

# Magpies end losing streak

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PORT Adelaide finally ended its run of losing close matches with a spirited come-from-behind two-point win against Glenelg yesterday.

Trailing by 26 points at half time, the Magpies made a stand, drawing level by three-quarter time before hanging on to a slim lead in the final minutes.

Inspired by Brett Ebert and small forward Tim Milera, the Magpies levelled their season at 1-1 and forced the Tigers to feel the pain of being on the other side of a fightback after their record win against Sturt last week.

Second-year Port coach Tony Bamford labelled it his best win at the club.

"The players should get enormous confidence from that," Bamford said.

Port was a different side in the second half, emerging from an ugly second quarter in which Glenelg kicked four goals to one with a much more competitive attitude.

"The biggest difference was the work rate and the effectiveness of our midfielders," Bamford said.

"There were some contests in the second quarter where they just weren't competitive; it was almost embarrassing. But we spoke about that at the break and they responded." Both teams battled to deal with the windy conditions in the first half.

Cameron Hitchcock was a welcome inclusion in attack for the Tigers and kicked two first-half goals as Glenelg looked set to overwhelm the Magpies.

Port didn't help its chances by continually kicking the ball to the outer side of the ground, where Glenelg was able to bottle up play.

Bamford moved Brad Mercer forward at half time and the Magpies played much more directly in the third term.

Sparked by Ebert's 12-disposal quarter, they kicked 4.3 to 0.1 to level scores at the final break.

With Daniel Lees battling hard in defence despite having

## final score

Port Adelaide v Glenelg Alberton: 3217

	<b>Magpies</b>	2.4	3.4	7.7	9.9	(63)
	<b>Tigers</b>	3.5	7.6	7.7	9.7	(61)

**BEST PLAYERS: Magpies:** Ebert, Milera, Summerton, Lees, Stanley, Surjan. **Tigers:** Bradley, O'Grady, Hitchcock, Rudolph, Kirk, Tenace.  
**GOALS: Magpies:** Butcher, Milera 2, Gray, Lees, Mercer, Ebert, Miller. **Tigers:** Hitchcock 3, Grima 2, Tenace, McMahon, Trembath, Kirkby.  
**INJURIES/REPORTS: Magpies:** Nil. **Tigers:** Kirk (ankle), Rudolph (cut eye).

a broken finger, and James Meiklejohn pushing through cramp in the ruck, Port showed its fighting spirit.

They put enormous pressure on Glenelg as they did in last year's finals series.

The Tigers began to panic and their cause wasn't helped by final-term injuries to Sam Rudolph (cut eye) and Daniel Kirk (ankle).

The injuries robbed the Tigers of their two key defenders and forced Todd Grima into defence, and hurt the Tigers at the other end, where they were outmarked by the Magpies defence without

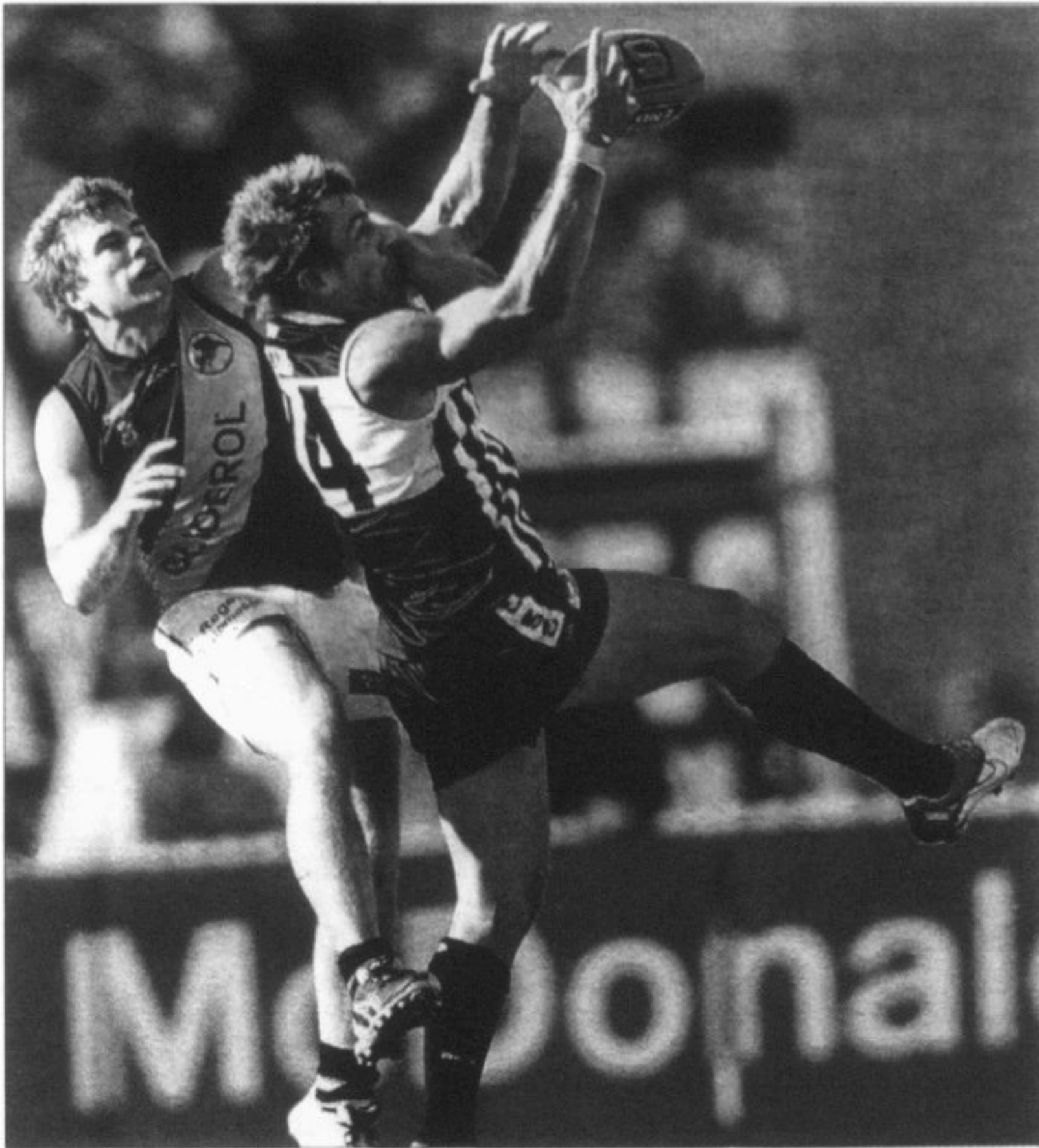
Grima to provide a contest.

