

ROUND 2 SUNDAY, APRIL 15

GLENELG v STURT at UNLEY

Glenelg	6.2	8.4	10.5	13.6	(84)
Sturt	4.0	8.8	12.8	17.8	(110)

Club champion votes: Moore 19; Hinge 11; Cranston 8; Panozzo 7; Duldig, Fisher, Smith 6; Sherwood 3; Kane, Kirk, Rudolph 2; Allen, Kirkby, Willoughby 1.

Goals: Duldig 4; Moore 2; Smith, Sellar, McConnell, Fisher, Ruwoldt, Hinge, Graham.

Glenelg was given a big reality check first up when it waltzed into Unley Oval against a side it had hammered in the corresponding fixture in 2006. On top early, the Tigers paid the ultimate price for some easy misses, bad decision-making and poor discipline as the rejuvenated Double Blues under new coach Ricky Macgowan took control after half-time. Ben Moore (23 disposals), John Hinge and Luke Panozzo (28 possessions) were Glenelg's best in a disappointing opening.

COACH'S COMMENT

"We had our chances to win but we missed too many easy goals early and some of our discipline left a lot to be desired. Not a good start."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 9.12 (66)	Glenelg 15.9 (99)	Glenelg 15.5 (95)
Sturt 15.5 (95)	Sturt 10.12 (72)	Sturt 13.18 (94)

ROUND 4 - SATURDAY, APRIL 28

GLENELG v PORT MAGPIES at CHALLENGE RECRUITMENT

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

Club champion votes: Rudolph 30; Boak 20; Cranston 18; Kane 13; Moore, Willoughby 10; Murphy 7; Backwell, Kirkby 6; Fisher, Smith 5; Allen 4; Logan, McConnell, Mitchell, Mules, Ruwoldt 1.

Goals: McConnell, Boak 2; Backwell, Fisher.

A fired-up Mark Mickan demanded a response to consecutive defeats and he got it in emphatic fashion. In appalling conditions at the Bay, Glenelg won a low-scoring slugfest by seven points against arch-enemy Port. Staring at a 0-3 start, the Tigers got down and dirty in the mud, coming from behind at half-time to simply outmuscle the Magpies in a battle of wills. Key off-season recruit Sam Rudolph was outstanding in restricting Clive Waterhouse to one goal, Power-listed Travis Boak shone in his first SANFL game and Adam Fisher was at the bottom of every pack, brilliantly feeding the ball out to his team-mates.

COACH'S COMMENT

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

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 11.13 (79)	Glenelg 5.12 (42)	Glenelg 8.4 (52)
Port 7.12 (54)	Port 13.8 (86)	Port 17.15 (117)

ROUND 3 SATURDAY, APRIL 21

GLENELG v WEST ADELAIDE at CHALLENGE RECRUITMENT

Glenelg	3.5	5.7	10.15	12.20	(92)
West	3.0	9.1	13.1	15.6	(96)

Club champion votes: Moore 16; Panozzo 11; Fisher 10; Cranston, Kane 8; Backwell, Sherwood 6; Hinge, Willoughby 5.

Goals: Backwell, Hinge, Smith, Moore 2; McConnell, Duldig, Kirk, Panozzo.

Rarely has a team dominated a game like Glenelg did against West and lose. The Tigers had 11 more scoring shots, 55 more disposals and 15 more inside-50s than the Bloods but butchered chance after chance in front of the sticks in one of the their most disappointing displays of the season. Put simply, they threw the game away. Ben Moore, Luke Panozzo and Ben Kane (63 disposals between them) worked hard but their good work was undone by some sloppy finishing.

COACH'S COMMENT

"The amount of opportunities we had in front of goal tells us that we gave ourselves plenty of chances to win the match but we lost it. With Paul Sherwood's 150th game and the stats that were in our favour, this one sticks in your guts."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 20.20 (140)	Glenelg 16.17 (113)	Glenelg 20.9 (129)
West 8.13 (61)	West 11.11 (77)	West 15.14 (104)

ROUND 5 SATURDAY, MAY 5

GLENELG v CENTRAL DISTRICT at HAMRA HOMES

Glenelg	5.1	6.3	9.4	12.7	(79)
Central	2.3	7.6	9.10	15.12	(102)

Club champion votes: Willoughby 14; Kane 12; Fisher 11; Boak, Mules 10; Mitchell 8; Sherwood 5; Backwell 3; Allen 2.

Goals: Mitchell 4; McConnell, Fisher, Kane 2; Button, Willoughby.

Glenelg's hopes of snapping the Bulldogs' 13-game winning streak against it at Elizabeth were raised when the visitor's broke to a handy 16-point lead at the first change after some early magic from David Mitchell and Josh Willoughby. But the Bays who were still in the game at three-quarter time were overrun in the final term, eventually succumbing by 23 points to the competition powerhouse, leaving them without a win at Elizabeth since 1992. The Tigers controlled the game for long periods but lacked a strong-marking forward who could trouble the Dogs' defence.

