

Storming Tigers fire-up at last

SCOREBOARD

GLENELG v EAGLES Gliderol Stadium, crowd 3467

GLENELG	5.7	7.8	15.10	18.14	122
EAGLES	5.1	6.7	9.9	12.11	83

BEST PLAYERS: GLENELG: Carr, B. Kane, Bode, Cranston, Tenace, Allen, Panozzo. **EAGLES:** Cicolella, Treeby, Jarrad, Allmond, Geddes. **GOALS:** GLENELG: Ruwoldt 3, Grima, Meyer, Kirkby, Sellar 2; C. Kane, Murphy, Bode, Cranston, Tenace, Kirk, B. Kane. **EAGLES:** Goldsworthy 3, Welsh, Hill 2; Treeby, Thompson, Cheep, Geddes, Day. **INJURIES:** GLENELG: Adlington (thigh). **EAGLES:** Nil. **REPORTS:** Nil. **UMPIRES:** Philp, Dey, Crosby.

SCOTT WALSH

GLENELG at last has fired a flare in its premiership campaign, storming to a 39-point win against Woodville-West Torrens at the Bay.

A week after their abysmal 67-point loss to Norwood, the Tigers responded with the most important of their four victories this season, clamping a second-quarter Eagles assault and responding with their own match-shattering blast in the third.

It took just five minutes for Glenelg to turn a gripping, blow-for-blow clash into a no-contest. Leading the top side by a point midway through the third quarter, the Tigers unleashed four successive goals through Byron Murphy, Kane Tenace, Daniel Kirk and Danny Meyer to spring 26 points clear.

The one-way barrage was a sharp contrast to the previous 70 minutes, in which the biggest margin was eight points, and only once did any team manage back-to-back goals.

"We're really relieved. It was a far more competitive performance than we served up last weekend," coach Mark Mickan said.

"The players were really determined, no matter what the result, to put in a strong four-quarter competitive effort and that's what we got - and we got the result as well."

The Eagles have won seven of their previous 10 meetings at the Bay but new coach Michael Godden's dilemma started the moment the ball was bounced.

Eagles big man Craig Parry worked hard against his Tigers counterpart, Trevor Cranston, but it was generally Glenelg-bound.

Tigers Josh Carr, vice-captain Ben Kane, Tenace, Matthew Bode and a string of helpers were superb at ground level, giving the home

side a significant advantage in the middle.

Carr was a standout, suggesting his AFL exile is very much a temporary one.

On stats alone, this could have been a Tigers white-wash. It was some consolation for the Eagles that they remained in contention for so long.

With so much ball being fed out of the middle, Glenelg's forwards found ample clear space. If there was a criticism, it was the sometimes-wasteful goalkicking that allowed the Eagles to launch a plucky but ultimately failed comeback bid in the last term.

On a perfect day for footy on the small Glenelg oval, with two sides so adept at moving the ball quickly, this was always going to be a shootout - and the gunslingers were lining up in the opening term.

For Glenelg there were few surprises - the triple towers of James Sellar, Todd Grima and Ruory Kirkby were the natural targets for a midfield that was in total control.

And for the Eagles, the loss of key forwards Adam Grocke, Nick Salter and Jay Schulz did little to affect the efficiency that was the hallmark of their win against North Adelaide a week ago.

But the landscape changed in the second term and Woodville-West Torrens' took over the play without scoreboard reward.

The lack of impact sapped momentum from the Eagles and when Glenelg flicked the switch, Godden's men were left in the dust.

"We really didn't take our opportunities in the second quarter," Godden said. "Their intensity was higher than ours. They were two to the contest when we had one and we went away from the way footy games are won and lost."

SANFL ROUND 8

	P	W	L	D	FOR	AGST	STR	PTS	%
Central**	6	5	1	0	590	476	W2	10	55.35
Eagles	7	5	2	0	711	602	L1	10	54.15
Norwood	8	4	4	0	626	538	W4	8	53.78
West	7	4	3	0	582	522	W2	8	52.72
Glenelg	7	4	3	0	625	597	W1	8	51.15
Sturt	7	3	3	1	615	623	W1	7	49.68
North	8	3	5	0	552	729	L4	6	43.10
Panthers	7	2	4	1	590	683	L3	5	46.35
Port	7	1	6	0	544	665	L2	2	45.00

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SCOREBOARD

NORWOOD v NORTH ADELAIDE Prospect Oval, crowd 3411

NORWOOD	2.0	5.2	9.4	12.11	83
NORTH	3.4	4.7	7.10	8.10	58

BEST PLAYERS: NORWOOD: Campbell, Lower, Gallagher, Zorzi, Weatherald, Rowe, Bown, Phillips, McGuinness. **NORTH:** Wright, Archard, Stewart, Ivens, Elstone. **GOALS:** NORWOOD: Rowe 4, Phillips 3, Donohue, Schulz 2; Bown. **NORTH:** Stewart, Allan 2; Whyman, Delvins, Platten, Williams. **INJURIES:** NORWOOD: Trotter (ankle). **NORTH:** Nil. **REPORTS:** Nil. **UMPIRES:** Williams, Fila, Fleer.

