

Bays on right track: McGuinness

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DESPITE winning just its second game of the season on Saturday, Glenelg is not far from being a good side.

That's the opinion of Tiger coach Tony McGuinness after watching his young charges overwhelm the Eagles by 41 points in a spirited display at Glenelg Oval.

The victory ended Glenelg's shocking 12-game losing streak and was a reward for courage and persistence.

In captain Nick Chigwidden's 250th game, the Tigers took the game to the Eagles from the start, opening up a handy 20-point quarter-time lead, holding the Eagles at bay in tight second and third quarters and then running away with the match in the last.

It was one of the few matches this year Glenelg has not put in a poor quarter and let the opposition take control of the game.

That is all that has hurt Glenelg in most games - one bad quarter, according to McGuinness.

"We've been competitive for long periods of games but have been blown out of the water in one term where we've shown an inability to handle the pressure when it's really applied," he said. "We've been around the place in most games but haven't been able to finish off our work. It's just a shame we're in this position (bottom) because we're a much better side than the results show."

McGuinness said the Glenelg players "hadn't learnt a lot" in the past few years

Glenelg 12.13 (85) d Eagles 6.8 (44)

and it would take them time to adjust to his game plan and what he required from them.

"It's like going to school... it takes time to learn things - game plans, how to sit off the contest, where to run to meet the footy and a whole lot of little things that go into playing football," he said.

"That won't happen overnight but I'm convinced we're on the right track... we're not far from being a good side."

McGuinness sported a grin of satisfaction after the win against the Eagles and spoke of how proud he was of his players' efforts.

"It was a very courageous win when you consider the position of the club and the injuries we had... one of our best," he said.

The Tigers were down to 16 fit players at three-quarter time and led by just 12 points after having a goal, kicked just after the siren, disallowed. McGuinness pleaded with his men to "play the quarter of their life" in the final term and they did not let him down, piling on 4.5 without reply.

"When the game was under threat and we were under the pump we hung in there and toughed it out which was great to see," he said. McGuinness, who has unwavering faith in his players, said Glenelg's performance augured well for the future.

"There's some good players here and we've introduced quite a few promising youngsters in the past six weeks and now it's all about finding the right mix," he said.

While things are looking up at Tigerland - although they suffered a rash of injuries and might be brought back to earth with a thud against an angry Sturt at Unley on Saturday - the loss was a bitter blow for the Eagles, who have won just one of their past six matches. They blew a big opportunity to move closer to a finals berth and now face an uphill task to squeeze into the top five with finals rivals Port, Central and South all winning on the weekend. Coach Mark Mickan was at a loss to explain their poor performance, which he described as "one of the most disappointing efforts I've been involved with". "We had a finals spot at stake at three-quarter time and yet produced a non-effort which I find very hard to understand," he said. "Glenelg was much more desperate than us, which was bitterly disappointing considering what we had to play for."

Mickan said the Eagles would keep plugging away in the hope of securing a finals berth which he rated a "remote" possibility. "Mathematically we can still make it but performance-wise we've got no show," he said. "We were deplorable and there's going to have to be a big shift in attitude, desperation and willingness to have a go if we're going to go anywhere."

The Eagles had just a handful of good contributors - half-back Gavin Colville, Nick Pesch and Geoff Wiggins - while Glenelg produced a fine team effort and got excellent service from wingman Simon Hele, Crow Rod Jameson, half-back Dwaine Kretschmer and rookie wingman Michael Oldfield.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

LIVING HEALTH CUP SEASON

| | W | L | D | F | A | P.c. | Pts |
|---------|----|----|---|------|------|-------|-----|
| Sturt | 11 | 4 | - | 1223 | 1074 | 53.24 | 22 |
| Norwood | 10 | 5 | - | 1139 | 1034 | 52.42 | 20 |
| Port | 9 | 6 | - | 1210 | 1065 | 53.19 | 18 |
| Central | 8 | 7 | - | 1274 | 1131 | 52.97 | 16 |
| West | 8 | 6 | - | 1139 | 1116 | 50.51 | 16 |
| South | 8 | 7 | - | 1118 | 1126 | 49.82 | 16 |
| Eagles | 6 | 9 | - | 1133 | 1166 | 49.28 | 12 |
| North | 5 | 10 | - | 1139 | 1318 | 46.36 | 10 |
| Glenelg | 2 | 13 | - | 949 | 1294 | 42.31 | 4 |

