



EYE OF THE TIGER: Glenelg ruckman Trevor Cranston puts everything into it as he tackles the Eagles' Luke Jarrad at the Bay. Picture: MARK BRAKE

Song of fighting fury at Tigerland

REECE HOMFRAY

GLENELG players and fans united to sing the club song on the ground after beating the Eagles by two points yesterday and avoiding another meltdown which has haunted the club.

Caretaker coach Kris Massie ordered his players to sing the song in front of the Snouts Louts hill at Gliderol Stadium where they were swamped by supporters.

But the jubilant scenes obscured the fact the Tigers were just one kick away from a demoralising loss after coughing up a 28-point lead early in the final term.

The Eagles kicked five goals to two in the fourth quarter and hit the front before Glenelg's sealer came from a free kick to Ben Mules in the goalsquare in time-on. Massie conceded his team got out of jail but said his players were "rapt" to win.

Singing the club song on the ground with supporters was about "galvanising the footy club" amid "rumblings" following coach Mark Mickan's sacking last month.

"Seriously, the past three or four weeks has been a real tough thing for the club and at any level to involve and engage the fans on top of handing a football over the fence - that's a positive," Massie said.

SCOREBOARD

GLENELG	3.2	6.6	9.9	11.9	(75)
EAGLES	1.1	3.4	5.9	10.13	(73)

BEST - Glenelg: Kane, Kirkby, Adlington, Kennedy, T. Grima.
Eagles: McKenzie, Cicolella, Jarrad, Grocke, Treeby, Redden.
SCORERS - Glenelg: Kirkby 2.2, Kirk, Trembath 2.0, Snook 1.2, A. Grima, Mules, Agnew, Tenace 1.0, Kane, Allen, Sellar, Lyons 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Eagles:** Grocke 4.3, Staple 1.2, Jarrad, Day, Rimington, Cicolella, McKenzie 1.0, Hall 0.2, Treeby, Thompson, Raymond, Goldsworthy, Rayner 0.1, rushed 0.1.
UMPIRES - R. Williams, J. Ralston, A. Crosby.

"To engage the fans, see the raw emotion from the players and feel a part of that."

Massie, who has a 2-1 record since taking the reins, did not hide from the reality of the final-term fadeout.

"There are some issues and concerns at our footy club and I think today exposed that," he said. "When the pressure's on, we need to hold to our game and hold our nerve."

The victory was timely in the race for third spot with the Eagles keeping their noses in front but slumping to their fourth loss in five weeks - and facing a date with red-hot Norwood next week.

Eagles captain Mark McKenzie clearly was best-on-ground with 38 disposals and Adam Grocke kicked four goals.

Coach Michael Godden said his team lacked confidence, second-guessed itself and played slow, reactive footy - the

complete opposite to last year's stunning run in the finals.

"There's some reason we're trying to save games rather than win them," Godden said.

"We haven't played to the style I have in my head, and there's only one person to blame and I have to take that because I haven't been able to instil this in the playing group."

"I thought the second-year up, not that it was just going to happen, but we were going to start from a much higher point."

"The fact we played well in finals is a hindrance because I think what's happening is the playing group is thinking 'we'll get there and then we know we'll be able to turn it on'. But, as I said just there, we keep going the way we're going and we won't even get there."

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GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
ADLINGTON	8	6	3	-	1	-	-	-	4
AGNEW	4	2	6	-	-	1	-	-	3
ALLEN	8	1	6	2	2	-	1	-	5
CRANSTON	1	1	7	1	1	-	-	20	2
CURRAN	8	5	6	1	-	-	-	-	1
A. GRIMA	13	5	1	3	-	1	-	-	2
T. GRIMA	11	8	4	1	2	-	-	3	3
KANE	13	4	6	1	-	-	1	-	4
KENNEDY	10	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	4
KIRK	5	3	2	1	-	2	-	1	-
KIRKBY	13	6	3	2	1	2	2	-	1
LYONS	9	3	2	-	1	-	1	-	3
MCMAHON	13	5	5	-	3	-	-	-	1
MULES	6	4	4	1	1	1	-	-	1
PANOZZO	14	8	3	2	-	-	-	-	2
RUDOLPH	10	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	1
SALOPPEK	12	7	2	1	3	-	-	1	1
SELLAR	6	6	5	1	2	-	1	22	1
SNOOK	4	-	6	1	2	1	2	-	7
TENACE	12	6	4	-	-	1	-	-	1
TREMBATH	5	3	2	-	3	2	-	-	-
Totals	185	93	84	19	26	11	9	47	50

EAGLES

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
ALLMOND	8	2	3	3	1	-	-	-	1
CICOLELLA	12	5	14	1	-	-	-	-	6
DAY	7	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
GIOUFFREDA	5	5	2	-	1	-	-	-	2
GOLDSWORTHY	11	6	13	1	1	-	1	1	3
GROCKER	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
GRIEGER	11	10	2	-	2	4	3	6	2
GROCKE	11	10	2	-	2	4	3	6	2
HALL	10	2	9	1	3	-	2	-	2
HOBAN	3	2	7	5	1	-	-	13	1
JARRAD	16	4	12	1	-	1	-	-	1
LEWIS	13	4	6	1	-	-	-	-	4
MCKENZIE	17	5	21	2	1	1	-	-	1
RAYMOND	7	4	4	-	-	-	1	-	3
RAYNER	5	3	2	1	1	-	1	-	1
REDDEN	3	1	4	2	-	-	-	22	3
RIMINGTON	4	5	8	-	-	-	1	-	4
ROWNTREE	6	6	13	4	1	-	-	-	1
SMITH	8	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	2
STAPLE	6	4	2	-	-	1	2	-	-
THOMPSON	9	6	3	1	2	-	1	-	1
TREEBY	8	2	5	2	3	-	1	1	2
Totals	171	78	135	27	19	10	13	48	41

SATURDAY

NORWOOD	3.3	5.9	10.12	16.14	(110)
NORTH	3.2	3.4	7.6	15.6	(96)

BEST - Norwood: Rowe, Pfeiffer, Reibrecht, Dawe, Zorzi, Shenton. **North:** Thiele, Bennett, Backwell, Delvins, Armstrong.

