

Mickan keeps it low key

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IT WAS a very different Glenelg outfit which trudged off victorious at Coopers Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Despite engineering a stunning 20-minute period in the final quarter against Norwood there was no great celebration when the final siren sounded.

Given the game's importance as the jostling for a coveted finals berth heats up, the Tigers had every reason to be excited.

In previous seasons at Brighton Road such a win would have drawn a much greater reaction from the players. But under level-headed Mark Mickan, there is a feeling the job is only half done.

"It's a possibility but

we just haven't spoken about it and we won't really," Mickan said of the club's chances of playing in September for the first time since 1999. "We haven't won enough games for us to play in finals yet. It's ahead of us. It's a goal we have got and it's still only a goal. It will remain a goal until we've got enough wins and we haven't done that at the moment."

Being in such a position it could be easy for Mickan to take the short-term view and use only the tried and tested within the playing group. But the former AFL assistant has indicated his eye is also on the long-term as he continues to blood youngsters such as Matt

Graham and Brad Yeomans to great effect.

"There's some good quality lads who still haven't had a go yet," Mickan said, referring to players like Tom Redden and Mark Austin nearing their debuts. "If the opportunity presents they will get a go but you can't make a change for the sake of it."

After a fortnight of great success, the 43-point defeat was rather sobering for the Redlegs, who must now regroup for a game of equal importance. On Saturday they face fellow finals aspirant South at Noarlunga.

"It will be interesting but we're as confident next week as we are any other week," Norwood coach Trevor Hill said.

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GLENELG



NORWOOD

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	Flag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl		Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	Flag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
KIRK	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	7	1	LOWER	6	3	7	0	1	0	0	0	1
SMITH	6	4	3	1	0	0	1	4	3	COCKSHELL	7	6	2	0	0	1	2	1	0
MCCONNELL	22	6	3	3	2	5	0	0	0	VLATKO	10	7	3	0	0	3	2	0	2
RUWOLDT	8	1	6	1	1	0	0	0	2	CARSLAKE	6	4	13	0	2	0	1	0	0
KIRKBY	11	5	3	2	0	2	1	0	0	BOWN	7	3	7	0	2	1	0	6	0
GRAHAM	10	5	3	1	1	2	0	0	1	CULPITT	8	3	4	1	2	0	1	0	2
MOORE	9	1	7	4	0	0	0	0	1	GALLAGHER	15	4	9	1	1	1	0	0	4
BACKWELL	21	9	15	1	1	2	1	0	2	JAMES.B	15	7	17	1	0	0	0	0	2
SUNDOVIST	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	BARTEMUCCI	6	2	4	1	2	1	2	0	0
MULES	10	2	7	0	2	0	0	0	2	BAILEY	17	6	8	1	1	0	0	0	1
WILLITS	8	6	6	0	0	0	0	4	0	JACKMAN	13	6	11	2	3	0	0	0	1
MITCHELL	20	5	8	1	1	0	1	0	1	PFEIFFER	11	5	3	0	0	2	0	0	2
PANOZZO	10	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	DIUGAN	8	4	6	0	2	0	0	0	1
SHERWOOD	6	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	ZORZI	1	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
HINGE	7	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	CROUCH	4	4	5	1	0	0	1	0	0
CRANSTON	9	5	14	2	0	0	1	17	6	MEESSEN	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	15	1
GIBBS	14	7	5	2	1	4	1	0	2	CAMPBELL	8	4	11	3	2	0	0	0	4
DOUGLAS	10	3	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	BORLACE	19	4	9	1	0	0	2	0	1
DULDIG	5	3	5	0	0	2	3	0	0	BRUNOLI	6	3	5	1	0	1	2	0	1
ALLEN	8	2	13	0	2	1	0	0	5	HUGHES	11	3	5	0	1	0	2	0	0
YEOMANS	5	4	6	1	1	0	1	0	2	NITSCHKE	6	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	201	87	122	20	14	18	11	32	32	Totals	189	86	145	14	20	10	16	22	24

Flurry of goals sets Tigers on finals course

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IT took Glenelg more than three quarters to land its KO punch on Norwood yesterday, but when it did in the final term, the Tigers made it count in emphatic fashion.

With a resilient Redlegs outfit within six points 10 minutes into the last quarter, the Tigers suddenly sprang into action. They booted 6.1 to 0.2 and enhancing their bid for a berth in September with a 43-point win at The Parade.

"In a game that could have gone to the wire, we were able to kick away in the last quarter and that was really significant for us," Glenelg coach Mark Mickan said.