COACH'S COMMENT

"Our pressure and the opportunities that created dropped away. Our efficiency needs to improve but we can't afford that drop off in pressure. In the end, we didn't apply enough pressure when it counted."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 11.14 (80)	Glenelg 7.11 (53)	Glenelg 14.12 (96)
Central 12.12 (84)	Central 15.12 (102)	Central 12.19 (89)

2007 LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE - TO ROUND 5

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnt	Pts	%
Centrals	4	4	-	-	469	263	8	64.07
Port Adel	5	3	2	-	498	413	6	54.67
Sturt	4	3	1	-	347	353	6	49.57
North Adel	4	2	1	1	361	316	5	53.32
West Adel	4	2	2	-	310	383	4	44.73
South Adel	5	1	3	1	391	524	3	42.73
Norwood	4	1	3	-	360	386	2	48.26
WW Eagles	4	1	3	-	380	432	2	46.80
Glenelg	4	1	3	-	295	341	2	46.38

ROUND 6 SUNDAY, MAY 13
GLENELG v EAGLES at CHALLENGE RECRUITMENT

Glenelg	2.3	4.7	6.8	11.10	(76)
Eagles	5.3	8.4	13.7	16.9	(105)

Club champion votes: Kane, Mules 14; Rudolph 12; Backwell 11; Fisher 9; Boak 5; Kirkby 4; Button 3; Sherwood 2; Day 1.

Goals: McConnell, Smith 2; Ruwoldt, Kirkby, Button, Backwell, Mitchell, Moore, Day.

The signs weren't good for the Tigers after a lacklustre display at home against the Eagles. Glenelg was never really in the game, giving the Eagles a start and self-destructing by overusing the ball. Coach Mark Mickan was so disappointed with the uninspiring performance that he spoke to his players behind closed doors for 30 minutes after the game and the leadership group for a further half-an-hour. The lack of spark was emphasised by the Tigers' best all being defenders captain Ben Mules, Ben Kane and Sam Rudolph.

COACH'S COMMENT

"We had an honest discussion on where we sit and what we are going to do about it which is the important thing. We have to change a few things about the way we train, the way we give feedback to each other and how honest we are with each other."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 19.19 (133)	Glenelg 16.23 (119)	Glenelg 5.4 (34)
Eagles 16.9 (105)	Eagles 9.7 (61)	Eagles 22.20 (152)

ROUND 9 FRIDAY, JUNE 1
GLENELG v NORWOOD at COOPERS

Glenelg	2.6	5.10	6.12	9.13	(67)
Norwood	2.2	6.3	11.7	15.10	(100)

Club champion votes: Panozzo 18; Button 11; Rudolph 10; Hinge, Kane 6; Mules, Murphy 5; Fisher, Moore, Sherwood 4; Backwell, Kirkby 1.

Goals: Panozzo 6; McConnell 2; Allen.

A dark night at the Parade resulted in the turning point of Glenelg's season. Fielding most of its AFL contingent, the Tigers were expected to win but after dominating play in the first half, they turned into a rabble, being outscored 9.7 to 4.3. Twelve players earned club champion votes but only six-goal Luke Panozzo could hold his head high, having played a lone hand in a misfiring attack which was blanketed by Kris Massie and Kieran McGuinness. Glenelg after watching its supporters stream from the ground early drew a line in the sand after this defeat and did not look back.

COACH'S COMMENT

"That simply wasn't good enough. We were poor, we wasted chances and we've got a lot of thinking to do."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 7.16 (58)	Glenelg 17.12 (114)	Glenelg 2.4 (16)
Norwood 11.6 (72)	Norwood 7.4 (46)	Norwood 18.10 (118)

ROUND 7 SUNDAY, MAY 20
GLENELG v SOUTH ADELAIDE at HICKINBOTHAM

Glenelg	2.3	7.5	10.5	12.11	(83)
South	3.1	4.5	12.11	14.13	(97)

Club champion votes: Sherwood 15; Rudolph 14; Moore 12; Backwell 9; Fisher 8; Mules 7; Plant 4; Kane 3; Button, Kirkby, McConnell 1.

Goals: McConnell 3; Plant, McGregor 2; Logan, Backwell, Mitchell, Murphy, Smith.

Three goals up at half-time, Glenelg conceded six goals in seven devastating minutes in the third term at Noarlunga to crash to defeat and slump to an inglorious bottom on the SANFL premiership table. In control for long periods, the Bays let the game's smallest player, Stephen Kenna, rip the match from them as he went on a three-goal, four-minute rampage to inspire the Panther's third-quarter blitz. Glenelg had chances to fight back in the final term but 2.6 and two out-of-bounds on the full consigned it to another worrying loss.

COACH'S COMMENT

"When you look at who had the momentum the longest, I think we did, but we allowed them to do far too much scoreboard damage in the third quarter. Going into the last quarter the game was still there to be won but we missed some very easy shots for goal in a two-goal game. It's all what-ifs and buts but it's been like that every week."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 11.10 (76)	Glenelg 17.18 (120)	Glenelg 14.12 (96)
South 14.12 (96)	South 7.16 (58)	South 22.13 (145)

ROUND 10 MONDAY, JUNE 11
GLENELG v NORTH ADELAIDE at CHALLENGE RECRUITMENT

Glenelg	4.2	9.6	15.9	20.13	(133)
North	3.4	5.4	7.6	13.7	(85)

Club champion votes: Fisher 17; Rudolph 16; Boak 13; Button 12; Backwell, McConnell, Mules 11; Murphy, Panozzo, Smith 9; Moore 7; Kane, Sherwood 5; Allen, Kirkby 2; Hinge 1.

