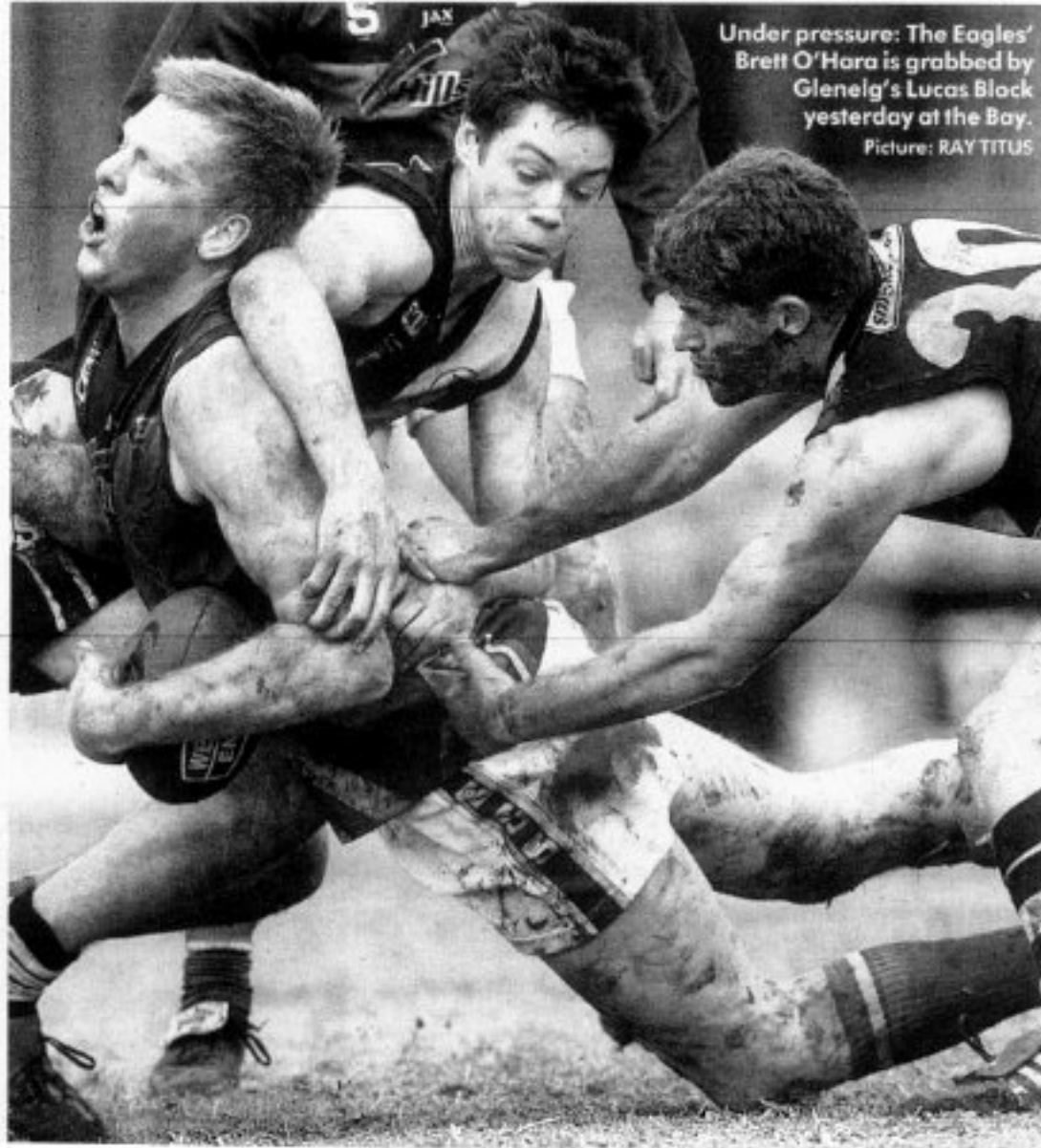


Bays end drought against Eagles by being hard at ball

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Under pressure: The Eagles' Brett O'Hara is grabbed by Glenelg's Lucas Black yesterday at the Bay. Picture: RAY TITUS

IF THE Glenelg football team was a racehorse it would be swabbed.

Two weeks ago the Tigers were bashed up - humiliated by 17 goals by bottom side Norwood. Coach David Noble admitted it was his most embarrassing time as a coach and he was stung by the meek effort.

Yesterday he wore the smile of a winner, his side overcoming Woodville-West Torrens, the competition pacesetters coming into the weekend, in a tough slog at Glenelg Oval.

The Eagles had won their 12 previous encounters against Glenelg, having not dropped a game to the Tigers since 1999.

So how can the Tigers go from chumps to heroes in just 16 days? Simple ... Noble challenged his players to lift the intensity at the contest.

"After the Norwood game we said we had to compete at every contest, had to compete as hard as possible," Noble said.

"I know that is a fundamental of football but maybe sometimes you lose sight of that. They showed enormous character and want to get the ball."

