We were embarrassed: Laird

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CENTRAL District coach Roy Laird held his players behind locked doors for as long as any Bulldogs official could remember in his successful reign. He was far from impressed with the 21-point loss to Glenelg at Elizabeth on Saturday.

"If anyone (in the team) mistakenly thinks that we're the most talented group in the competition, they are kidding themselves,' Laird said.

"To be competitive from this point on we are going to need every individual to get the maxi-

mum out of himself, to train as professionally as they can. We will need to be at our absolute maximum to be just competitive against the good teams."

Are you behind the eight ball to win the premiership?

"Yep," he replied. "We had a talk on Monday about issues that have been evolving over the past three weeks. We addressed those on Monday night but you are kidding yourselves if you think that is going to transform over within one week of playing good footy.

"This has been festering for five weeks and it became an issue against a very good side.

"The blokes have to wear criticism that is going to come their

way and be man enough to address it and improve in those areas we are talking about.

"It looked to me like we thought we were infallible, that we were offended by the fact a team stood up against us. We were embarrassed. Mentally a lot of players are not where they need to be."

No such worries at Glenelg. Coach Mark Mickan had nothing but praise for his squad after claiming a ninth successive win and the prized scalp of the Bulldogs at Elizabeth - their first win at the ground in 16 years.

Disciplined, hard-working, relentless, skilful, committed, desperate - the adjectives just keep flowing for a superb performance.



TOP TWO SHOW THEIR CLASS: Glenelg's Byron Murphy is tackled by Central's Paul Thomas at Hamra Homes Oval and Sturt's Ian Perrie kicks under pressure from Eagles' Ken McGregor at Woodville as the Tigers and Double Blues score superb drought breaking wins . On Saturday they clash for top place. Picture: DYLAN COKER

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DULDIG	2	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
BACKWELL	13	4	5	2	0	1	0	0	0
BLOCK	3	1	4	3	1	0	1	0	2
GRIMA	7	7	5	1	1	2	0	0	0
KIRKBY	6	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
HOLMES	9	3	3	- 1	0	0	0	0	2
BODE	9	5	7	0	1	2	2	0	0
B. KANE	8	2	9	2	0	0	1	0	0
HINGE	13	9	7	4	0	1	0	0	1
LIEBELT	7	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	1
PANOZZO	17	13	10	2	2	0	0	0	0
SUGARS	9	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
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BULLDOGS	Kicks	Mks	ны	F/for	F/og	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
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HAVELBERG	9	5	1	1	1	4	1	0	1
DUTSCHKE	8	2	5	0	3	0	0	0	4
O'SULLIVAN	11	3	9	1	1	3	0	0	2
LAWRY	6	1	4.	0	2	0	0	0	1
WILLIAMS	9	4	2	1	2	0	0	0	3
FAULKNER	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. GOWANS	10	5	12	5	2	1	0	0	4
WARE	6	2	4	1	1	0	1	0	0
SWITALA	13	5	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
SCHELL	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
SYMES	11	4	9	1	0	0	0	1	2
HAYES	3	3	10	0	1	0	0	0	2
SIBENALER	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	1
COCHRANE	10	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	1
GILES	2	2	5	1	0	0	0	12	11
THOMAS	17	8	9	0	5	0	0	0	4
SLADE	14	7	8 .	1	3	0	0	0	3
MocKENZIE	3	1	3	0	3	0	0	13	3
GOODREM	7	1	8	1	1	0	1	0	1
McCABE	7	2	5	0	1	1	0	1	1
Totals	161	66	107	16	32	12	10	27	35

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Tigers firm as favourites

16-year drought broken

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GLENELG must be rated as the SANFL premiership favourite after crushing premiers Central District with a high-class performance at Elizabeth yesterday.

The Tigers ended a 16-year drought to claim their first win at the ground since 1992 with an impressive 21-point victory.

Six goals in the last quarter saved face for the home side and masked the true dominance of the Tigers, whose advantage ballooned to 53 points late in the third term.

It was a superb team effort from the Tigers, showcasing all coach Mark Mickan's teachings in a performance which confirms their legitimate claims for the SANFL crown.

They have now won nine successive games with the only loss for the season being to South Adelaide in the opening round.