"It helps our belief to beat a quality side in good form and to know that in a game against good opposition, you just need to hang in there and keep at it. That was the feature of the game for us."

Leading for the majority of the afternoon, Glenelg looked anything but convincing until gun recruit Justin McConnell played another valuable cameo inside its forward 50m to kick three of his five goals straight during the 20-minute purple patch.

But the story could have been drastically different had Norwood duo Luke Crouch and Matthew Bartemucci converted regulation set shots during the 12th and 13th minute of the frantic fourth term.

SCOREBOARD

NORWOOD	76	119	GLENELG
4.4	6.7	9.13	10.16
		7.2	9.7 12.9 18.11

GOALS
Vlatko 3; Pfeiffer 2; Brunoli, Cockshell, Bartemucci, Bown, Gallagher.

BEST
Jackman, B. James, Campbell, Carlslake, Borlace.

INJURIES/REPORTS
NORWOOD: Borlace (cut eye).
GLENELG: Sundqvist (back strain).

"I was really disappointed with the last 10 minutes, to be honest," Norwood coach Trevor Hill said.

"Probably the scores didn't reflect the competitive nature of the game, but that's our fault. We certainly let it slip at the end."

All season, the Redlegs have managed to muster an uncanny ability to hang in a contest without taking control. While it has worked previously for Hill's men, yesterday they failed to capitalise on a dominant third quarter, kicking a costly 3.6 to

Glenelg's 3.2. "I think Glenelg used the ball far better than what we did," Hill said.

"It's certainly a mental thing. At training, we do as much goalkicking and skill work as any other side but it's certainly an area we need to be better at. Especially if we're thinking about playing sides later on in the year who are above us."

While McConnell had a huge bearing on the final result, it was through the efforts of hard-running Tiger midfielders Brett Backwell

SANFL DETAILS



SATURDAY

GLENELG	7.2	9.7	12.9	18.11	(119)
NORWOOD	4.4	6.7	9.13	10.16	(76)
BEST - Glenelg: Backwell, McConnell, Allen, Mitchell, Gibbs, Cranston, Mules. Norwood: Campbell, Jackman, B. James, Carlslake, Bown.					
SCORERS - Glenelg: McConnell 5.0, Gibbs 4.1, Duldig 2.3, Backwell, Kirkby 2.1, Graham 2.0, Allen 1.0, Smith, Mitchell, Yeomans, Douglas, Cranston 0.1. Norwood: Vlatko 3.2, Pfeiffer 2.0, Brunoli, Cockshell, Bartemucci 1.2, Bown, Gallagher 1.0, Borlace, Hughes 0.2, Carlslake, Culpitt, Crouch 0.1, rushed 0.1.					
INJURIES - Glenelg: Sundqvist (back strain). Norwood: Borlace (cut eye).					
UMPIRES - C. Bowen, A. Meade, T. Pfeiffer.					
CROWD - 2895 at Coopers Stadium.					

NORTH	3.4	10.6	17.9	23.11	(149)
WEST	6.2	8.4	11.8	15.10	(100)
BEST - North: Ryswyk, Younie, Bamford, Ladhams, Schubert, Wintle. West: Haynes, Walsh, Hollands, Greger, Dragicevic, Jacques.					
SCORERS - North: Younie 7.3, Bamford 4.0, Ladhams, Hargraves 3.1, Ryswyk 2.0, Gill 1.3, Martin, Coulter, M Campbell 1.0, Alleyway 0.1, rushed 0.2. West: Dragicevic 4.1, Welsh 3.0, Haynes 2.2, Buckley 2.1, Hollands, Bayliss 1.1, Illman, Bricknell 1.0, Slattery, Walsh, Caire 0.1, rushed 0.1.					
INJURIES - North: McIntyre (concussion), replaced by Martin. West: Slattery (hip), Haynes (hip).					
UMPIRES - C. Carey, S. Thompson, C. Rowston.					
CROWD - 1699 at Broad Spectrum Oval.					

CENTRAL	6.3	15.6	24.9	28.14	(182)
STURT	5.1	7.1	9.4	12.6	(78)
BEST - Central: Schell, C. Gowans, McKenzie, R. Cochrane, J. Westhoff, Slade, J. Gowans, Ware. Sturt: Curtis, Nelson, Sheedy, Bentley, Weatherald.					
SCORERS - Central: Schell 11.1, C. Gowans 5.0, J. Westhoff 3.2, Ware, Slade 2.1, J. Gowans, Switalla 1.1, McKenzie, Hayes, O'Sullivan 1.0, L. Westhoff 0.2, rushed 0.5. Sturt: Chambers 5.2, Feast 2.0, Hurley, Taylor, Button 1.1, Wicks, Bowen 1.0, rushed 0.1.					
INJURIES - Central: Ware (stomach/hip strain), McCabe (back spasm). Sturt: Whiteman (knee), withdrew from selected squad, Nelson (foot/ankle), Wicks (shoulder strain).					
UMPIRES - R. Fox, S. Hay, T. Philp.					
CROWD - 2373 at Adelaide Oval.					

