

We can improve still, says Mickan

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THE DROUGHT has finally broken for Glenelg.

After 10 years without victory at Woodville Oval, the in-form Tigers overcame Woodville-West Torrens by 34 points yesterday in a tough one-on-one battle.

It was a game that demanded intensity from the players, an attribute the visitors had in abundance and were not afraid to display through the congested midfield and half-back line.

And, although the Eagles remained in the contest, skill and experience won the game for Glenelg.

Senior players Byron Murphy, Ben Kane and Ty Allen led the Bays' charge with almost 80 disposals between them.

Coach Mark Mickan said his team was stretched by the Eagles but stood up to the challenge of a tough, physical contest.

"It was a difficult game because of the competitiveness and persistence of the Eagles," Mickan said.

"We're happy for a game to be one-on-one, it's just up to our blokes to take that on and still play our style of game."

Glenelg dominated at the stoppages, winning the hit-outs 59 to Woodville-West Torrens' 28. Yet the Bays' best work was arguably seen on the half-back line where players built a wall, creating pressure and forcing turnovers by the Eagles.

The premiership quarter was when Glenelg really broke the game open, with six goals to the Eagles' two. Todd Grima was an imposing option up forward for the Bays with his ability to take a strong, contested mark.

At the other end, Woodville-West Torrens' Nick Salter also impressed, not just with his accurate shots on goal but with a consistent work ethic and effective second attempts.

Mickan said the Tigers could still improve in shutting down the opposition consistently however he felt the side had advanced in comparison to the same time last year.



JUGGLING ACT: Glenelg forward Todd Grima outmanoeuvres Paul Stewart to take a clever mark. Picture: RAY TITUS

"As a group we had a very good third quarter but our last and second quarters were not quite as good as we would have liked so that's an area we have to address," he said.

"We've been reasonably consistent and we've got a group of players together who are playing their roles reasonably well. I think we've made progress - we're in a position we'd like to be in but we can still improve."

For the injury-ravaged Eagles it was a game that showed promise and courage in periods. But with a young side filling the shoes of the usual "star" players - and five of the six spots in the leadership group - taking on surging Glenelg was a big ask.

"I didn't think we were brave enough in the third quarter when we had a bit of a breeze and needed to tough it out," coach Ron Fuller said.

"It was certainly encouraging but they outclassed us. (Tough) is the way we like to play, it's the way Glenelg like to play and it's the way you have to play to win finals."

Fuller said with a bit more "polish" and experience he expected his side to still be a contender for a top-three position on the SANFL ladder.

SANFL DETAILS

SATURDAY

WEST	2.5	6.6	10.9	14.10	(94)
NORWOOD	3.3	6.4	8.6	11.9	(75)
BEST - West: Davies, Munn, Piasente, Hassan, Bailey, Ezard, Lobbe, Webb. Norwood: Vlatko, Rowe, Zorzi, Trotter, Duigan.					
SCORERS - West: Hassan 4.0, Webb 3.0, Willits 2.3, Caruso 2.1, Langford 2.0, Munn 1.0, Ezard 0.2, Rowe, Bailey, Piasente 0.1, rushed 0.1. Norwood: Rowe 4.0, Vlatko 3.2, Trotter, Phillips, Nitschke, Donohue 1.0, Jericho 0.2, Zorzi, McGuinness, Lee 0.1, rushed 0.2.					
INJURIES - Norwood: Campbell (shoulder), withdrew from selected side, Terlich (ankle), withdrew from selected side.					
UMPIRES - R. Williams, M. Hardham, A. Crosby.					
CROWD - 1977 at Coopers Stadium.					