Asked if Glenelg deserved to be labelled favourite for the flag it was a typical

Mickan response: "You tell

SCOREBOARD



GLENELG v CENTRAL DISTRICT Hamra Homes Oval - 3114



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GLENELG CENTRAL

9.5 7.5 13.12 15.13 1.2 6.7 12.10

BEST PLAYERS: GLENELG - Allen, Fisher, Cranston, Hinge, Sugars, Panozzo, Murphy. CENTRAL - O'Sullivan, J. Gowans, Thomas, Slade, Havelberg. GOALS: GLENELG -McConnell 4; Bode, Ruwoldt, Grima, Sellar 2; Backwell, Hinge, Liebelt. CENTRAL - Havelberg 4; L. Westhoff, O'Sullivan 3; McCabe, Gowans. INJURIES: Nil. REPORTS: CENTRAL: Thomas (striking). UMPIRES: Dey, Carey, Rowston.

me. We are exactly half way through the year so I let other people make those decisions.

"That was a wonderful performance – really disciplined and bold and a real team performance. Beating Central at Elizabeth is as good a win as there is in this competition.

"This is a club which has been dominant for a decade and it is a while since it happened for Glenelg (a win at Elizabeth).

"It rates right up there, no doubt about that. But on the scoreboard is just another two points."

The Bulldogs kicked the first goal after just 40 seconds, but that was it for the

home side as Glenelg went on the rampage with seven goals for the opening term. Ruckman Trevor Cranston

fed the likes of Ty Allen to

smash the Bulldogs at the stoppages and continually push the ball into attack.

The Bulldogs were camped in their defence for lengthy periods and when they did attempt to clear the ball the Tigers had set up a zone to halt the opposition move-

Glenelg's relentless pressure has become a trademark under Mickan and the Bulldogs were forced into a swag of mistakes and poor decisions.

When you are hot you are hot, and Glenelg's Justin McConnell's amazing goal

from deep in a pocket late in the first term was evidence of this. The Bulldogs had too many passengers and too few answers to the run of their

opponents and the willing-

ness of of the Tigers to sup-

port team-mates to create op-

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SATURDAY

STURT 8.11 19.15 16.11 EAGLES 1.3 4.8 4.10 6.12 BEST - Sturt: Crane, Sheedy, Herring, Bentley, Evans, Perrie, Deluca, Coad. Eagles: McGregor, Petrenko, Rimington,

SCORERS - Sturt: Chambers 7.1, Herring 3.2, Thomson 3.0, Evans 2.3, Crane, Coad, Perrie, Wicks 1.1, Farmer 0.2, Sharples 0.1, rushed 0.2. Eagles: Rimington 2.0, McGregor, Geddes 1.3, Hentschel, Fitzgerald 1.1, Pavlich, Jarrad, Fiacchi, Schwarze 0.1. INJURIES - Sturt: Feast (ankle), Gregory (knee), Nelson (leg).

UMPIRES - T. Medlin, D. Woodcock, T. Philp.

CROWD - 2296 at Woodville Oval.

NORTH (101)15.11 SOUTH 2.0 4.2 5.3 (54)BEST - North: Alleway, Allan, Lonie, Ward, Archard, D. White, Cunningham, Wright. South: Otten, Handby, Rolfe,

Mackay, Redigolo. SCORERS - North: Alleway 5.1, Wright 2.1, O'Brien 2.0, W. Thompson, Delvins 1.2, Stewart 1.1, Lonie. B. White, Archard 1.0, Younie 0.2, D. White, Ward 0.1. South: Otten, Rolfe 2.0, Warren

1.3, Redigolo, Ellis, Boyd 1.0, Smith, Thewlis 0.1, rushed 0.1. INJURIES - North: Allan (Achilles). South: Neagle (hamstring), withdrew from selected squad.

UMPIRES - D. Joyce, S. Thompson, R. Williams. CROWD - 1560 at Prospect Oval.

GLENELG (103)CENTRAL 1.2 3.6 12.10 BEST - Glenelg: Allen. Fisher, Cranston, Hinge, Sugars, Panozzo, Murphy. Central: O'Sullivan, J. Gowans, Thomas,

Slade, Havelberg. SCORERS - Gleneig: McConnell 4.1, Bode, Ruwoldt 2.2, Grima, Sellar 2.0, Backwell, Hinge, Liebelt 1.0, Fisher 0.2, Kane, Block, Murphy 0.1, rushed 0.3. Central: Havelberg 4.1, L. Westhoff 3.1, O'Sullivan 3.0, McCabe, Gowans 1.0, Goodrem,

Switala, Ware 0.1, rushed 0.5. REPORT - Central: Thomas, for allegedly striking Hinge, by umpire Dey in the fourth quarter.