Goals: McConnell 6; Panozzo 4; Kirkby, Ruwoldt 2; Backwell, Mitchell, Kane, Fisher, Allen, Murphy.

Paupers one week, Princes the next. Has there been a bigger turnaround in Glenelg's fortunes in one week? After their worst performance of the season, the Tigers produced their best against premiership contender North, kicking 20 goals in a commanding 48-point upset. Returning key forward Ruory Kirkby to attack after he had solidified the backline early in the season, the Tigers suddenly looked far more potent. Kirkby's sheer presence up forward allowed Justin McConnell (six goals) and Luke Panozzo (four) to run wild and the Bays to claw their way off the bottom.

COACH'S COMMENT

"You need to change things sometimes. Once you get to a situation where you are 1-6 you do look for changes. I was reluctant because our defence was holding up together but we certainly didn't lose anything by doing it."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 13.11 (89)	Glenelg 19.21 (135)	Glenelg 15.11 (101)
North 12.13 (85)	North 8.9 (57)	North 23.11 (149)

2007 LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE – TO ROUND 10

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnst	Pts	%
Centrals	9	8	1	–	1033	638	16	61.82
Sturt	9	6	3	–	807	810	12	49.91
Norwood	9	5	4	–	885	847	10	51.10
North Adel	8	4	3	1	750	668	9	52.89
WW Eagles	8	4	4	–	796	788	8	50.25
Port Adel	9	4	5	–	833	854	8	49.38
South Adel	9	3	5	1	745	914	7	44.91
Glenelg	8	2	6	–	654	728	4	47.32
West Adel	9	2	7	–	722	978	4	42.47

ROUND 11 SUNDAY, JUNE 17

GLENELG v WEST ADELAIDE at CHALLENGE RECRUITMENT

Glenelg	6.9	12.10	16.15	26.18	(174)
West	0.2	0.5	4.5	6.6	(42)

Club champion votes: Backwell 20; Kane, McConnell 18; Moore 16; Mules 12; Douglas, Hinge 11; Button 10; Logan 9; Mitchell 5; Fisher 4; Murphy, Rudolph 2; Allen, Smith 1.

Goals: McConnell 6; Moore 4; Sellar, Backwell 3; Ruwoldt, Logan 2; Douglas, Kane, Hinge, Mitchell, Allen, Graham.

The Tigers made amends for their earlier heartbreaking defeat to West and won consecutive games for the first time all year with a 132-mauling of the Bloods at the Bay. Showing a real killer instinct, Glenelg held West goalless in the first half and ruthlessly finished it off with 10 goals in the final term in a superb display of quick, run-on football. Justin McConnell kicked his second consecutive bag of six goals, Magarey Medallist Brett Backwell was outstanding in the middle and Ben Kane provided the rebound with 24 disposals and six marks.

COACH'S COMMENT

"We ran hard, played some exciting footy, used the ball well and had plenty of options in attack. Our attitude was right and it showed."

