

Eagles lose the 'double'

By Andrew Capel

A SPIRITED Glenelg regained some much-needed pride and ended Woodville-West Torrens' double chance finals hopes with a convincing 38-point win at the Bay yesterday.

The Tigers' victory ended a six-game losing streak and meant the Eagles would have to play in the cut-throat elimination final.

Glenelg, fielding a young, inexperienced side, made the Eagles pay for some shocking inaccuracy in front of goal - especially in the first quarter when they kicked 2.7 with a two-to-three-goal wind.

Against the flow of play, the Tigers edged to a three-point lead at the first change and then blitzed the Eagles in the second term, kicking 6.4 to 1.1 to lead by 36 points at the long break.

Glenelg was dominant in the midfield with centreman Darren Read and follower Alastair Burke particularly damaging while its defence completely blanketed the Eagle forwards with only Scott Morphett managing to break free, kicking all three of the Eagles first half goals.

The Eagles showed some fight in the third term to draw within 16 points at the final change but three Glenelg goals in the opening five minutes after the last term - to Burke, Damien Gigney and livewire Ricky Hall - put the issue beyond doubt.

Glenelg, so disappointing this year and lacking spirit and passion on many occasions, was tremendous yesterday, with its batch of youngsters showing maturity beyond their years.

Rookies like back pocket Ben Thompson, Luke Ottens, Gigney, Guy Ridgway and Peter Sodomka were at times inspirational while recruits Read, Burke, Hall and Justin Brooks were fine players all day and showed terrific team leadership.

Others to shine were veteran ruckman Stewart McCully (35 hit outs), captain Nick Chigwidden and utility Rowan Waugh.

While the win has come too late for Glenelg to make the finals, it was a welcome result for coach Tony

Glenelg 15.12 (102)
Eagles 8.16 (64)

Symonds, who is under pressure to keep his job next season.

"We showed some desire, passion and fighting qualities and it was very pleasing to win - for the players' sake as much as mine," he said.

While Symonds was enjoying the moment, Eagles coach Bruce Winter was less than impressed with the performance of his team.

"The way the game was played you would have thought Glenelg was the finals side - not us," said Winter.

"They were far better than us and their attitude and desire to win was much better than ours - that's the most disappointing thing, especially with so much riding on the game for us."

The Eagles were hurt by the pre-game withdrawals of ruckman Doug Bailey (back) and centre half-back Hamish Simpson (groin) but they had only a handful of four-quarter contributors, with consistent captain Andrew Rogers clearly the best.

One positive for the Eagles was the solid debut of 17-year-old ruckman/forward Scott Matthews, who missed some easy goals but marked well and was lively all day.



Glenelg's Mark Soderstrom marks strongly in front of teammate Lynden Bow and Eagles skipper Andrew Rogers

SANFL SCOREBOARD

Glenelg Oval

| | | | | | |
|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| GLENELG | 3.4 | 9.8 | 10.10 | 15.12 | (102) |
| Eagles | 2.7 | 3.8 | 7.12 | 8.16 | (64) |

BEST - GLENELG: Read, Burke, Thompson, Chigwidden, McCully, Waugh, Ottens, Brooks, Hall.
EAGLES: Rogers, Weidemann, Christensen, Sziller, Payze, Colville.

SCORERS - GLENELG: Tylor 3.4, Hall, Gigney 3.0, Burke 2.0, Soderstrom, Read 1.1, Waugh, Chigwidden 1.0, Symonds, Brooks, Ridgway 0.1, Rushed 0.3.
EAGLES: Morphett 3.0, Sheldrick 2.0, Payze, Pesch 1.1, Rogers 1.0, Kluzek, Matthews 0.3, Sziller, Dillon, Colville, Christensen, Biglands 0.1, Rushed 0.3.

INJURIES - GLENELG: McDonald (knee); **EAGLES:** McLure (shoulder), Kluzek (calf), Hannam (knee), Bailey (back), Simpson (groin) replaced in selected side by Matthews, M. Phillipou.

UMPIRES - Bradley Webber, Tim Slaven, David Elliott.

Alberton Oval

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|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| PORT | 4.1 | 8.2 | 11.5 | 19.11 | (125) |
| South | 1.2 | 7.3 | 9.7 | 10.7 | (67) |

BEST - PORT: Borlase, McGuinness, Leys, Francis, Hodges, Tredrea, Beinke, Anderson. **SOUTH:** Harris, McIntyre, Osborn, Lade, Mills, Murton, Powell.