UMPIRES - T. Dey, C. Carey, C. Rowston. CROWD - 3114 at Hamra Homes Oval.

YESTERDAY

PORT WEST 3.4 6.4 7.4 8.9 BEST - Port: Elstone, Dolling, Summerton, Hargraves, Meiklejohn, Murray, Surjan. West: Cupido, McCormick, Brown,

Ferguson, Bailey, Hollands. SCORERS - Port: Hargraves 5.3, C. Carr 3.0, Waterhouse 2.2, AhChee, Rugolo, Krakouer 1.0, Surjan 0.2, Murray, DePasquale 0.1, rushed 0.6. West: Cupido 5.2, Willits 1.1, Hassan, Fisher 1.0, Ezard, Bailey, Hollands, Anderson, Neaves 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - West: Hassan (knee). UMPIRES - S. Hay, C. Bowen, M. Cousins. CROWD - 2196 at Broadspectrum Oval.

DRAW

ROUND 13 - Saturday June 28: Eagles v Central (Woodville Oval, 2pm), Norwood v West (Coopers Stadium, 2pm), Port v North (Alberton Oval, 2pm), Glenelg v Sturt (Challenge Recruitment Oval, 2pm). Bye: South.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

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Sturt	11	9	2	-	1245	717	63.4	18
Glenelg	10	9	1	-	1087	770	58.5	18
Central	10	7	3		958	765	55.6	14
North	11	6	5	-	1085	1097	49.7	12
Norwood	10	4	5	1	762	895	46.0	9
Eagles	11	4	7		1041	1179	46.9	8
South	11	3	7	1	772	1113	40.9	7
Port ·	10	3	7		883	941	48.4	6
West	10	1	9	-	648	1004	39.2	2

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Rd12		Total
7.1		56.26
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RESERVES

WEST (121)PORT 8.4 9.7 11.8 (74)Sturt 18.11 (119) d Eagles 10.5 (65), North 17.12 (114) d South 9.5 (59), Glenelg 15.8 (98) d Central 13.7 (85).

Premiership table: Sturt 20, North 18, Glenelg 14, Central Eagles, Norwood, West 8, Port 6, South 2.

UNDER-19

West 18.18 (126) d Port 11.8 (74), Sturt 14.15 (99) d Eagles 13.14 (92), North 13.12 (90) d South 11.6 (72), Glenelg 11.16 (82) d Central 10.8 (68). Premiership table: Port 16, Eagles, Sturt 14, Norwood, Gleneig 12, West 10, North 8, South, Central 4.

UNDER-17

Sturt 28.19 (187) d Eagles 9.7 (61), Port 8.9 (57) d West 6.10 (46), North 11.13 (79) d South 8.15 (63), Gleneig 16.13 (109) d Central 5.5 (35). Premiership table: Sturt 26, Port 16, North 14, Eagles, South 12, Gleneig 11, West 10, Norwood 6, Central 3.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR Sturt v Woodville-West Torrens

LEADERS - 11: Paul Thomas (Central), Jade Sheedy (Sturt), Adam Fisher (Glenelg). 10: Ty Allen (Glenelg). 9: Luke Crane (Sturt). 8: James Allan (North Adelaide). 7: Trevor Cranston (Glenelg). 6: Leigh Treeby (Eagles), Brett Backwell (Glenelg), Ian Perrie (Sturt), Chris Ladhams (North). 5: Adam Thomson (Sturt), Tom Holmes (Glenelg), Jeremy Clayton (Port).

portunities.

A 26-9 free kick count in the Tigers' favour to threequarter time also helped, with Tony Dey and Colin

Rowston having a shocking day with the whistle. The Bulldogs, with Chad O'Sullivan and James Gowans among the very few to provide a four-quarter ef-

fort, found some momentum

and fight in the last quarter,

getting some ball from the ruck contests. "We were comprehensively

finally playing in front and

beaten in all areas - our pressure at the opponent, ability to handle that pressure was poor, skill errors,' said Bulldogs coach Roy Laird, who kept his players behind closed doors for a lengthy period at the end of the game.