That was certainly on show on boggy Glenelg Oval where the need to chase hard ball was the key ingredient for victory. Eagles coach Ron Fuller admitted the Tigers "wanted it more".

Switched on from the outset, the home side committed their bodies for the cause to push the ball forward at all costs.

Trevor Cranston stood tall in ruck and his tireless midfield mates Heath Culpitt and Billy Neely got their hands to plenty of ball. Josh Krueger was strong in attack early while Culpitt finished with a five-goal haul.

The Tigers' domination of play was not mirrored on the scoreboard, however, with the Eagles staying in close contact by taking full advantage of their rare forays into attack.

The Eagles threatened to take the game by the scruff of the neck in the second quarter when they surged to 10-point advantage, a period corresponding with Cranston resting on the bench.

But Glenelg would not be denied. It needed to earn respect and the players were des-

perate, tackling, smothering and throwing themselves into the fray to wrest the lead back by half-time.

With Paul Sherwood shutting down the dangerous Josh King as well as providing rebound, Aidan Parker solid in defence and some youngsters such as Jamie Vlatko shining lights for the future, the Tigers took control when it counted for much of the last quarter.

When Fuller said his players did "not want it enough" in the last term, he was not referring to his ruckman Brett O'Hara, who worked back in defence, or Andrew Merriman and Joe Pedler.

"Credit goes to the players -

their ability to understand the implications of what they served up a couple of weeks ago to last week (narrow loss to Sturt)," Noble said.

The Eagles' performance resembled the loss to Port Adelaide Magpies in round 16 when they appeared lethargic and second to the contest. That defeat ended a winning streak of 12 successive games while last week they scrambled home against West Adelaide.

"We always expected some sort of lull, when things were not going to click," Fuller said. "That makes us all the more determined to work our way out of it. We have to get hungrier for the ball."

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	
CENTRAL DISTRICT	8.3	12.6	18.9	25.9	(159)
SOUTH ADELAIDE	2.0	5.1	5.3	7.7	(49)

BEST - Central: J. Gowans, C. Gowans, Cowan, Sibenaler, Graham, Cochrane, Thomas, Hopwood, Scoullar, McKenzie. **South:** Smith, C. King, Griffen.

SCORERS - Central: Cowan 4.0, Schell 3.4, J. Gowans 3.2, Cochrane 3.0, C. Gowans 2.2, Krieg, Switala, Graham 2.0, Slade, Bello, McKenzie, Scoullar 1.0, rushed 0.1. **South:** Hall 2.0, Footner, Saunders, Tregenza, Wright 1.1, Tarrant 1.0, Jackman 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - South: Sampson (arm), replaced in selected side by Tarrant, Bradley (broken hand).

UMPIRES - T. Pfeiffer, S. Przibilla, S. Hay. CROWD - 1427 at Noarlunga Oval.

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	
NORTH ADELAIDE	4.1	7.3	9.10	13.14	(92)
WEST ADELAIDE	2.4	6.5	6.6	7.8	(50)

BEST - North: Ladhams, Motlop, White, Sutherland, Heuskes, Gum. **West:** Champion, Donaldson, Norman, Glover, Illman, Rusca.

SCORERS - North: White 5.2, Wintle 3.0, Hargraves 2.3, Motlop 1.1, Sutherland, Ladhams 1.0, Heuskes, Roe, Cook, Jeffries, Gum 0.1, rushed 0.3. **West:** Champion, Shepherd, S. Chadwick 2.1, Norman 1.0, Nathan, Rusca, Montgomery, Illman, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - West: Hassan (shoulder), C. Slattery (suspected bruised kidney).

UMPIRES - J. Brown, S. Grun, C. Doddridge. CROWD - 2210 at Prospect Oval.

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	
STURT	5.2	8.4	9.7	13.8	(86)
NORWOOD	1.3	4.5	5.10	7.12	(54)

BEST - Sturt: Sheedy, Cooper, Weatherald, Smith, Coad, Pearce, Feast, Burton. **Norwood:** Borlace, B. James, Bartemucci, Pafful, Robran.

SCORERS - Sturt: White 3.2, Richardson 3.1, Sheedy, Bowen 1.1, Klun, Chambers, Coad, Roberts-Thomson, Thomson 1.0, Cooper, Burton, Weatherald 0.1. **Norwood:** Hazell 2.2, Bartemucci 1.3, Hill 1.1, Clements, Borlace, Lewis 1.0, Robran, Carslake 0.1, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES - Sturt: Pearce (back). **Norwood:** Grundy (flu), replaced in selected side by Blake, Hill (quadricep), Massie (foot).

REPORT - Norwood: Bartemucci, for allegedly striking Sheedy (Sturt) in the fourth quarter.

UMPIRES - C. Carey, C. Rowston, R. Fox.

CROWD - 3003 at Unley Oval.

