

# 2006 MATCH REPORTS BY ANDREW CAPEL

## ROUND 1 - FRIDAY, MARCH 31

### GLENELG v NORWOOD at COOPERS

Glenelg	7.2	10.4	13.5	15.9	(99)
Norwood	2.2	7.4	12.9	16.14	(110)

**Club champion votes:** McConnell 23; Hinge 16; Mules 15; Fisher 13; Sellar 12; Backwell, Willits 11; Moore, Panozzo 5; Gibbs, Sherwood 2.

**Goals:** Sellar 4; Mitchell 3; Backwell 2; Rogers, Ruwoldt, Hinge, Fisher, Douglas, Mules.

Glenelg's season got off to a flying start as it jumped out of the boxes at newly-named Coopers Stadium. The Tigers, with forwards James Sellar and David Mitchell on fire, kicked seven goals to two in the opening term to break to a five-goal lead. They held a three-goal lead at the long break before tiring and being overrun in the second half, being headed late in the final term and falling to a disappointing 11-point defeat. New recruit Justin McConnell shone in his Glenelg debut with 29 disposals and 11 marks.

#### COACH'S COMMENT

"When you lead by five goals at quarter-time and three at half-time you expect more. It was as though we went into our shells and stopped doing the things that got us in front. I recognise that as a mental issue ... we need the ability to concentrate for four quarters."

#### RESERVES

Glenelg 13.13 (91)  
Norwood 8.10 (58)

#### U19

Glenelg 17.17 (119)  
Norwood 12.11 (83)

#### U17

Glenelg 11.7 (73)  
Norwood 8.16 (64)

## ROUND 2 - SATURDAY, APRIL 8

### GLENELG v EAGLES at GLENELG

Glenelg	3.2	8.7	10.7	16.9	(105)
Eagles	1.6	2.7	8.8	10.10	(70)

**Club champion votes:** Willits 18; Sherwood 16; Logan, Moore 15; Douglas 13; Backwell, Mules 11; Panozzo 9; Hinge, McConnell 8; Gibbs 4; Mitchell, Rogers, Sellar 3; Fisher 2; Kirk 1.

**Goals:** Rogers 4; Douglas, Mitchell, Kirk, Ruwoldt 2; Sellar, Gibbs, Backwell, Mules.

The Tigers' first home game for the season was cause for celebration with Glenelg upsetting eventual premier Woodville-West Torrens. With Crows rookie Richard Douglas dominating in the midfield alongside Ben Moore and Brett Backwell, the Bays controlled the centre square to race to a six-goal half-time lead. As expected, the Eagles hit back but after losing a big lead in round one, Glenelg was not to be denied, kicking clear in the final term to earn Mark Mickan his first win as Tigers coach. Aaron Rogers proved a strong focal point with four goals.

#### COACH'S COMMENT

"We had really strong contributions from every player, really. We didn't have a passenger, we shared the ball and the workload and that makes it difficult for the opposition. It's a credit to the players that to the man, they were so competitive for the duration and when we were challenged we were able to steady and show some poise."

#### RESERVES

Glenelg 18.9 (117)  
Eagles 8.12 (60)

#### U19

Glenelg 6.6 (42)  
Eagles 12.14 (86)

#### U17

Glenelg 6.5 (41)  
Eagles 24.14 (158)



Matthew Duldig

## ROUND 3 - SATURDAY, APRIL 15

### GLENELG v CENTRAL DISTRICT at ADELAIDE

Glenelg	6.1	10.6	19.11	22.16	(148)
Central	2.5	3.6	4.7	7.11	(53)

**Club champion votes:** Douglas, Mules 16; Backwell 15; Logan, Smith 12; Panozzo, Rogers 11; Fisher 10; McConnell, Willits 8; Sherwood 6; Kirk, Mitchell 4; Moore, Ruwoldt 2; Burdett, Cranston, Hinge 1.

**Goals:** Rogers 5; McConnell 3; Mitchell, Duldig, Logan, Douglas, Fisher, Ruwoldt 2; Backwell, Willits.

A day to remember for Glenelg fans as the Bays produced one of their finest performances in 14 years to crush reigning premier Central. In an incredible display of hard-running running football and clean ball use, the Tigers opened up a seven-goal lead at half-time and put the game away with a nine-goal third quarter. The 95-point defeat was the Bulldogs' biggest loss since June, 1992, when Glenelg triumphed by 125 points while it was the Bays' greatest win since 1995. On-ballers Richard Douglas, Brett Backwell, Tom Logan and Adam Fisher were at the heart of every Tiger move while Aaron Rogers kicked five goals.

#### COACH'S COMMENT

"Intensity is the thing we controlled pretty well, that shows itself in those in-close situations. The players around the ball were aggressive and disciplined."

#### RESERVES

Glenelg 23.14 (152)  
Central 7.11 (53)

#### U19

Glenelg 10.14 (74)  
Central 12.5 (77)

#### U17

Glenelg 14.8 (92)  
Central 7.8 (50)



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## ROUND 5 - SUNDAY, APRIL 30

### GLENELG v NORTH ADELAIDE at GLENELG

Glenelg	4.3	12.4	16.5	18.7	(115)
North	3.6	13.8	18.14	22.20	(152)

**Club champion votes:** Logan 23; Sherwood 17; Gibbs 15; Backwell, Fisher 11; McConnell 8; Moore 5; Kirk, Panozzo 3; Duldig, Sundqvist 1.

