



Tigers muster their abilities and roar

By Davide Valente
at Glenelg Oval

Glenelg 17.9 (111)
Port 15.18 (108)

Their character called into question by a pummelling from Sturt last week, the Glenelg Tigers answered with a blood-curdling roar yesterday, beating Port Adelaide at Glenelg Oval.

Glenelg ended its four-match drought, leading the inaccurate, reactive Magpies at every change and surviving a late challenge to win 17.9 (111) to 15.18 (108) in what should be a turning point for the club.

In front of a supportive home crowd, the Tigers answered their critics. They were tough, desperate and tireless, they led their opponents to every contest and the defence, in particular Bradley Stephens and Michael Handby, was suffocating.

The Bays drew first blood only two minutes in, courtesy of captain James Byrne and Port's response, one goal, three behinds in the next nine minutes, defined their chief liability for the day. But it went further than that.

Once Glenelg started to really establish its intentions midway through the first quarter with run, creativity and single-minded attack, Port reverted to a reactive, chasing game in which it was second to the ball.

The Magpies certainly had the pace and the strength to take the initiative but were caught behind at almost every contest. "That's as low as we

can get, it'll test the character of the club now," Port coach Stephen Williams said.

A jubilant Brenton Honor seemed to have all the answers after his men responded to his challenges since their capitulation at Unley.

He decided this week to brutally break out of Glenelg's dearth of goalscoring in recent years and set his team the task of scoring, win or lose, 15 goals and to adopt a fiercely attacking style of play.

"It's easy to say that, that we're going to play attacking football but for the way the players did it today speaks volumes for them."

The Tigers simply had more contributors, led by Matthew Shir along with Stephens, Nathan Irvin and tireless Kelvin Maher, but with fierce work-rates across the field.

Nigel Fiegert, Eugene Warrior and Tony Brown led Port but there were too few working with them.

Four goals each from Phillip McKenzie and David Willett answered the call to goals from Honour, supported by three to Irvin and three more to Maher.

The Tigers were denied Kane Cornes in a last-minute call from the Power while among Port's late changes Magarey Medallist Ryan O'Connor withdrew with a calf injury.

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Best in my time, says Honor

By DAVID VALENTE

GLLENELG coach Brenton Honor had one plea to the Tiger faithful after Saturday's inspirational upset victory against Port Adelaide. "I don't give up hope."

It was a completely different Tigers line-up that ran on to Glenelg Oval and ruthlessly overpowered the Magpies than the one that had been comprehensively beaten in its opening four matches this season. And it is, Honor is confident, the line-up that will lift the Bays from where it has been languishing at the wrong end of the ladder since the mid '90s.

"It's important for supporters and Glenelg

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people to understand what we are doing here," Honor said. "I know it's frustrating but I just appeal to people's patience - hopefully this will prove

to them that there is hope here."

Whether Honor is successful in lifting Glenelg into the ranks of serious contender, his move to an unashamedly aggressive style has at least made the Tigers a far more exciting spectacle for the loyal fans who have stuck by the club.

The Bays so often made Port Adelaide look second-rate, rebounding fiercely off the half-back line, dashing through the midfield and peppering the goals with an accuracy and regularity rarely seen in recent years.

"That was the best brand of football we have played since I have been coaching," Honor said.

"We averaged 8.9 goals a game last year so we needed to give ourselves an opportunity to score."

"We would have been satisfied to kick 15 goals even if we lost but we kicked 17 goals and won," he said.

Glenelg had not scored more than 14 goals in Honor's 18 months at the helm. From the time the Tigers made their opening gambits midway through the first term, they played with confidence and daring and, in

the biggest change to the game style, did not allow that intensity to evaporate at any stage.

If the Tigers' season is on the rise, Port coach Stephen Williams made it clear that - after capitulating to the bottom side and suffering their third successive loss - the Magpies' had hit rock bottom. They had too few contributors, too little system moving into attack and frustrating inaccuracy from their fair share of set shots at goal. "We were playing catch-up all day. You can't miss the amount of goals we missed and hope to win the game," Williams said.

Port must hope for the return to fitness of inspirational ruckman, Magarey Medallist Ryan O'Connor, who was a last-minute withdrawal with a calf injury.

