



UNDER THE PUMP: Eagle Joseph Pedler, left, is tackled by Glenelg's Joshua Willoughby, while Eagle Denis Redden, above, prepares to grab the ball in the nailbiting draw at Woodville yesterday. Pictures: Dylan Coker

It ain't over 'til it's over, Tiges

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GLENELG learned an extremely valuable lesson yesterday.

Switch-off in next week's elimination final and the Tigers will risk being hurt, as they were by Woodville-West Torrens in a heart-stopping draw at Woodville Oval.

In the past three weeks, the Tigers have developed a dangerous habit of lowering their workrate late in the final term, being outscored by their opposition in the dying minutes.

While they got away with it against North Adelaide and Sturt, they weren't so lucky against the plucky Eagles.

Glenelg coach Mark Mickan, whose Tigers haven't won at Oval Avenue since 1999, said that "we went into the game discussing that, that quality teams keep at you and at you".

"We were prepared for that, but that's where we are a bit disappointed with the last quarter. We weren't able to hold them out when it counted," he said.

More than three goals in front with under 10 minutes to play, Glenelg let Ron Fuller's men claw their way back into the contest on the back of consecutive goals to Ben Schwarze and Bernie Vince.

Two minutes after Schwarze made his first bluish in front of goal, Crows-listed Vince snapped truly to tie up the scores at 92 a piece.

With less than a minute on

SCOREBOARD

EAGLES V GLENELG		Woodville Oval - 1718				
Eagles	4.6	5.10	8.13	13.14	92	
Glenelg	2.1	6.2	11.4	14.8	92	

BEST PLAYERS: EAGLES - Vince, Treeby, Pedler, J Stewart, Cooper, Dabrowski, Grocke, Jarrad. **GLENELG** - Backwell, Fisher, Ruwoldt, Kane, Sherwood, Murphy, Smith, McConnell. **GOALS: EAGLES** - Schwarze 4; Vince 3; Salter, Grocke 2; Cooper, Symmons. **GLENELG** - McConnell 5; Mahoney 3; Kirkby 2; Kirk, Holmes, Fisher, Backwell. **INJURIES/REPORTS: Glenelg** - Duldig (ankle). **UMPIRES: T Dey, S Hay, C Rowston.**

the clock, Glenelg broke away from centre with ball-magnet Brett Backwell pumping the ball long, inside the Tigers' attacking 50m.

As the ball cleared the pack, Tiger Josh Mahoney pounced, but just as the Power forward was about to put the visitors back in front the siren sounded, leaving both sides wondering what might have been.

As Glenelg was left lamenting its tardy finish, the Eagles were cursing their wasteful start to the game.

Kicking with a significant breeze in the first term, the hosts booted an inaccurate 4.6 on their way to 13.14 for the match.

"We didn't make enough of our opportunities," said Eagles coach Fuller, who has now piloted his team into the top-three, earning a valuable finals double-chance. "The blokes showed tremendous character to fight it out and get the result we did.

"But the other side of the coin is that a lot of little things we normally do didn't happen and when you tie the game, every little thing mattered.

"They're the things we'll reflect on, but I can think of no better way to tune up for a final."

It was fitting that the two best players on the ground were influential in the thrilling final minute of the match.

The man who tied up the scores with his third goal for the Eagles, Vince, showed his defensive game - he applied nine tackles - was equally as damaging as his attacking. He also chalked up 26 kicks.

And the player who put Glenelg within reach of stealing back the two premierships, hard-running Backwell, was just as proficient through the middle of the ground in mustering 28 disposals and the Tigers' opening goal of the final term.

