

The season that was - Andrew Capel & Zac Milbank

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ROUND 1 SATURDAY, MARCH 28 GLENELG v STURT at GLIDEROL

Glenelg	3.2	7.6	10.12	13.15	(93)
Sturt	2.1	3.2	8.4	9.6	(60)

Club champion votes: Mills 16, Logan, Cranston 14, Kirkby 13, Fisher 12, Ruwoldt 9, Adlington 8, Murphy, Button 7, Hinge, Mules 6, B. Kane, McConnell 5, Backwell 4, Panozzo 3, Meyer, Sellar, Block 2, Holmes 1.

Goals: Logan 3, Kirkby, Fisher 2; Duldig, Sellar, T. Grima, Meyer, Block, Hinge.

Glenelg was eager to make a statement in the first match of the season and while the victory was scratchy, the Tigers made their presence felt in beating the Double Blues. Despite having a 35-point lead slashed to 19 in the third term, the Bays steadied in the final term, full back Wayde Mills impressing in his debut by holding Sturt star Brant Chambers goalless. Power-listed Tom Logan made a handy contribution for the Bays with three goals from the midfield.

COACH'S COMMENT

"The players have been hanging out for a game - a real game. That showed in the way they played, they were really hard at the ball and used it well."

RESERVES U18

Glenelg 10.15 (75)	Glenelg 22.10 (142)
Sturt 14.18 (102)	Sturt 15.10 (100)

ROUND 3 SATURDAY, APRIL 11 GLENELG v EAGLES at WOODVILLE OVAL

Glenelg	2.9	4.12	7.16	10.16	(76)
Eagles	3.2	9.9	11.9	15.16	(106)

Club champion votes: Duldig, Mules, Panozzo 9, Logan, Fisher 8, Meyer, C.Kane 7, Kirkby 5, Mills 3, Adlington, Holmes, B.Kane 1.

Goals: Duldig 3; Logan, Grima, Hinge, McConnell, Block, Cranston, Meyer.

An inaccurate first term set the tone for the Tigers, who despite having 16 shots on goal in the first half, could only manage four majors. Having failed to beat the Eagles at Woodville in their last 11 matches at Oval Avenue, the Tigers again fell short as the hosts broke down coach Mark Mickan's zone defence. Loyal Bays forward Matthew Duldig was one of only a handful of Tigers worthy of a mention, booting three of the team's 10 goals while also working hard defensively.

COACH'S COMMENT

"Not only did they outscore us but they simply outplayed us. We didn't respond to the situation where we had dominance in the first quarter and, against good quality opposition like the Eagles, we need to be able to raise the bar. They dominated us in the second quarter at an unacceptable level."

ROUND 2 SATURDAY, APRIL 4 GLENELG v PORT MAGPIES at ALBERTON

Glenelg	4.2	8.4	13.8	17.13	(115)
Port	4.3	7.5	12.6	15.8	(98)

Club champion votes: Meyer 14, B.Kane 12, Panozzo 10, C. Kane, Sellar 8, McConnell, Backwell 7, Mills, Mules 6, Button, Fisher 4, Hinge 3, Ruwoldt, Holmes 1.

Goals: Hinge 3, Duldig, Grima, C.Kane 2, Ruwoldt, McConnell, Panzzo, Adlington, Backwell, B.Kane, Kirkby, Fisher.

It took the Tigers more than three quarters to shrug off the persistent Magpies at Alberton, finally breaking clear of their arch-enemy with a 2.3 to 0.1 burst in the final 20 minutes of the match. Power rookie Danny Meyer was outstanding playing across half-back while Ben Kane and Luke Panozzo were tireless. Talented Tiger utility John Hinge proved his versatility by booting three goals as a floating forward, while Chris Kane put up his hand for a regular league berth with two handy goals.

COACH'S COMMENT

"We were prepared for a real battle and that's what we got. It was just our persistence and attack on the ball, especially in the second half, that put us in good stead. It (the win) was the power of persistence, really."

RESERVES U18

Glenelg 12.11 (83)	Glenelg 15.16 (106)
Port 15.9 (99)	Port 8.7 (55)

RESERVES U18

Glenelg 8.12 (60)	Glenelg 24.17 (161)
Eagles 18.9 (117)	Eagles 9.16 (70)



2009 LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE AFTER ROUND 3

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnst	Pts	%
Norwood	3	2	1	—	318	218	4	59.33
Centrals	2	2	—	—	203	167	4	54.86
Sturt	3	2	1	—	278	230	4	54.72
Glenelg	3	2	1	—	284	264	4	51.82
WW Eagles	3	1	1	1	249	227	3	52.31
North Adel	2	1	1	—	211	205	2	50.72
South Adel	2	1	1	—	117	194	2	37.62
West Adel	3	—	2	1	192	263	1	42.20
Port Adel	3	—	3	—	243	327	—	42.63

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ROUND 4 SUNDAY, APRIL 19 GLENELG v WEST ADELAIDE at GLIDEROL

Glenelg	4.5	5.8	9.12	12.15	(87)
West	2.1	9.6	10.8	12.11	(83)

Club champion votes: Allen 15, Duldig, B.Kane 11, Panozzo 10, Meyer 9, Ruwoldt 8, Willoughby 5, Mules 4, Sellar 3, Kirkby, Block 2, Cranston, Hinge, C. Kane 1.

Goals: Duldig 4, Willoughby, Block, Ruwoldt, O’Grady, Sellar, Holmes, Kirkby, B. Kane.

Cool-headed Tigers forward Ruory Kirkby sealed the Tigers’ third win of the season in the 24th minute of the last term when he converted a free kick from 35m. In a pulsating contest at the Bay, the Tigers fell behind West by as much as 27 points before Richard O’Grady restored the lead early in the fourth term, only to have it snatched back by the Bloods 18 minutes in. But left-footed Kirkby was to have the final say.

COACH’S COMMENT

“When you’ve got to nail those goals and the game is close, it was good to see that they could do it. We needed to have that type of execution earlier in the game too. It was good to get the win but a win like that can fudge a lot of shortcomings we displayed throughout the day. We’ve got a lot of work to do to improve.”

RESERVES	U18
Glenelg 14.7 (91)	Glenelg 19.10 (124)
West 16.9 (105)	West 13.9 (87)

ROUND 6 SUNDAY, MAY 3 GLENELG v PANTHERS at HICKINBOTHAM

Glenelg	3.8	8.11	9.14	14.17	(101)
Panthers	4.2	6.5	11.5	11.9	(75)

Club champion votes: Fisher 16, Carr 12, Holmes, Cranston 9, Meyer 7, Backwell, Murphy 5, T. Grima 4, Kirkby, Mills, Hall, Sellar 3, Panozzo, Ruwoldt 2.

Goals: Panozzo, T. Grima 3, Duldig, Fisher 2, Meyer, Holmes, Hall, C. Kane.

Glenelg overcame a woeful third quarter - in which it conceded five goals while managing just one - to post a solid 26 point win against the Panthers at Noarlunga. Keeping Clay Sampson’s side goalless in the final term, the Tigers piled on five majors - including two to Todd Grima - to seal the deal when it mattered most. Tireless midfielder Adam Fisher was a clear best for the Bays while Power veteran Josh Carr slotted in nicely, notching 35 disposals in his first SANFL game since returning from Fremantle. Regular half-back Luke Panozzo again displayed his versatility by contributing three goals.

COACH’S COMMENT

“It was good in terms of an effort response - our effort was far better and we had far more complete team efforts - but there are still plenty of errors for us to iron out. But what we came here to do was to show a lot more intensity and competitiveness (than Anzac Day) and we did that.”