**Goals:** Backwell, Duldig, Logan, Rogers 3; McConnell 2; Ruwoldt, Mitchell, Smith, Douglas.

The Bays failed to capitalise on their resounding win against Central by losing a shootout at the Bay against potent North. The Tigers showed plenty of spirit but had no answer to the marking power of Rooster key forwards Nick Gill and Owen Weatherley who bagged nine goals between them. In a free-flowing, entertaining clash, Glenelg kicked 18 goals but allowed North, which got great service from ace Port Adelaide midfielder Josh Francou, 42 scoring shots. Tom Logan was the home side's best with 21 hard-earned disposals.

#### COACH'S COMMENT

"I have no complaints about the commitment of the players. Skill execution, skill errors and a few missed tackles cost us. A lot of things which cost us the game were errors. We were not beaten because we were not good enough. We can still feel as though we belong against a side which has set itself up as the early favourite."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 15.10 (100)	Glenelg 16.10 (106)	Glenelg 7.16 (58)
North 15.17 (107)	North 14.10 (94)	North 18.23 (131)

## ROUND 7 - SATURDAY, MAY 13

### GLENELG v WEST ADELAIDE at BROADSPECTRUM

Glenelg	3.5	7.13	13.18	17.20	(122)
West Adelaide	3.3	4.6	5.6	8.9	(57)

**Club champion votes:** Backwell 25; Douglas 24; Gibbs 14; Panozzo 12; Fisher 11; Logan 10; Ruwoldt 9; Sellar, Sherwood 6; McConnell 5; Mitchell 4; Willits 3; Duldig, Moore 2.

**Goals:** Douglas 4; Logan, Rogers, Duldig 2; Reavill, Ruwoldt, Mitchell, Smith, Backwell, Gibbs, Sellar.

Poor goalkicking and over-use of the ball prevented Glenelg from annihilating struggling West at Broadspectrum. After an even first term, the Tigers' extra class showed as they took total control, finishing with 368 disposals to the Bloods' 287 only to let themselves down in front of goal. Heading a dominant midfield was Richard Douglas, who was superb with 31 disposals and four goals, while Brett Backwell (32 possessions), Tom Logan (26) and Adam Fisher and Bryce Gibbs (24) toyed with the opposition. In defence, Luke Panozzo was outstanding with 27 disposals.

#### COACH'S COMMENT

"We didn't do the percentage things as well in the last quarter and that will be highlighted to the players, and as we mature as a club, we've got to take that out of our make-up. When you get the opportunity to play a dominant fourth quarter, you do it."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 12.16 (88)	Glenelg 14.12 (96)	Glenelg 8.14 (62)
West 17.12 (114)	West 19.10 (124)	West 15.21 (111)

## ROUND 6 - SATURDAY, MAY 6

### GLENELG v SOUTH ADELAIDE at NOARLUNGA

Glenelg	2.6	5.10	9.10	13.15	(93)
South	2.5	6.6	11.9	12.11	(83)

**Club champion votes:** Fisher 21; Gibbs 17; Sherwood 13; Backwell, Douglas 11; McConnell, Moore 8; Mitchell 7; Duldig, Ruwoldt 6; Panozzo 5; Logan 4; Lally, Rogers 2; Kirk, Willits 1.

**Goals:** Rogers 3; Duldig, McConnell 2; Logan, Ruwoldt, Kirk, Willits, Backwell, Douglas.

In a courageous display, Glenelg fought back from 27 points behind late in the third quarter at Noarlunga to upset the Panthers. Staring at defeat, the Tigers kicked three goals in seven minutes against the wind to reduce the margin to 11 points at the last change and then stormed home to outline their finals credentials. Adam Fisher was Glenelg's standout with 29 disposals and 10 marks, teenage sensation Bryce Gibbs performed a wonderful stopping job on Damian Cupido and Justin McConnell again showed why he is so highly rated.

#### COACH'S COMMENT

"The players have to take the credit for what they have achieved. They are responsible for anything that has changed. They are the ones that do it on the field and execute what we talk about. Mature clubs expect to win and play in a fashion that reflects that. We are training that way with desperation and urgency."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 8.11 (59)	Glenelg 8.14 (62)	Glenelg 9.16 (70)
South 19.12 (126)	South 15.11 (101)	South 13.5 (83)

## ROUND 8 - SATURDAY, MAY 20

### GLENELG v PORT MAGPIES at ALBERTON

Glenelg	3.2	7.7	8.8	10.15	(75)
Port	3.1	7.7	18.11	19.15	(129)

**Club champion votes:** Smith 20; Gibbs 18; Fisher 14; Panozzo 12; Backwell, Ruwoldt 8; Logan, Willits 4; McConnell, Mitchell 3.

