

Tigers shape as finals bet

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AN INSPIRED and tough Glenelg squeezed its finals perch a little tighter and proved the 2007 SANFL premiership race was wide open with a commanding 35-point win over clumsy North Adelaide at Prospect Oval yesterday.

The Tigers started the finals-shaping contest with the clear intent to be first to the ball, difficult to displace and desperate to take advantage of a lightning delivery that blasted the Roosters into submission by half-time.

Glenelg had 23 scoring shots to 10 by the main break and led by 43 points.

The Tigers' attack on the ball and body was strong but surprisingly they also outgunned the big-gun Roosters, who previously held the mantle as the most lethal running side.

North's inability to use the ball with any clarity on the rare occasion it created space played into the Tigers' hands.

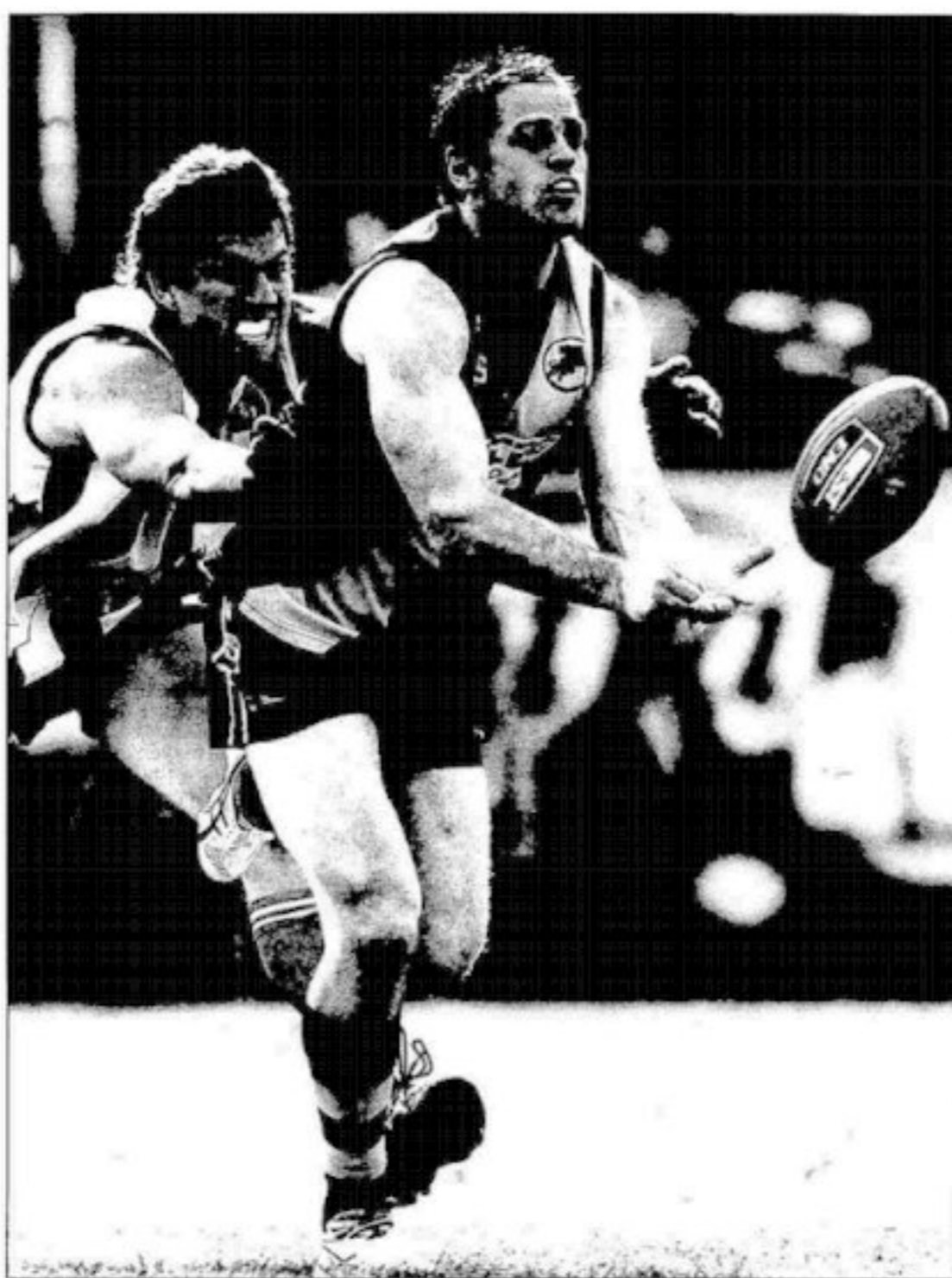
The game was virtually decided five minutes before half-time when North coach Andrew Jarman slipped into the change rooms early to watch TV.