SCORERS - PORT: Hodges 8.2, Tredrea 3.1, Carter, Francis 2.0, McGuinness, D. Smith 1.1, Poole, R. Smith 1.0, Bamford, Borlase, Wilson, Leys 0.1, rushed 0.2. **SOUTH:** McIntyre 2.2, Lamb, Stoeckel, Cameron 2.0, Knight 1.1, Battams 1.0, Ryan, Threadgold 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - PORT: T. Malakellis (hamstring), Burgoyne (hamstring), Delaney (ankle).

REPORTS - PORT: Scott Hodges for allegedly striking South's Darren Drapper during the third term. **SOUTH:** Peter Keam for allegedly striking Darren Smith in the last quarter.

UMPIRES - Derek Woodcock, Kevin Chambers, Richard Hoar.

SANFL ladder

| | P | W | L | D | F | A | % | Pts |
|-----------------|----|----|----|---|------|------|-------|-----|
| CENTRAL* | 19 | 14 | 5 | 0 | 1848 | 1239 | 59.86 | 28 |
| NORWOOD† | 19 | 14 | 5 | 0 | 1684 | 1318 | 56.10 | 28 |
| PORT | 19 | 12 | 7 | 0 | 1832 | 1404 | 56.61 | 24 |
| EAGLES | 19 | 11 | 8 | 0 | 1507 | 1443 | 51.08 | 22 |
| WEST* | 19 | 10 | 9 | 0 | 1545 | 1376 | 52.89 | 20 |
| North† | 18 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 1397 | 1525 | 47.81 | 16 |
| Glenelg | 19 | 7 | 12 | 0 | 1435 | 1713 | 45.58 | 14 |
| South | 19 | 5 | 14 | 0 | 1350 | 1839 | 42.33 | 10 |
| Sturt* | 19 | 4 | 15 | 0 | 1284 | 2025 | 38.80 | 8 |

* Bye. † To play today.

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| | Games | Rd 22 | Total |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| S. Hodges (Port) | 18 | 8 | 95 |
| A. Reade (Norwood) | 19 | 0 | 60 |
| S. Simister (West) | 19 | 0 | 49 |
| M. Conway (Central) | 15 | 0 | 49 |
| D. Woosnam (West) | 18 | 0 | 44 |
| D. Stoeckel (South) | 19 | 2 | 40 |
| J. West (Glenelg) | 18 | 0 | 37 |
| D. Flood (Central) | 16 | 0 | 37 |
| J. Cotton (Central) | 19 | 0 | 37 |
| S. Morphett (Eagles) | 18 | 3 | 32 |
| M. Tylor (Glenelg) | 15 | 3 | 30 |
| G. Mellor (West) | 19 | 0 | 29 |

SA crowds

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|---------------|-------------|
| Glenelg Oval | 2345 |
| Alberton Oval | 5886 |
| Total | 8231 |

| | Kicks | | | | Marks | | | | Handballs | | | | Frees | | | | Scores | | | | Hit | Tackles |
|----------------|-------|----|----|----|-------|----|----|----|-----------|----|----|----|-------|----|-----|----|--------|----|----|----|-----|---------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | F | A | G | B | F | A | G | B | | |
| Glenelg | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| D. GIGNEY | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M. TYLOR | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| R. HALL | 0 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| G. RIDGWAY | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| L. OTTENS | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| J. BROOKS | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| L. BOW | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| D. READ | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| R. WAUGH | 4 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| S. McDONALD | 1 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| A. BARTLETT | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M. VISKA | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| P. SODOMKA | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M. SODERSTROM | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| B. THOMPSON | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| S. MCCULLY | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 2 |
| A. BURKE | 4 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| N. CHIGWIDDEN | 0 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| S. NICHOLAS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| B. EXELBY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J. SYMONDS | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| TOTALS | 43 | 48 | 43 | 48 | 182 | 14 | 15 | 25 | 14 | 68 | 24 | 37 | 23 | 26 | 110 | 19 | 20 | 15 | 12 | 37 | 25 | 25 |

| FREES | | | | PENALTIES | | GOALS | | | | DIST. OF GOALS | | | |
|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|-----|
| BACKS | CENT. | FOR | TOTAL | NO | GOALS | FREE | PLAY | MARK | TOTAL | 0-15 | 15-30 | 30-40 | 40+ |
| 4 | 11 | 4 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 15 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 3 |

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| 11 | 5 | 4 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 |