His exit opened the door for 200cm teenager Leigh Coudraye to make a premature league debut after only two reserves games with the Magpies while Glenelg's late loss of Kane Cornes to the Power brought 18-year-old Jayce Richardson up for his first-grade baptism.

SANFL results

South v Norwood

Noarlunga Oval

NORWOOD 6.4 9.7 15.10 18.15 (128)
South 4.0 5.2 9.2 11.6 (72)

BEST - Norwood: Borlace, Pitt, Robran, Thiessen, Morton, Bartemucci, Bown. **South:** D. Rigney, Sampson, Crabb, Rogers.

SCORERS - Norwood: Bartemucci 4.1, Bown, Carslake 3.1, Yerbury, Hewitt, Thiessen 2.0, James 1.1, Wilson 1.0, Robran, Wasley 0.2, Dreen, Morton, Gallagher 0.1, rushed 0.4. **South:** Mills 3.0, Steele 2.0, Rigney, Crabb, Warren 1.1, Ormond-Allen, Newberry, D. Murray 1.0, Manhood, A. Murray 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - South: D. Murray (neck).

UMPIRES - D. Ryan, A. Meade, J. Brown.

CROWD - 2228.

Eagles v North

Woodville Oval

EAGLES 4.2 6.3 13.6 17.11 (113)
North 6.5 10.8 12.9 15.10 (100)

BEST - Eagles: Frewen, Wise, Lindsay, Floreani, Skipworth, Pedler, Mathews. **North:** Morgan, Younie, Ladhams, Knowles, Ebert, Wintle, Casey.

SCORERS - Eagles: King 3.2, Lindsay 3.0, Cicolella 2.2, McKenzie, Skipworth 2.1, Jeffries, Walker, McLure, Crowell, Allison 1.0, Chapman 0.2, Wise, Mathews 0.1, rushed 0.1. **North:** Younie 4.0, McEntee 3.1, Hargraves 2.3, Ebert 2.0, Brooks 1.1, Herbert, Wintle, Fowden 1.0, James 0.2, Ladhams 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - North: McGahey (suspected broken leg).

UMPIRES - D. Wright, M. Avon, T. Dey.

CROWD - 2312.

Glenelg v Port

Glenelg Oval

GLENELG 5.2 8.3 13.5 17.9 (111)
Port 1.3 5.11 10.16 15.18 (108)

BEST - Glenelg: Shir, Irvin, Maher, Stephens, McKenzie, Handby, Cook. **Port:** Fiegert, Warrior, Brown, Phillipou, Burgoyne.

SCORERS - Glenelg: McKenzie 4.1, Willett 4.0, Maher 3.2, Irvin 3.1, Cook, Byrne, Koster 1.0, Handby, Baldwin, Golding, Stephens 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Port:** Lokan 3.5, Phillipou 3.1, Green 2.0, Burgoyne 1.2, Holmes, McGuinness, Warnor 1.1, Clayton, Brown 1.0, Fiegert, Coudraye, Tessaun 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES - Glenelg: Winstanley (cut lip).

UMPIRES - T. Pfeiffer, G. Symons, R. Williams.

CROWD - 3359.

Central v Sturt

NAP Oval, Elizabeth

CENTRAL 7.0 10.4 13.8 18.10 (118)
Sturt 3.2 8.5 9.6 12.8 (80)

BEST - Central: Bello, Schell, Hopwood, C. Gowans, Arnott, Haraida. **Sturt:** Atkinson, Thurstans, Sheedy, Bishop, Wicks, Squire.

SCORERS - Central: Schell 7.0, J. Gowans 2.1, C. Gowans, Bello 2.0, Walton 1.2, D. Stevens, MacGowan 1.1, Arnold, Ford 1.0, Switalla 0.2, Graham 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Sturt:** Atkinson 4.1, White 3.2, Chambers 3.1, Cooper 1.1, Thurstans 1.0, Weatherald, Powell 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Central: Healy (back, withdrew from selected side).

UMPIRES: K. Chambers, C. Doddridge, S. Przbilla.