**Goals:** Backwell 3; Logan 2; Rogers, Reavill, Mitchell, Hinge, Allen.

A day of high expectation turned into disaster for the Tigers. Chasing its first win at Alberton since July 17, 1993, Glenelg was right in the game at half-time but its third quarter was its worst for the year as the Magpies rattled on 11 goals to one to break the match wide open. Key Port forward Clive Waterhouse took advantage of the hamstringing injury suffered by opponent Paul Sherwood to kick eight goals while Troy Butcher (27 disposals) hurt his old side. Adam Fisher (32 possessions, 11 marks) and Brett Backwell led the resistance.

#### COACH'S COMMENT

"Certainly the third quarter is something we will have to look at very closely because we got smashed around the stoppages and in the midfield. The fact is when it was really put to us we fell away"

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 14.14 (98)	Glenelg 11.6 (72)	Glenelg 13.8 (86)
Port 18.13 (121)	Port 19.17 (131)	Port 29.19 (193)

#### 2006 LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE - TO ROUND 8

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnst	Pts	%
Port Adel	7	6	1	-	768	565	12	57.61
North Adel	7	6	1	-	874	722	12	54.76
Glenelg	7	4	3	-	757	654	8	53.65
WW Eagles	7	4	3	-	722	644	8	52.86
Norwood	7	4	3	-	687	695	8	49.71
South Adel	7	3	4	-	756	680	6	52.65
Centrals	7	3	4	-	640	666	6	49.00
Sturt	6	1	5	-	545	779	2	41.16
West Adel	7	-	7	-	520	864	-	37.57



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## ROUND 9 - SATURDAY, JUNE 3 GLENELG v STURT at GLENELG

Glenelg	4.3	7.8	9.8	14.11	(95)
Sturt	2.2	8.3	13.5	15.6	(96)

**Club champion votes:** Gibbs 22; Duldig 17; Fisher 11; Backwell 10; Logan 9; Rogers 6; Panozzo 5; Moore, Ruwoldt 4; Cranston, Mitchell, Willits 3; Hinge, Sherwood, Smith 1.

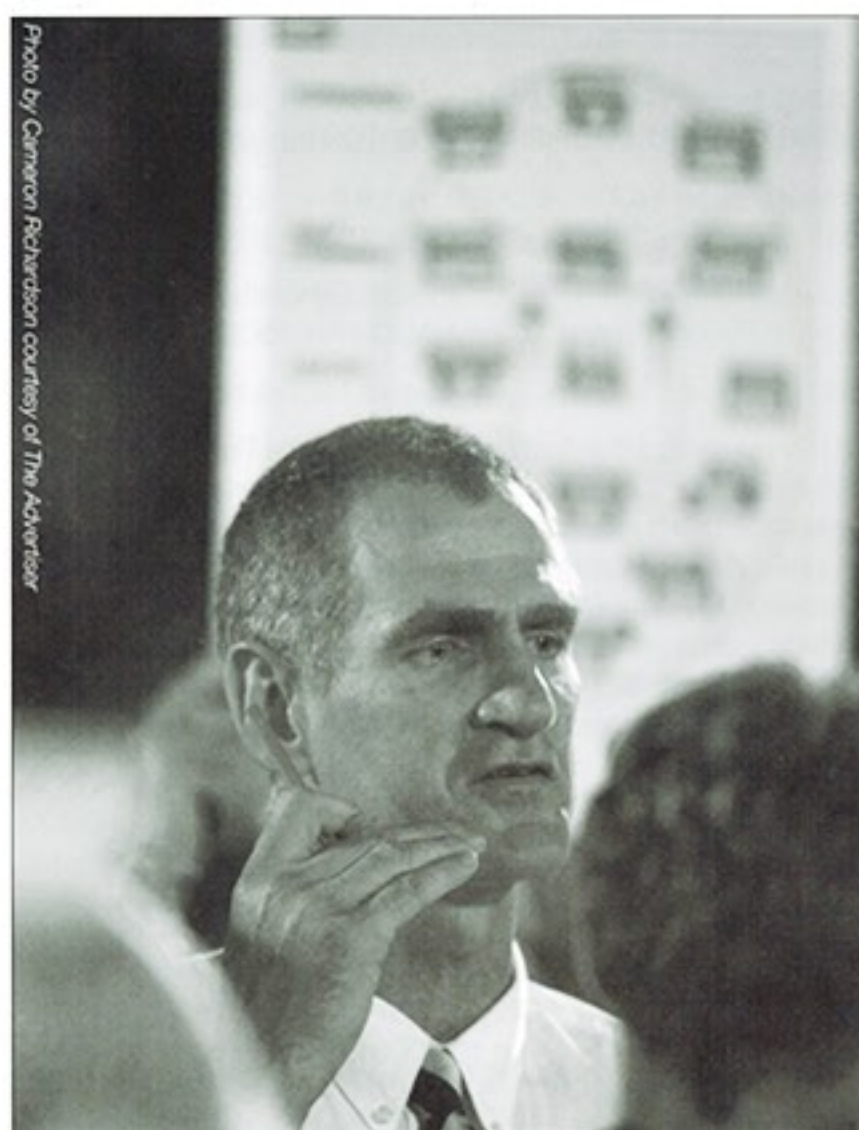
**Goals:** Duldig, Rogers 4; Logan 2; Mitchell, McConnell, Fisher, Smith.

