

# Mickan's message gives Tigers big lift

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**E**XECUTION is the new buzz word at Glenelg after the Tigers broke away from a pesky West Adelaide to win by 54 points at Challenge Recruitment Oval yesterday.

As his charges trudged from the field at half-time trailing by a point, Tigers coach Mark Mickan knew his message during the main change had to be loud and clear. And with the word execution ringing in their ears, the Tigers turned on a game-breaking seven-goal third term as they went long and direct - with pace - on their way to sealing their second victory in 2008.

"It was just to keep at it and not get frustrated, that you have to keep your head about you," Mickan said when quizzed about his influential half-time speech. "You have to keep focusing on moving the ball quickly because that's what everyone wants to do and if you do it well you tend to score better."

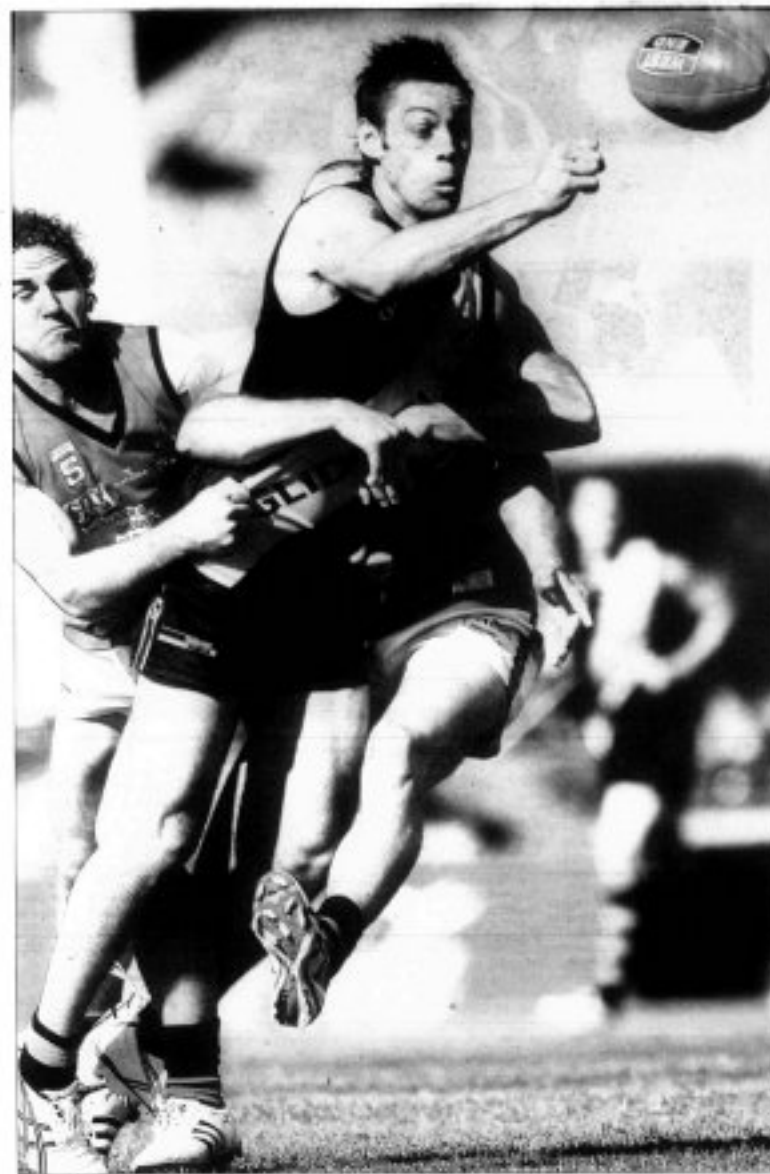
"That's what we wanted to do and I thought that execution was pretty good (in the third term)."

