

Bays respond to tough task

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TOUGH, hard and uncompromising. Welcome to the "Glenelg way" as the Port Adelaide Magpies no longer have a "mortgage" on the hallmarks of winning wet weather football.

Yesterday the Magpies were beaten by Glenelg at their own game as the tenacious Tigers grinded their way to a hard-fought seven-point triumph at the Bay.

At every contest the Tigers were more desperate than their opponents, willingly throwing their body into the line of fire for the betterment of their team-mates. And with their backs to the wall, staring at a 0-3 win-loss start to the season, Mark Mickan's men responded in the most admirable way possible.

"We pride ourselves on that (playing tough football) too, they (Port) don't have a mortgage on that," Mickan said. "We had lost two games and we didn't like that. We needed a response, we expected a response and we got that today (yesterday). That's the Glenelg way."

With goals a priceless commodity in the driving rain, Glenelg knew it had to be first to the ball at every occasion, something Mickan stressed before the bounce.

Once the hosts started using the ball more efficiently after quarter-time - they had more handballs than kicks in the opening term - the match swung in their favour. Buoyed by the valiant efforts of lion-hearted Trevor Cranston in the ruck, the Tigers' two third-term goals proved to be decisive.

And it was fitting that the two best players on the ground were those who scored the match-defining majors. First it was vice-captain Adam Fisher snapped truly from 40m out and nine minutes later, classy Power midfielder Travis Boak got his second with some clever work. From there, the determined Tigers - with Fisher outstanding with nine disposals in the final term - were always going to be tough to beat.

"He spent a lot of time on the ball and he was really strong around the stoppages," Mickan noted of Fisher.

"He came up with the ball himself or gave it off to someone else. He kept us in front in terms of our attacking responsibilities."

Former captain Ben Moore was fearless on his wing while Box Hill recruit Sam Rudolph was a steadying influence in defence keeping Magpie threat Clive Waterhouse to just 1.1.

Magpies coach Tim Ginever, who admitted his men were clearly second to the ball more often than not, was "extremely disappointed" after losing their second successive match in tight circumstances.

"That's the thing that worries me the most," Ginever said.

"When we're headed and the discipline and the actual fight is needed we haven't been able to answer it."

SCOREBOARD

GLENELG V PORT ADELAIDE Challenge Recruitment Oval - 1811

Glenelg	2.1	3.3	5.4	6.4	40
Port	2.4	3.5	3.6	4.9	33

BEST PLAYERS: GLENELG - Fisher, Boak, Moore, Cranston, Kane, Rudolph, Murphy. PORT - M Clayton, Biacsi, DePasquale.

GOALS: GLENELG - McConnell, Boak 2; Backwell, Fisher. PORT - Depasquale, Waterhouse, Biacsi, Summerton.

INJURIES/REPORTS: Glenelg - Sherwood (knee) withdrew from selected side; Logan (ankle). Port - J Clayton (calf) withdrew from selected squad; Jarjoura (Port) reported for allegedly striking Backwell. **UMPIRES:** S Hay, T Pfeiffer, C Carey.



GOTCHA: Port's Kristian De Pasquale is tackled by Glenelg's Adam Fisher. **Picture:** Sam Wundke

SANFL LADDER - ROUND 4

	TEAM	P	W	L	D	FOR	AGST	STR	PTS	%
1	Central	3	3	-	-	367	184	W3	6	66.61
2	Sturt	4	3	1	-	347	353	L1	6	49.57
3	Port	4	2	2	-	408	343	L2	4	54.33
4	North	3	1	1	1	266	236	D1	3	52.99
5	South	4	1	2	1	321	434	D1	3	42.52
6	Norwood*	3	1	2	-	280	291	W1	2	49.04
7	Glenelg	3	1	2	-	216	239	W1	2	47.47
8	Eagles	3	1	2	-	302	350	L2	2	46.32
9	West*	3	1	2	-	228	305	W1	2	42.78