RESERVES	U18
Glenelg 22.13 (145)	Glenelg 15.14 (104)
Panthers 8.4 (52)	Panthers 5.11 (41)

ROUND 5 SATURDAY, APRIL 25 GLENELG v CENTRAL DISTRICT at ADELAIDE

Glenelg	2.1	4.3	6.5	7.8	(50)
Central	5.1	11.3	13.5	21.8	(134)

Club champion votes: C.Kane 9, B. Kane 8, Hinge 7, Ruwoldt 5, Mills, Mules, Meyer 4, Panozzo 2, Adlington 1.

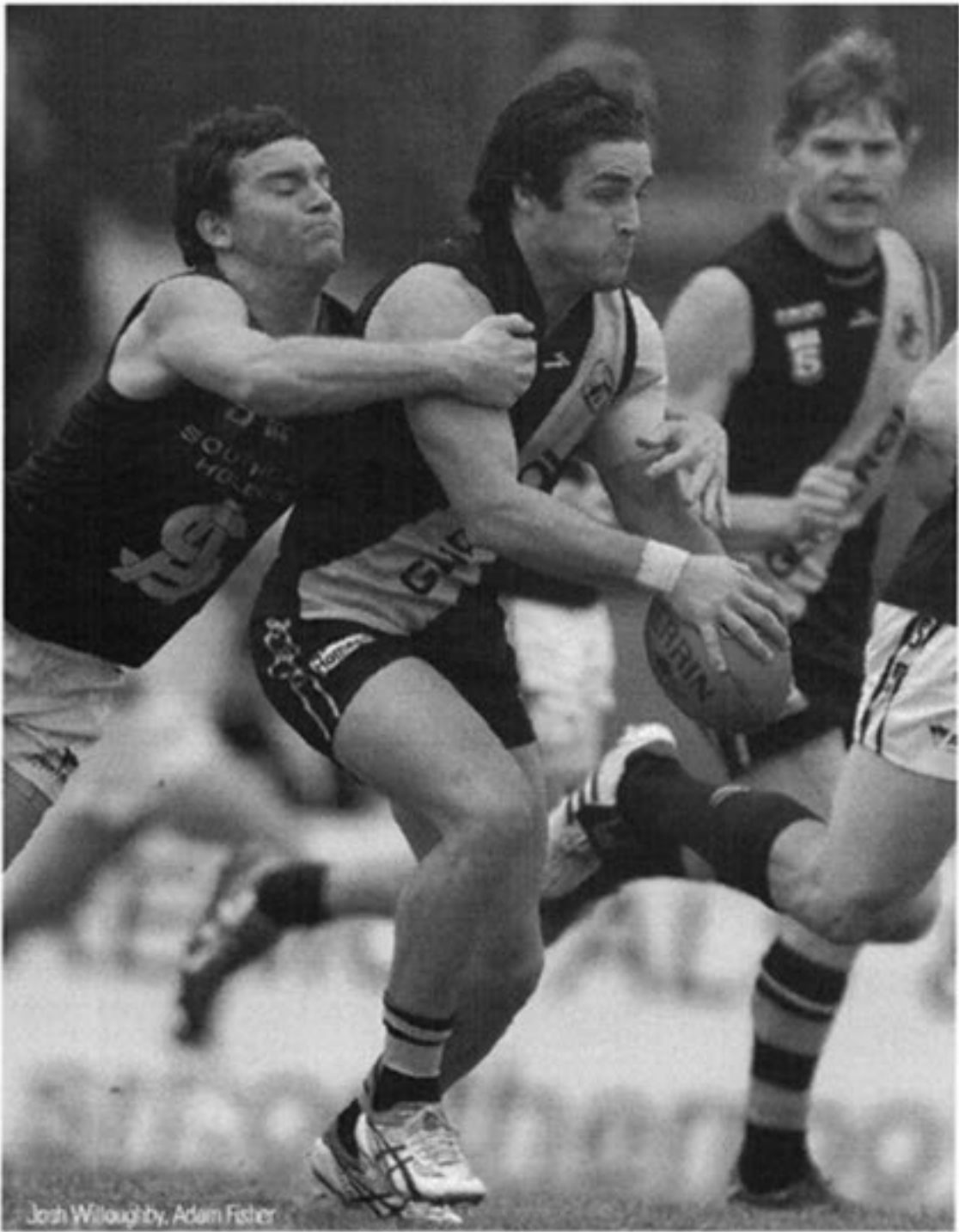
Goals: Kirkby 2; Willoughby, Ruwoldt, Hinge, McConnell, O’Grady.

It was Glenelg’s first chance to play on Anzac Day since 1991 and just as the bugler did before he played the Last Post, the Tigers blew it. Seemingly still hurting from last season’s grand final loss to the Bulldogs, the Bays were again left to lick their wounds, this time to the tune of 84 points. The Kane brothers were among a handful of Tigers to display any spirit at the Adelaide Oval as the Dogs made a ruthless statement. Tiger forward Ruory Kirkby was the only multiple goalscorer with two as his team managed just seven goals on a miserable afternoon.

COACH’S COMMENT

“It was not the reflection of the type of effort we would have expected to produce on ANZAC Day. Our work rate was inferior, and certainly our skill level was as well. We walk away with a huge sense of disappointment.”

RESERVES	U18
Glenelg 5.13 (43)	Glenelg 12.8 (80)
Central 8.13 (61)	Central 8.10 (58)



2009 LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE AFTER ROUND 6

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnst	Pts	%
Centrals	5	5	—	—	595	403	10	59.62
WW Eagles	6	4	1	1	523	432	9	54.76
Glenelg	6	4	2	—	522	556	8	48.42
Sturt	5	3	2	—	436	349	6	55.54
North Adel	5	3	2	—	463	427	6	52.02
Norwood	6	2	4	—	580	519	4	52.78
West Adel	5	1	3	1	359	431	3	45.44
South Adel	5	1	4	—	311	514	2	37.70
Port Adel	5	—	5	—	382	540	—	41.43

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ROUND 7 SATURDAY, MAY 9 GLENELG v NORTH ADELAIDE at GLIDEROL

Glenelg	3.5	5.10	8.11	11.13	(79)
North	4.2	5.3	8.5	11.8	(74)

Club champion votes: Kirk 13, Cranston 12, Backwell 10, Mills, Murphy 9, Allen 8, Meyer 7, B. Kane 6, Fisher, Panozzo 5, Mules, Hall 4, Kirkby 3, Sellar 2, Holmes 1.

Goals: Sellar, Kirkby, Murphy 2; Hinge, Hall, Grima, Ruwoldt, Cranston.

Lady luck was smiling on the Tigers in round seven, when despite having much more of the football, they were fortunate to take home the premiership points at the Bay. Just as North Adelaide captain Damon White was about to mark the ball within range of goal, the final siren sounded with Glenelg five points in front. Bigman Daniel Kirk stated his case for a regular berth at centre half-back, outclassing Crows-listed Nick Gill. Ruckman Trevor Cranston dominated at the stoppages in what could only be described as an ugly win.

COACH'S COMMENT

"The effort was terrific. The players are trying to play the style of game we are trying to implement. We still have a while to go with our execution."

RESERVES

U18

Glenelg 12.11 (83)	Glenelg 25.18 (168)
North 8.12 (60)	North 6.8 (44)

ROUND 8 FRIDAY, MAY 15 GLENELG v NORWOOD at COOPERS

Glenelg	6.4	11.6	15.12	17.15	(117)
Norwood	2.1	2.3	4.7	8.8	(56)

Club champion votes: Fisher 14, Cranston 12, Allen 11, Mules 10, T. Grima 9, Murphy, Panozzo 7, Ruwoldt 5, Holmes, Kirk 4, C. Kane, Kirkby, Mills, Meyer, Backwell 3, Sellar, Hall, O'Grady 2, Hinge, Liebelt 1.