This result probably cost Glenelg a finals spot. Starting hot favourite against a side which had won only one game and was without several key players through injury, the Tigers controlled play early but failed to deliver the knockout punch and paid the ultimate price. The young Sturt outfit, having been allowed to stay in the game, lifted in the second half and forced Glenelg into basic errors by applying relentless pressure. The home side had chances to pinch the game in the final minutes but left its rally too late. Brett Backwell and Adam Fisher were again standout performers in the midfield.

### COACH'S COMMENT

"It is very easy to get lulled into a false sense of security before a game, thinking you are playing an opposition that is struggling. In this competition you get chewed up and spat out if you think that way and I suspect we did think that way. Some of our skill levels and decision making let us down badly."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 19.11 (125)	Glenelg 16.14 (110)	Glenelg 7.11 (53)
Sturt 11.15 (81)	Sturt 12.15 (87)	Sturt 24.12 (156)



Coach Mark Micken

### 2006 LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE - TO ROUND 11

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnst	Pts	%
North Adel	9	7	2	-	1100	908	14	54.78
WW Eagles	10	7	3	-	1066	894	14	54.39
Port Adel	9	6	3	-	910	780	12	53.85
Centrals	10	6	4	-	991	929	12	51.61
Glenelg	10	5	5	-	1068	900	10	54.27
Norwood	10	5	5	-	899	1019	10	46.87
South Adel	9	4	5	-	962	861	8	52.77
Sturt	9	2	7	-	832	1085	4	43.40
West Adel	10	1	9	-	742	1194	2	38.33

## ROUND 10 - MONDAY, JUNE 12 GLENELG v NORWOOD at GLENELG

Glenelg	6.6	15.9	17.12	19.15	(129)
Norwood	0.1	1.3	4.7	7.9	(51)

**Club champion votes:** Smith 23; Logan 22; Gibbs, Sherwood 15; Fisher 14; Mules 10; Backwell 9; McConnell 8; Mitchell, Moore 6; Panozzo 4; Cranston 3; Hinge, Willits 2; Krueger 1.

**Goals:** Logan, Smith 4; Moore 3; Rogers, Mules 2; Ruwoldt, Kirkby, Gibbs, Cranston.

Mark Micken was looking for a response from his players and he got it as the home side raced to a 41-point lead at quarter-time in the Queen's Birthday clash. By half-time the margin was out to 90 points as a committed and fierce-tackling Tigers outfit simply refused to allow the Redlegs to win the ball. Norwood's first goal did not come until after the half-time siren. Glenelg ran out of petrol in the second half but the big win lifted its percentage to a healthy 55.1 per cent. Tom Logan and Jeff Smith (four goals each), Adam Fisher and Paul Sherwood led the onslaught.

### COACH'S COMMENT

"It was a fantastic performance but it could have been better given the second half. The response the players gave in the first half was exceptional."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 16.11 (107)	Glenelg 17.14 (116)	Glenelg 7.10 (52)
Norwood 20.6 (126)	Norwood 18.10 (118)	Norwood 10.7 (67)

## ROUND 11 - SATURDAY, JUNE 17 GLENELG v EAGLES at THEBARTON

Glenelg	4.2	6.4	9.7	13.9	(87)
Eagles	0.3	7.6	11.7	15.9	(99)

**Club champion votes:** Moore 27; Cranston 17; McConnell 15; Hinge 14; Allen, Logan 10; Mitchell, Ruwoldt 5; Mules 3; Kirk, Willits 2; Sherwood 1.

**Goals:** Rogers, Logan 3; Mitchell, Willits, Horan, Kirkby, Kirk, McConnell, Smith.

A spirited Glenelg, playing without injured Brett Backwell (calf), came out firing at Thebarton, kicking the only four goals of the first term to take an early 23-point lead. Aaron Rogers (three goals) was providing a strong focal point and Ben Moore (34 disposals, 13 marks) was enjoying a day out. But the Eagles, with Ken Farmer Medallist Mark Passador (six goals) firing at full forward, hit back hard to snatch a narrow half-time lead. The Bays refused to be denied and were within a goal late in the final term but in the end some untimely errors proved costly.

### COACH'S COMMENT

"We had some kicks that didn't hit targets with the expectation of skill at this level and tackles that missed. I'm certainly not disappointed with the effort but we couldn't execute at crucial times which allowed the Eagles to get the result."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 7.6 (48)	Glenelg 11.4 (70)	Glenelg 10.5 (65)
Eagles 22.11 (143)	Eagles 15.11 (101)	Eagles 22.14 (146)



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## ROUND 12 - SATURDAY, JUNE 24

### GLENELG v CENTRAL DISTRICT at GLENELG

Glenelg	4.6	4.7	7.9	8.11 (59)
Central	3.4	7.6	12.7	19.13 (127)

**Club champion votes:** Logan 17; Sherwood 15; Backwell 11; Moore 7; Kirkby 6; Allen, Panozzo 5; Hinge, Ruwoldt 4; Mules 3; Kirk 2; Mitchell 1.