RESERVES

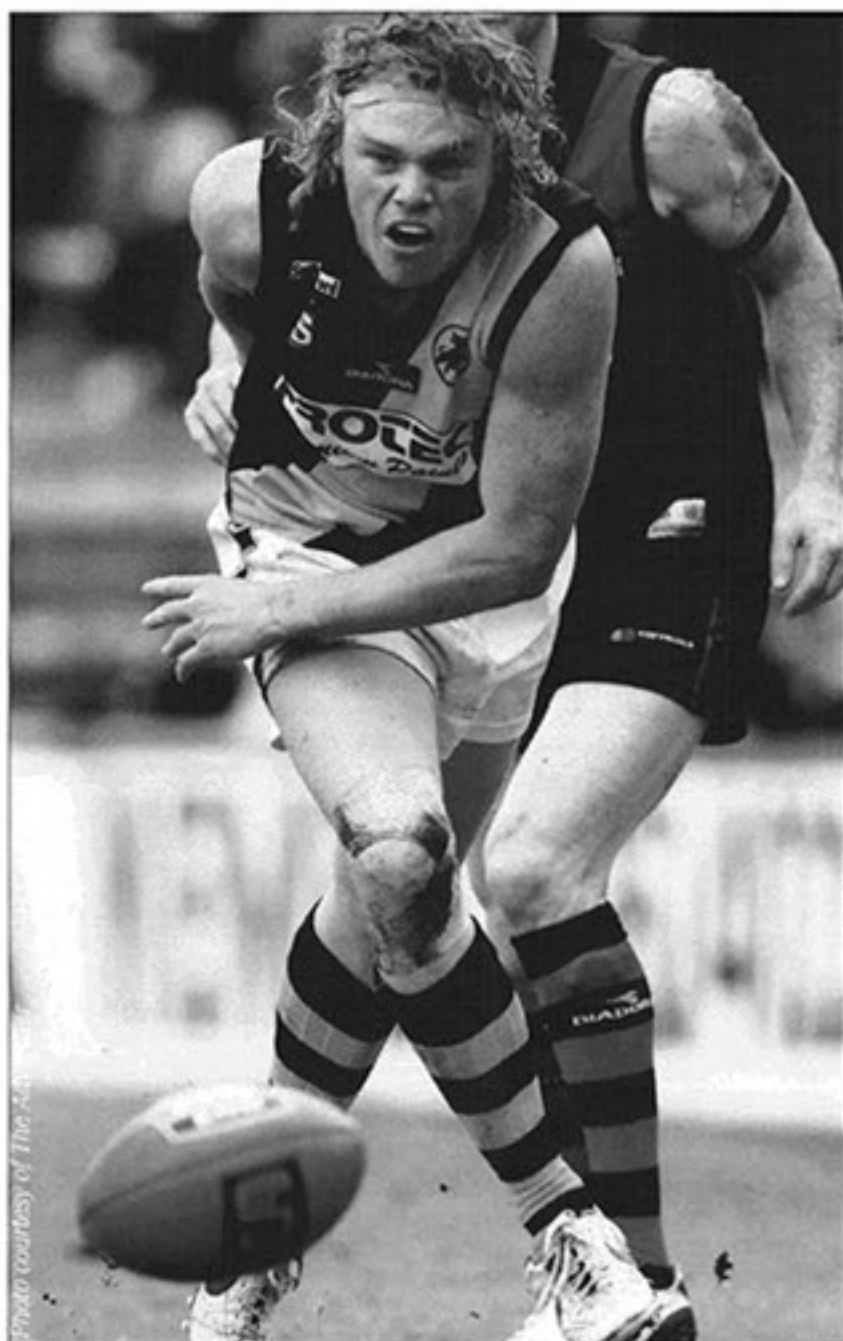
Glenelg 17.15 (117)
West 8.9 (57)

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Glenelg 12.9 (81)
West 17.7 (109)

U17

Glenelg 14.7 (91)
West 26.9 (163)



Byron Murphy

2007 LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE - TO ROUND 13

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts	%
Centrals	12	11	1	-	1439	814	22	63.87
Sturt	12	8	4	-	1114	1067	16	51.08
North Adel	11	7	3	1	1126	953	15	54.16
WW Eagles	11	5	6	-	986	1055	10	48.31
Norwood	11	5	6	-	983	1163	10	45.81
Glenelg	11	4	6	1	1049	954	9	52.37
Port Adel	12	4	7	1	1041	1091	9	48.83
South Adel	11	3	7	1	919	1148	7	44.46
West Adel	11	2	9	-	867	1279	4	40.40

ROUND 12 SATURDAY, JUNE 23

GLENELG v PORT MAGPIES at ALBERTON

Glenelg	4.1	6.6	9.4	12.8	(80)
Port	1.4	5.8	8.12	11.14	(80)

Club champion votes: Douglas 20; Mules 15; Sherwood 13; Moore 12; Kane 10; Fisher 8; Mitchell, Rudolph 6; Backwell 5; Button, Kirkby 1.

Goals: Mitchell 3; Douglas, Sellar 2; Rudolph, Moore, Plant, Fisher, Backwell.

Glenelg went within a metre of beating Port at Alberton for the first time in 14 years. After coming from behind in the final term to tie the scores, the Tigers' David Mitchell had a set shot to win the game from 55m with 20 seconds left. The longest kick in the side, his drop punt fell an agonising one metre short of the goalline and failed to be punched through by the Glenelg forwards, the final siren sounding with the ball 15m from goal. While one premiership point was lost, the Tigers showed admirable fighting qualities after trailing for much of the second half. Full back Sam Rudolph levelled the scores with a raking 50m goal on the run in time-on.

COACH'S COMMENT

"After the first quarter, when we did have a bit of spark, we struggled to get our hands on the ball. But I was proud of the boys for hanging in to the point that in the last two minutes, the game was ours to win."

RESERVES

Glenelg 12.16 (88)
Port 14.13 (97)

U19

Glenelg 12.6 (78)
Port 27.11 (173)

U17

Glenelg 8.10 (58)
Port 22.25 (157)

ROUND 13 SATURDAY, JUNE 30

GLENELG v STURT at ADELAIDE

Glenelg	3.2	10.4	15.6	22.9	(141)
Sturt	4.6	5.10	10.12	15.14	(104)

Club champion votes: Douglas 24; Backwell 16; Cranston, McConnell, Rudolph 13; Cook, Fosdike, Mitchell 8; Sherwood 7; Fisher, Moore, Mules 6; Kane 4; Hinge 3; Sellar 2; Mahoney 1.

Goals: Douglas 7; McConnell 5; Sellar, Mitchell 3; Mahoney, Fosdike, Moore, Kirkby.