Goals: T. Grima 5, Kirkby, Murphy, C. Kane, Fisher 2, Sellar, Ruwoldt, Allen, O'Grady.

Glenelg saved its best performance of the season to date for the Friday night lights at The Parade. Crunching the Redlegs early at the clearances, the Bays broke out to a match-winning lead of 57 points at half-time after keeping the hosts goalless in the second term. At ground level, Adam Fisher, Ty Allen, Byron Murphy and Mark Ruwoldt led the way in winning the hard ball while Todd Grima caught fire in attack by slamming through five goals. The complete display by the Tigers was reflected in 20 of the 21 players on the night receiving best and fairest votes.

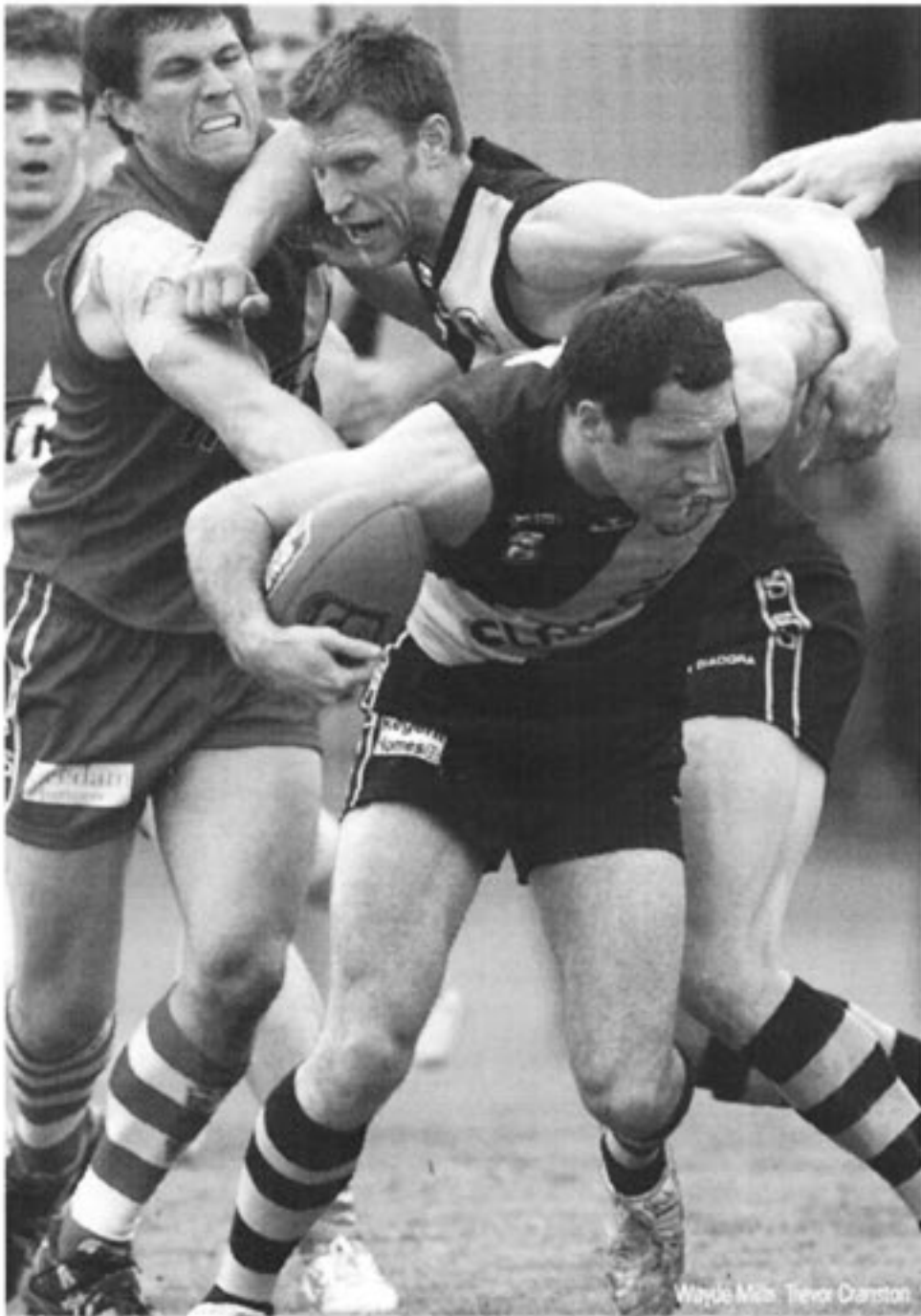
COACH'S COMMENT

"That was our best performance for the season, against good opposition and a good contribution from everyone. Our discipline was good. The biggest part of the exercise was they executed their discipline really well. The structures in general were really good and the hardness at the ball and tackling in particular were features."

RESERVES

U18

Glenelg 5.11 (41)	Glenelg 17.9 (111)
Norwood 5.11 (41)	Norwood 9.4 (58)



ROUND 10 MONDAY, JUNE 8 GLENELG v PORT MAGPIES at GILDEROL

Glenelg	6.2	10.3	13.8	16.11	(107)
Port	2.1	4.2	5.6	8.9	(57)

Club champion votes: Kirk, Murphy 13, Willoughby 12, B. Kane 11, Ruwoldt 10, Sellar 9, Meyer, Backwell 7, Panozzo 6, Allen, Hinge, 4, Holmes, Mills 3, Mules, O'Grady 1.

Goals: Willoughby, Backwell 3, Kirkby, B. Kane, T. Grima 2, Sellar, Hinge, Adlington, Meyer.

The Tigers had nearly a month to prepare for its clash with Port at the Bay and it showed in the first term when they used up plenty of petrol in chalking up more than 100 disposals en route to a four-goal break at the first change. From there, the Bays cruised to a percentage boosting 50-point victory against their arch-rivals, in front of more than 6,000 fans at Gliderol Stadium. Daniel Kirk (23 disposals) cemented his position in defence with an outstanding game on. Magpie Joel Perry while Byron Murphy and Josh Willoughby (three goals) also made strong contributions for the Tigers.

COACH'S COMMENT

"Right from the start we were right at it. The only (negative) effect from the break might have been our execution at times but overall - 24 days break in the middle of the season is unusual - so to be able to respond was good."

RESERVES

U18

Glenelg 18.22 (130)	Glenelg 10.8 (68)
Port 10.13 (73)	Port 13.8 (86)

2009 LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE AFTER ROUND 10

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnst	Pts	%
Sturt	9	7	2	—	905	543	14	62.50
Centrals	9	7	2	—	940	772	14	54.91
Glenelg	9	7	2	—	825	743	14	52.61
WW Eagles	10	5	4	1	785	841	11	48.28
North Adel	8	5	3	—	722	639	10	53.05
West Adel	9	3	5	1	633	759	7	45.47
Norwood	9	3	6	—	792	763	6	50.93
Port Adel	9	1	8	—	739	906	2	44.92
South Adel	8	1	7	—	486	861	2	36.08

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ROUND 11 SATURDAY, JUNE 13 GLENELG v WEST ADELAIDE at GLIDEROL

Glenelg	1.2	7.8	10.9	16.12	(108)
West	4.5	4.5	7.8	9.8	(62)

Club champion votes: Holmes 16, Kirk, Willoughby 9, Fisher 7, Panozzo 6, Cranston, Adlington, Murphy 5, Kirkby, Backwell 3, Allen, Mules 2, Mills, O’Grady 1.

