

A slog but Eagles legends would have been proud

SCOREBOARD

Thebarton Oval, 2627

EAGLES	99	87	GLENELG
0.3 7.6 11.7 15.9		4.2 6.4 9.7 13.9	

GOALS

Passador 6; Inkster, Cooper, Grocke 2; P. Fiacchi, Treeby, Lindsay.

BEST

Inkster, Cicolella, Lindsay, Jarrad, McKenzie, P. Fiacchi, Treeby, Powell.

INJURIES/REPORTS

EAGLES: Potter (thigh); Skipworth (ankle).
GLENELG: Backwell (calf strain); Fisher (ankle).

Umpires: R. Fox, T. Philp, R. Williams.

Doug Robertson

WOODVILLE-West Torrens eased back to the top of the SANFL ladder on percentage yesterday with a hard-fought 12-point win over finals aspirant Glenelg at Thebarton Oval.

With a brace of former West Torrens legends watching from the grandstand at the spiritual home of the Eagles - and inspired by a six-goal haul from Mark Passador - they ground down the Tigers, who came within one kick of the lead three times in a tense last term.

The Eagles led by 17 points midway through the last quarter, when Adam Grocke unleashed his best cameo for the day with two goals in four minutes - but the never-say-die Tigers replied with goals of their own to be five points down with about 10 minutes to play.

When the heat was on, the Eagles - who have won the past five games - had the better structure and focus, with their best team-orientated brand of low-risk football.

Either team would have been unfortunate to lose, but the Tigers will rue a handful of missed tackles, errant hand and foot passes and a breakdown of its attack after the first term.

The league's most flexible performer, Eagles all-rounder Mark McKenzie, shifted from midfield to half-back to close down the dangerous Aaron Rogers, who kicked his entire contribution of 3.2 before time-on in the second quarter.

Joe Pedler never allowed Jeff Smith (1.0) nor Ryan Willits a sniff, and Steven Hall stuck to Matthew Duldig (0.3) like chewing gum to a blanket.

Glenelg has won every first quarter this season and it was no different yesterday

when it led 4.2 to 0.3 in the first term. But when the key forwards were eclipsed, the fluency stopped.

The Eagles squeezed the screws after the break - mostly through its ground-level brigade in Tim Inkster (35 disposals), Justin Cicolella (30) and underrated wingman Luke Jarrad (27) - and began swapping risky handballs for direct entries in the 50m arc where Passador became lethal.

Paul Sherwood kept on trying, but the Eagles foot passing was precise.

However, when they periodically went off the tried-and-true systems, it allowed space to the Tigers, who thanked them by running a genuine scare through the Eagles faithful among the 2627 crowd.

Eagles coach Ron Fuller said his team "weren't as accountable as we can be".

"We were probably a little bit too on edge in the first quarter... but when we got back to being more solid, we looked more composed."

Brett Backwell (calf injury) didn't start and Adam Fisher, who took an ankle strain into the game, was off early in the third quarter, but the Tigers loss was more to do with concentration than personnel.

They fought it out to please coach Mark Mikan, but missed opportunities were costly.

"We had some kicks that didn't hit targets with the expectation of skill at this level, tackles that missed and some errant tackles," Mikan said.

"I'm certainly not disappointed with the effort but... we couldn't execute at crucial times when we really had too and (the Eagles) got the result."

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TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	Str	%	Pts
NORTH**	9	7	2	0	1100	908	W1	54.78	14
EAGLES	10	7	3	0	1066	894	W5	54.39	14
PORT	9	6	3	0	910	780	L2	53.85	12
CENTRAL	10	6	4	0	991	929	W3	51.61	12
GLENELG	10	5	5	0	1068	900	L1	54.27	10
South	9	4	5	0	962	861	W1	52.77	8
Norwood*	9	4	5	0	811	937	L3	46.40	8
Sturt*	8	2	6	0	750	997	L1	42.93	4
West	10	2	8	0	742	1194	L2	38.33	2

**Bye *Yet to play this round

GOALS

Rank/Player	(R11)Tot
1 Passador (E)	(6) 35
2 Warren (SA)	(4) 32
3 Cupido (SA)	(3) 28
3 Rogers (G)	(3) 28
5 Chambers (St)	(*) 27

ROUND 12

Friday: Sturt v North (Adelaide Oval); Norwood v Eagles (Coopers).