After conceding the first three goals to in-form Sturt, Glenelg produced the best performance of its season to date. With Richard Douglas running riot in the middle and up forward - he booted a career-best seven goals - the Tigers kicked 19 goals in the final three quarters to destroy the Blues and roar into finals calculations. Ruckman Trevor Cranston gave his on-ballers first use of the ball in the centre square and up forward Justin McConnell kicked five goals and James Sellar and David Mitchell each booted three.

COACH'S COMMENT

"The evenness and crisp ball movement was right up there. I think everyone sets out to play direct like that and sometimes, when you're winning the ball, it can happen like that. But what brings it on is winning the ball."

RESERVES

Glenelg 13.13 (91)
Sturt 12.12 (84)

U19

Glenelg 13.10 (88)
Sturt 15.8 (98)

U17

Glenelg 7.11 (53)
Sturt 24.16 (160)

ROUND 14 SUNDAY, JULY 8
GLENELG v CENTRAL DISTRICT at CHALLENGE RECRUITMENT

Glenelg	1.4	5.8	6.9	10.13	(73)
Central	7.1	9.2	13.5	14.5	(89)

Club champion votes: Cranston 13; Mules 12; Rudolph 11; Kane 10; McConnell 7; Backwell 6; Hinge 4; Douglas 3; Logan, Kirkby, Moore, Sherwood 2; Cook 1.

Goals: McConnell 3; Logan, Willoughby, Kirkby, Rudolph, Kane, Fosdike, Horan.

The Tigers built themselves up for a big match against the premier but they fell out of the boxes and the game was effectively over at quarter-time. The Dogs slammed on seven goals in the opening term while Glenelg missed four easy shots - including two set shots from 20m - as Roy Laird's outfit broke to a decisive 33-point lead. The home side clawed back to within 14 points in the final term but the damage had been done. Trevor Cranston was again the Bays' best while defenders Ben Mules, Sam Rudolph and Ben Kane battled hard.

COACH'S COMMENT

"I felt of the seven goals they got in the first term we contributed to five through bad discipline. And then when we went forward we still had the opportunity to kick three or four, which would have made it much better, but we missed. It certainly meant that our start really cost us and in the end we didn't deserve to win because we didn't play well enough for long enough."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 13.10 (88)	Glenelg 9.19 (73)	Glenelg 12.14 (86)
Central 9.8 (62)	Central 11.11 (77)	Central 3.4 (22)

ROUND 16 SUNDAY, JULY 22
GLENELG v EAGLES at WOODVILLE

Glenelg	2.1	4.8	7.12	13.15	(93)
Eagles	6.4	10.6	13.10	17.12	(114)

Club champion votes: Kane 16; Moore, Mules 14; Fisher, Logan 6; Lewis 5; Fosdike, Mitchell 3; Cranston, Hinge, Sherwood 2; Mahoney, Rudolph 1.

Goals: Mitchell, Fosdike, McConnell, Sellar 2; Moore, Smith, Mahoney, Lewis, Cranston.

Every time Glenelg looked like getting on a roll it was halted - this time by the Eagles. Again the Bays paid dearly for a slow start against a good opponent, allowing the Eagles to dominate early and break to a 27-point lead. Like the defeat to Central two rounds earlier, the Tigers didn't throw in the towel and drew to within 14 points in the final term but it was all too late. Eagles' twin-marking towers Ben Schwarze (five goals) and Nick Salter (three) bagged eight goals between them while at the other end Glenelg could not find one forward capable of kicking more than two.

COACH'S COMMENT

"We've really got to assess our game on what happened in the first quarter not what happened after that. It's really important we start well and we've got to make sure we run out ready to go. Against quality opposition we've got jumped both times (against Central and the Eagles), which had been a strength of ours."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 11.13 (79)	Glenelg 18.19 (127)	Glenelg 13.11 (89)
Eagles 5.11 (41)	Eagles 13.11 (89)	Eagles 4.5 (29)

ROUND 15 SUNDAY, JULY 15
GLENELG v NORWOOD at CHALLENGE RECRUITMENT

Glenelg	3.8	8.9	12.12	16.16	(112)
Norwood	3.3	9.4	12.8	14.15	(99)

Club champion votes: Mules 19; McConnell 18; Moore 16; Kane 15; Cook 11; Backwell 10; Logan 9; Mitchell, Rudolph 8; Cranston 7; Fisher, Sellar 4; Kirkby, Sherwood 3; Hinge 2; Willoughby 1.

Goals: McConnell 6; Mitchell 3; Logan, Moore 2; Fosdike, Backwell, Kane.

It was payback time for Glenelg against Norwood and after three tough quarters it delivered. After trailing by a point at half-time and leading by just four at the final break, the Tigers rode on the back of six goals from the electric Justin McConnell to move to within one premiership point of the top five. Veteran Ben Moore ignited the second half surge with a blistering third quarter which included two brilliant solo goals while Ben Mules was tough and hard in defence and Brett Backwell was busy with 24 disposals.