YESTERDAY

GLENELG	4.0	7.3	13.6	16.9	(105)
EAGLES	6.1	6.2	8.4	11.5	(71)
BEST - Glenelg: Murphy, B. Kane, Allen, Hall, Fisher, Kirkby, Block, Backwell, Grima. Eagles: McKenzie, Banner, Salter, Symmons, Stewart, McGregor.					
SCORERS - Glenelg: Grima 4.3, Kirkby 3.0, Hinge, Ruwoldt 2.0, Sellar 1.2, Hall 1.1, Backwell, Murphy, Salopek 1.0, Willoughby, Fisher 0.1, rushed 0.1. Eagles: Salter 6.1, Cheep 2.0, Schultz, Petrenko, Stewart 1.0, Hicks 0.2, Westbrook, Allmond 0.1.					
INJURIES - Glenelg: Mules (hamstring).					
UMPIRES - T. Pfeiffer, C. Rowston, C. Bowen.					
CROWD - 2469 at Woodville Oval.					
PORT	1.1	6.1	11.3	15.4	(94)
NORTH	4.3	6.9	7.10	10.12	(72)
BEST - Port: Clayton, Murray, Dolling, Mardling, Perkins, Trengove, Thurgood. North: Ryswyk, Sloane, Wright, McIntyre.					
SCORERS - Port: Clayton, Mardling 3.1, Perry 2.1, Murray 2.0, Hall 1.1, Elstone, AhChee, Young, Kirkwood 1.0. North: Allan, Ackland 2.0, Alleyway 1.2, Whyman, White, Wright 1.1, T. Armstrong, Younie 1.0, Thiele, Stribling 0.2, Delvins 0.1, rushed 0.2.					
INJURIES - Port: Lokan (hamstring). North: Wright (head knock).					
UMPIRES - R. Harvey, M. Johnston, G. Fila.					
CROWD - 3213 at Alberton Oval.					
CENTRAL	4.1	7.7	8.11	11.14	(80)
PANTHERS	2.3	2.4	6.6	9.10	(64)
BEST - Central: J. Gowans, Dutschke, O'Hara, Williams, Spurr, O'Sullivan, C. Gowans. Panthers: Rolfe, Carlile, Handby, Boyd, Crate, Williams.					
SCORERS - Central: M. Westhoff 4.0, Schell 1.3, O'Sullivan, Mackenzie 1.1, Henderson, J. Gowans, Williams, Slade 1.0, Dutschke 0.3, L. Westhoff, Callinan, Jenner, Spurr, Giles, C. Gowans 0.1. Panthers: Handby 3.0, Rolfe 2.3, Farmer, Williams, Cook 1.1, Torney 1.0, Thewlis, Warren 0.1, rushed 0.2.					
INJURIES - South: Splitt (concussion). Central: Callinan (hamstring).					
UMPIRES - T. Philp, D. Woodcock, M. Cousins.					
CROWD - 1739 at Hickinbotham Oval, Noarlunga.					

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Glenelg	12	10	2	-	1134	930	54.9	20
Central	11	9	2	-	1100	885	55.4	18
Sturt	11	7	4	-	989	758	56.6	14
Eagles	12	6	5	1	945	1014	48.2	13
North	11	6	5	-	962	843	53.3	12
West	11	4	6	1	789	942	45.6	9
Norwood	12	4	8	-	1035	1051	49.6	8
Port	11	3	8	-	943	1061	47.1	6
Panthers	11	1	10	-	702	1115	38.6	2

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Rd 13	Total
B. Chambers (Sturt)	-	42.22
B. Warren (Panthers)	0.1	27.9
J. Vlatko (Norwood)	3.2	24.14
T. Grima (Glenelg)	4.3	23.11

RESERVES

GLENELG	2.2	6.6	9.10	18.15	(123)
EAGLES	3.4	6.5	12.5	15.7	(97)
BEST - Glenelg: Kellock, Vallance, McConnell, Fosdike, Pekin, Snook. Eagles: Fiacchi, Polec, Passador, Rowntree, Davoren, Lane. GOALS - Glenelg: McConnell 5, Vallance 4, Duldig 3, Grima, Snook 2, Fosdike, Hitchcock. Eagles: Passador, Davoren 4, Lane 3, Polec 2, Cullen, Hank.					