LEADING GOALKICKERS

| Club | Rd 17 | Total |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| A. Richardson (West) | - | 48.18 |
| J. Burton (Sturt) | 4 | 39.13 |
| S. White (Sturt) | 2 | 28.24 |
| M. Jeffries (North) | 0 | 28.13 |
| R. Fitzgerald (South) | 3 | 24.11 |

RESERVES

Eagles 16.18 (114) d Glenelg 14.11 (95); Sturt 16.16 (112) d Port 9.13 (67); South 11.5 (71) d Norwood 6.16 (52); Central 14.13 (97) d North 12.7 (79). Premiership Table: Port, Sturt 22, Norwood 20, North, Central 14, Eagles 12, South, West, Glenelg 10.



GREAT SCOTTS: Scott Hodges and Scott Cummings booted eight goals between them.

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|---------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|
| Glenelg | 4.2 | 7.7 | 8.8 | 12.13 | (85) |
| Eagles | 1.0 | 5.2 | 6.8 | 6.8 | (44) |

BEST - Glenelg: Hele, Jameson, Kretschmer, Oldfield, Grenvold, Golding, Chigwidden, McEntee, Raidis. **Eagles:** Colville, Pesch, Wiggins, Sziller, Rogers.

SCORERS - Glenelg: Gigney 2.3, Bonney 2.2, Jameson, McEntee 2.1, Scripps 1.1, Burke, Kretschmer, Oldfield 1.0, Chigwidden 0.2, Nicholas, Bartlett 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Eagles:** Higgins, Sziller, Palfreyman, Colville, M. Kluzek, Zappia 1.0, Holland 0.3, Burton 0.2, Phillipou, Pesch 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Glenelg: Rouvray (broken wrist), Harwood (knee), Nicholas (knock to head), Pearce (AC joint), Oldfield (ribs). **Eagles:** DiBiase (knee).

UMPIRES - R. Williams, D. Woodcock, J. Schmitt.

CROWD - 2333 at Glenelg Oval.

BEST ON GROUND - Simon Hele (Glenelg).

TOP TEAM MAN - Rod Jameson (Glenelg).

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|-------|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|
| Port | 3.1 | 8.4 | 10.6 | 16.11 | (107) |
| Sturt | 1.2 | 4.4 | 9.4 | 11.9 | (75) |

BEST - Port: Borlase, Leys, Carter, Obst, Beinke, Morgan, Hodges, Francis, Steed. **Sturt:** Atkinson, Maloney, Weatherald, Lennon, Burton, Kennett.

SCORERS - Port: Hodges 5.3, Beinke 3.1, Cummings 3.0, Hahn 2.0, Steed 1.1, Obst, Bamford 1.0, Burgoyne 0.2, Francis 0.1, rushed 0.3. **Sturt:** Burton 4.1, White 2.2, Kennett 1.2, Maloney 1.1, Atkinson, Powell, Kartinyeri 1.0, Weatherald 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - Port: Ashley (shoulder), Jaques (corked thigh), Pedler (calf).

REPORTS - Leys (Port) for striking White in the third term.

UMPIRES - C. Rowston, C. Doddridge, K. Chambers.

CROWD - 8055 at Alberton Oval.

BEST ON GROUND - Darryl Borlase (Port).

TOP TEAM MAN - Danny Morgan (Port).

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|---------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| South | 4.1 | 7.2 | 8.6 | 11.7 | (73) |
| Norwood | 0.4 | 4.5 | 6.9 | 7.14 | (56) |

BEST - South: Osborn, Genovese, Clohesy, Cobb, Smart, Morgan, Crawshaw, Talbot. **Norwood:** Direen, Pitt, D'Antiochia, Obst, McIntosh, Borlase.