Goals: Holmes 5, Willoughby 3, Kirkby, T. Grima 2, Allen, O’Grady, C. Kane, Ruwoldt.

Glenelg was slow out of the blocks against the Bloods at the Bay, as the Tigers waited until the second term to click into gear by blasting 6.6 to 0.0 in the half-hour before the main change. Another six-goal haul in the final term allowed the Bays to register a comfortable 46-point triumph against Andy Collins’ charges. Neat finishing midfielder Tom Holmes was the standout performer for the Tigers, nailing a match-defining five goals on the way to being named best-on-ground. Josh Willoughby chipped in again with another handy bag of three majors while Daniel Kirk well and truly cemented his spot in the backline with another solid showing.

COACH’S COMMENT

“I thought we had a really good contribution from a lot of players today and that’s really important. To go through a year, you can’t expect half a dozen or so players to carry the load - it’s really got to come from everyone and that’s been the case in the last couple of weeks.”

RESERVES	U18
Glenelg 19.12 (126)	Glenelg 13.13 (91)
West 5.8 (38)	West 9.4 (58)

ROUND 13 SUNDAY, JUNE 28 GLENELG v EAGLES at WOODVILLE					
Glenelg	4.0	7.3	13.6	16.9	(105)
Eagles	6.1	6.2	8.4	11.5	(71)

Club champion votes: Allen 13, Grima 10, Adlington, Backwell, Murphy 9, Block, Kirkby 8, Fisher 7, Hall, B. Kane 6, Cranston 4, Kirk, Willoughby 3, Hinge, Holmes, Salopek, Sellar 1.

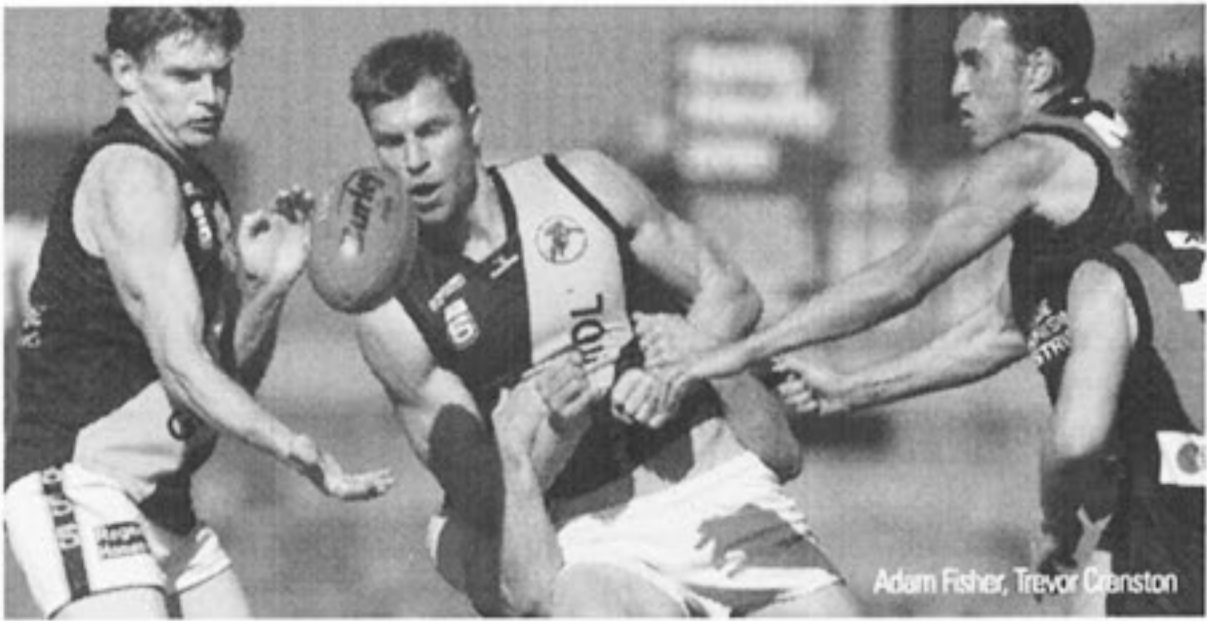
Goals: Grima 4, Kirkby 3, Hinge, Ruwoldt 2, Sellar, Hall, Backwell, Murphy, Salopek.

The drought finally broke for Glenelg. After 10 years without victory at Woodville Oval, the in-form Tigers beat the Eagles at their home ground with an emphatic display of hard-at-it and hard-running football. Trailing by 13 points at the first change, the Bays got on top in the second quarter and set up their long-awaited win with a brilliant six-goal third stanza. Senior players Ty Allen, Byron Murphy, Ben Kane and Brett Backwell led the charge with 103 touches between them while Todd Grima (four) and Ruory Kirkby (three) combined for seven goals.

COACH’S COMMENT

“It was a difficult game because of the competitiveness and persistence of the Eagles. I think we’ve made progress and we’re in a position we’d like to be in, but we can still improve.”

RESERVES	U18
Glenelg 18.15 (123)	Glenelg 23.14 (152)
Eagles 15.7 (97)	Eagles 4.2 (26)



ROUND 12 FRIDAY, JUNE 19 GLENELG v STURT at ADELAIDE					
Glenelg	3.3	8.4	12.8	14.12	(96)
Sturt	1.1	2.3	5.3	8.6	(54)

Club champion votes: Mills 13, Hinge 11, Mules 10, Kirkby, Murphy 9, Allen 8, Backwell, Fisher 7, Cranston, Holmes 6, Ruwoldt 5, Sellar 4, Grima, B. Kane, Panozzo 3, Adlington 2, Block, Kirk, Willoughby 1.

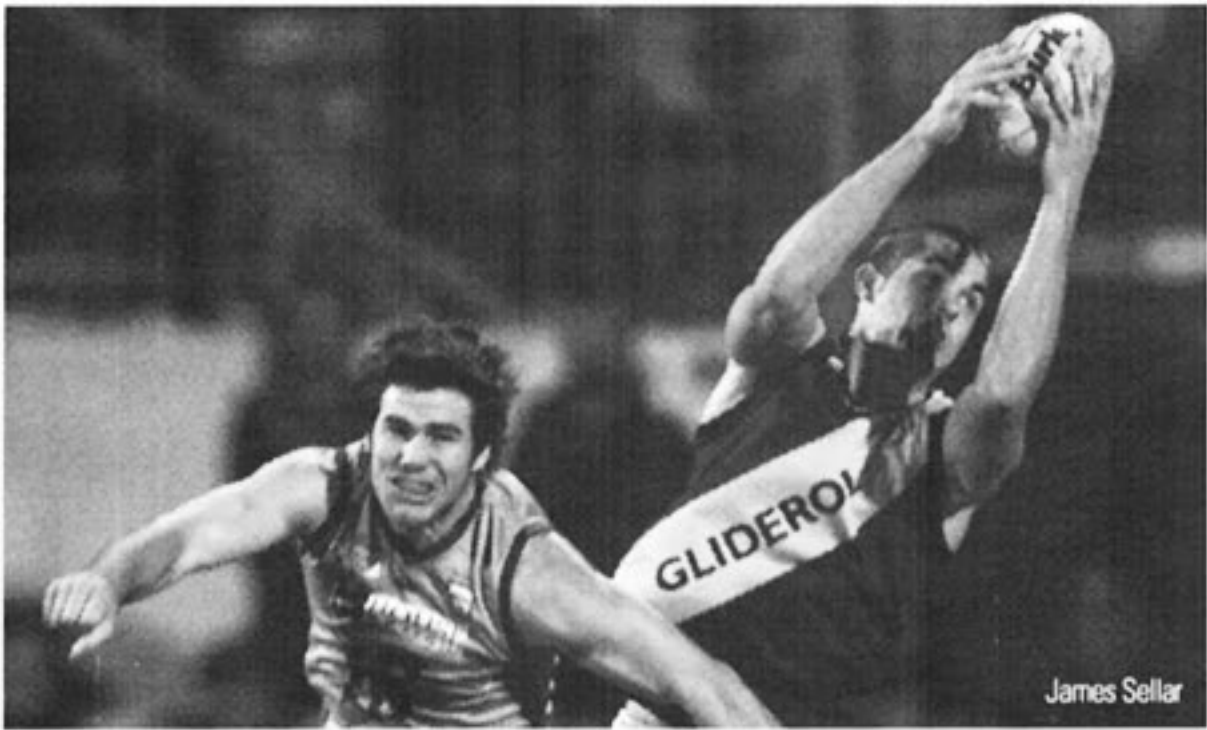
Goals: Hinge 3, Grima, Kirkby, Willoughby 2, Sellar, Holmes, Mills, Ruwoldt, Murphy.