**Goals:** Backwell 3; Ruwoldt, Kirkby, Mules, Horan, Saunders.

Glenelg appeared to be ruthlessly exposed as a flag contender by reigning premier Central, which seemed hell-bent on avenging its 95-point defeat in round three. After a bright start, the Tigers were smashed in the middle by Dogs hardmen Adam Switala and Chris and James Gowans while Paul Scoullar dominated the ruck. Glenelg's inability to find a winner in attack was reflective on the scoreboard. Rover Brett Backwell was its top goalkicker with three goals with key forwards Aaron Rogers, Ruory Kirkby and Jeff Smith managing just 1.3 between them.

#### COACH'S COMMENT

"We're really trying to develop a culture here that you play every quarter as if it was your last. We still haven't won all four quarters for the year and certainly today we were a fair way off that. To fall away like we did (in the last quarter) with four scoring shots to 12 was totally unacceptable."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 14.10 (94)	Glenelg 8.12 (60)	Glenelg 5.6 (36)
Central 15.17 (107)	Central 21.9 (135)	Central 8.11 (59)

## ROUND 15 - SUNDAY, JULY 16

### GLENELG v SOUTH ADELAIDE at GLENELG

Glenelg	2.1	9.5	11.5	19.10	(124)
South	4.6	5.9	6.16	11.16	(82)

**Club champion votes:** Backwell 23; Clarke 22; Graham 20; Allen 17; McConnell 16; Mitchell 12; Moore 10; Hinge, Mules, Sherwood 7; Ruwoldt 3; Gibbs 2.

**Goals:** McConnell 4; Graham, Duldig, Rogers, Gibbs 2; Moore, Clarke, Backwell, Allen, Kirk, Ruwoldt, Mitchell.

Just when the season looked like slipping away, Glenelg responded magnificently. Leading by 19 points at the last change with the wind at their backs, the Tigers were shockingly headed by the Panthers 13 minutes into the final term. But with its season on the line, the home side exploded to kick the next eight goals in one of the most dazzling bursts seen at Brighton Rd in years. Justin McConnell (four goals) led the onslaught, Matthew Graham was outstanding on debut with 29 disposals, 10 marks and two goals, Brett Backwell (34 disposals) and Ben Moore (24) were terrific and Matthew Clarke destroyed Craig Parry in the ruck.

#### COACH'S COMMENT

"We've had some good wins but that one certainly stands out because of the way we responded when we were challenged. We've got to be very happy with that today, against the odds in the last quarter when South hit the front, we were able to fight back."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 19.19 (133)	Glenelg 11.5 (71)	Glenelg 9.12 (66)
South 10.6 (66)	South 12.8 (80)	South 5.6 (36)

## ROUND 13 - SATURDAY, JULY 1

### GLENELG v NORTH ADELAIDE at PROSPECT

Glenelg	1.3	4.5	5.5	9.9	(63)
North	3.7	7.11	12.13	15.16	(106)

**Club champion votes:** Logan 16; Hinge 15; Backwell 13; Clarke 12; Kirk 12; Sherwood 9; Kirkby, McConnell 6; Mules 4; Cranston 2.

