



# Spot-on Tigers prove point

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT: Glenelg spearhead Todd Grima celebrates a goal in the Tigers' crushing win against West Adelaide. Picture: SIMON CROSS

GLENELG has been saying all season superior accuracy in front of goal will be the key to taking the club to that elusive premiership on the first Sunday in October.

The Tigers' finals campaigns in recent years have been plagued by poor kicking for goal and that facet of their game became a priority in the pre-season.

On the evidence of Saturday's 71-point triumph over West Adelaide at home, the goalkicking issues appear to have been rectified. The Tigers bagged 20 goals and put just four behinds on the scoreboard to fuel growing confidence at Brighton Rd.

Tigers coach Mark Mickan talked about the scoreboard pressure created by accurate goalkicking and the psychological advantage it provides, with players knowing if the side gets the ball deep into attack goals are the result.

Now they just have to do it in the heat of finals battles.

Glenelg is chasing top spot and the week's rest in the opening round of the finals so to conquer the Bloods by almost 12 goals would give Central District, just a game above the Tigers on the ladder, plenty to ponder.

The Bulldogs are always content to leave Noarlunga Oval with a win of any sort, so to beat South Adelaide by 33 points was an OK result. But uncompromis-

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ing coach Roy Laird will no doubt be having a quiet chat with his players in the lead-up to Saturday's clash with the Port Adelaide Magpies at Elizabeth about his favourite subject - work ethic.

For all the success at the Bulldogs this millennium there have been a heap of games where they have refused to adopt a ruthless approach. Saturday was one of those days. The Panthers had a crack but, honestly, the Bulldogs did only what was necessary to get the prize. There are two places the Bulldogs appear reluctant to be seen - Noarlunga and Unley. And they face Sturt at Unley in the penultimate round.

"Players would not want to relax," Laird said. "There are a number of players still not playing and the pressure for spots is important. That was the disappointing side of the game - the workrate dropped off late."

But what about the Panthers? "There is a familiar pattern," coach Ron Fuller said. "We take it up to the opposition clubs to a degree and then the game lifts in intensity and we drop away."

"Then we find a bit of comfort and find our level again instead of us being the ones making it happen. We react to the opposition a little bit."

As for the final three games, Fuller wants those blokes attempting to cement a spot in the line-up to have an impact.

"It is not so much the blokes who have been playing really well all year," he said.

"It is the group who are trying to cement their places who we'd like to see play some good footy and get some momentum going into next season."

"We want them to finish the season off well, have a good solid pre-season and build up the fitness, strength and skills and go into next year knowing they are good league players and capable of playing at the level."

This year's premiership race is not just about the Bulldogs and Tigers. Norwood again showed its capabilities with a 64-point win over North Adelaide at The Parade on Saturday. The Red-legs' on-ball brigade is arguably as good as any in the comp with Brett Zorzi, Nick Lower, David Trotter, Tim Weatherald and Bryce Campbell, who is sidelined with a knee problem.

And Woodville-West Torrens is also lurking, maintaining fourth spot with 23-point win over the Magpies at Alberton.

**SATURDAY**

NORWOOD	6.4	10.7	14.11	18.14	(110)
NORTH	1.3	3.5	3.8	6.10	(46)

**BEST - Norwood:** Lower, Trotter, Zorzi, Dugan, Shenton, Puopolo, Weatherald, Hughes, McGuinness. **North:** Allan, Wright, Armstrong, Alleway, Ackland.

**SCORERS - Norwood:** Shenton 5.0, Rowe 3.2, Donohue 2.0, Davis 1.2, Phillips 1.1, Gorringe, Hughes, Trotter, Zorzi 1.0, Bown, Lower 0.2, Dawe, Jonas 0.1, rushed 0.3. **North:** D. Motlop 2.0, Alleway, Connors, Gill, Wright 1.0, Archard 0.3, Motlop, Whyman 0.2, Allan, Ryswyk 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**UMPIRES - S. Hay, C. Deboy, F. Manikas.**

CROWD	3262	at Coopers Stadium, Norwood.			
GLENELG	2.1	9.1	11.3	20.4	(124)
WEST	4.5	6.6	6.8	7.11	(53)

**BEST - Glenelg:** Cranston, Kirkby, Mules, T. Grima, Willoughby, Carr, Bode, Allen. **West:** Sylvester, Ezard, Piasente, Munn.