COACH'S COMMENT

"It was all on the line for us and our persistence is what probably won it for us. And Ben Moore's third quarter was really important. His pressure around the ball and those goals and opportunities he created were just through sheer grunt. That's why we love him."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 18.13 (121)	Glenelg 21.23 (149)	Glenelg 10.11 (71)
Norwood 14.8 (92)	Norwood 12.8 (80)	Norwood 23.8 (146)

ROUND 17 SATURDAY, JULY 28
GLENELG v SOUTH ADELAIDE at CHALLENGE RECRUITMENT

Glenelg	2.2	10.7	14.10	22.13	(145)
South	3.3	6.4	11.6	12.9	(81)

Club champion votes: McConnell 22; Kane 19; Kirkby 17; Mules 14; Mahoney 12; Fisher 11; Rudolph 10; Douglas 9; Murphy 8; Lewis 6; Button 4; Mitchell, Sherwood 3; Logan 2.

Goals: McConnell 7; Mahoney, Willoughby, Mitchell, Smith 2; Fosdike, Fisher, Lewis, Murphy, Kirkby, Douglas, Kane.

Mark Mickan's outfit moved into the top five and gave itself a genuine chance of making the finals for the first time since 1999 with a crushing 64-point win against hapless South at the Bay. After another slow start, Glenelg got rolling in the second quarter and steamrolled the Panthers with eight goals in the last. Justin McConnell was superb with seven goals, Ben Kane dominated at half-back with 28 possessions and eight marks, Ruory Kirkby was a power at centre half-forward and Josh Mahoney had one of his best games with 29 disposals and two goals.

COACH'S COMMENT

"McConnell was fantastic seven goals off a wing. He showed his value to the team with his ball use and not just when kicking goals. Now we don't have to rely on other results, it is entirely up to us how we finish off the season."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 26.10 (166)	Glenelg 31.23 (209)	Glenelg 19.19 (133)
South 10.9 (69)	South 13.7 (85)	South 11.6 (72)

2007 LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE - TO ROUND 17

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnst	Pts	%
Centrals	15	14	1	-	1769	1007	28	63.72
Sturt	15	11	4	-	1477	1273	22	53.71
North Adel	14	8	5	1	1347	1221	17	52.45
WW Eagles	14	8	6	-	1353	1290	16	51.19
Glenelg	15	6	8	1	1472	1337	13	52.40
Norwood	15	6	9	-	1344	1509	12	47.11
Port Adel	15	5	9	1	1305	1336	11	49.41
South Adel	15	4	10	1	1183	1658	9	41.64
West Adel	14	2	12	-	1037	1656	4	38.51

ROUND 18 SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

GLENELG v WEST ADELAIDE at BROADSPECTRUM

Glenelg	2.1	4.3	6.4	13.7	(85)
West	3.2	5.6	8.7	11.7	(73)

Club champion votes: Rudolph 20; Kirkby 19; Logan 13; Kane, Mules 12; Backwell 11; Mahoney, Panozzo 10; Fisher, Willoughby 7; Sherwood 5; McConnell 4; Guilhaus, Hinge, Ruwoldt 3; Murphy 1.

Goals: Kirkby 4; McConnell 3; Logan, Smith 2; Mahoney, Murphy.

It took several roastings from coach Mark Mickan to snap a lacklustre Glenelg into action against woodenspooner West at Broadspectrum. Facing a disastrous loss, the Tigers trailed for three quarters before unleashing a brilliant finishing burst to avoid a shock defeat and consolidate a top-five position. Sam Rudolph (24 disposals) and Ruory Kirkby (11 marks, four goals) were the Bays' only four-quarter performers but when the game was on the line, Tom Logan, Ben Kane, Brett Backwell and Josh Mahoney also stood up as the visitors stormed home with seven last-quarter goals, one more than they kicked in the first three terms.

COACH'S COMMENT

"It's a game of attitude and we didn't come with the right one today. To Westies' credit, they are young and enthusiastic and they were too good for us for two-and-a-half quarters but I thought our ability as a team to persevere was very good. Players who did not have a great day came into the game and the thing that was very good was our ability to finish off in the last quarter."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 16.18 (114)	Glenelg 26.17 (173)	Glenelg 10.6 (66)
West 10.10 (70)	West 9.11 (65)	West 12.15 (87)

ROUND 21 SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

GLENELG v NORTH ADELAIDE at PROSPECT

Glenelg	7.3	13.10	18.13	20.17	(137)
North	4.1	7.3	13.3	16.6	(102)

Club champion votes: Ruwoldt 15; Kirkby, Fisher 14; Mahoney 13; Duldig, Mules 12; Kane 11; Douglas, Rudolph 10; Hinge 9; Backwell 6; Moore, Sherwood 5; Murphy 3; Guilhaus 1.

Goals: Duldig 5; Ruwoldt 4; Douglas, Mahoney 3; Hinge, Smith, Murphy, Moore, McConnell.

The Glenelg machine rolled into Prospect Oval and rolled to another victory, smashing the eventual grand finalist on its home ground. The Bays burst out of the blocks and never let North into the contest in one of their most comprehensive performances. Full forward Matthew Duldig (five goals) set the tone early with his strong attack on the ball while Mark Ruwoldt played his best game for the club, kicking four goals. Brett Backwell (30 possessions) and John Hinge (23) were other standouts. The disparity in the sides was reflected more in the scoring shots (37 to 22) than the final margin of 35 points.