CROWD - 7905.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Central	6	6	-	-	787	377	67.6	12
Sturt	5	4	1	-	567	353	61.6	8
Norwood	5	4	1	-	448	411	52.2	8
Port	5	2	3	-	390	416	48.4	4
South	5	2	3	-	444	480	48.1	4
North	5	2	3	-	430	519	45.3	4
Eagles	5	2	3	-	345	453	43.2	4
Glenelg	5	1	4	-	364	589	38.2	2
West	5	-	5	-	381	558	40.6	-

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Round 7 - Friday: Norwood v Eagles (Norwood Oval, 7.40pm). **Saturday, 2.20pm:** Port v South (Alberton Oval), West v Sturt (Richmond Oval), Glenelg v North (Glenelg Oval). **Bye:** Central.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd 6	Total
D. Hargraves	(North)	2.3	17.8
C. Gowans	(Central)	2.0	17.4
E. Richardson	(West)	-	16.5
B. Chambers	(Sturt)	3.1	15.13
J. Gowans	(Central)	2.1	14.6
S. White	(Sturt)	3.2	14.5

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

NORWOOD v SOUTH

Scott Borlace (Norwood)	3
Steven Pitt (Norwood)	2
Jonathon Robran (Norwood)	1

EAGLES v NORTH ADELAIDE

Adam Norgan (North)	3
Brett Frewen (Eagles)	2
Heath Younie (North)	1

GLENELG v PORT ADELAIDE

Matthew Shir (Glenelg)	3
Nathan Irvin (Glenelg)	2
Kelvin Maher (Glenelg)	1

CENTRAL v STURT

Marco Bello (Central)	3
Daniel Schell (Central)	2
Brodie Atkinson (Sturt)	1

LEADERS - 7: Steven Pitt (Norwood), Ryan O'Connor (Port). **6:** Chris Gowans (Central). **5:** Derek Murray (South). **4:** Scott Borlace (Norwood), Damian Squire, Adam Klun, Dean Woosnam (Sturt), James Gowans (Central), Eugene Warrior (Port).



GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gl	Pts	H/O	Tkl
D.O'BRIEN	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
M.BALDWIN	3	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	2
M.GREENWOOD	8	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
N.IRVIN	16	5	3	1	0	3	1	0	3
B.THOMPSON	11	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	2
D.WILLET	7	3	6	0	1	4	0	0	0
J.RICHARDSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.BYRNE	11	4	9	0	0	1	0	3	2
M.SHIR	13	7	13	0	0	0	0	1	1
B.STEPHENS	11	2	7	1	0	0	1	0	0
C.TASBORSKI	5	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
C.STRATHAM	3	2	4	1	0	0	0	2	0
M.HANDBY	10	7	1	1	1	0	1	0	2
P.SHERWOOD	6	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1
S.COOK	16	6	4	1	1	1	0	0	2
M.GOLDING	3	2	12	1	0	0	1	6	0
K.KOSTER	9	3	4	1	3	1	0	1	1
P.MCKENZIE	14	6	7	2	0	4	1	1	1
T.WINSTANLEY	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	6	0
A.GOWLING	2	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	1
K.MAHER	8	1	0	0	0	3	2	1	2
Totals	166	65	92	15	10	17	9	23	22



PORT

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gl	Pts	H/O	Tkl
P.MCGUINNESS	8	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
M.HARWOOD	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
J.LETT	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
S.BURGGOYNE	12	3	10	2	2	1	3	0	3
B.LOCKWOOD	7	7	7	1	0	0	0	2	0
M.LOKAN	10	7	0	1	0	3	5	0	1
J.WILSON	9	1	9	0	1	0	0	0	0
B.LYLE	15	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	2
S.HOLMES	8	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
M.CLAYTON	8	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	2
N.FIEGERT	8	6	6	0	1	0	1	1	1
S.CARTER	8	5	6	0	1	0	0	1	1
M.ASHLEY	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2
C.AHCHEE	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.GREEN	3	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0
L.COUDRAYE	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
E.WARRIOR	15	2	7	0	1	1	1	0	3
A.BROWN	5	5	14	1	3	1	0	0	2
M.WADE	8	2	6	0	1	0	0	3	2
J.TESSAUN	6	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
S.PHILLIPOU	12	4	3	2	0	3	1	1	1
Totals	157	57	93	10	15	15	18	20	23