Suddenly this brought all four of Glenelg's key forwards into the game and not just hard-working Matthew Duldig, Todd Grima, Ruory Kirkby and James Sellar all had their moments in the second half while Justin McConnell was his creative self on his way to a game-high 4.2. But without the tireless effort of Tom Holmes and Ty Allen in the centre square their aerial supremacy would not have been possible. The two midfield lesser-lights played four solid quarters, thanks largely to stoic ruckman Trevor Cranston.

While the popular big man failed to register a kick, he dominated West's Shane Neaves at the stoppages as his 22 to five hit-out count indicated.

"He's always like that - his second efforts are his trademark and he creates opportunities for other players with his ruckwork," Mickan said of Cranston.

With Cranston looming large, West's midfield was forced to work harder and there was only a handful of Bloods to



**QUICK HANDS:** Glenelg's Mark Ruwoldt shoots out a handball as the Bays overpower West Adelaide. Picture: RAY TITUS

take up the challenge. James Ezard and Salim Hassan - who seemed everywhere before half-time - managed just one handball and two kicks between them after the main break. This left Power forward Robbie Gray - who spent significant periods working strongly in the midfield - Ben Hollands and Stephen Bailey to pick up the slack.

It wasn't enough as the Bloods - much like last round against South Adelaide - switched off when it mattered most.

"Again, it's becoming a bit of a story which I'm getting frustrated with," West coach Andy Collins said. "So we'll experiment with our combinations but they (players) can't be doing that and not have consequences for their actions."

Nuggety Rick Giles came off the bench and provided a second-term spark for West, booting three goals in succession while captain Nathan Brown also battled hard in defence.



## GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
BODE	4	3	10	1	1	3	1	0	2
DULDIG	7	2	2	1	1	3	1	4	2
SELLAR	6	5	1	1	1	2	1	2	4
KIRKBY	7	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	0
GRIMA	8	6	2	1	1	3	2	0	0
RUWOLDT	6	6	6	0	3	0	0	0	2
PANOZZO	15	8	13	0	0	0	0	0	2
HOLMES	18	5	3	3	0	0	2	0	1
MCCONNELL	10	6	1	3	0	4	2	0	0
MULES	9	7	8	0	1	0	0	0	2
SHERWOOD	6	2	4	3	0	0	0	0	1
B. KANE	11	4	7	2	1	0	0	0	1
MURPHY	13	7	10	1	3	0	0	0	3
RUDOLPH	13	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUGARS	9	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	2
CRANSTON	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	22	1
ALLEN	12	4	5	2	0	0	1	0	1
FISHER	16	7	6	0	0	0	2	0	2
HINGE	9	6	2	2	1	0	0	0	4
BACKWELL	17	7	7	1	2	0	2	0	0
MCGREGOR	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	197	101	104	24	16	17	19	28	31



## WEST

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
FIELKE	3	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
MUNN	3	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	2
GRAY	15	4	11	4	0	1	2	0	2
HOLLANDS	13	4	7	3	0	0	2	0	0
WILLITS	8	8	2	0	0	2	2	1	5
CAIRE	2	2	8	0	0	0	1	0	1
ANDERSON	9	5	6	0	2	0	0	0	1
BAILEY	15	6	7	0	0	1	0	0	3
BUCKLEY	4	3	6	0	2	1	1	0	1
MCCORMICK	10	9	2	0	3	0	0	0	2
FERGUSON	7	4	5	2	2	0	2	0	1
BROWN	13	10	8	1	1	0	0	0	2
HILL	12	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
CUPIDO	12	3	6	0	3	0	0	0	1
J. ROWE	5	2	8	2	1	0	0	0	4
NEAVES	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	5	1
DRAGICEVIC	7	2	2	3	1	0	1	0	2
HASSAN	8	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	1
GILES	11	4	3	0	2	3	1	0	1
DONALDSON	10	7	5	0	0	0	1	0	2
EZARD	8	4	3	0	2	0	0	0	1
Totals	177	89	109	16	24	9	13	10	31

**FRIDAY**

EAGLES	8.2	11.4	16.8	21.10	136
NORWOOD	3.2	7.5	12.9	14.17	101

**BEST - Eagles:** Powell, Passador, Treeby, Salter, Fiacchi, Dabrowski. **Norwood:** Trotter, Vlatko, Walker, Lower, Jackman.