YESTERDAY

SOUTH	3.4	7.9	12.13	22.15	(147)
EAGLES	2.1	3.4	6.6	12.9	(81)
BEST - South: Wright, Thewlis, Carile, C. Sampson, McGlone, Archard, Clarke, Torney. Eagles: Skipworth, Treeby, Jarrad, Shattock.					
SCORERS - South: Iljcesen 3.3, Davey 3.2, Warren 3.1, Thewlis 2.3, Kenna, Cupido, Twomey 2.0, Archard, Wright, Clarke 1.1, C. Sampson, Parry 1.0, Williams 0.1, rushed 0.2. Eagles: Symmons 2.0, Skipworth 1.3, Rugolo, Inkster 1.1, Jarrad, Fiacchi, Passador, Grocke, Jacobs, Westbrook, Cicoletta 1.0, Bock 0.1, rushed 0.3.					
INJURIES - South: J. Sampson (hamstring), Hateley (dislocated knee cap). Eagles: Cooper (foot), withdrew from selected side.					
UMPIRES - T. Dey, D. Joyce, D. Kowal.					
CROWD - 2024 at Noarlunga Oval.					

DRAW

ROUND 19 - Saturday: Eagles v North (Woodville Oval, 2.15pm), Port v Central (Alberton Oval, 2.20pm), South v Norwood (Noarlunga Oval, 2.20pm), Sturt v Glenelg (Unley Oval, 2.20pm). **Bye:** West.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
North	15	12	3	-	1840	1401	56.8	24
Eagles	16	12	4	-	1778	1426	55.5	24
Central	16	10	6	-	1632	1373	54.3	20
Glenelg	16	9	7	-	1789	1481	54.7	18
Port	15	8	7	-	1499	1536	49.4	16
Norwood	16	8	8	-	1427	1615	46.9	16
South	15	7	8	-	1684	1453	53.7	14
Sturt	15	3	12	-	1324	1951	40.4	6
West	16	1	15	-	1199	1936	38.3	2

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd18	Total
M. Passador	(Eagles)	1.0	64.31
B. Chambers	(Sturt)	5.2	54.26
B. Warren	(South)	3.1	51.19
D. Cupido	(South)	2.0	44.25
B. Haynes	(West)	2.2	40.32

RESERVES

Eagles	4.2	8.5	10.10	16.17	(113)
South	2.4	5.7	5.9	6.10	(46)
North 16.9 (105) d West 11.14 (80), Glenelg 18.11 (119) d Norwood 10.14 (74), Sturt 23.11 (149) d Central 11.10 (76)					
Ladder: Norwood 22, North 20, West 18, Glenelg 16, Eagles 15, South 14, Sturt, Central 12, Port 11.					

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

South Adelaide v Woodville-West Torrens	
Jarrad Wright (South Adelaide)	3
Josh Thewlis (South Adelaide)	2
Alipate Carile (South Adelaide)	1
Glenelg v Norwood	
Brett Backwell (Glenelg)	3
Justin McConnell (Glenelg)	2
Ty Allen (Glenelg)	1
North Adelaide v West Adelaide	
Heath Younie (North Adelaide)	3
Ben Haynes (West Adelaide)	2
Peter Walsh (West Adelaide)	1
Central District v Sturt	
Daniel Schell (Central District)	3
Chris Gowans (Central District)	2
Jason McKenzie (Central District)	1
LEADERS - 18: Jeremy Clayton (Port), Ben Haynes (West), 15: Justin Cicoletta (Eagles) 12: Matthew Slade (Central)	

and Ty Allen that allowed Glenelg to be in a winning position.

As Backwell (36 possessions and 2.1) provided the finishing and flair, Allen was a real scrapper in the packs as he continually won the hard ball for his fellow on-ballers.

"I definitely acknowledged him after the game because he was so strong over the ball and put his body over the ball," Mickan said of 22-year-

old Allen. "His clean takes were really important around the stoppages."

"Mr Consistent" Nick Jackman was again a stumbling block in Norwood's defence while usual suspects Brett James, Scott Borlace, James Gallagher, Scott Carlslake and Bryce Campbell won plenty of the ball.

But like their teammates, they failed to use it to damaging effect.