**SCORERS - Glenelg:** Kirkby 6.0, T. Grima 4.2, Willoughby 3.0, Sellar 2.0, Snook 1.2, Tenace, Bode, Ruwoldt, C. Kane 1.0. **West:** Davenport 3.2, Bennett 1.2, Davies, Pettigrew 1.1, Hartlett 1.0, Caruso, Fisher, Green 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**INJURIES - Glenelg:** Bradley (bruised shin).

**UMPIRES - D. Joyce, G. Fila, A. Crosby.**

CROWD	3455	at Gliderol Stadium			
EAGLES	4.3	7.6	10.8	15.12	(102)
PORT	3.5	7.5	11.6	12.7	(79)

**BEST - Eagles:** McKenzie, Rowntree, Smith, Gieger, Lewis, Welsh, Jarrad. **Port:** Dolling, Erskine, Young, Weetra, Gray, Tim Milera.

**SCORERS - Eagles:** Welsh 5.2, Rimington, Goldsworth 3.1, Grocke 2.2, Jarrad 2.0, Polec 0.3, Thompson, Powell 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Port:** Tim Milera 3.1, Erskine 3.0, Gray, Summerton 1.1, Meiklejohn, Young, Slattery, Cloke 1.0, Clinch, Harder 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**INJURIES - Port:** Cloke (groin), Shannon (knee).

**REPORTS - Eagles:** Grocke, by umpire Dey, for allegedly charging Weetra in the third quarter.

**UMPIRES - R. Williams, T. Philp, T. Dey.**

CROWD	2847	at Alberton Oval			
CENTRAL	2.1	9.7	12.9	17.14	(116)
SOUTH	5.1	6.1	10.3	13.5	(83)

**BEST - Central:** Callinan, Sansbury, C. Gowans, Thomas, Reichert, Boyd, Goodrem. **South:** Liddle, McKernan, Home, Murphy, Crabb.

**SCORERS - Central:** M. Westhoff, Habel 3.1, Hayes 3.0, Callinan 2.2, C. Gowans 2.1, Williams 1.1, Goodrem, Havelberg, O'Hara 1.0, Sutherland 0.2, Dutschke, Thomas, Nash, Schiller 0.1, rushed 0.2. **South:** McKernan 4.3, Rolle 2.1, Veide 2.0, Lyons, Crate, O'Keefe, Liddle, Murphy 1.0, Campbell 0.1.

**UMPIRES - C. Rowston, S. Thompson, C. Bowen.**

**CROWD - 1421** at Hickenbotham Oval, Noarlunga.

**PREMIERSHIP TABLE**

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Central	16	13	3	-	1494	1121	57.1	26
Glenelg	16	12	4	-	1530	1273	54.6	24
Norwood	17	11	6	-	1325	1066	55.4	22
Eagles	16	10	6	-	1484	1303	53.2	20
West	16	8	8	-	1143	1226	48.2	16
Sturt	16	7	8	1	1334	1270	51.2	15
North	17	6	11	-	1152	1519	43.1	12
Port	17	4	13	-	1297	1458	47.1	8
Panthers	17	2	14	1	1256	1779	41.4	5

**LEADING GOALKICKERS**

	Rd19	Total
B. Chambers	(Sturt)	42.15
R. Kirkby	(Glenelg)	41.15
T. Grima	(Glenelg)	41.14
S. Rowe	(Norwood)	33.17
S. Phillips	(Norwood)	33.14

**RESERVES**

Port 15.11 (101) d Eagles 9.10 (64), Norwood 14.16 (100) d North 3.10 (28), Glenelg 14.6 (90) d West 10.7 (67), Central 11.11 (77) d South 11.9 (75). **Ladder:** Sturt 24, Port 22, Eagles 18, West 18, Glenelg 16, Norwood 16, Central 16, North 14, South 4.

