

Bloods go down for tackle count

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GLENELG have wasted no time brushing aside any thought that last year's finals nightmare would be an issue going into this season with a comprehensive win over West Adelaide.

Coming off an impressive thumping of Norwood in the opening round, the Tigers yesterday turned up the heat on the Bloods to claim a 26-point victory which was more convincing than the margin indicates.

The Tigers, who dropped out of last year's premiership race in straight sets in the finals, recorded a whopping 60 tackles - evidence of their tremendous workrate.

"West Adelaide was very good and they made us work for every goal and every possession," Glenelg coach Mark Mickan said.

"It was a good thing from a leadership thing that we could absorb that and then win by four goals."

The Bloods went into the contest buoyed by a huge win over North Adelaide and they challenged the Tigers in the first quarter when the action was fierce and intense.

Both sides racked up the tackles - Glenelg's Ty Allen amassed five - with finals-type defensive pressure.

With the scores level at quarter-time, the teams showed patience with their movement as they searched for avenues to goal.

But it was the Bloods who were first to crack and lose

SCOREBOARD

GLENELG v WEST ADELAIDE
City Mazda Stadium, crowd 3513

GLENELG	2.2	8.4	12.7	16.10	106
WEST	2.2	3.4	9.6	12.8	80

BEST PLAYERS: GLENELG: A. Grima, Kirkby, B. Kane, Tenace, Carr, Cranston, Bode. **WEST:** Schmidt, Pettigrew, Ben Fisher, Silvester. **GOALS: GLENELG:** Kirkby 6, A. Grima 5, T. Grima 2; B. Kane, Allen, Murphy. **WEST:** Pettigrew 4, Bennett 3; Fielke, Ezard, Davies, Munn, Willits. **INJURIES: GLENELG:** Nil. **WEST:** Nil. **REPORTS:** Nil. **UMPIRES:** Rowston, Medlin, Crosby.

composure as the Tigers switched into top gear midway through the term.

Acting captain Ben Kane, Geelong recruit Kane Tenace, Josh Carr and Allen smashed their opponents at the stoppages to link with hard-running Tigers teammates, who were given too much latitude and were able to set up wave after wave of forward thrusts.

Alex Grima showed his capabilities, bagging two goals in a minute midway through the second period. And when brother Todd and strong-marking Ruory Kirkby goaled within a minute, the Tigers had gone from seven points down to a 17-point lead.

"Alex has had a huge pre-season and got his fitness to a peak," Mickan said. "He played an important role for us today."

Such was Glenelg's domination of the stoppages, the

Bloods started with Magarey Medal winner James Ezard on the bench for the second half because of his limited influence.

The Bloods' coaching staff spent considerable time in the box after the half-time siren, formulating a plan - and it had an effect with the home side upping the ante to close within five points.