COACH'S COMMENT

"Our intensity indicators were right up, with more scoring shots and inside-50s, right up to the last quarter. But there were signs in the last quarter that we didn't play the game right out and that intensity has to stay there."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 14.13 (97)	Glenelg 24.15 (159)	Glenelg 5.7 (37)
North 9.9 (63)	North 16.12 (108)	North 19.17 (131)

ROUND 19 SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

GLENELG v PORT MAGPIES at CHALLENGE RECRUITMENT

Glenelg	5.3	11.7	14.14	20.18	(138)
Port	4.0	10.3	16.6	19.8	(122)

Club champion votes: Kane 19; Fisher 17; Logan 14; Mahoney 12; Backwell, Hinge 10; Duldig 9; Mules 8; Sherwood 7; Rudolph, Sugars 6; Kirk, Salopek 5; McConnell, Willoughby 4; Kirkby 3; Murphy 1.

Goals: Duldig 4; Mahoney, Logan, McConnell 3; Backwell, Salopek 2; Ruwoldt, Kirkby, Sugars.

The Tigers effectively ended the Port Magpies' finals challenge with a stirring 16-point win in front of a big Sunday crowd of 4286 at Challenge Recruitment Oval. With fifth spot up for grabs, the Bays trailed by four points at the final change but ran all over the Pies in the last quarter, kicking 6.4 to 3.2. Hard-running Ben Kane continued his outstanding form with a season-best 35 disposals and 14 marks, Adam Fisher was magnificent in winning the hard ball, finishing with 33 possessions, while Power-listed Tom Logan and Steven Salopek playing his only game for Glenelg for the year were a class above some of their opponents.

COACH'S COMMENT

"It was one of the best wins since I have been at the club. When it was all on the line, to come up with a win against quality opposition reflects great character. The impressive thing was how they persisted and kept at it against a quality opponent and to come away like they did in the last quarter and get a contribution from everyone when it really counted was fantastic."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 22.15 (147)	Glenelg 16.13 (109)	Glenelg 4.8 (32)
Port 14.9 (93)	Port 21.11 (137)	Port 27.27 (189)

ROUND 22 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

GLENELG v STURT at CHALLENGE RECRUITMENT

Glenelg	4.2	9.4	17.6	20.11	(131)
Sturt	5.1	7.2	9.4	15.7	(97)

Club champion votes: Fisher 19; Mules 18; Backwell 14; Kirkby 12; Kirk, Sherwood 10; Douglas 9; Kane 8; Allen, Rudolph, Sugars 7; McConnell 6; Ruwoldt 4; Mahoney, Murphy 2; Duldig, Moore 1.

Goals: Kirkby 5; Douglas, McConnell, Ruwoldt 3; Duldig 2; Smith, Backwell, Moore, Sherwood.

Glenelg sent a shudder through its finals rivals with another big win against a finals contender. This time Sturt felt the full brunt of a punishing Tiger outfit, in particular the Power's Adam Thomson who was carried from the field after a crunching but fair hip-and-shoulder bump from Mighty Mouse Brett Backwell. Glenelg put the distraction of Sturt full forward Brant Chambers' 100th goal behind them by running the Double Blues' on-ballers ragged and getting a wonderful performance from centre half-forward Ruory Kirkby, who kicked five goals. Backwell and Adam Fisher led the way in the middle with 48 disposals between them while Ben Mules took 10 marks at half-back.

COACH'S COMMENT

"We had an excellent third quarter and then an ordinary last quarter so we feel like we've got a lot of improvement in us. When you're up by eight goals at three-quarter time, there's a game there to be won by 12, but when you only win by five you feel that you haven't fulfilled your potential."

RESERVES	U19	U17
Glenelg 20.20 (140)	Glenelg 8.11 (59)	Glenelg 10.11 (71)
Sturt 9.8 (62)	Sturt 14.11 (95)	Sturt 19.16 (130)

ROUND 23 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 GLENELG v EAGLES at WOODVILLE

Glenelg	2.1	6.2	11.4	14.8	(92)
Eagles	4.6	5.10	8.13	13.14	(92)

Club champion votes: Mules 15; Fisher 14; Backwell 13; Sherwood 12; Holmes, Kane, McConnell, Ruwoldt 10; Smith 8; Kirk 7; Murphy 6; Rudolph 4; Allen 3; Mahoney 2; Hinge 1.

Goals: McConnell 5; Mahoney 3; Kirkby 2; Kirk, Holmes, Fisher, Backwell.

Glenelg could not advance its minor round finishing position when it chased its first win at Oval Avenue since 1999. But after a slow start it looked set to break an eight-year hoodoo when it kicked more than three goals clear with 10 minutes left. However the desperate Eagles kept coming and drew level after Crows-listed Bernie Vince snapped truly to tie the scores at 92 points apiece. With less than a minute on the clock, Glenelg broke clear in the centre square and a long ball from Brett Backwell ended in the arms of a goalbound Josh Mahoney but the siren sounded a split-second before his close-range shot dissected the white uprights, the match ending in a draw.

