg	5	4	1	1194	1017	54.00	11
Norwood	5	5	-	1086	1019	51.59	10
South	5	6	-	1122	1141	49.58	10
North	5	5	-	869	962	47.46	10
West	3	8	-	996	1224	44.86	6
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## SANFL LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Club	Rd 12	Total
M. Tylor	(Port)	5	53
C. Prime	(Norwood)	1	38
G. Coffee	(Central)	6	38
A. Taylor	(Eagles)	2	33
P. McIntyre	(South)	3	33
C. McRae	(Glenelg)	0	29
D. Woosnam	(West)	2	28



**TIGER GIVES CHASE** ... Glenelg's Robert Thompson breaks clear of a tangled pack of players during yesterday's drawn game at Woodville Oval. PHOTO: RAY TITUS

CENTRAL	3.2	6.3	12.4	18.6	(114)
NORWOOD	1.6	3.10	3.11	8.14	(62)

**BEST - Central:** MacGowan, Potter, Roe, Girdham, Reimers, Haraida, Geister, Chaplin. **Norwood:** Kelly, Patterson, Byrnes, James, Smallridge.

**SCORERS - Central:** Coffee 6.0, Cummings 3.0, Handley 2.3, Luhrs, Schwardt 2.0, Girdham, MacGowan 1.1, Stevens 1.0, Chaplin 0.1. **Norwood:** Patterson 3.3, Devlin 2.0, Prime 1.3, Balme 1.1, Eames 1.0, Dolan, Pittman, Smallridge 0.1, rushed 0.4.

**INJURIES - Central:** Ingerson (stitches to head). **Norwood:** Tanner (suspected fractured cheekbone) Smart (migraine).

**UMPIRES -** Jeff Jeanes, Richard Williams.

**BEST ON GROUND:** Rick MacGowan (Central). **TOP TEAM PLAYER:** Craig Potter (Central).

WEST ADELAIDE	3.3	6.4	8.11	10.13	(73)
NORTH ADELAIDE	1.3	2.7	4.9	8.14	(50)

**BEST - West:** Banfield, Fielke, Mickan, Loving, Symes, Ravasi, Kennedy. **North:** Hart, Mail, Sanders, Gerke, Krieg.

**SCORERS - West:** Loving 4.1, C. Palmer 2.3, Woosnam 2.2, Fitzsimmons 1.2, Banfield 1.1, Carlson, Patterson, Andrikske, G. Mellor 0.1. **North:** Marshall 3.1, Hart 1.4, Gerke 1.2, Barratt 1.0, Mancini, Bennett 0.2, Turner 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**INJURIES - West:** Carlson (concussion), P. Mellor (shoulder).

**UMPIRES -** David Elliott, Mark Westgarth.

**BEST ON GROUND -** Darel Hart (North). **TOP TEAM PLAYER -** Peter Banfield (West).

PORT	5.5	7.9	15.12	17.13	(115)
SOUTH	1.2	4.6	8.11	9.17	(71)

**BEST - Port:** Chalmers, Delaney, Bond, Mead, Rizonico, D. Smith. **South:** Stoeckel, Page, Trevena, Dillon, Naley.

**SCORERS - Port:** Tylor 5.2, D. Smith 3.1, Williams 3.1, Kemp, Flacchi, R. Smith, Angove 1.1, McKay, Ryan 1.0, Bond, Rizonico, Cockatoo-Collins 0.1, rushed 0.2; **South:** Rogers 3.3, McIntyre 3.1, Polkinghorne 1.1, Page, Groom 1.0, Harris 0.3, Bonner 0.2, Powell, Kappler, Jackson, Trevena 0.1, rushed 0.3.

**INJURIES - Port:** Ginever (knee soreness).

**UMPIRES -** Greg Inge, Tim Pfeiffer.

**BEST ON GROUND -** Brett Chalmers (Port). **BEST TEAM MAN -** Darren Trevena (South).

**CROWD -** 3,862.