SANFL SCORES

NORWOOD	1.5	3.9	7.11	11.15	81
STURT	2.2	2.5	3.5	4.7	31
NORTH	2.6	5.9	8.10	10.12	72
SOUTH	4.1	6.1	10.4	11.6	72
GLENELG	2.1	3.3	5.4	6.4	40
PORT	2.4	3.5	3.6	4.9	33
CENTRAL	3.7	8.9	16.10	13.13	151
EAGLES	3.0	6.0	9.0	11.3	69

STATS LEADERS

GOALS		
Brant Chambers (Sturt)	(0)	22
Mark Passador (Eagles)	(4)	13
Clive Waterhouse (Port)	(1)	12



GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
BACKWELL	11	3	5	3	4	1	0	0	1
DULDIG	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
BOAK	14	3	10	2	0	2	0	0	2
RUWOLDT	6	0	5	1	3	0	0	0	2
SMITH	10	3	4	1	1	0	1	11	3
KANE.B	18	5	5	2	1	0	0	0	1
MURPHY	6	0	12	2	2	0	0	0	4
FISHER	13	5	5	3	4	1	0	0	2
MCCONNELL	4	1	3	1	2	2	0	3	0
MULES	6	2	7	1	1	0	0	0	1
KIRKBY	8	2	3	3	1	0	0	0	1
MITCHELL	4	1	3	1	2	0	2	0	0
PANOZZO	9	5	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
BUTTON	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	1
RUDOLPH	14	5	5	4	0	0	0	0	2
CRANSTON	5	2	10	4	5	0	0	18	2
LOGAN	6	1	11	0	4	0	0	0	3
MOORE	16	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	1
ALLEN	6	0	9	1	3	0	1	0	2
LALLY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WILLOUGHBY	13	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	171	45	108	35	35	6	4	35	30



PORT

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
WATERHOUSE	4	1	3	0	2	1	1	2	4
PERKINS	13	2	7	3	2	0	0	3	15
DOLLING	15	4	1	4	0	0	0	1	2
MILLER.H	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1
LECRAS	4	1	4	2	2	0	0	0	1
JENNER	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
BIACSI	12	4	6	2	0	1	1	0	5
LEES	8	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	1
BUTCHER	12	1	5	2	2	0	0	0	3
CARR	7	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	7
PERRY	6	3	9	1	0	0	0	1	0
JARJOURA	10	3	7	1	3	0	1	2	1
CLAYTON.M	9	2	10	2	4	0	0	1	7
AHCHEE	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0
POULTON	8	3	4	3	1	0	0	3	2
MEIKLEJOHN	2	0	4	2	6	0	1	18	8
DEPASQUALE	13	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	1
SUMMERTON	15	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
BATSON	5	1	2	2	1	0	0	15	2
SLATTERY	6	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	4
GATES	10	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	1
Totals	166	38	71	35	35	4	9	47	70

SCOREBOARD

NORTH ADELAIDE V SOUTH ADELAIDE Prospect Oval - 1779

North	2.6	5.9	8.10	10.12	72
South	4.1	6.1	10.4	11.6	72

BEST PLAYERS: NORTH - Allen, Ivens, Younie, Bamford, Sporn. SOUTH - McGrath, Williams, Maddox, Prendergast, Thewlis. **GOALS:** NORTH - Younie 3; Alleway, Sporn, Allan, Weatherley, Howard, Ladhams, S Motlop. SOUTH - Warren, McGrath, Maddox 3; Clarke, Hunter. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** North - McIntyre (leg). **UMPIRES:** T Philp, C Doddridge, S Mackie.

SCOREBOARD

NORWOOD V STURT Unley Oval - 2145

Norwood	1.5	3.9	7.11	11.15	81
Sturt	2.2	2.5	3.5	4.7	31

BEST PLAYERS: NORWOOD - Thomas, Bailey, Gallagher, Pfeiffer, McGuinness, Nitschke, Culpitt, Wonaeamirri, Vlatko. STURT - Nelson, Thomson, DeLuca. **GOALS:** NORWOOD - Vlatko 3; Puopolo, Borlace, Wonaeamirri 2; Bown, Gallagher. STURT - Thomson 2; Weatherald, Jaensch. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** Sturt - Whiteman (ankle) withdrew from selected squad. **UMPIRES:** T Dey, D Woodcock, D Kowal.