

# Bays on track but Allen out

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GLENELG took a major step towards securing a finals berth with a 14-point shootout win against Port Adelaide at Alberton yesterday.

But the Tigers could be heading to September without champion midfielder Ty Allen, who dislocated his thumb and could miss up to eight weeks.

Allen's injury tempered an encouraging result for the Tigers, who responded from a flat third quarter in which they were outscored by four goals to kick clear in the final term.

Glenelg coach Kris Massie, whose record since taking over from Mark Mickan improved to 3-1, said he was pleased with the way his players made a stand in a seven-goal final quarter.

"There were a couple of moments where players thought 'hang on, we need to do something critical here'," Massie said. "That was the really pleasing thing because they were coming at us.

"So as much as I was displeased with the third quarter, I think there was a little bit of a shift in behaviour that I noticed in the last term."

Glenelg moved a game and a half clear of Port and West in fourth spot. That leaves the Tigers well placed to make the five given their favourable run home.

Port, which dropped to 6-8, faces a much tougher task.

The Magpies were left ruing a sub-standard first half in which they handed Glenelg a 26-point lead by continually turning the ball over.

"If that defeat means we miss out on the five then we don't deserve to play (finals)," Port coach Tony Bamford said.

"At the moment we're unsure about how many of our players really want to play finals footy.

"Because you don't start like that if you want to play finals."



**Come here:** Glenelg's Ben Kane, who had an outstanding game, is tackled by Port's Mark Dolling as he gets his kick away yesterday at Alberton Oval.

Picture: Nigel Parsons

Glenelg created several first-half majors with a determined approach to tackling. Ben Kane continued his best and fairest-calibre season with a best-on-ground performance in midfield, taking advantage of the space afforded to him by his Port opponents. At the other end, Port struggled to make any in-roads in attack.

The most reliable avenue to goal for the Magpies this season has been down the Luke Harder Highway but the long arms of Drew Clayfield created a roadblock at Port's half forward line. It forced Bamford to shift Harder into the midfield in the third term and, along with Shayne Biacsi and Mark Dolling, Harder helped turn the match in Port's favour.

Suddenly, underperforming forwards John Butcher and Shane Harris began to find space in attack as Port reduced

a 39-point deficit to just two points by three quarter time and appeared to have all the momentum.

But the Magpies couldn't maintain the rage in the final term and the Tigers took advantage of a free-flowing quarter.

"We never want shootouts, that's not how we want to play," said Bamford of the seven goals to five final term.

"It sounds silly but it probably would have been helpful for us if we weren't so close at three quarter time.

"Maybe if it was eight points instead of two points the boys might not have been quite as happy and (had the attitude of) there's still some work to be done."

## SANFL ROUND 17

SANFL ladder										
Team	P	W	L	d	for	agst	Str	pts	%	
Central	15	12	3	0	1490	1142	L1	24	56.61	
Norwood*	14	10	4	0	1273	958	L1	20	57.06	
Eagles	15	9	6	0	1180	1076	W1	16	52.30	
Glenelg	15	7	7	1	1363	1471	W3	15	48.09	
South*	14	6	7	1	1146	1374	W3	13	45.48	
Port Magpies	14	6	8	0	1137	1130	L2	12	50.15	
West	14	6	8	0	1083	1173	L4	12	48.01	
Sturt**	15	4	11	0	1133	1439	L3	8	44.05	
North	14	4	10	0	1301	1343	W1	8	49.21	

\*YET TO PLAY THIS ROUND \*\*BYE

### final score

Eagles v West City Mazda Stadium: 2072.

Eagles	5.4	6.7	13.12	18.14	(122)
Bloods	1.1	4.7	5.7	5.9	(39)

**BEST PLAYERS:** Eagles: Grocke, Knights, Treeby, Guiffreda, Cicolella, Powell, Raymond, Day. Bloods: Caire, Birss. **GOALS:** Eagles: Grocke 6; Hall, Staple, Allmond 3; Parry, Rowntree, Knights 1. Bloods: Beech 2; J. Ezard, B. Fisher, Pettigrew 1. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** Eagles: Grocke (striking). Bloods: Nil. **UMPIRES:** Avon, Dey, Deboy.