**Goals:** Horan, Mules 2; Logan, Backwell, Clarke, McConnell, Willits.

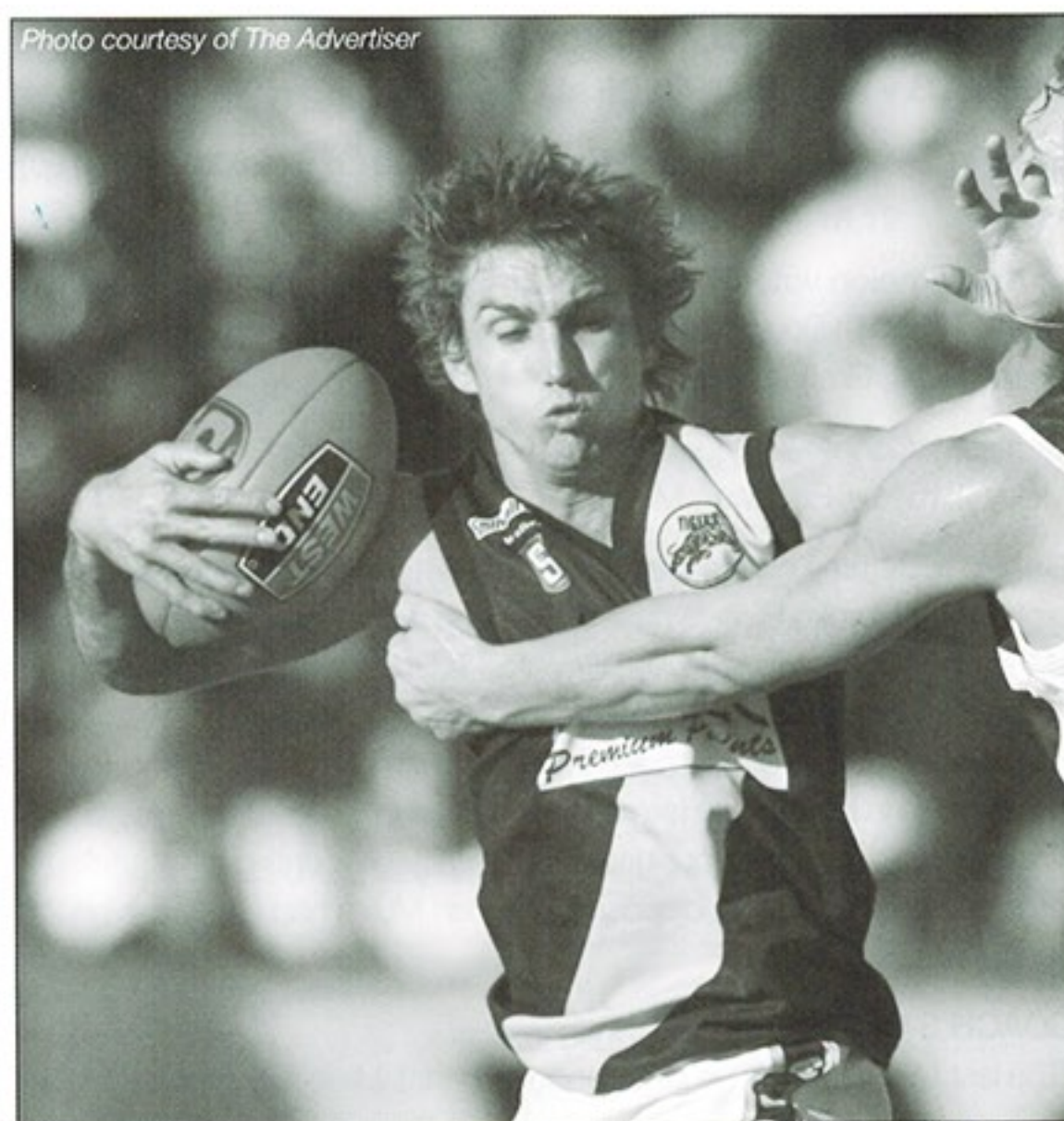
A third consecutive loss this time in the mud at Prospect prompted coach Mark Mickan to threaten to swing the axe. Mickan was angry after what he labelled an "uncompetitive" effort. Despite desperately needing a win, Glenelg was never in the hunt, falling three goals behind at quarter-time and being dominated in the third term. Veteran Crow Matthew Clarke was outstanding in the ruck with 29 hit outs but good players were few and far between, although Brett Backwell, Justin McConnell and Tom Logan toiled manfully.

#### COACH'S COMMENT

"I think we were non-competitive around the ball for most of the game. Even when we got our game going and got the ball into a bit of space, our skill level was very poor. We only ended up playing 15 minutes of really competitive footy for the day."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 11.6 (72)	Glenelg 11.6 (72)	Glenelg 8.14 (62)
North 9.8 (62)	North 8.10 (58)	North 6.17 (53)

*Photo courtesy of The Advertiser*



*Brett Backwell*

## 2006 LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE - TO ROUND 15

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agntst	Pts	%
North Adel	12	10	2	-	1478	1154	20	56.16
WW Eagles	13	10	3	-	1388	1129	20	55.15
Centrals	13	8	5	-	1244	1130	16	52.40
Port Adel	13	8	5	-	1330	1214	16	52.28
South Adel	13	6	7	-	1457	1249	12	53.84
Glenelg	13	6	7	-	1314	1215	12	51.96
Norwood	13	6	7	-	1193	1346	12	46.99
Sturt	13	3	10	-	1172	1576	6	42.65
West Adel	13	1	12	-	928	1491	2	38.36



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## ROUND 16 - SATURDAY, JULY 22 GLENELG v WEST ADELAIDE at GLENELG

Glenelg	3.4	10.7	16.9	28.12	(180)
West	6.2	9.6	14.9	14.11	(95)

**Club champion votes:** McConnell 25; Backwell 24; Mitchell 13; Kirkby 11; Ruwoldt 10; Douglas, Gibbs, Mules 9; Moore 8; Allen 6; Duldig 5; Sherwood 4; Graham, Hinge, Kirk 2.

**Goals:** McConnell 7; Douglas, Duldig 4; Graham, Kirk, Rogers, Ruwoldt, Mules 2; Kirkby, Backwell, Moore.

Glenelg took three quarters to shake off a determined West but when it broke clear it broke Bloods hearts. Showing a killer instinct rarely seen at Tigerland in recent years, the Bays kicked 12 goals without reply in the final term to romp to a percentage-boosting 85-point win. With Tom Logan on Power duty, Justin McConnell picked up the slack to kick seven goals in his best performance for the club, Richard Douglas and Matthew Duldig booted four goals, Brett Backwell continued his stellar form with an amazing 42 disposals and Ben Mules had a career-high 21 handballs.

### COACH'S COMMENT

"The last two games have been positive in that when we've been challenged, we've responded especially in the last quarter. But we're still a work in progress and that needs to happen week-in, week-out."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 16.7 (103)	Glenelg 4.13 (37)	Glenelg 11.8 (74)
West 17.13 (115)	West 21.16 (142)	West 18.11 (119)

## ROUND 17 - SUNDAY, JULY 30 GLENELG v PORT MAGPIES at GLENELG

Glenelg	6.2	14.5	20.5	27.14	(176)
Port	1.5	3.9	9.11	14.11	(95)

**Club champion votes:** Gibbs 25; Backwell 20; Cranston 18; Mitchell 14; Moore 13; Ruwoldt 12; Douglas, Mules 6; Duldig, Sherwood 5; Allen 4; Hinge, McConnell 3; Graham, Kirkby, Willits 2.