SCORERS - South: Smart 4.0, Fitzgerald, Hams 3.0, Quinn 1.0, Johnson, Threadgold 0.2, rushed 0.3. **Norwood:** Pascoe 3.2, R. James 2.1, Direen 1.1, Thiessen 1.0, Plim, Obst 0.2, Harley, Fosdike, McIntosh, Eccles, Fleming 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - South: McKeough (broken collarbone), Norman (calf), Morgan (corked hamstring). **Norwood:** Plim (cut head), Downsborough (cut head).

UMPIRES - G. Inge, T. Pfeiffer, A. Vickers.

CROWD - 3997 at Norwood Oval.

BEST ON GROUND - Andrew Osborn (South).

TOP TEAM MAN - Michael Clohesy (South).

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|---------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|
| Central | 4.4 | 8.8 | 9.11 | 11.14 | (80) |
| North | 2.2 | 2.2 | 6.3 | 9.8 | (62) |

BEST - Central: Cotton, Cook, Hulm, Arnold, Schwerdt, Wakelin, Macgowan, Chambers, Cotter. **North:** Lehmann, Wintle, Nunan, Gerke, Herbert, Newberry, Squire.

SCORERS - Central: Cotton 4.1, Schell 2.2, McAdam 2.1, Cook 1.2, Moller 1.1, Jones 1.0, Chambers 0.2, Hulm, Arnold, Cotter, Hicks 0.1, rushed 0.1. **North:** Burrows, Motlop 3.0, Squire, Wintle 1.1, Newberry 1.0, Ladhams 0.2, Gerke, Robertson 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - Central: Lee (ankle), Macgowan (groin).

UMPIRES - M. Avon, D. Kowal, M. Humphreys.

CROWD - 3395 at Elizabeth Oval.

BEST ON GROUND - Jarrod Cotton (Central).

TOP TEAM MAN - Daniel Hulm (Central).

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Saturday: Eagles v South (Woodville Oval), West v North (Richmond Oval), Sturt v Glenelg (Unley Oval). **Sunday:** Norwood v Central (Norwood Oval).

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Port Adelaide midfielder Darryl Borlase moved to within five points of leader Simon Feast (Sturt) in the SANFL Player of the Year award with a strong performance in the Magpies' 32-point win over Sturt at Alberton Oval.

GLENELG v EAGLES

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| Simon Hele (Glenelg) | 3 |
| Rod Jameson (Glenelg) | 2 |
| Dwaine Kretschmer (Glenelg) | 1 |

PORT v STURT

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|-------------------------|---|
| Darryl Borlase (Port) | 3 |
| Brodie Atkinson (Sturt) | 2 |
| Brian Leys (Port) | 1 |

NORWOOD v SOUTH

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| Andrew Osborn (South) | 3 |
| Scott Direen (Norwood) | 2 |
| Nathan Genovese (South) | 1 |

CENTRAL v NORTH

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|-------------------------|---|
| Jarrod Cotton (Central) | 3 |
| Tim Cook (Central) | 2 |
| Troy Lehmann (North) | 1 |

LEADERS - 15: Simon Feast (Sturt). **14:** Nick Pesch (Eagles). **12:** Simon Crawshaw (South). **10:** Steven Pitt (Norwood), Darryl Borlase (Port), Andrew Osborn (South). **9:** Trent Mills, Lucas Herbert (North). **8:** Geoff Wiggins (Eagles), Anthony Banik, Matthew Twomey (West), Simon Hele (Glenelg). **7:** Tim Cook (Central), Tim Weatherald (Sturt), Anthony Harvey, Garry McIntosh (Norwood), Darryl Wintle (North). **6:** Bruce Lennon (Sturt), Dean Talbot (South), Justin Casserly, Daniel Hulm (Central), Tim Nunan (North), John Cunningham (Norwood), Brian Leys (Port). **5:** Gilbert McAdam (Central), Brodie Atkinson, Julian Burton (Sturt), Bryan Beinke (Port), Scott Direen (Norwood).