EAGLES										GLENELG									
Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl		Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl	
LOMAS	6	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	MCCONNELL	12	8	3	0	1	5	2	0	0
SCHWARZE	6	6	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	DULDIG	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
GROCKE	8	4	3	2	1	2	2	0	0	WILLOUGHBY	8	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	1
FAIRCLOUGH	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	RUWOLDT	15	5	7	1	3	0	0	0	0
SALTER	7	5	1	1	0	2	2	0	2	KIRKBY	5	4	3	1	0	2	1	0	0
CICOLELLA	11	3	8	1	2	0	0	0	3	ALLEN	5	1	7	1	0	0	0	0	1
JARRAD	11	4	6	1	1	0	0	1	1	HOLMES	9	5	7	2	0	1	1	0	3
POWELL	11	5	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	MURPHY	7	4	6	1	3	0	0	0	2
TREEBY	14	9	13	2	2	0	1	0	2	MAHONEY	8	3	3	2	1	3	1	0	0
PETRENKO	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	MULES	14	8	9	0	2	0	0	0	1
PEDLER	6	2	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	SHERWOOD	7	3	8	1	1	0	0	0	0
FIACCHIP	7	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	KANE,B	13	6	9	1	0	0	2	0	0
MCKENZIE	6	3	7	1	2	0	0	0	0	SMITH	8	6	7	1	3	0	0	4	3
HIER	2	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	RUDOLPH	8	5	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
STEWART,J	11	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	4	HINGE	9	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	2
LINDSAY	2	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	3	KIRK	5	4	4	0	2	1	1	13	0
VINCE	20	6	3	2	1	3	0	1	9	FISHER	16	5	11	0	2	1	0	0	2
COOPER	6	2	10	1	0	1	2	0	4	BACKWELL	18	7	9	1	0	1	0	0	1
DABROWSKI	5	2	2	2	1	0	1	15	1	CRANSTON	1	1	6	0	1	0	0	6	0
SYMMONS	8	3	3	1	1	1	1	0	2	SUGARS	6	5	6	0	2	0	0	0	2
REDDEN	5	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	BLOCK	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Totals	164	69	83	22	15	13	14	27	42	Totals	177	89	124	15	22	14	8	23	23

LADDER

TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	Str	%	Pts
CENTRAL	20	18	2	0	2244	1373	W3	62.04	36
NORTH	20	12	7	1	1997	1706	W2	53.93	25
EAGLES	20	12	7	1	2001	1745	D1	53.42	25
STURT	20	12	8	0	1952	1797	L3	52.07	24
GLENELG	20	10	8	2	2055	1823	D1	52.99	22
Port	20	8	11	1	1941	1863	W2	51.03	17
Norwood	20	8	12	0	1834	2044	W1	47.29	16
South	20	4	15	1	1555	2341	L8	39.91	9
West	20	3	17	0	1480	2367	L4	38.47	6



SANFL FINALS

Sunday, September 16

ELIMINATION FINAL 12.10pm:
Sturt v Glenelg (Adelaide Oval)

QUALIFYING FINAL 3.10pm:
Eagles v North Adelaide (Adelaide Oval)

GOALS

B Chambers (Sturt)	(6)	106
J McConnell (Glenelg)	(5)	63
J Viatko (Norwood)	(3)	60
I Callinan (Central)	(-)	53
B LeCras (Port)	(4)	45
H Younie (North)	(1)	43

SANFL DETAILS



FRIDAY

NORTH	3.3	4.7	12.10	15.12	(102)
STURT	6.2	11.3	14.4	15.5	(95)

BEST - North: Allan, Hart, Ivens, O'Hara, Wundke, Ladham, Sturt: Whiteman, Chambers, Crane, Weatherald, O'Keefe, Evans.

SCORERS - North: Wundke 4.1, Howard, Wright 2.0, Younie 1.2, White, Ladham 1.1, Bamford, Hart, McIntyre, O'Hara 1.0, Alleway, Allan 0.2, Coulter, Krieg, Motlop 0.1. Sturt: Chambers 6.1, O'Keefe 2.1, Fitzgerald, Sharples 2.0, Weatherald 1.1, Crane, Darling 1.0, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - North: Ryswyk (thigh). Sturt: Sheedy (ankle), Feast (hamstring).

REPORT - North: O'Hara, for allegedly striking Sharples, by umpire Joyce in the second quarter.

UMPIRES - C. Bowen, D. Joyce, R. Williams.
CROWD - 2564 at Adelaide Oval.

SATURDAY

NORWOOD	7.3	8.11	13.12	17.15	(117)
SOUTH	4.5	7.6	10.12	15.15	(105)

BEST - Norwood: Gallagher, Jericho, Jackman, Wonaemirri, Borlace, Littler, Culpitt. South: Bennett, Thewlis, Munkara, Iljcesen, Ellis, McGrath.

SCORERS - Norwood: Jericho, Viatko 3.2, Gallagher 2.2, Aish 2.1, Cockshell 2.0, Borlace, Littler 1.2, Bown, Meesen, Donohue 1.0, Culpitt 0.1, rushed 0.3. South: Iljcesen 3.4, Thewlis 3.0, Ellis 2.3, Clarke, Norsworthy, Munkara 2.0, Warren 1.2, Boyd, Hamby 0.1, rushed 0.4.