**SCORERS - Eagles:** Passador 5.2, Salter 4.2, Fitzgerald 3.0, Lane 2.1, A. Grocke, Hicks 2.0, Dabrowski 1.1, Powell, Roberts 1.0, Jarrad, Biagi 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Norwood:** Vlatko 6.2, Walker 4.4, Puopolo 1.3, Trotter, Jackman, Donohue 1.0, Gallagher 0.2, Lower, Dawes, Brunoli 0.1, rushed 0.3.

**INJURIES - Norwood:** Borlace (corked thigh).

**UMPIRES -** C. Carey, D. Joyce, G. Fila.

**CROWD -** 3518 at Coopers Stadium

**SATURDAY**

STURT	4.5	9.11	13.13	17.13	(115)
SOUTH	0.2	1.2	2.4	4.6	(30)

**BEST - Sturt:** Sheedy, Evans, Wark, Gum, Bentley, Deluca, Whiteman, Chambers. **South:** Torney, Bennett, Prendergast, Handby, Otten.

**SCORERS - Sturt:** Chambers 6.5, Crane 2.1, Pearce 2.0, Perrie, Gum, Sharples 1.1, Evans, Feast, Bentley, Wicks 1.0, Herring 0.2, Whiteman 0.1, rushed 0.1. **South:** Warren 1.1, Bachmann, Ijcesen, Ryan 1.0, Wilson 0.2, Thewlis, Handby 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**UMPIRES -** C. Rowston, J. Ralston, S. Hay.

**CROWD -** 3060 at Hickinbotham Oval.

**YESTERDAY**

GLENELG	2.3	7.5	14.12	17.19	(121)
WEST	2.3	7.6	8.7	9.13	(67)

**BEST - Glenelg:** Holmes, Allen, Cranston, Fisher, Backwell, Rudolph, Panozzo, Murphy, McConnell. **West:** Gray, Hollands, Brown, Giles, Bailey.

**SCORERS - Glenelg:** McConnell 4.2, Grima 3.2, Bode, Duldig 3.1, Sellar, Kirkby 2.1, Fisher, Holmes, Backwell 0.2, Allen 0.1, rushed 0.4. **West:** Giles 3.1, Willits 2.1, Gray 1.2, Buckley 1.1, Fielke, Bailey 1.0, Hollands, Ferguson 0.2, Dragicevic, Donaldson, Caire 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**UMPIRES -** C. Bowen, T. Dey, A. Crosby.

**CROWD -** 3631 at Challenge Recruitment Oval.

NORTH	3.4	7.7	11.9	14.11	(95)
PORT	3.3	7.8	11.11	13.15	(93)

**BEST - North:** Ladhams, Alleway, Allan, Archard, McIntyre, Younie, Sporn. **Port:** Summerton, Maric, Looby, AhChee, Batson, Hargraves.

**SCORERS - North:** Alleway 3.1, Stewart, Motlop, O'Brien 2.1, Younie 1.2, Wintie, Allan, Ladhams 1.1, Archard 1.0, Ryswyk 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Port:** Hargraves 5.7, Batson 3.0, AhChee 2.2, Looby 1.1, Summerton, Kirkwood 1.0, Perkins, Clinch, J. Clayton 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**INJURIES - North:** Ward (hamstring), White (hamstring), Motlop (hamstring).

**UMPIRES -** T. Pfeiffer, T. Medlin, R. Williams.

**CROWD -** 4118 at Alberton Oval.

**DRAW**

**ROUND FIVE - Friday, April 25:** Central v North (Adelaide Oval, 3.30pm), Norwood v South (Coopers Stadium, 7.40pm). **Saturday, April 26:** Sturt v Glenelg (House Brothers Oval, 2pm), West v Eagles (Broadspectrum Oval, 2pm). **Bye:** Port.

