

# Tardy Tigers in lunge to finish

## SCOREBOARD

GLENELG v PORT ADELAIDE					
Gliderol Stadium, crowd 3815					
GLENELG	1.6	5.11	6.15	8.21	69
PORT	5.3	5.6	5.7	9.9	63

**BEST PLAYERS: GLENELG:** Murphy, Kane, Allen, Adlington, Hall, Mules, Carr. **PORT:** Dolling, Murray, Elstone, Meiklejohn, Kirkwood, Stanley. **GOALS: GLENELG:** Grima, Carr, Kirkby 2; Kane, Plant. **PORT:** Perry, Beard, Elstone 2; Mardling, Dolling, Kirkwood. **INJURIES: GLENELG:** Hinge (broken ankle). **PORT:** Nil. **REPORTS:** Nil. **UMPIRES:** Pfeiffer, Johnston, Crosby.

## WARREN PARTLAND

GLENELG survived nightmare goalkicking yips to hold off a spirited Port Adelaide Magpies by just six points in a lacklustre contest at the Bay yesterday.

The Tigers registered 21 behinds in a woeful display in front of goal where many attempts were made under little pressure.

In fact, the Magpies outscored the Tigers on goals - nine to eight.

Tigers forward John Hinge's season is in doubt after he broke his right ankle in just the fourth minute of the game.

"We made it very hard for ourselves," Glenelg coach Mark Mickan said.

"To Port's credit they took full advantage and they were running on strong at the end.

"In the end we did well to hang on. We should have made it more comfortable for us than we did.

"The (poor) goalkicking came out of the blue - there was no reason for it to happen."

While the Tigers frustrated fans with their goalkicking, the Magpies will rue their third quarter performance when they failed to kick a goal despite having the strong wind at their backs.

The Magpies had the advantage of the wind in the opening quarter but struggled early against the hard-working Glenelg outfit.

A committed work ethic and a desperation to get numbers to the contest have become trademarks of the Tigers under Mickan and they again challenged the Magpies to match their efforts.

The Magpies, with Mark Dolling, Daniel Elstone and Brad Murray their usual busy selves around the packs, established a 21-point buffer at quarter-time.

It was a lead which failed to reflect the favourable conditions, however, and had evaporated by 20 minutes into the second quarter.

Byron Murphy sparked much of the action for the Tigers and with Ben Kane and Ty Allen having an influence, the Tigers turned up the heat to outscore the Magpies in the third quarter.

But the Tigers' 14-point lead at three-quarter time should have been far greater.

Josh Willoughby, with four behinds, was among the wasteful of culprits but he had plenty of mates who allowed the Magpies to remain in contact.

Glenelg's workrate in providing an option for teammates never relaxed.

It was just the finishing for goal which was the issue.

The Magpies, whose endeavour for the battle could not be questioned, almost made them pay.

When Joel Perry nailed a goal 22 minutes into the final quarter and Ryan McInerney kicked a point a minute later, the margin was just six points.

A desperate lunge from Glenelg defender Daniel Kirk then prevented Perry from marking 40m out in front, before Tigers skipper Ben Mules marked just seconds before the siren and with the opposition pressing.

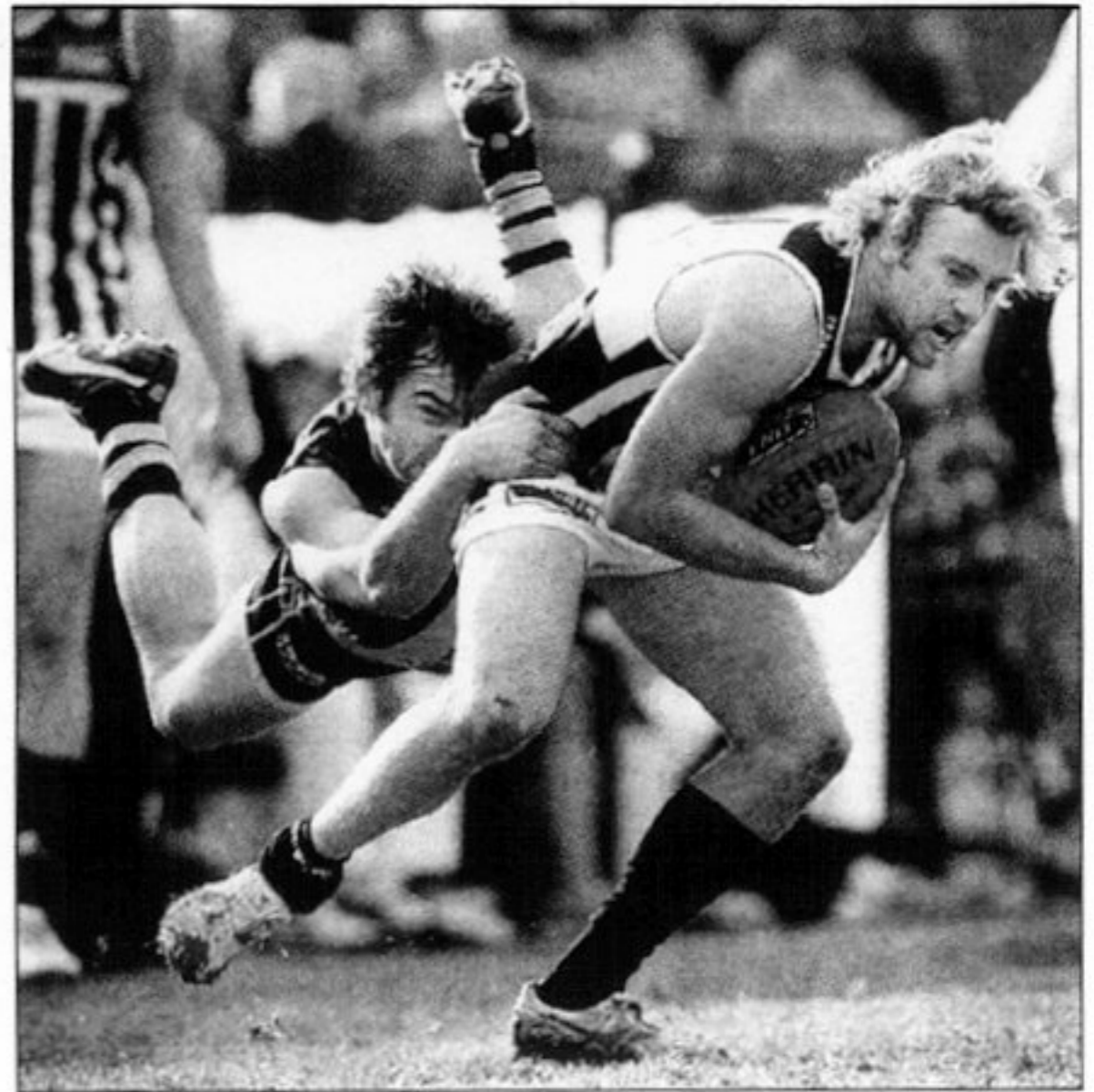
Magpies coach Tim Ginever said: "The third quarter was pathetic.