UNDER-18

West 25.15 (165) d Norwood 6.9 (45), Port 16.23 (119) d North 2.5 (17), Glenelg 23.14 (152) d Eagles 4.2 (26), Panthers 11.9 (75) d Central 7.10 (52). **Ladder:** Glenelg, Port 20, Sturt 16, West 14, Eagles 10, Norwood 8, Central, South 6, North 2.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

West Adelaide v Norwood	
Bronik Davies (West Adelaide)	3
Simon Munn (West Adelaide)	2
David Piasente (West Adelaide)	1
Port Adelaide Magpies v North Adelaide	
Jeremy Clayton (Port Magpies)	3
Brad Murray (Port Magpies)	2
Leigh Ryswyk (North Magpies)	1
Central District v Panthers	
James Gowans (Central District)	3
Scott Dutschke (Central District)	2
Peter Rolfe (Panthers)	1
Glenelg v Woodville-West Torrens	
Byron Murphy (Glenelg)	3
Ben Kane (Glenelg)	2
Ty Allen (Glenelg)	1
LEADERS - 11: Tristan Gum (Sturt). 10: Adam Fisher (Glenelg), Rhys Archard (North). 9: Matthew Wright (North), Mark McKenzie (Eagles). 8: Brad Murray (Port).	



GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
ADLINGTON	4	3	6	-	1	-	-	-	-
ALLEN	7	2	20	4	-	-	-	-	2
BACKWELL	14	3	10	4	-	1	-	-	2
BLOCK	17	4	7	1	1	-	-	-	3
CRANSTON	1	1	6	2	3	-	-	39	2
FISHER	10	3	11	1	2	-	1	1	4
GRIMA	15	11	2	2	-	4	3	-	1
HALL	12	4	12	2	-	1	1	1	1
HINGE	4	1	5	-	-	2	-	-	1
HOLMES	6	2	9	4	1	-	-	-	2
KANE	16	8	13	-	-	-	-	-	-
KIRK	6	4	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
KIRKBY	10	9	4	-	-	3	-	-	1
MILLS	2	2	4	-	1	-	-	-	1
MULES	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
MURPHY	10	3	13	-	1	1	-	-	1
PANOZZO	8	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
RUWOLDT	6	1	6	-	-	2	-	-	-
SALOPEK	15	6	7	1	1	1	-	-	1
SELLAR	6	4	6	2	1	1	2	18	1
WILLOUGHBY	5	-	7	1	1	-	1	-	2
Totals	177	73	165	24	14	16	9	59	27



EAGLES

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
ALLMOND	13	2	6	-	4	-	1	-	2
BANNER	16	6	4	1	-	-	-	-	6
CHEEP	8	1	5	-	2	2	-	-	1
CICOLELLA	3	1	10	-	2	-	-	-	1
CORBETT	6	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	3
DANIEL	4	-	6	2	4	-	-	-	7
GROCKE	6	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	3
HICKS	13	4	1	-	-	-	2	-	-
HIER	3	-	5	-	-	-	-	1	1
HILL	1	1	4	1	2	-	-	5	2
MCGREGOR	10	4	6	1	1	-	-	4	-
MCKENZIE	12	6	7	1	-	-	-	-	2
MILES	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	18	1
PETRENKO	4	3	9	-	3	1	-	-	3
RIMINGTON	5	2	3	-	1	-	-	-	3
SALTER	7	4	-	2	1	6	1	-	1
SCHULTZ	5	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
STEWART	16	11	12	1	2	1	-	-	2
SYMMONS	10	4	6	2	1	-	-	-	1
WESTBROOK	4	2	4	1	-	-	-	-	1
WRIGHT	5	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	1
Totals	154	64	103	14	24	11	5	28	41