**PREMIERSHIP TABLE**

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Sturt	4	4	-	-	444	193	69.7	8
South	4	3	1	-	297	361	45.1	6
Central	3	2	1	-	276	229	54.6	4
Glenelg	3	2	1	-	334	255	56.7	4
North	3	2	1	-	265	319	45.4	4
Port	4	1	3	-	388	370	51.2	2
Eagles	4	1	3	-	416	472	46.8	2
Norwood	4	1	3	-	279	412	40.4	2
West	3	-	3	-	193	284	40.5	-

**LEADING GOALKICKERS**

	Rd4	Total
D. Hargraves (Port)	5.7	18.12
B. Chambers (Sturt)	6.5	17.12
J. Vlatko (Norwood)	6.2	12.5
B. Warren (South)	1.1	11.7

**RESERVES**

	7.4	9.9	17.11	19.17	(131)
Glenelg	7.4	9.9	17.11	19.17	(131)
West	1.2	7.3	8.7	10.9	(69)

**Best - Glenelg:** Block, Liebelt, Day, Horan, Adlington, C. Kane. **West:** Wilson, Hamblin, Bricknell, Blesing, Walsh.

**Goals - Glenelg:** Ryan 4, Day 3, Block, Grosser, C. Kane 2, Fosdike, Graham, Kellock, Plant, Robinson, O'Grady. **West:** Wilson, Vanderhaak 2, Pratt, Hutchins, Morris, Robson, Honner, Sheridan.

	2.3	4.6	8.7	10.13	(73)
North	2.3	4.6	8.7	10.13	(73)
Port	2.1	3.4	5.8	7.8	(48)

Eagles 15.14 (104) d Norwood 9.17 (71), Sturt 20.17 (137) d South 9.8 (62). **Premiership table:** Sturt, Eagles 6, Norwood, Central, Glenelg, North 4, West, Port 2, South 0.

**UNDER-19**

Sturt 19.14 (188) d South 7.6 (48), Eagles 13.10 (88) d Norwood 13.4 (82), Port 24.16 (160) d North 15.12 (102), West 13.14 (92) d Glenelg 13.7 (85). **Premiership table:** Sturt, Port 8, Eagles, West 6, Norwood, Glenelg 2, North, Central, South 0.

**UNDER-17**

Sturt 16.16 (112) d South 9.8 (62), North 18.12 (120) d Port 13.7 (85), Eagles 17.16 (118) d Norwood 15.10 (100), Glenelg 20.9 (129) d West 14.13 (97). **Premiership table:** Sturt 8, Eagles, Port 6, Glenelg, West 4, Norwood, North 2, South, Central 0.

**SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**Woodville-West Torrens v Norwood**

Leigh Treeby (Woodville-West Torrens) ..... 3  
David Trotter (Norwood) ..... 2  
Mark Passador (Woodville-West Torrens) ..... 1

**Sturt v South Adelaide**

Jade Sheedy (Sturt) ..... 3  
Craig Evans (Sturt) ..... 2  
Nick Wark (Sturt) ..... 1

**Glenelg v West Adelaide**

Tom Holmes (Glenelg) ..... 3  
Ty Allen (Glenelg) ..... 2  
Trevor Cranston (Glenelg) ..... 1

**North Adelaide v Port Adelaide**

Chris Ladhams (North Adelaide) ..... 3  
Clint Alleway (North Adelaide) ..... 2  
Rhys Archard (North Adelaide) ..... 1

**LEADERS - 6:** Jade Sheedy (Sturt). **5:** Adam Thomson (Sturt), Chris Ladhams (North). **4:** Ian Perrie (Sturt), Matthew Slade, Ian Callinan (Central).