Glenelg produced one of its most powerful performances of the season to crush fellow finals contender Sturt under lights at Adelaide Oval. The Bays broke clear early and were never headed, leading by 37 points at the long change and coasting in the second half. Full back Wayde Mills was brilliant in keeping Ken Farmer Medallist Brant Chambers scoreless. In fact, he did not allow Chambers a kick or mark, restricting him to only two handballs. At the other end, John Hinge played his best game of the year, kicking 3.3 and creating havoc inside 50, while Ben Mules patrolled half-back.

COACH’S COMMENT

“It was a good, even team performance with no standout players. The players realise that is how we win - play as a team. We need everybody to contribute.”

RESERVES	U18
Glenelg 21.8 (134)	Glenelg 7.8 (50)
Sturt 9.10 (64)	Sturt 12.14 (86)



2009 LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE AFTER ROUND 13

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnst	Pts	%
Glenelg	12	10	2	—	1134	930	20	54.94
Centrals	11	9	2	—	1100	885	18	55.42
Sturt	11	7	4	—	989	758	14	56.61
WW Eagles	12	6	5	1	945	1014	13	48.24
North Adel	11	6	5	—	962	843	12	53.30
West Adel	11	4	6	1	789	942	9	45.58
Norwood	12	4	8	—	1035	1051	8	49.62
Port Adel	11	3	8	—	943	1061	6	47.06
South Adel	11	1	10	—	702	1115	2	38.64

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ROUND 14 SUNDAY, JULY 5 GLENELG v PANTHERS at GLIDEROL

Glenelg	4.2	7.5	8.8	13.10	(88)
Panthers	2.2	5.3	8.5	9.8	(62)
Club champion votes: Kirkby 12, Adlington, Murphy 9, Block, Cranston 8, Fisher, Grima 7, Panozzo, Willoughby 5, B. Kane, Mills, O'Grady 3, Allen, Backwell 1.					

Goals: Grima, Kirkby, Willoughby 3, O'Grady 2, Hall, Mills.

Hit by a flu outbreak during the week, the Tigers went into the match under duress and had to fight tooth and nail to overcome a spirited opponent. While the Panthers had only won one game for the season, they played with real passion to be within three points 19 minutes into the final term. But with the game on the line, Ruory Kirkby, Josh Willoughby, Todd Grima and Richard O'Grady slammed on goals in a blistering five-minute burst to broke the game open and extend Glenelg's winning run to eight.

COACH'S COMMENT

"It was a tough game and they made it hard for us but in the end I was pleased with our fighting qualities to be able to find something under pressure."

RESERVES	U18
Glenelg 21.10 (136)	Glenelg 14.8 (105)
Panthers 11.9 (75)	Panthers 10.3 (63)

ROUND 17 SATURDAY, JULY 25 GLENELG v CENTRAL DISTRICT at GLIDEROL

Glenelg	2.2	4.7	7.11	11.15	(81)
Central	5.4	8.5	11.9	12.9	(81)
Club champion votes: Cranston 11, Allen, McConnell 9, Hall, Murphy 8, Fisher 6, Mills, Willoughby 5, Adlington, Button, B. Kane, Kirkby 3, Kirk, Ruwoldt 2, Grima, O'Grady, Panozzo 1.					

Goals: McConnell 3, Grima 2, B. Kane, Hall, Panozzo, Button, Fisher, O'Grady. The Tigers' nine-game winning streak came to an end but there was more joy than despair after they came from 22 points down seven minutes into the final term to salvage a draw against the reigning premier. Enigmatic forward Justin McConnell was the hero, kicking a goal from a set shot from 30m as the final siren sounded. His match-saving goal came less than two minutes after impressive youngster Richard O'Grady put his side within six points. Glenelg's forward line copped another body blow when Todd Grima broke his wrist, ruling him out for six weeks.

COACH'S COMMENT

"McConnell looked threatening all day and it was good for him to be able to nail that goal when we needed it at the end. While the players came away from the game with a smile on their face they understand that we can do a lot better because we wasted the ball a lot."

RESERVES	U18
Glenelg 18.14 (122)	Glenelg 11.12 (78)
Central 15.16 (106)	Central 11.8 (74)

2009 LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE AFTER ROUND 17

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnst	Pts	%
Glenelg	15	12	2	1	1372	1136	25	54.70
Centrals	15	11	3	1	1446	1211	23	54.42
Sturt	15	11	4	—	1505	1022	22	59.56
WW Eagles	16	8	7	1	1318	1419	17	48.15
North Adel	14	8	6	—	1199	1018	16	54.08
West Adel	14	5	8	1	959	1230	11	43.81
Norwood	15	5	10	—	1264	1303	10	49.24
Port Adel	15	4	11	—	1274	1449	8	46.79
South Adel	15	1	14	—	974	1523	2	39.01

ROUND 16 SATURDAY, JULY 18 GLENELG v PORT MAGPIES at GLIDEROL

Glenelg	1.6	5.11	6.15	8.21	(69)
Port	5.3	5.6	5.7	9.9	(63)
Club champion votes: Allen, Murphy 12, Fisher 11, B. Kane 10, Adlington 9, Hall 8, Block, Cranston, Kirkby 7, Grima, Mills 4, Mules 3, Button, Carr, Willoughby 1.					