ROUND 18

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Central	16	13	3	-	1683	1028	62.1	26
Eagles	16	13	3	-	1421	1067	57.1	26
Sturt	16	11	5	-	1394	1078	56.4	22
North	15	9	6	-	1316	1275	50.8	18
Port	15	6	9	-	1211	1172	50.8	18
South	16	6	10	-	1138	1428	44.3	12
West	16	6	10	-	1205	1516	44.3	12
Glenelg	16	4	12	-	1107	1452	43.3	8
Norwood	16	3	13	-	1127	1584	41.6	6

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Round 19 - Saturday: Eagles v Sturt (Adelaide Oval, 2.20pm), Port v North (Alberton Oval, 2.20pm), West v South (Broadpectrum Oval, 2.20pm), Central v Glenelg (NAP Oval, 2.20pm). Bye: Norwood.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd 18	Total
D. Schell	(Central)	3.4	44.22
B. Chambers	(Sturt)	1.0	41.21
R. Tregenza	(South)	1.1	36.23
D. Hargraves	(North)	2.3	36.11
S. Phillipou	(Eagles)	-	28.7

RESERVES

	5.4	6.6	7.6	9.9	(63)
GLENELG	3.1	6.3	7.4	8.6	(54)

Best - Glenelg: Golding, Anderson, Dixon, Button. **Eagles:** C. Hall, Williams, Turner, Hryhorec, Wardle, Wise. **Goals - Glenelg:** Dixon 3, Tasborski 2, Manfield, D. Yeomans, B. Yeomans, Kaesler. **Eagles:** Harry 3, Earl, Williams, Turner, Spencer, Symmons.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CENTRAL DISTRICT v SOUTH ADELAIDE

James Gowans (Central District)	3
Chris Gowans (Central District)	2
Luke Cowan (Central District)	1

STURT v NORWOOD

Jade Sheedy (Sturt)	3
Scott Borlace (Norwood)	2
Matthew Cooper (Sturt)	1

GLENELG v EAGLES

Heath Culpitt (Glenelg)	3
Paul Sherwood (Glenelg)	2
Aidan Parker (Glenelg)	1

NORTH ADELAIDE v WEST ADELAIDE

Chris Ladhams (North Adelaide)	3
Wade Champion (West Adelaide)	2
Shannon Motlop (North Adelaide)	1

LEADERS - 15: Matthew Slade (Central). **14:** Jade Sheedy (Sturt). **12:** Salim Hassan (West). **11:** Paul Thomas (Central). **10:** Heath Culpitt (Glenelg). **9:** Andrew Beveridge (Sturt), Mark McKenzie (Eagles), Clinton King (South), Brett Backwell (Glenelg). **8:** Simon Feast, Andrew Whiteman (Sturt), Hayden Skipworth, Gavin Colville (Eagles), William Neely (Glenelg).



GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/og	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
RUWOLDT	5	3	2	0	1	2	0	0	0
CRANSTON	3	2	6	0	1	0	0	13	0
BACKWELL	10	2	5	2	2	0	0	0	1
MILLER	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0
DULDIG	2	1	4	0	0	0	1	5	2
JAMIE VLATKO	12	2	8	0	0	1	0	0	2
COOK	7	4	10	2	2	0	0	0	5
CULPITT	24	5	12	1	2	5	1	0	3
MOORE	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MCKENZIE	5	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	2
PARKER	11	4	4	1	2	0	0	0	1
D. REAVILL	9	3	4	0	0	2	0	0	0
MILES	6	3	9	2	1	0	0	0	1
SHERWOOD	8	5	5	1	0	0	0	1	1
RAIDIS	7	6	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
ANDREWS	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
NEELY	24	7	10	4	4	0	1	0	3
HORAN	3	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	1
STATHAM	6	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
KRUEGER	4	5	5	0	0	2	1	0	0
BLOCK	10	4	4	2	2	0	0	0	3
Totals	167	62	107	17	22	13	6	20	27



EAGLES

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/og	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
SPEHR	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
PASSADOR	5	4	4	1	2	0	0	1	2
P. FIACCHI	9	0	9	2	1	0	1	0	3
RUGOLO	11	1	5	1	1	0	3	0	1
KING	4	4	1	1	0	3	1	0	0
INXSTER	8	4	4	0	2	0	0	1	1
COLVILLE	14	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	2
WESTBROOK	7	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	6
TREBBY	6	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	2
R. FIACCHI	13	4	2	3	2	0	0	0	1
PEDLER	11	5	2	2	1	0	0	0	2
MCKENZIE	10	2	10	0	0	1	0	0	2
MERRIMAN	12	5	4	2	1	0	0	0	2
HALL	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
POTTER	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	2
LINDSAY	1	2	3	0	2	0	0	5	0
TOIA	13	4	4	1	1	2	0	0	1
STOKES	8	2	7	1	1	0	0	0	1
O'HARA	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	21	2
EARL	5	4	2	1	0	3	1	0	0
POWELL	6	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	153	59	74	22	17	9	7	29	34