Tiny Tiger Mark Ruwoldt (4.3) - 21, 178cm - with three goals in the first half, the Power's Josh Mahoney (3.0), replacing Tom Logan, Richard Douglas (3.1), Adam Fisher, Byron Murphy, reliable skipper Ben Mules and gliding John Hinge creamed North around the midfield.

And, when running, born-again forward Matthew Duldig (5.0) proved a hard-working focus.

How North craved a player like Duldig. Unfashionable Sam Rudolph spanked the Crow Ian Perrie (2.0), who had five disposals to half-time; Clint Alleway was beaten until shifted to defence after the break; and the Roosters' other key forwards - Shannon Motlop, Michael Wundke (who came in when the Power claimed Damon White), and sweeper Nathan Lonie - had a day to forget.

Glenelg, after just one win in its opening seven games, has found cohesion, a new toughness and a handy mix of height and pace to become



COOL HEAD: Glenelg's Josh Mahoney handballs clear yesterday. Picture: Sam Wundke

SCOREBOARD

GLENELG V NORTH ADELAIDE Prospect Oval - 2609

Glenelg	7.3	13.10	18.13	20.17	137
North Adelaide	4.1	7.3	13.3	16.6	102

BEST PLAYERS: GLENELG - Hinge, Ruwoldt, Rudolph, Mules, Mahoney, Douglas, Duldig, Fisher. NORTH - Allan, Wintle, Younie. **GOALS:** GLENELG - Duldig 5; Ruwoldt 4; Douglas, Mahoney 3; Hinge, Smith, Murphy, Moore, McConnell. NORTH - Younie 5; Wundke, Perrie, Kaesler 2; Ladhams, Allan, Alleway, S. Motlop, Lonie. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** Nil. **UMPIRES:** T Pfeiffer, T Dey, D Joyce.

a genuine flag threat. Cautious coach Mark Mickan knows it but he's not game to think it.

"Our intensity indicators were right up, with more scoring shots and inside 50s, right up to the last quarter," he said. "But there were signs in the last quarter that we didn't play the game right out. Every game you want to play it right out... the inten-

sity has to stay there."

North's reliable Heath Younie kicked five goals from limited chances, and James Allan and Darryl Wintle picked up touches but didn't do as much damage as their counterparts. Jarman said he'd take onus for the result after a poor lead-up on the track - but it's strictly business now or North will miss the critical double chance.

SANFL LADDER - ROUND 21

TEAM	P	W	L	D	FOR	AGST	STR	PTS	%
Central**	18	16	2	-	2022	1230	W1	32	62.18
Sturt**	17	12	5	-	1677	1453	W1	24	53.58
Eagles	18	11	7	-	1750	1597	W3	22	52.29
North	18	10	7	1	1748	1568	L2	21	52.71
Glenelg	18	9	8	1	1832	1634	W4	18	52.86
Port	19	7	11	1	1801	1789	W1	15	50.21
Norwood	18	7	11	-	1657	1828	L1	14	47.55
South*	18	4	13	1	1394	2065	L6	9	40.30
West	18	3	15	-	1360	2081	L2	6	39.52

GOALS

Brant Chambers (Sturt)	(*)	88
Justin McConnell (Glenelg)	(1)	55
Jamie Vlatko (Norwood)	(3)	56



GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F for	F ag	Gls	Pts	H O	Ttl
WILLOUGHBY	5	1	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
DULDIG	7	8	4	0	2	5	0	0	1
KIRK	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	8	0
MCCONNELL	5	4	8	0	0	1	0	0	0
KIRKBY	9	8	3	2	2	0	1	0	1
DOUGLAS	14	9	6	1	0	3	1	0	2
MOORE	12	7	6	0	0	1	0	0	3
MURPHY	5	2	9	2	1	1	0	0	1
RUWOLDT	12	3	6	1	0	4	3	0	2
KANE B	13	8	10	1	2	0	0	1	0
SHERWOOD	3	1	8	0	1	0	0	0	0
MULES	14	7	4	2	1	0	1	0	3
HINGE	13	5	10	0	0	1	1	1	0
RUDOLPH	6	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	0
PANOLZO	5	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	2
GULHAUS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
FISHER	9	3	12	1	1	0	0	1	4
BACKWELL	21	8	9	0	2	0	1	0	2
SMITH	4	3	3	2	1	1	1	3	2
MAHONEY	15	8	12	3	1	3	0	2	3
SUGARS	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	180	90	127	17	17	20	17	25	28



NORTH

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F for	F ag	Gls	Pts	H O	Ttl
WUNDKE M	8	5	4	1	1	2	1	0	0
PERRIE	8	7	4	0	1	2	0	1	0
LADHAMS	11	2	7	1	1	1	0	0	3
MOTLOP S	8	3	5	1	0	1	0	0	1
ALLEWAY	8	0	4	3	0	1	0	0	0
LONIE	8	*6	11	0	1	1	0	0	2
RYSWYK	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	2
ALLAN	25	8	11	0	1	1	0	0	1
BAMFORD	13	6	4	1	1	0	0	0	1
SPOON	7	2	9	0	1	0	0	0	3
SCHUBERT	13	8	4	2	1	0	0	0	2
HART	12	6	3	2	2	0	0	2	1
IVENS	11	7	12	0	1	0	0	0	2
MCINTYRE	4	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	1
COULTER	8	5	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
OHARA	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	19
HOWARD	9	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	1
YOUNIE	11	6	7	2	2	5	2	0	1
WAKELIN	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	20
WINTLE	12	5	8	1	1	0	0	1	3
KAESLER	8	1	6	1	0	2	0	0	3
Totals	188	87	126	17	17	16	6	43	29

SCOREBOARD

EAGLES V WEST ADELAIDE Broadpectrum Oval - 1829

Eagles	4.2	7.5	14.12	19.14	128
West Adelaide	1.2	4.6	4.9	5.16	46

BEST PLAYERS: EAGLES - Schwarze 6; Vince 5; McGregor 4; Passador 2; Fairclough, Lomas. WEST - Fisher 2; Cupido, Smith, Gray. **GOALS:** EAGLES - Vince, Schwarze, Fiacchi, Passador, McGregor, Dabrowski, Powell. WEST - Ezard, Wilson, Fisher, Munn. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** Eagles - Symmons (corked thigh); Schwarze (bruised kidney). West - Pisante (shoulder); McCormick (groin). **UMPIRES:** S Thompson, D Woodcock, T Medlin.



PORT ADELAIDE V NORWOOD Alberton Oval - 2725

Port Adelaide	5.1	11.2	14.3	20.7	127
Norwood	7.1	8.6	13.14	17.14	116

BEST PLAYERS: PORT - J Clayton, Krakouer, Biaci, Perkins, Murray, Greenwood. NORWOOD - Gallagher, McGuinness, Jericho, Bown, Pfeiffer, Cockshell. **GOALS:** PORT - Krakouer 4; J Clayton 3; Poulton, Perkins, Hargraves, Slattery, Mardling 2; Dolling, LeCras, Murray. NORWOOD - Jericho 5; Gallagher, Vlatko 3; Aish 2; Culpitt, Bown, Cockshell, Wonaemirri. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** Nil. **UMPIRES:** C Rowston, C Doddridge, R Under.