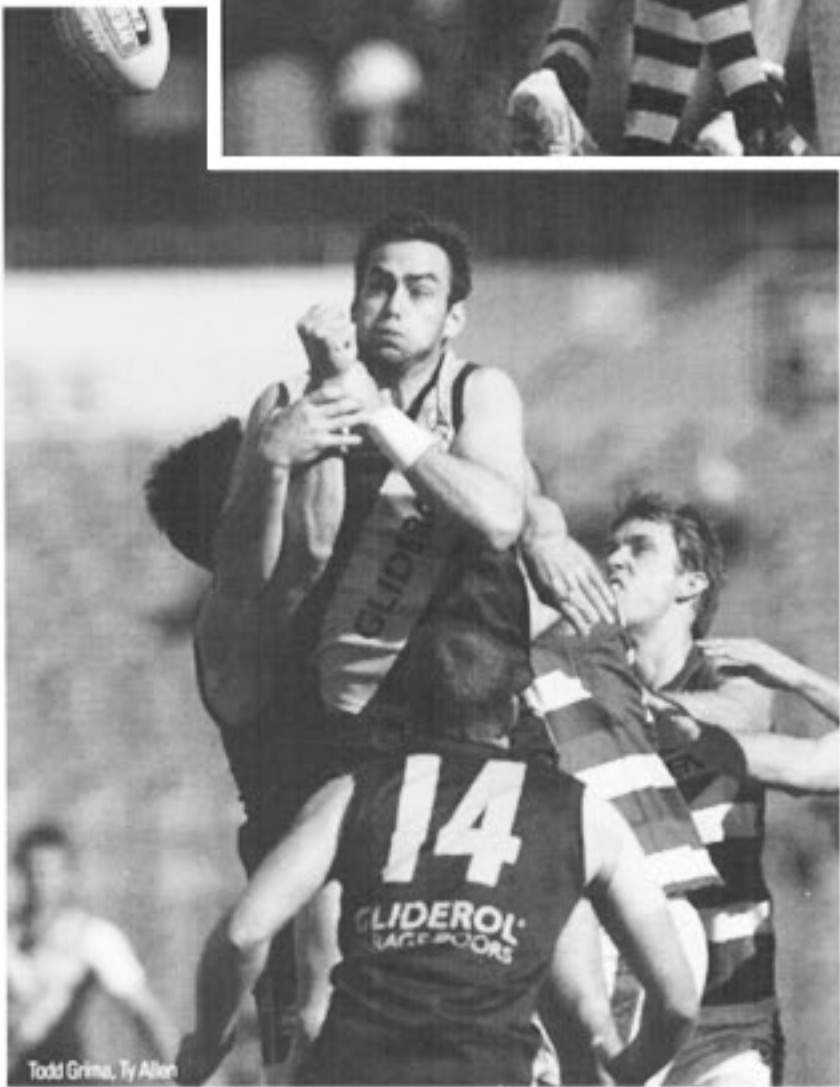
Goals: Grima, Carr, Kirkby 2, Kane, Plant.

Glenelg survived a case of the goalkicking yips to retain top position with a hard-fought win against the Magpies. The Tigers booted a shocking 8.21 and after overcoming a tardy start and breaking to a 14-point lead at the last change, had to fight tooth and nail to hold off the fast-finishing Pies. Two outstanding late defensive efforts from Daniel Kirk and Ben Mules preserved the win when Port was pressing. A broken ankle to forward John Hinge in the first quarter soured the victory.

COACH'S COMMENT

"We made it very hard for ourselves because of our poor goalkicking. In the end we did well to hang on but we should have made it more comfortable than it was."

RESERVES	U18
Glenelg 13.17 (95)	Glenelg 15.7 (97)
Port 15.15 (105)	Port 7.9 (51)



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ROUND 18 SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 GLENELG v NORWOOD at GLIDEROL

Glenelg	2.0	6.2	10.4	14.8	(92)
Norwood	3.4	5.5	8.10	12.10	(82)

Club champion votes: Kirkby 15, Allen, Kirk 10, B. Kane, Panozzo 8, Carr 6, Button, Mills 5, Cranston, Murphy, Salopek 3, Adlington, Willoughby 2, Douglas, Fisher, Meyer 1.

Goals: Kirkby 5, Willoughby, Douglas 3, Salopek, Meyer, Kirk.

Glenelg extended its unbeaten run to 11 by shaking off a determined Norwood at the Bay. The Tigers, bolstered with a swag of AFL personnel, were forced to dig deep to fight off the lowly-placed Redlegs, who were level late in the third quarter. Key forward Ruory Kirkby proved the difference between the teams, making up for the absence of injured sidekicks Todd Grima and John Hinge by kicking five goals in a dominant performance. Daniel Kirk was strong at centre half-back while Ty Allen and Ben Kane worked hard in the midfield.

COACH'S COMMENT

"Norwood moved the ball quickly and we had to work hard to get the ball back off it. Ruory Kirkby was extra special. His marking made him a real focal point for us and his workrate was huge."

RESERVES	U18
Glenelg 18.16 (124)	Glenelg 14.22 (106)
Norwood 8.12 (60)	Norwood 9.4 (58)



ROUND 21 SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 GLENELG v STURT at HOUSE BROTHERS

Glenelg	1.3	3.6	8.11	9.16	(70)
Sturt	2.1	5.3	5.4	7.4	(46)

Club champion votes: Mills, Mules 12, Allen, Block 11, Backwell, Ruwoldt 10, Murphy 8, Cranston 7, Button, B. Kane, Kirkby, Kirk 5, Meyer, Willoughby 4, Adlington, Hall 2, Panozzo 1.

Goals: Murphy 2, Ruwoldt, Kirkby, Kirk, Meyer, Duldig, Liebelt, Hall.

After surrendering top spot to Central for 24 hours, Glenelg regained pole position after a strong second half against Sturt at Unley. The Bays' goalscoring yips returned as they kicked a disappointing 9.16 but they were rewarded for working harder than the home side, with Ty Allen and Lucas Block dominant in the midfield, while Wayde Mills kept Brant Chambers goalless for the third straight time. Captain Ben Mules was a tower of strength in the back half while Trevor Cranston dominated the ruck with 26 hit-outs. The Double Blues' loss was just their third in their previous 23 games at Unley two of which were against Glenelg.

ROUND 19 SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 GLENELG v NORTH ADELAIDE at PROSPECT

Glenelg	4.3	8.6	10.11	16.12	(108)
North	3.1	5.2	8.2	12.4	(76)

Club champion votes: Backwell 12, Adlington, B. Kane 11, McConnell 10, Panozzo 9, Allen 8, Fisher 6, Meyer, Murphy 5, Mills 4, Hall, Kirk, Salopek 3, Button, Cranston, Mules 2,

Goals: McConnell 6, Murphy, Duldig 2, Kirkby, Willoughby, Mules, Liebelt, B. Kane, Fisher.

The Tigers put a month of close finishes behind them by cruising past North at Prospect in one of their most emphatic displays of the season. Mark Mickan's outfit got its handball-to-kick ratio back in balance and dominated at the Roosters' home ground, having 15 more inside-50s and 28 scoring shots to 16. Brett Backwell was outstanding with 27 disposals, Paul Adlington and Luke Panozzo rebounded well from defence and Justin McConnell was deadly in front of goal, booting 6.1.

COACH'S COMMENT

"I thought we were a lot cleaner. But having said that, we've still got a long way to go in that area. It's a work in progress for us, for sure."

RESERVES	U18
Glenelg 11.5 (71)	Glenelg 28.26 (194)
North 16.13 (109)	North 8.5 (53)



COACH'S COMMENT

"It was important to get a good performance at this time of the year. The players held their nerve really well and kept at the things we wanted to do. We would like top spot but we never talk about it."

RESERVES	U18
Glenelg 16.13 (109)	Glenelg 13.12 (90)
Sturt 9.11 (65)	Sturt 8.12 (60)

2009 LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE AFTER ROUND 21

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnt	Pts	%
Glenelg	18	15	2	1	1642	1340	31	55.06
Centrals	18	14	3	1	1817	1410	29	56.31
Sturt	18	13	5	—	1808	1202	26	60.07
WW Eagles	19	11	7	1	1659	1647	23	50.18
North Adel	18	9	9	—	1509	1389	18	52.07
West Adel	18	7	10	1	1329	1614	15	45.16
Norwood	19	6	13	—	1609	1705	12	48.55
Port Adel	18	4	14	—	1494	1788	8	45.52
South Adel	18	1	17	—	1169	1941	2	37.59

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ROUND 22 SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 GLENELG v EAGLES at GLIDEROL

Glenelg	6.5	8.8	14.10	16.10	(106)
Eagles	1.1	5.4	8.6	12.8	(80)

Club champion votes: Block 12, Kirk 11, Douglas, Fisher 9, Murphy 8, Allen 6, Ruwoldt 5, B. Kane, McConnell 4, Button, Kirkby 3, Cranston, Mills 2, Backwell, Hall, Mules 1.