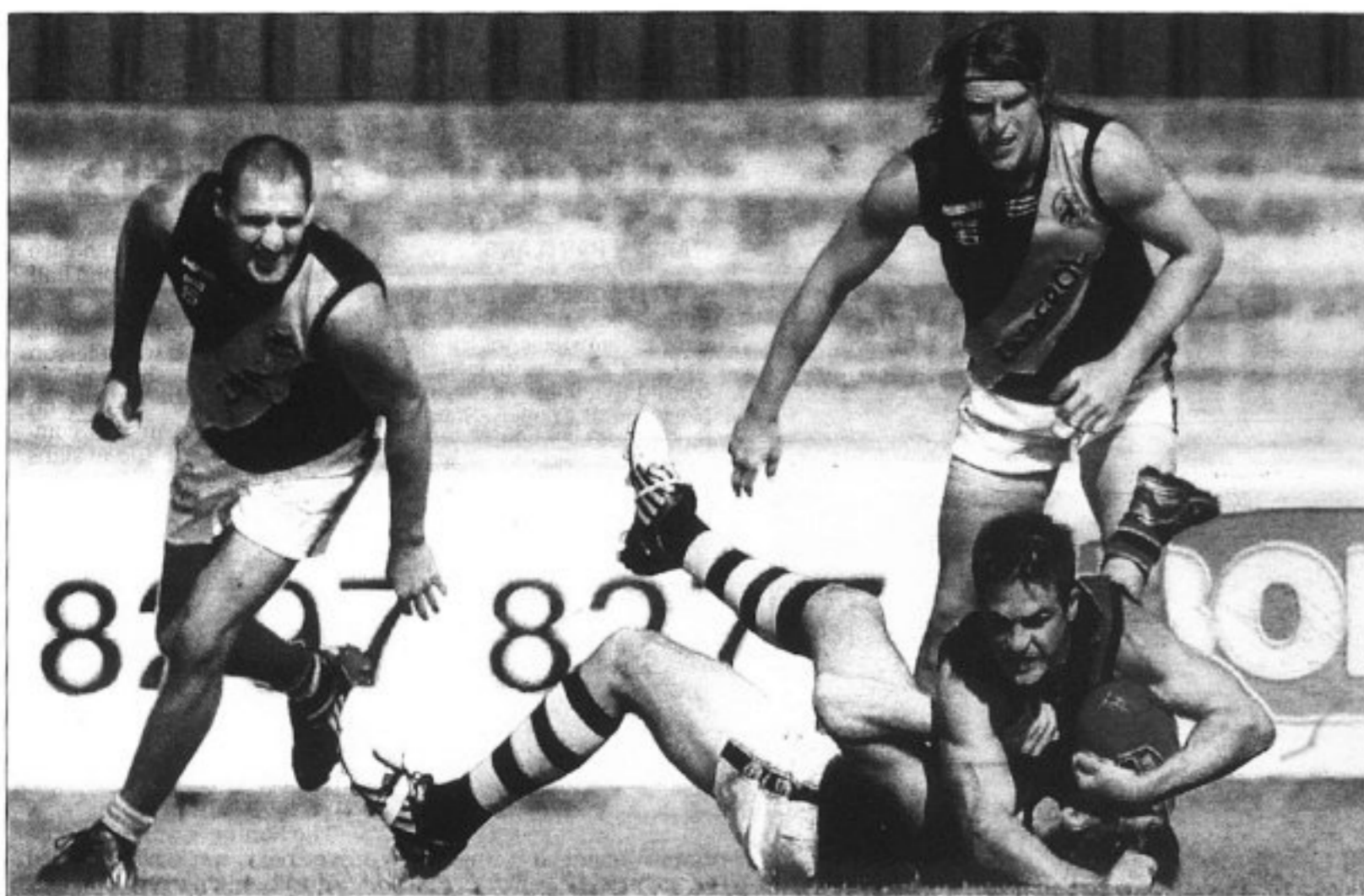
But Glenelg regained the ascendancy to launch a succession of attacking raids and blasting to a 25-point lead.

That ballooned to 38 points in the final term.

Bloods coach Andrew Collins lamented his side's poor decision-making, especially taking the ball inside the attacking 50m.

"They got us at the stoppages," Collins said. "Our turnovers ... their pressure was terrific, really good."

"They caused a lot of poor decision-making. The positive is we kept going."



NOWHERE TO HIDE: West Adelaide's Benjamin Fisher is surrounded by Glenelg opponents yesterday. Picture: Dylan Coker

SANFL	P	W	L	D	FOR	AGST	PTS	%
Glenelg	2	2	0	0	219	117	4	65.18
South	2	1	0	1	151	146	3	50.84
West	2	1	1	0	183	137	2	57.19
Eagles	1	1	0	0	115	92	2	55.56
Central**	1	1	0	0	90	79	2	53.25
North	2	1	1	0	118	182	2	39.33
Sturt	2	0	1	1	147	155	1	48.68
Port Magpies	2	0	2	0	171	205	0	45.48
Norwood	2	0	2	0	37	113	0	36.98

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SANFL ROUND 2

Panthers	1.3	4.6	10.10	12.11	83
Norwood	4.7	8.9	11.10	11.12	78

Injuries: Doyle (Norwood), Splitt (Panthers). **Reports:** Bassett (Norwood). **Crowd:** 3495 at Coopers Stadium.