UMPIRES - T. Philp, C. Doddridge, S. Thompson.
CROWD - 1062 at Hickinbotham Oval.

PORT	5.2	12.7	15.10	21.13	(139)
WEST	1.2	2.3	9.6	11.11	(77)

BEST - Port: Dolling, LeCras, Krakouer, Murray, Watson, Biacsi, DePasquale. West: Cupido, Galea, McCormick, Dragicevic, Gray.

SCORERS - Port: LeCras, Hargraves 4.2, Krakouer 4.1, J. Clayton 2.2, Murray 2.0, Perkins, Wait 1.1, Maric, Greenwood, Mardling 1.0, Carr, Biacsi, AhChee, Slattery 0.1. West: Galea 3.4, Gray 3.1, Barling, Hutchins, Fisher 1.1, Ezard, Wilson 1.0, McCormick 0.2, Willis 0.1.

INJURIES - Port: Greenwood (concussion).
UMPIRES - G. Fila, M. Johnson, T. Philp.
CROWD - 1487 at Broadpectrum Oval.

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GLENELG	2.1	6.2	11.4	14.8	(92)

BEST - Eagles: Vince, Treeby, Pedler, J. Stewart, Cooper, Dabrowski, Grocke, Jarrad. Glenelg: Backwell, Fisher, Ruwoldt, Kane, Sherwood, Murphy, Smith, McConnell.

SCORERS - Eagles: Schwarze 4.1, Vince 3.0, Salter, Grocke 2.2, Cooper 1.2, Symmons 1.1, Powell 0.2, Treeby, Dabrowski 0.1, rushed 0.2. Glenelg: McConnell 5.2, Mahoney 3.1, Kirkby 2.1, Kirk, Holmes 1.1, Fisher, Backwell 1.0, Kane 0.2.

INJURIES - Eagles: Passador (back), withdrew from selected squad. Glenelg: Duldig (ankle), Moore (general soreness), replaced in selected squad by Mahoney.

UMPIRES - T. Dey, S. Hay, C. Rowston.
CROWD - 1718 at Woodville Oval.

RESERVES

West 12.11 (83) d Port 11.16 (82). Eagles 19.7 (121) d Glenelg 13.11 (89). South 17.10 (112) d Norwood 9.12 (66). North 16.10 (106) d Sturt 12.7 (79). Ladder: Glenelg 28, Norwood, South 26, North 24, Central 22, Port, Sturt 16, Eagles 12, West 10.

UNDER-19

Glenelg 18.17 (125) d Eagles 12.13 (85). Norwood 16.15 (111) d South 12.12 (78). Sturt 24.17 (161) d North 7.7 (49). Port 22.24 (156) d West 5.6 (36). Ladder: Port 38, Sturt 30, Central 28, Glenelg 24, West 20, North 16, Eagles 14, Norwood 6, South 4.

UNDER-17

Qualifying final: North 14.11 (95) d Norwood 8.7 (55). Elimination final: Port 16.17 (113) d Eagles 9.8 (62).

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

North Adelaide v Sturt
James Allan (North Adelaide) 3
Ben Hart (North Adelaide) 2
Andrew Whiteman (Sturt) 1

Woodville-West Torrens v Glenelg
Bernie Vince (Woodville-West Torrens) 3
Brett Backwell (Glenelg) 2
Adam Fisher (Glenelg) 1

West Adelaide v Port Adelaide
Mark Dolling (Port Adelaide) 3
Brent LeCras (Port Adelaide) 2
Nathan Krakouer (Port Adelaide) 1

South Adelaide v Norwood
James Gallagher (Norwood) 3
Luke Jericho (Norwood) 2
Gerrard Bennett (South Adelaide) 1

FINAL VOTES - 23: James Allan (North), 15: Brant Chambers (Sturt), Brad Symes (Central), Adam Fisher (Glenelg), James Gallagher (Norwood), 13: Paul Thomas (Central), Jeremy Clayton (Port), 12: Bernie Vince (Eagles), 11: Clint Alleway (North), 10: Simon Feast, Jade Sheedy (Sturt), Dean Howard (North), James Meiklejohn (Port), 9: Ian Callinan, James Gowans, Chris Gowans (Central), Ben Nelson (Sturt), Luke Powell (Eagles), 8: Justin McConnell, Brett Backwell (Glenelg), Marc Dragicevic (West).