**UNDER-18**

Eagles 10.12 (72) d Port 2.10 (22), Glenelg 16.9 (105) d West 11.12 (78), South 8.9 (57) d Central 5.14 (44), Norwood 18.11 (119) d North 8.9 (57). **Ladder:** Port 21, Glenelg 20, West 20, Eagles 16, Norwood 15, Sturt 14, North 6, Central 6, South 2.

**SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Woodville-West Torrens v Port Adelaide**

Mark McKenzie (Eagles)	3
Mark Dolling (Port)	2
Angus Rowntree (Eagles)	1

**Glenelg v West Adelaide**

Trevor Cranston (Glenelg)	3
Ruory Kirkby (Glenelg)	2
Ben Mules (Glenelg)	1

**Central District v South Adelaide**

Ian Callinan (Central)	3
Eddie Sansbury (Central)	2
Chris Gowans (Central)	1

**Norwood v North Adelaide**

Nick Lower (Norwood)	3
David Trotter (Norwood)	2
Brett Zorzi (Norwood)	1

**Leaders - 17:** Ian Callinan (Central), Brett Zorzi (Norwood). **16:** Nick Lower (Norwood). **14:** Nick Liddle (South). **13:** Tristan Gum (Sturt). **12:** Paul Thomas (Central). **11:** Luke Powell (Eagles). **10:** Ben Kane (Glenelg). **9:** Luke Jarrad (Eagles), James Ezard, David Piasente (West).

**GLENELG v WEST ADELAIDE**

Saturday, Gliderol Stadium, Crowd 3455

Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl	
ALLEN	8	0	8	1	4			5	ANDERSON	6	3	2	1	1			3	
BODE	10	6	5	1	2	1		5	BENNETT	7	2	3	1	1	2	1	2	
BRADLEY	4	2	1	1					BLESING	6	3	6						
CARR	7	3	11		4			4	CAIRE	9	1	5	1	3			2	
CRANSTON	3	3	15	3	1		30	3	F. CARUSO	7		3	1				5	
T. GRIMA	8	6	6	1	1	4	2	1	N. CARUSO	8	2	8	2				2	
B. KANE	9	7	7		2			2	CHAMPION	4	3	6		1			2	
C. KANE	3	2	6			1		3	CHUBB	1		5						
KELLOCK	12	4	5					1	DAVENPORT	8	4	6	2	1	3	2	4	
KIRK	8	3	8	1	2		7	2	DAVIES	6	2	6			1	1	6	
KIRKBY	12	5	2	2		6		1	EZARD	10	1	11	1	2			7	
MILLS	5	5	7	2				4	FIELKE	9	1	5					2	
MULES	19	4	9		2			2	FISHER	9	1	6	3	2			6	
MURPHY	2	1	13	1	1			4	GREEN	9	4	4	1	1			2	
PANOZZO	18	6	10						HARTLETT	2	1	5	1	3	1		1	
RUDOLPH	13	2	1	1			2		MORRIS	4	3	3		2				
RUWOLDT	15	5	7	1	1	1	4	1	MUNN	11	3	13	3	1			4	
SELLAR	8	9	10			2	10	2	PETTINGREW	4		2	1		1	1	3	
SNOOK	5	1	6	3	1	1	2	5	PIASENTE	5	3	12	2				2	
TENACE	11	6	3			1		1	SILVESTER	7	5	6		1				
WILLOUGHBY	13	4	9	4	1	3		6	WILLITS	8		1	3	3			25	
Totals	193	84	149	21	23	20	4	54	52	Totals	140	42	118	23	21	7	11	32