Goals: McConnell 4, Kirkby, Douglas 3, Button 2, Ruwoldt, Allen, Backwell, B. Kane.

Glenelg moved a step closer to the minor premiership by comfortably accounting for finals-bound Woodville-West Torrens at the Bay. The match was effectively over at quarter-time after Glenelg had raced to 34-point lead. The Eagles tried to rough the home side up in the second quarter but, after initially losing control of the contest, the Tigers responded in the second half to chalk up their 16th win of the season. Lucas Block continued his strong form with 22 disposals, eight tackles, five tackles and five inside-50s, while Richard Douglas (three goals), Daniel Kirk and Byron Murphy were strong performers.

COACH'S COMMENT

"The thing we take out of the game is we have to maintain our discipline and our focus for four quarters against good opposition otherwise the scoreboard tends to go against us."

RESERVES

Glenelg 21.11 (137)
Eagles 6.11 (47)

U18

Glenelg 11.15 (81)
Eagles 2.5 (17)



Ruory Kirkby

ROUND 23 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 GLENELG v WEST ADELAIDE at CITY MAZDA

Glenelg	2.5	6.9	11.11	16.14	(110)
West	2.2	4.5	7.5	7.9	(51)

Club champion votes: B. Kane 12, Fisher, Kirk, Ruwoldt 10, Panozzo 9, Allen 7, Willoughby 5, Backwell, Cranston, Kellock, Murphy 4, Adlington, Button, Hall, Mules 3, Block 2.

Goals: Ruwoldt 3, Backwell, Kirkby, Murphy 2, Block, Cranston, Willoughby, Hall, B. Kane, Liebelt, Adlington.

The Tigers had already secured the minor premiership after Norwood upset Central at the Parade but it finished its home-and-away season on a good note, thrashing West by 59 points at Richmond. After a slow start, Glenelg dominated the second half, kicking 10 goals to three, to stay unbeaten since its round five Anzac Day massacre against the Dogs. Ben Kane (28 possessions, eight marks), Luke Panozzo (34 disposals) and Adam Fisher (27) were the stars for the Bays while Mark Ruwoldt booted three goals. The win saw Glenelg finish four premiership points clear of Central at the top of the table, with a stunning 17 wins, two losses and a draw for the season.

COACH'S COMMENT

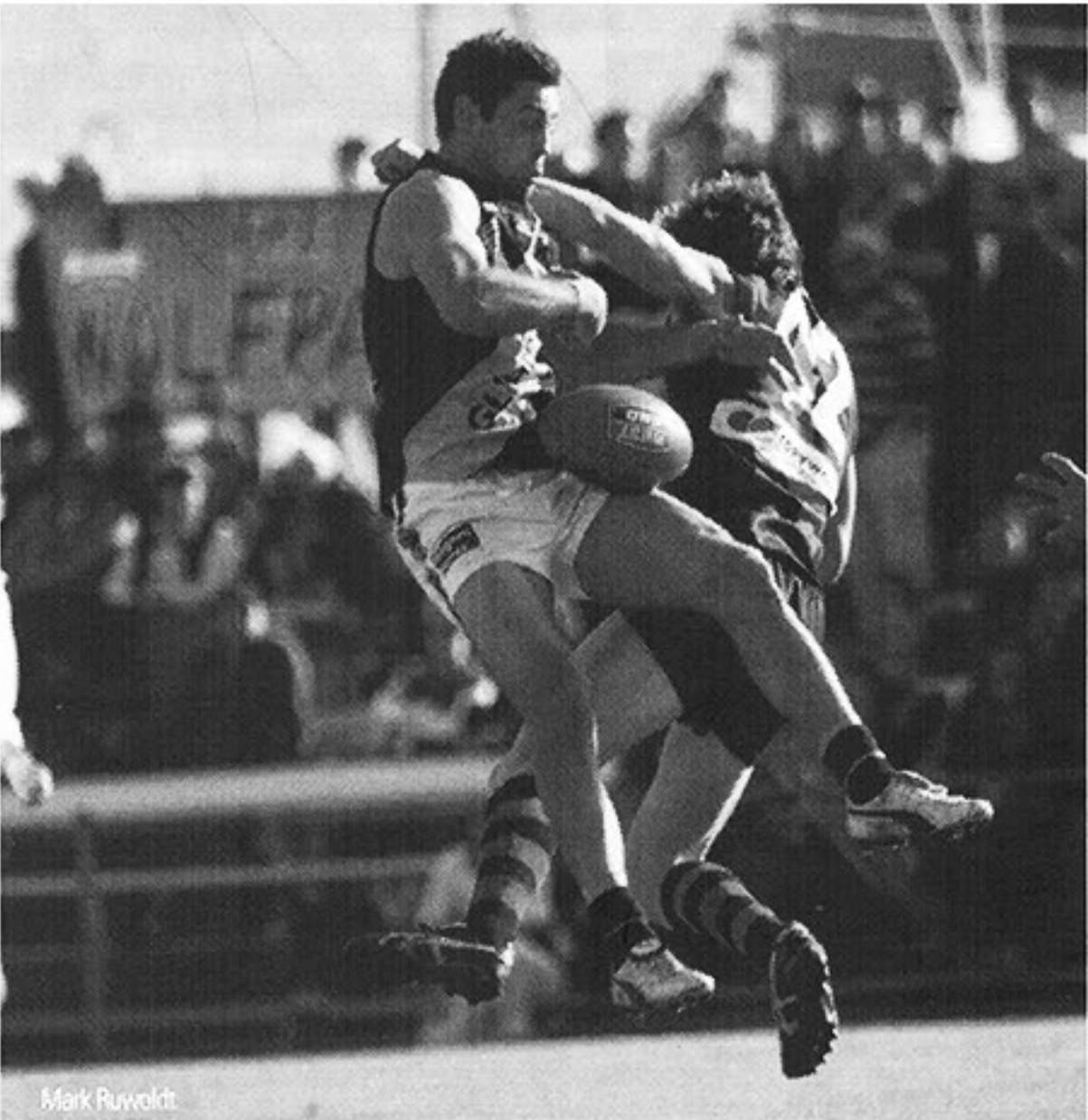
"Our ball-handling wasn't clean early and we were slow to move the ball on but we got better as the game wore on, which was a good sign."

RESERVES

Glenelg 25.22 (172)
West 9.7 (61)

U18

Glenelg 20.14 (134)
West 6.5 (41)



Mark Ruwoldt

2009 LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE - END OF MINOR ROUND

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnst	Pts	%
Glenelg	20	17	2	1	1858	1471	35	55.81
Centrals	20	15	4	1	1974	1555	31	55.94
Sturt	20	14	6	—	1997	1351	28	59.65
WW Eagles	20	11	8	1	1739	1753	23	49.80
North Adel	20	11	9	—	1704	1519	22	52.87
West Adel	20	7	12	1	1416	1765	15	44.51
Norwood	20	7	13	—	1696	1786	14	48.71
Port Adel	20	4	16	—	1650	2011	8	45.07
South Adel	20	2	18	—	1355	2178	4	38.35

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SECOND SEMI-FINAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 GLENELG v CENTRAL at AAMI STADIUM

Glenelg	2.1	7.4	10.9	11.13	(79)
Central	2.3	5.7	7.7	12.9	(81)