EAGLES v PORT ADELAIDE
Woodville Oval, crowd 3113

EAGLES	5.4	8.6	10.13	17.13	115
PORT	1.6	7.7	10.8	14.8	92

BEST PLAYERS: EAGLES: Cicolella, Powell, Salter, Jarrad, Treeby, Knights, Lewis. **PORT:** Slattery, Cloke, Summerton, Dolling, Kirkwood, McInerney, Lindsay. **GOALS: EAGLES:** Salter 7, Staple, Cicolella 2, Treeby, Cheep, Grocke, Knights, Symmons, Goldsworthy. **PORT:** Mercer 3, Clayton, Summerton 2, McInerney, Kirkwood, Carey, Dolling, Slattery, Rose, Erskine. **INJURIES: EAGLES:** Nil. **PORT:** Meiklejohn (hamstring). **REPORTS:** Nil. **UMPIRES:** Williams, Joyce, Haussen.

NORTH ADELAIDE v STURT
Prospect Oval, crowd 3394

NORTH	4.1	8.3	10.5	13.9	87
STURT	2.5	4.8	9.10	11.13	79

BEST PLAYERS: NORTH: Alleway, Ryswyk, Elstone, Thiele, Archard, Gill, Allan. **STURT:** Hassan, Crane, Jaensch, Sheedy, McGlone, Cubillo. **GOALS: NORTH:** Gill 5, Alleway, Delvins, Stewart 2; Wright, Younie. **STURT:** Chambers, Hassan 3, Herring 2; Crane, Sheedy, Jaensch. **INJURIES: NORTH:** Nil. **STURT:** Nil. **REPORTS:** Nil. **UMPIRES:** Philp, Fila, Deboy.

GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
ADLINGTON	8	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	1
ALLEN	6	1	12	3	0	1	0	0	7
BODE	11	2	8	1	1	0	2	0	6
BRADLEY	6	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	1
BUTTON	3	3	6	1	1	0	0	7	6
CARR	17	7	9	0	1	0	1	0	4
CRANSTON	4	2	6	1	2	0	0	24	5
GRIMA	12	7	4	2	1	5	1	0	1
GRIMA	6	6	4	2	1	2	0	6	2
KANE	16	8	10	0	3	1	1	0	1
KANE	8	4	7	0	2	0	0	0	0
KELLOCK	8	3	9	0	1	0	0	0	0
KIRKBY	13	9	1	2	2	6	2	0	4
MEYER	13	9	4	0	2	0	0	0	3
MILLS	8	7	5	0	0	0	1	0	0
MURPHY	11	8	7	1	1	1	0	0	3
PANOZZO	23	8	4	2	1	0	0	0	1
RUDOLPH	10	6	7	2	1	0	0	0	1
RUWOLDT	9	6	2	1	0	0	1	0	4
TENACE	16	2	7	1	1	0	0	0	5
WILLOUGHBY	11	8	8	0	1	0	0	0	5
Totals	219	115	130	20	23	16	10	37	60

WEST

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
BENNETT	7	1	1	1	1	3	2	0	1
BIRSS	3	2	12	2	0	0	1	0	0
BRICKNELL	11	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAIRE	6	3	11	1	1	0	0	0	0
CARUSO	10	2	5	3	0	0	1	0	2
CARUSO	12	6	12	1	3	0	0	0	3
DAVIES	9	4	10	1	2	1	0	0	3
EZARD	6	2	8	0	2	1	0	0	2
FERGUSON	4	3	9	1	2	0	0	0	1
FIELKE	6	4	4	1	2	1	1	0	1
FISHER	14	4	6	4	0	0	0	0	3
GREEN	9	5	8	0	1	0	0	0	3
HARDING	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	3
LOBBE	6	0	4	2	0	0	0	17	1
MUNN	8	3	6	0	0	1	0	1	0
PETTIGREW	8	3	3	1	3	4	1	0	2
PIASENTE	8	6	13	2	0	0	0	0	2
RONALDSON	6	4	1	1	1	0	0	28	1
SCHMIDT	10	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	7
SILVESTER	11	6	3	1	1	0	0	0	1
WILLITS	8	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	164	67	132	23	20	12	8	46	36