COACH'S COMMENT

"Quality teams keep at you and at you and we were prepared for that so we are a bit disappointed with the last quarter. We weren't able to hold them out when it counted and we need to learn from that."

RESERVES	U19
Glenelg 13.11 (89)	Glenelg 18.17 (125)
Eagles 19.7 (121)	Eagles 12.13 (85)

ELIMINATION FINAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 GLENELG v STURT at ADELAIDE

Glenelg	0.2	2.3	4.6	8.9	(57)
Sturt	3.5	4.5	5.7	8.8	(56)

Club champion votes: Kirkby 17; Allen 14; Backwell, Fisher, Mahoney 13; Rudolph 12; Douglas 11; Sherwood 9; Hinge 7; Mules 5; Kane, Moore, Smith 4; Holmes, Sugars 3; Cranston, Ruwoldt 1.

Goals: Rudolph 3; Mahoney, Moore 2; Holmes.

Glenelg's first final since 1999 ended and was won in dramatic fashion. Calling on all of the spirit and courage it had found in the second half of the season to drag itself back from the wilderness, the team fought back from a near hopeless position in the wet and wind at Adelaide Oval to send its army of fans into delirium. The gutsy Tigers trailed all day and twice were two goals down in a thrilling final term before hitting the front in the dying minutes through retiring Ben Moore. Ruckman Simon Feast had the chance to win the game for the Double Blues when he marked 20m out with less than a minute left but his narrow miss enabled the Tigers to hang on to win by a point to break their long run of finals outs. The enormity of the victory was highlighted by the on-ground celebrations among the players when the final siren sounded. Moore was one of the heroes for Glenelg with two crucial final-quarter goals, Ruory Kirkby was its best forward with 10 marks and full back Sam Rudolph kicked three vital goals when moved forward after damaging an ankle in the first term.

COACH'S COMMENT

"No doubt we got out of jail but we showed tremendous courage to keep scoreboard pressure on them. They were unlucky because they missed that shot at the end and the match could have gone either way but I have to give credit to our group for lifting its game in the second half when we needed to."

2007 LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE - END OF MINOR ROUND

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts	%
Centrals	20	18	2	-	2244	1373	36	62.04
North Adel	20	12	7	1	1997	1706	25	53.93
WW Eagles	20	12	7	1	2001	1745	25	53.42
Sturt	20	12	8	-	1952	1797	24	52.07
Glenelg	20	10	8	2	2055	1823	22	52.99
Port Adel	20	8	11	1	1941	1863	17	51.03
Norwood	20	8	12	-	1834	2044	16	47.29
South Adel	20	4	15	1	1555	2341	9	39.91
West Adel	20	3	17	-	1480	2367	6	38.47

Finals, 2007

Elim. Final	Glenelg	8-9	57	d. Sturt	8-8	56
Qual. Final	North Adel	10-9	69	d. WW Eagles	8-14	62
First Semi	WW Eagles	13-9	87	d. Glenelg	12-9	81
Second Semi	Cent.Dist	10-16	76	d. North Adel	7-14	56
Prelim. Final	North Adel	18-14	122	d. WW Eagles	15-6	96
Grand Final	Cent.Dist	16-11	107	d. North Adel	5-12	42

FIRST SEMI-FINAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 GLENELG v EAGLES at ADELAIDE

Glenelg	1.0	6.3	7.8	12.9	(81)
Eagles	4.4	6.8	10.9	13.9	(87)

Club champion votes: Kane 16; Douglas 9; Holmes, Mules 8; Backwell, Fisher 6; Cranston, Sherwood 5; Rudolph, Smith 4; Mahoney 3; Murphy 1.

Goals: Smith 3; Douglas, Backwell, Mahoney 2; McConnell, Fisher, Murphy.

The season ended in heartbreaking fashion for the Tigers. Overcoming a slow start in which Captain Fantastic Ben Mules was stretchered from the field with concussion only to return and play a key role later Glenelg hit the front close to half-time before ruckman Daniel Kirk gave away an undisciplined free kick after the half-time siren. This allowed Luke Jarrad to goal to restore the Eagles lead at the long break. In the third quarter the Bays butchered opportunities in front of goal to trail by 19 points. But with a slight breeze behind them, Ben Kane in hot form and Brett Backwell producing an inspiring term, the Tigers charged home to draw level with three minutes left. With extra-time looming and Glenelg appearing to have momentum, the Bays' season was over in the blink of an eye. With the football near the boundary line in the Eagles' 50m zone, Dale Symmons soccered off the ground and the ball flew into the outstretched arms of team-mate Ben Schwarze, who nailed the matchwinning goal in the dying seconds. It was a cruel end to a wonderful second half of the season from the boys from Tigerland.

COACH'S COMMENT

"Discipline is the biggest thing we insist on and we need to maintain our standards. But I give credit to our blokes' courage and ability to persist. That first quarter was enormously costly but the ability to fight is fantastic. It is encouraging to know we can mix it with the best and it is rare that a group comes from 1-6 to turn the season around like they did. That is full credit to the resolve and character of the players but we have to do everything even better next year."