**Goals:** Gibbs 6; Duldig 4; Graham 3; McConnell, Ruwoldt, Kirby 2; Rogers, Mitchell, Douglas, Mules, Yeomans, Panozzo, Smith, Moore.

A great day for Glenelg as it crushed archrival Port in front of nearly 5000 people at the Bay. The Tigers asserted their authority from the opening bounce with a bruising approach which left their Magpie opponents floundering. On a day where teenage sensation Bryce Gibbs showed AFL recruiting scouts why he should be the No. 1 draft pick, Glenelg annihilated its long-term nemesis by 81 points, kicking 27 goals. Gibbs was brilliant with a career-best six goals and 37 possessions, Brett Backwell had 39 touches, David Mitchell (28) and the ageless Ben Moore (27) while Trevor Cranston dominated the ruck.

### COACH'S COMMENT

"We applied tremendous pressure and when we had opportunities from that pressure we were able to score pretty efficiently from it and we maintained it for the duration, which was a positive. We did the hard things very, very well, I thought."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 17.17 (119)	Glenelg 7.10 (52)	Glenelg 6.12 (48)
Port 11.12 (78)	Port 19.5 (119)	Port 14.17 (101)

## ROUND 18 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 GLENELG v NORWOOD at NORWOOD

Glenelg	7.2	9.7	12.9	18.11	(119)
Norwood	4.4	6.7	9.13	10.16	(76)

**Club champion votes:** McConnell 23; Backwell 21; Gibbs 15; Cranston 14; Allen, Mitchell 12; Sherwood 10; Kirkby 6; Mules 5; Hinge, Moore 4; Graham 3; Duldig, Ruwoldt 2; Douglas, Panozzo, Smith 1.

**Goals:** McConnell 5; Gibbs 4; Duldig, Backwell, Kirkby, Graham 2; Allen.

Glenelg zeroed in on its first finals appearance since 1999 with a courageous, hard-fought win against Norwood at the Parade. After a strong first half the Tigers were seriously challenged in the third quarter but unlike round one when they succumbed to the Redlegs' pressure, this time they responded, dominating the final 20 minutes. Brett Backwell (36 disposals) was again at the heart of most Glenelg moves, five-goal Justin McConnell's finishing was exquisite, Bryce Gibbs was in a class of his own and hardnut Ty Allen was inspirational with his fierce attack on the body and ball.

### COACH'S COMMENT

"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. 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."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 18.11 (119)	Glenelg 14.14 (98)	Glenelg 8.6 (54)
Norwood 10.14 (74)	Norwood 10.13 (73)	Norwood 22.20 (152)



Justin McConnell

### 2006 LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE - TO ROUND 18

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnst	Pts	%
North Adel	15	12	3	-	1840	1401	24	56.77
WW Eagles	16	12	4	-	1778	1426	24	55.49
Centrals	16	10	6	-	1632	1373	20	54.31
Glenelg	16	9	7	-	1789	1481	18	54.71
Port Adel	15	8	7	-	1499	1536	16	49.39
Norwood	16	8	8	-	1427	1615	16	46.91
South Adel	15	7	8	-	1684	1453	14	53.68
Sturt	15	3	12	-	1324	1951	6	40.43
West Adel	16	1	15	-	1199	1936	2	38.25



# 2006 MATCH REPORTS

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## ROUND 19 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

### GLENELG v STURT at UNLEY

Glenelg	9.2	12.8	19.12	26.17	(173)
Sturt	1.1	5.3	8.7	11.9	(75)

**Club champion votes:** Kirkby 22; Backwell 18; Allen 17; Cranston 16; McConnell 12; Ruwoldt 10; Duldig, Mitchell 9; Douglas 8; Gibbs 6; Mules 3; Willits, Yeomans 2; Hinge, Moore, Panozzo, Smith 1.

**Goals:** Duldig, Kirkby 5; McConnell, Douglas, Graham 2; Kirk, Smith, Backwell, Gibbs, Allen, Yeomans, Willits, Mitchell, Hinge, Ruwoldt.

The Bays' run of rich form continued at Unley where the game was as good as over at quarter-time. Sturt was blown away in the opening 30 minutes as Glenelg slammed on nine goals to one to break to a 49-point lead. While Tiger on-ballers Brett Backwell and Justin McConnell were again outstanding, the real highlight for the visitors was the form of key forwards Ruory Kirkby (11 marks) and Matthew Duldig, who kicked five goals each. The 98-point win catapulted 10-7 Glenelg into third position.

#### COACH'S COMMENT

"Third spot sounds good but it's only at the end of the year that it matters where you finish on the ladder. It's just important that we keep winning games. We need to remain firmly on the ground and understand we've still got a lot of work to do."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 21.23 (149)	Glenelg 15.16 (106)	Glenelg 10.8 (68)
Sturt 10.12 (72)	Sturt 15.5 (95)	Sturt 23.21 (159)

## ROUND 21 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

### GLENELG v CENTRAL DISTRICT at HAMRA HOMES

Glenelg	4.0	6.1	9.4	11.4	(70)
Central	5.4	7.8	12.10	18.12	(120)

**Club champion votes:** Backwell 17; Panozzo 13; Moore, Smith 12; Hinge 8; Mules 6; Allen, Cranston, Ruwoldt 5; McConnell 4; Gibbs 3; Sherwood 2; Rogers, Yeomans 1.