SCORERS - Norwood: Shenton 4.0, Eagleton, Davis, Bown, Dawe 2.0, Walker 1.4, Dalwood, Terlich 1.1, Rowe 1.0, Reinbrecht 0.3, Jericho 0.2, Gallagher, Georgiou 0.1, rushed 0.1. **North:** Motlop 4.1, Thiele 3.0, Gill 2.1, Backwell 2.0, Delvins 1.1, Bennett, Thring, Keller 1.0, Young 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - Norwood: Jericho (chest).

REPORT - Norwood: Walker, for an alleged dangerous tackle on Delvins, in the second quarter.

UMPIRES - T. Dey, C. Bowen, F. Manikas.

CROWD - 3919 at Coopers Stadium.

PORT	6.5	9.10	13.15	15.20	110
STURT	0.2	2.4	2.5	5.8	38

BEST Port: Surjan, Thurgood, Summerton, Lokan, Milera, Maric, Dolling, Biacsi, Erskine, Young. **Sturt:** Thomson, Riley.

SCORERS - Port: Harris 3.1, Young, Milera 2.1, Surjan, Harder, Yeomans 1.2, Gray, Thurgood 1.1, Meiklejohn, Maric, Lees 1.0, Grove 0.2, Hoskin, Slattery, Summerton 0.1, rushed 0.4. **Sturt:** Crane, Duldig, Anderson, Wundke, Gum 1.0, Tambling 0.2, Greenslade, Johncock, Miles, Twopeny 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - Sturt: Crane (knee), Kurtze (back).

UMPIRES - M. Avon, S. Hay, T. Medlin.

CROWD - 2891 at Commander Centre Oval.

DRAW

ROUND 16 - Saturday: Sturt v South (Commander Centre Oval, 2.10pm), Central v West (Playford Alive Oval, 2.10pm). **Sunday:** Eagles v Norwood (Unleash Solar Oval, 2.10pm). **Bye:** Port, North, Glenelg.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Central	13	11	2	-	1284	929	58.0	22
Norwood	13	10	3	-	1221	878	58.2	20
Eagles	13	7	6	-	978	985	49.8	14
Glenelg	14	6	7	1	1245	1367	47.7	13
Port	13	6	7	-	1033	1012	50.5	12
West	12	6	6	-	963	944	50.5	12
South	13	5	7	1	1028	1285	44.4	11
Sturt	14	4	10	-	1044	1321	44.1	8
North	13	3	10	-	1169	1244	48.5	6

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd15	Total
M. Wundke	(South)	2.2	39.22
M. Duldig	(Sturt)	1.0	39.21
D. Havelberg	(Central)	4.0	34.13
R. Kirkby	(Glenelg)	2.2	29.22
A. Obst	(Central)	2.1	25.10

RESERVES

South Adelaide	2.2	4.5	7.11	11.15	(81)
Central District	3.3	4.5	7.6	10.7	(67)

Best - South: Lyon, Redigolo, Brooksby, Macleod, Veide. **Central:** Prior, Habel, Flanigan, Menzel, Colquhoun.
Goals - South: Macleod 3, Lyons, Beath, Veide 2, Redigolo, Taylor.
Central: White 4, Habel 2, Marschall, Prior, Duncan, Fry.
Glenelg 3.2 6.3 12.4 15.6 (96)
Eagles 1.4 3.6 4.7 7.13 (55)
Best - Glenelg: Diment, Murphy, Bennett, Carger, Clayfield.
Eagles: Poole, Bock, Muirhead, Schwarz, Lane, Sinor.
Goals - Glenelg: Murphy, Diment 3, Hender, Carger 2, Clayfield, Douglas, Hinge, Proud, McGinty. **Eagles:** Muirhead 3, Poole, Hill, Grocke, Lane.
Ladder: Glenelg 26, Port, Norwood 18, Sturt 16, North 14, Central 11, West 6, Eagles 5, South 4.

UNDER-18

Sturt 14.2 (86) d Port 13.5 (83), Glenelg 19.15 (129) d Eagles 1.5 (11), Central 11.13 (79) d South 6.12 (48). **Ladder:** Glenelg 24, Port 20, Sturt 18, Norwood 14, North 13, Eagles 12, Central 8, West 5, South 2.

SANFL PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Norwood v North Adelaide

Sam Rowe (Norwood)	3
Darren Pfeiffer (Norwood)	2
Dylan Reinbrecht (Norwood)	1

Port Adelaide v Sturt

Jacob Surjan (Port Adelaide)	3
Josh Thurgood (Port Adelaide)	2
Steven Summerton (Port Adelaide)	1

Glenelg v Eagles

Mark McKenzie (Eagles)	3
Justin Cicolella (Eagles)	2
Ben Kane (Glenelg)	1

South Adelaide v Central

Chris Gowans (Central District)	3
Eddie Sansbury (Central District)	2
Joel Cross (South Adelaide)	1

Leaders 16: Mark McKenzie (Eagles). **15:** Bryce Campbell (Norwood). **13:** James Allan (North). **12:** Paul Thomas (Central). **10:** Darren Pfeiffer (Norwood). **8:** Todd Grima (Glenelg). **Kieran McGuinness** (Norwood). **Steven Morris** (West). **Eddie Sansbury** (Central).