North v Central Prospect Oval: 2619.

Roosters	3.2	10.7	15.9	19.18
Bulldogs	5.0	9.3	15.4	15.9

**BEST PLAYERS:** Roosters: Miles, Galman, Thele, Bennett, Gill, Armstrong, Ryswyk. Bulldogs: Sansbury, Havelberg, Williams, Jenner. **GOALS:** Roosters: Gill 7; Stewart 4; Mayes, Ryswyk 2; Ackland, Backwell, Armstrong, Thele. Bulldogs: Havelberg 5; Jenner, Dunne 2; Spurr, Gowans, Sutherland, Williams, Schiller, Barmby. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** Roosters: Allan (hamstring). Bulldogs: Sutherland (striking). **UMPIRES:** Thompson, Medin, Fleer.

### GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Mbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	N/O	Tbl
ADLINGTON	8	3	7	0	0	0	1	0	1
AGNEW	4	2	8	0	2	0	0	0	3
ALLEN	8	3	9	2	2	1	0	0	8
CLAYFIELD	7	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	3
CRANSTON	4	3	13	1	2	0	0	19	0
GRIMA	13	5	6	2	1	2	2	0	4
GRIMA	10	9	6	0	2	0	0	1	0
KANE	23	13	8	1	0	2	0	0	1
KENNEDY	8	1	4	1	0	1	0	0	2
KIRK	7	4	3	2	1	4	2	5	0
KIRKBY	12	7	2	3	0	2	0	0	1
LYONS	14	5	6	2	1	1	2	0	2
MCMAHON	18	8	8	1	2	0	0	0	1
MULES	9	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
MURPHY	6	3	9	1	1	1	0	3	2
NEALE	8	2	7	1	1	2	1	0	3
PANOZZO	14	5	9	1	0	1	0	0	3
RUDOLPH	16	7	8	3	3	0	0	0	2
SELLAR	5	4	5	1	2	1	0	4	1
TENACE	9	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	4
TREMBATH	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	208	94	132	23	20	18	10	32	41

### PORT

	Kicks	Mks	Mbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	N/O	Tbl
BIACSI	18	12	9	0	0	2	1	0	1
BUTCHER	10	4	4	2	2	3	3	0	1
DOLLING	15	5	12	1	2	0	0	1	6
ERSKINE	5	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	1
GRAY	14	2	12	1	0	1	1	0	1
HARDER	9	4	5	2	1	1	1	0	2
HARRIS	5	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	1
HOSKIN	10	6	12	0	3	0	0	0	2
KIRKWOOD	10	4	5	1	1	0	0	0	1
LEES	10	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	4
LOKAN	8	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	4
MADDEN	5	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1
MARIC	9	6	7	1	1	1	0	17	1
MEIKLEJOHN	9	5	11	1	0	0	0	31	1
MILERA	11	4	10	1	0	1	0	0	3
SLATTERY	7	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	1
SUMMERTON	16	5	4	2	1	3	0	0	1
SURJAN	13	6	9	3	4	0	0	0	3
THURGOOD	5	3	10	1	0	1	0	0	1
YEOMANS	9	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	6
YOUNG	7	4	9	0	0	1	0	0	4
Totals	205	81	130	20	23	16	8	49	46

### final score

Glenelg v Port Alberton: 3467

Tigers	4.1	8.6	11.8	18.10	118
Magpies	2.2	4.4	11.6	16.8	104

**BEST PLAYERS:** Tigers: Kane, Rudolph, Lyons, A. Grima, Neale, Panozzo. **Magpies:** Gray, Dolling, Biacsi, Summerton, Meiklejohn, Hoskin. **GOALS:** Tigers: Kirk 4; A. Grima, Kane, Kirkby, Neale 2; Panozzo, Allen, Murphy, Sellar, Lyons, Kennedy. **Magpies:** Butcher, Summerton 3; Biacsi 2; Young, Gray, Slattery, Thurgood, Harris, Maric, Harder, Milera. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** Tigers: Allen (dislocated thumb). **Magpies:** Nil. **UMPIRES:** Fila, Haussen, Crosby.