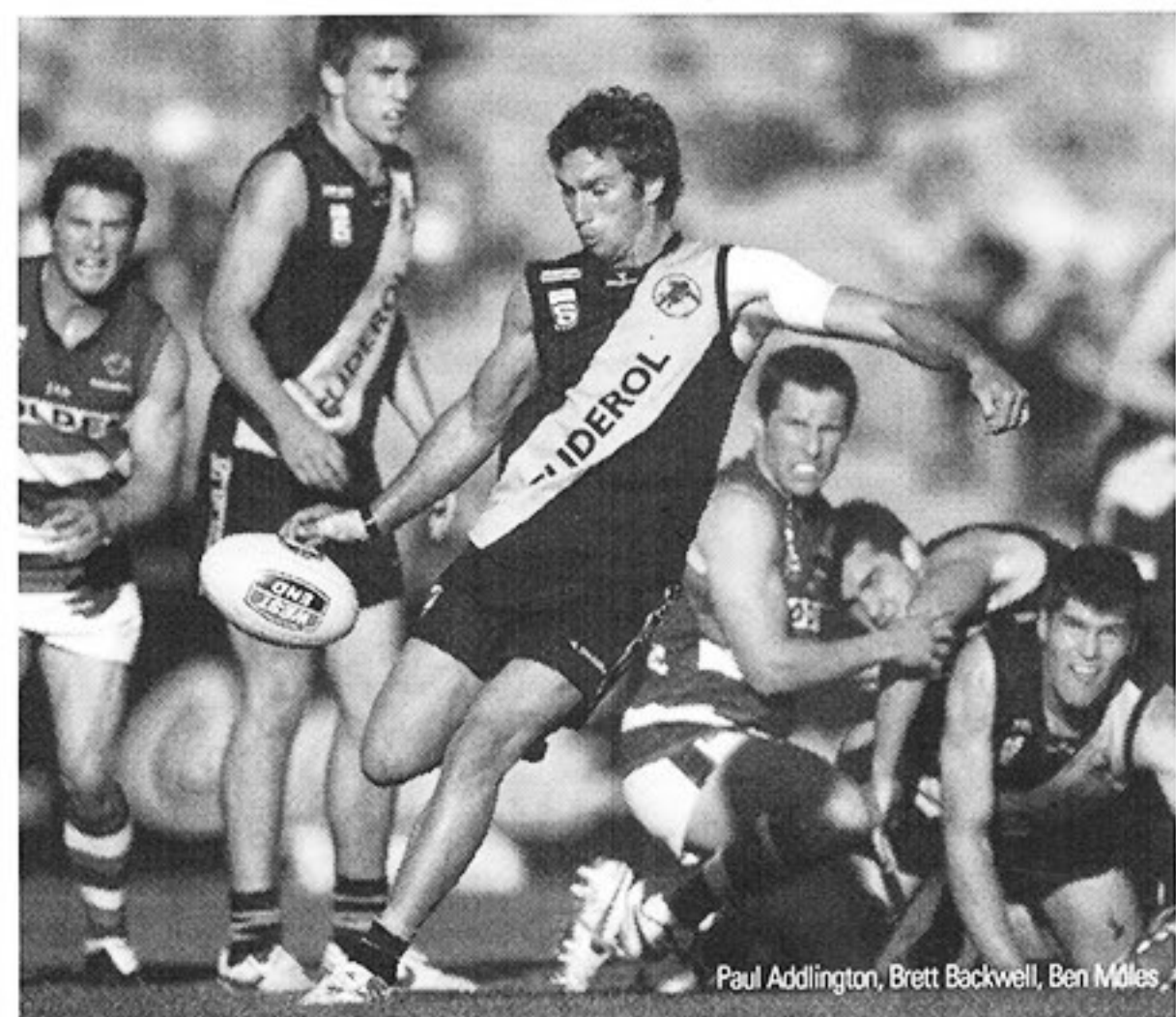
Club champion votes: Kirkby 12, Murphy 10, Allen 9, Meyer, Mills 8, Grima 7, Fisher, Ruwoldt, Willoughby 6, B. Kane 5, Panozzo 4, Backwell, Kirk, Mules 3, Cranston 1.

Goals: Kirkby 4, Ruwoldt 2, Fisher, Block, Murphy, Hall, Button.

Minor premier Glenelg seemed destined for a second consecutive grand final appearance when it overcame a slow start. Central kicked two goals in the opening two minutes to power to a 26-point lead deep into time-on in the third quarter. With Ruory Kirkby (four goals) dominant in attack, Byron Murphy and Ty Allen working tirelessly in the midfield, Danny Meyer rebounding well and Todd Grima marking strongly, the Tigers were in complete control. But some inexplicable misses in front of the sticks in the third quarter came back to bite them. Mark Ruwoldt (twice), Justin McConnell and Josh Willoughby missed very gettable goals, keeping the Dogs in striking distance. Best-afield Lee Spurr goaled just before three-quarter time to give the premier hope and it came out with all guns blazing in the last quarter, kicking five of the six goals for the term as the Bays stopped running. McConnell had a late set shot to win the game for Glenelg but he failed to convert, leaving Mark Mickan and his players shattered and rueing a wasted opportunity.

COACH'S COMMENTS

"All the players were low after the game. I said to them 'we are feeling the same at the moment and it is a tough loss'. We are not going away feeling sorry for ourselves. When you consider we kicked 4.9 to 7.2 in the second half after being ahead at half-time to go down like we did. At the moment we are feeling the pain and we will work through that and come out bigger and stronger."



PRELIMINARY FINAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 GLENELG v STURT at AAMI STADIUM

Glenelg	2.3	4.7	6.10	7.13	(55)
Sturt	0.0	5.2	8.5	9.6	(60)

Club champion votes: Adlington, Sellar 12, Fisher, Mills 8, Allen 7, B. Kane 5, Murphy 4, Kirk, Panozzo 3, Grima 2, Backwell, Block, Cranston, Kellock 1.

Goals: Murphy, Kirkby, McGregor, Button, Fisher, Block, Adlington.

In one of the most disappointing performances in Glenelg's history, the Tigers crashed to a heartbreaking five-point defeat against a side it had dominated for three seasons. The Bays had not lost to Sturt since round two, 2007, winning nine straight games against its preliminary final rival. But seemingly still coming to terms with its dramatic collapse against Central in the second semi Mark Mickan's outfit never really clicked into gear. Even so, it kept the Double Blues scoreless in the first term, dominating to such an extent that it had 16 inside-50s to three. Sturt took 15 minutes to invade its attacking 50 but missed opportunities in front of goal would again haunt Glenelg. The Tigers were made to pay a heavy price for their inability to capitalise on their avalanche of chances. The Double Blues goaled from five of their 13 forays inside-50 in the second term, taking a one-point lead and setting up a nailbiting second half which would become a slog. The Bays continued to rack up goalscoring chances but continued to miss, with Todd Grima kicking four straight behinds. In the end, the inability to finish cost Glenelg a grand final spot and possibly a flag.

COACH'S COMMENTS

"Everyone is gutted and we feel we underachieved, no doubt about that. But I don't think it was a wasted year - so much effort went into it. We had opportunities all day. Kicking 7.13 is not going to win too many games and those who watched the match would have observed the areas of our game which saw us come up short of the mark. Our inconsistent use of the ball going inside 50, combined with poor finishing skills were well below an acceptable standard. These two factors prevented us from putting genuine scoreboard pressure on the opposition. To Sturt's credit, it was far more polished in these areas and it made far better use of its opportunities to score. The frustration for everyone comes from knowing that we created more than enough opportunities for ourselves but skill and decision-making errors, often unforced, let us down badly. In terms of sheer effort and attack on the ball, our players gave a very strong account of themselves. The loss has left the club's players, staff and supporters with an enormous sense of disappointment but as coach I take responsibility for the disappointing end to the season. The players have already spoken about unfinished business. They are a resilient group of young men who have a huge appetite to do the necessary hard work to bring about the improvement that is required. As coach, I will make every effort to ensure that we improve in the areas that let us down so that we are better placed in 2010 to give our supporters more to cheer about."