WEST ADELAIDE v PORT ADELAIDE Richmond Oval, crowd 3583

WEST	7.3	10.5	11.9	13.10	88
PORT	2.2	3.6	7.7	11.9	75

BEST PLAYERS: WEST: Ferguson, Rowe, N. Caruso, Ezard, Caire. **PORT:** Clayton, Carr, Summerton, Cloke, Miller. **GOALS:** WEST: Ferguson, Bennett 3, N. Caruso, Ezard 2; Willits, Fisher, Beech. **PORT:** Cloke, Summerton, Solly 2; Harder, Rose, Milera, Meiklejohn, Madden. **INJURIES:** WEST: Webb (knee), Chubb (hamstring). **PORT:** Nil. **REPORTS:** Nil. **UMPIRES:** Rowston, Hay, Medlin.

STURT v PANTHERS House Brothers Oval, crowd 2622

STURT	4.0	7.1	11.1	15.8	98
PANTHERS	3.2	7.5	9.8	12.9	81

BEST PLAYERS: STURT: Sheedy, Riley, Chambers, Gum, McGlone, Vassal. **PANTHERS:** Liddle, O'Keefe, Cockshell, Murphy, Horne. **GOALS:** STURT: Chambers 6, Vassal, Gum 2; Giles, Johncock, Nelson, Sharples, Riley. **PANTHERS:** Warren, O'Keefe, Horne, Redigolo; Liddle, Cockshell, Thewlis, Whitford. **INJURIES:** STURT: Nil. **PANTHERS:** Nil. **REPORTS:** Nil. **UMPIRES:** Joyce, Bowen, Cook.



GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
ADLINGTON	1	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	1
ALLEN	8	2	7	4	1	0	0	0	5
BODE	11	3	9	0	2	1	1	0	2
CARR	16	7	11	0	1	0	0	0	5
CRANSTON	2	1	9	0	2	1	0	38	2
GRIMA	7	3	1	0	1	0	4	0	1
GRIMA	9	3	3	5	1	2	1	1	3
KANE	15	6	10	5	2	1	1	0	2
KANE	3	3	9	2	1	1	0	0	1
KIRK	8	4	2	0	0	1	1	2	1
KIRKBY	7	7	8	1	1	2	1	0	1
MEYER	8	1	6	2	3	2	1	1	3
MILLS	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
MULES	14	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	1
MURPHY	9	5	9	1	1	1	0	0	1
PANOZZO	17	7	10	2	0	0	0	0	2
RUDOLPH	11	5	4	2	0	0	0	0	2
RUWOLDT	8	2	3	0	1	3	1	0	3
SELLAR	6	6	4	1	1	2	2	18	2
TENACE	20	4	8	0	3	1	1	0	0
WILLOUGHBY	16	7	9	2	0	0	0	0	3
Totals	198	89	139	27	21	18	14	60	41



EAGLES

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
ALLMOND	11	0	8	3	0	0	0	0	2
BROADBENT	6	3	7	0	1	0	0	0	2
CHEEP	11	1	4	0	2	1	1	0	1
CICOLELLA	11	0	10	3	3	0	0	0	7
DAY	3	3	4	1	0	1	0	1	1
GEDDES	11	0	5	0	2	1	0	0	1
GOLDSWORTHY	9	3	2	2	0	3	2	0	1
GRIEGER	0	0	8	1	1	0	0	0	2
HEINJUS	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	6	2
HILL	3	3	2	0	2	2	1	0	2
JARRAD	11	2	8	1	0	0	0	0	1
LEWIS	8	1	10	0	1	0	0	0	5
McKENZIE	5	4	10	0	1	0	0	1	1
MILES	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	8	2
PARRY	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	24	1
POWELL	4	0	6	1	3	0	1	0	4
ROWNTREE	11	2	8	3	3	0	2	0	2
SYMONS	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
THOMPSON	4	2	5	1	2	1	0	0	1
TREEBY	10	3	12	2	2	1	0	0	8
WELSH	6	4	3	0	3	2	2	0	3
Totals	132	36	120	21	27	12	11	40	52



CLASS: Glenelg's Matthew Bode kicks into attack yesterday. Picture: Sarah Reed