"We got slaughtered around the contest, which didn't allow us to get enough possession to get inside 50m and do anything with it.

"In the last quarter we played really well into the breeze."

SANFL ROUND 16	P	W	L	D	FOR	AGST	STR	PTS	%
Glenelg	14	12	2	0	1291	1055	W9	24	55.0
Central	14	11	3	0	1365	1130	W1	22	54.7
Sturt	14	10	4	0	1376	985	W3	20	58.3
North	13	8	5	0	1132	934	W2	16	54.8
Eagles	15	7	7	1	1234	1351	L2	15	47.7
West	14	5	8	1	959	1230	L1	11	43.8
Port	14	4	10	0	1237	1320	L1	8	48.4
Norwood**	14	4	10	0	1170	1252	L4	8	48.3
Panthers	14	1	13	0	923	1429	L13	2	39.2

\*Yet to play this round \*\*Bye



**EFFORT:** Richard O'Grady tackles Port's Mark Dolling

## SCOREBOARD

CENTRAL DISTRICT v EAGLES					
Hamra Homes Oval, crowd 3102					
CENTRAL	2.6	4.10	12.14	12.15	87
EAGLES	2.2	4.7	7.7	11.10	76

**BEST PLAYERS: CENTRAL:** Schell, Slade, O'Hara, O'Sullivan, Dutschke, MacKenzie. **EAGLES:** Cicolella, Wright, Symmons, Petrenko, Jarrad. **GOALS: CENTRAL:** Schell 6, Jenner 2; Sansbury, Dutschke, O'Hara, Slade. **EAGLES:** Cheep, Westbrook 3, Cheep 2; McGregor, Goldsworthy, Grocke, Sumner, Cicolella. **INJURIES: CENTRAL:** Nil. **EAGLES:** Nil. **REPORTS:** Nil. **UMPIRES:** Rowston, Fila, Bowen.

NORTH ADELAIDE v WEST ADELAIDE					
Prospect Oval, crowd 2200					
NORTH	5.4	7.5	9.7	12.9	81
WEST	1.0	2.4	7.7	7.9	51

**BEST PLAYERS: NORTH:** Allan, Davis, Wright, Archard, Thiele, Sporn. **WEST:** Bennett, Munn, Bailey, Hassan, Beech. **GOALS: NORTH:** White, Wright 3, Alleway, Ackland 2; Thring, Schwarze. **WEST:** Bennett 5; Hassan, Cupido. **INJURIES: NORTH:** Schwarze (concussion), Alleway (shoulder). **WEST:** Birss (leg). **REPORTS: NORTH:** Nil. **WEST:** Nil. **UMPIRES:** Philp, Dey, Harvey.

STURT v PANTHERS					
Hickinbotham Oval, crowd 1881					
STURT	0.8	4.8	13.11	14.16	100
PANTHERS	3.0	8.3	11.4	14.8	92

**BEST PLAYERS: STURT:** Coad, Chambers, Trengove, Evans, Crane, Cubillo. **PANTHERS:** Boyd, Sandery, Thewlis, Splitt, Handby, Warren. **GOALS: STURT:** Chambers 6, Johncock 3, Herring 2; Plant, Jaensch, Trengove. **PANTHERS:** Warren 4, Williams, Rolfe, Schmidt 2; Lyons, Farmer, Ryan, Handby. **INJURIES: STURT:** Kurtze (ankle). **PANTHERS:** Nil. **REPORTS: STURT:** Nil. **PANTHERS:** Nil. **UMPIRES:** Williams, Cousins, Ralston.