Saturday: Glenelg v Central (Glenelg).

Sunday: South v Port (Noarlunga).

Bye: West.



EAGLES

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
COOPER	8	4	6	1	1	2	0	0	1
PASSADOR	10	6	2	0	0	6	1	0	0
RUGOLO	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
INKSTER	23	12	1	4	2	2	1	0	1
GROCKE	11	9	2	1	0	2	0	1	1
WESTBROOK	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
TREEBY	15	3	7	1	0	1	0	0	2
CICOLELLA	19	5	11	3	0	0	2	0	2
JARRAD	14	6	3	1	1	0	0	0	3
SHATTOCK	9	5	3	1	1	0	0	1	1
MCKENZIE	11	11	7	0	0	0	0	0	1
POWELL	11	3	12	1	0	0	0	0	4
PEDLER	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	4
HALL	8	5	1	2	1	0	0	0	1
COLVILLE	10	4	5	1	2	0	0	0	2
LINDSAY	9	3	2	5	0	1	0	29	4
FIACCHI.P	11	5	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
SKIPWORTH	12	4	5	4	0	0	1	0	8
PEDERSEN	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	8	1
POTTER	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
EARL	7	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	200	92	77	28	11	15	9	41	37



GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
ROGERS	6	4	5	0	0	3	2	1	2
DULDIG	5	2	3	0	1	0	3	0	1
HORAN	6	1	6	1	0	1	0	0	1
MITCHELL	13	1	4	0	1	1	1	0	2
SMITH	6	3	5	0	0	1	0	6	2
RUWOLDT	17	7	5	1	2	0	1	0	3
SAUNDERS	7	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	2
FISHER	10	6	6	1	1	0	0	0	6
MOORE	26	13	8	1	0	0	0	0	1
MULES	9	5	8	0	1	0	0	0	8
WILLITS	11	8	4	0	3	1	0	0	0
MCCONNELL	20	8	9	0	2	1	0	0	1
HINGE	8	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
SHERWOOD	8	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
PANOZZO	11	5	11	1	0	0	0	0	2
CRANSTON	6	5	10	0	6	0	0	16	2
ALLEN	6	3	9	0	6	0	0	1	5
LOGAN	8	1	14	2	1	3	0	0	2
KIRKBY	7	8	5	1	1	1	0	0	1
KIRKBY	6	5	4	0	0	1	0	4	1
BLOCK	5	1	5	0	2	0	0	0	1
Totals	201	94	132	11	28	13	9	28	43

SCOREBOARD

Hamra Homes Oval, 4111

CENTRAL	115	81	PORT
4.4 8.5 13.9 17.13		3.4 5.8 8.9 12.9	

GOALS

Slade 5; J. Gowans 4; J. Westhoff 2; O'Sullivan, Schell, Dutschke, McKenzie, Wilson, L. Westhoff.

BEST

Slade, J. Gowans, C. Gowans, Thomas, Wilson, O'Sullivan, Scoullar.

INJURIES/REPORTS

CENTRAL: J. Gowans (foot).
PORT: Waterhouse (ankle); Butcher (concussion).

Umpires: G. Fila, S. Hay, A. Meade.

SCOREBOARD

Broadspectrum Oval, 1268

WEST	83	111	SOUTH
1.3 6.6 12.8 12.11		4.5 8.9 11.11 16.15	

GOALS

Haynes 6; Wiggins 3; Porplyzia, Hollands, Piasante.

BEST

Haynes, Slattery, Porplyzia, Walsh, Vanderloo, Hollands, Archibald.

INJURIES/REPORTS

WEST: Nil.
SOUTH: Nil.

Umpires: S. Grun, D. Kowal, T. Pfeiffer.