**Goals:** Backwell, Smith 3; Ruwoldt, Duldig, McConnell, Yeomans, Austin.

The Tigers could see a finals berth slipping away as they slumped to a disappointing eight-goal defeat to Central under lights at Hamra Homes Oval. Glenelg was competitive in the first half but looked impotent in attack in the second where Matthew Duldig failed to produce his good form of the previous week, having just three disposals, and fellow key forward Ruory Kirkby failed to trouble the scorers. The Bulldogs' dominance was reflected in scoring shots (30 to 15). Justin McConnell, Luke Panozzo (28 disposals) and Jeff Smith (three goals) were best for the visitors.

#### COACH'S COMMENT

"It did not look like a game for a finals berth. Our workrate was poor, inferior compared to Central. The attack on the ball was not good enough. There are things to address here - mental hardness."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 10.7 (149)	Glenelg 10.14 (74)	Glenelg 13.13 (91)
Central 17.7 (149)	Central 11.7 (73)	Central 7.8 (50)

#### 2006 LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE - END OF MINOR ROUND

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnt	Pts	%
WW Eagles	20	16	4	-	2286	1714	32	57.15
North Adel	20	16	4	-	2443	1983	32	55.20
Centrals	20	12	8	-	2041	1698	24	54.59
South Adel	20	11	9	-	2433	1977	22	55.17
Port Adel	20	11	9	-	2070	2015	22	50.67
Glenelg	20	10	10	-	2282	1979	20	53.56
Norwood	20	9	11	-	1847	2137	18	46.36
Sturt	20	3	17	-	1681	2703	6	38.34
West Adel	20	2	18	-	1599	2476	4	39.24

## ROUND 20 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

### GLENELG v NORTH ADELAIDE at GLENELG

Glenelg	6.3	12.6	19.6	22.10	(142)
North	6.5	14.9	16.13	21.20	(146)

**Club champion votes:** Backwell 26; Duldig 20; Moore 18; Allen 12; Cranston 11; Smith 10; Mules 9; McConnell 6; Gibbs, Mitchell 4; Panozzo 2; Graham, Sherwood 1.

**Goals:** Duldig 7; Backwell 3; Gibbs 2; Moore, Yeomans, Ruwoldt, McConnell, Kirkby, Mitchell, Smith, Graham, Rogers, Kirk.

North was the only side Glenelg hadn't beaten this year and it looked to have had its measure - and a finals berth virtually sewn up - when it led by eight points 20 minutes into the final term of an entertaining shootout at the Bay. But an errant kick across goal from the usually reliable Justin McConnell which resulted in a six-pointer to Crow Ian Perrie and a late miss by captain Ben Mules consigned the Tigers to a heartbreaking defeat. In another three-vote Magarey Medal display, Brett Backwell was fantastic with 44 possessions, Ben Moore was tough and hard in the centre square and Matthew Duldig kicked seven goals from eight strong marks.

#### COACH'S COMMENT

"The effort was terrific but there were things that happened during the day that required more poise, more calm - defining moments throughout the game where we could have been better when we had possession."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 8.13 (61)	Glenelg 20.9 (129)	Glenelg 13.6 (84)
North 16.8 (114)	North 14.11 (95)	North 18.7 (115)

## ROUND 23 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

### GLENELG v SOUTH ADELAIDE at ADELAIDE

Glenelg	3.2	10.5	11.7	16.12	(108)
South	4.5	9.6	17.11	24.13	(157)

**Club champion votes:** Rogers, Sundqvist 18; Cranston 12; Allen, Sherwood 9; Gibbs 8; Backwell 7; Mules 5; McConnell 4; Ruwoldt 3; Mitchell, Moore 2; Panozzo, Sellar, Smith 1.

**Goals:** Sundqvist 6; McConnell, Duldig 3; Gibbs, Kirk, Cranston, Graham.

A finals spot was the prize for the winner in this Saturday afternoon blockbuster at Adelaide Oval. The Tigers - controversially denied of Power-listed duo Tom Logan and Ryan Willits - were travelling well late in the second term when they led by 17 points with a strong wind at their backs after five second quarter goals from Jarrad Sundqvist. But two late goals to South reduced the margin to five points at half-time and when the teams returned after the break, the Panthers were a different side. Glenelg's season of great promise ended in bitter disappointment but fittingly, Bryce Gibbs ended his Tiger career on a personal high, racking up 31 disposals.

#### COACH'S COMMENT

"We have to wear it and we don't have any excuses. To their credit this group has tackled the program we have given them with gusto and enthusiasm and I feel for them that they have not been rewarded with a go at the finals."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 19.11 (125)	Glenelg 13.13 (91)	Glenelg 10.9 (69)
South 18.8 (116)	South 17.9 (111)	South 20.11 (131)