Tigers coach Mark Mickan was reluctant to use the injuries as an excuse, instead pointing to his team's work rate and sloppy ball handling as the key reasons for the second-half fade-out.

"Once again we only played one very good quarter, which was the same as last week," Mickan said.

"I felt that we dropped off in our ability to apply pressure to the opposition."

Glenelg will be boosted by the return of best-and-fairest Ty Allen next weekend.



**OPPOSING:** Brett Ebert marks ahead of Cameron Hitchcock.

**Picture:** Michael Marschall

### PORT

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
BUTCHER	7	5	2	1	0	2	0	0	3
CARR	11	5	7	3	0	0	0	2	3
CLINCH	13	7	9	1	0	0	0	0	0
DOLLING	13	4	10	0	1	0	0	0	1
EBERT	19	7	11	0	0	1	0	0	2
GATES	9	4	4	0	1	0	1	0	1
GRAY	6	1	4	1	1	1	0	0	3
HALL	2	1	6	0	0	0	0	3	0
HARDER	16	5	1	1	0	0	3	0	4
LEES	14	7	11	1	1	1	0	0	1
LOKAN	8	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
MEIKLEJOHN	6	2	6	0	0	0	0	27	4
MERCER	6	5	4	0	0	1	2	0	2
MILERA	15	7	3	1	0	2	1	0	2
MILLER	8	1	7	0	0	1	1	0	0
SLATTERY	12	2	7	0	1	0	0	0	1
STANLEY	8	4	11	1	1	0	0	1	2
SUMMERTON	19	4	12	3	0	0	0	0	2
SURJAN	14	10	10	0	1	0	0	0	2
THURGOOD	7	6	9	2	0	0	0	0	3
WEETRA	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	217	95	140	16	7	9	9	33	36

### GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
DLINGTON	4	4	9	0	1	0	0	0	1
AGNEW	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1
BRADLEY	10	4	10	0	2	0	0	0	0
CLAYFIELD	8	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	3
CRANSTON	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	14	4
GRIMA	6	3	1	0	0	2	1	2	0
HITCHCOCK	13	5	6	1	1	3	0	0	2
KANE	11	5	7	1	1	0	0	0	0
KENNEDY	7	3	10	1	0	0	1	0	2
KIRK	9	1	5	0	0	0	0	3	1
KIRKBY	10	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
LYONS	11	1	4	1	2	0	0	0	3
MCMAHON	14	4	11	0	0	1	0	0	2
MULES	8	4	8	0	0	0	0	1	3
O'GRADY	12	5	7	1	1	0	0	0	2
PANOZZO	18	6	8	1	0	0	1	0	4
RUDOLPH	12	5	4	0	1	0	1	0	1
RUWOLDT	9	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	3
SELLAR	6	2	11	0	2	0	0	14	0
TENACE	16	4	4	0	1	1	0	0	2
TREMBATH	6	4	3	1	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	195	72	126	7	16	9	7	34	34

### SANFL ladder

	Team	P	W	L	d	for	agst	Str	pts	%
1	Norwood	2	2	0	0	181	100	W2	4	64.41
2	West	2	2	0	0	207	132	W2	4	61.06
3	South	2	1	1	0	132	135	W1	4	49.44
4	Eagles**	1	1	0	0	78	63	W1	2	55.32
5	Glenelg	2	1	1	0	164	147	L1	2	52.73
6	Port Magpies	2	1	1	0	115	116	W1	2	49.78
7	North	2	0	2	0	159	180	L2	0	46.90
8	Sturt	2	0	2	0	132	229	L2	0	36.57
9	Central	1	0	1	0	30	96	L1	0	23.81

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### SANFL ROUND 2

Norwood	4.3	7.6	13.10	19.12	126
Sturt	2.4	3.7	3.10	6.12	48
<b>Injuries: Norwood:</b> Pfeiffer (hand). <b>Reports:</b> Nil					
<b>Crowd:</b> 7049 at Adelaide Oval.					
West	1.4	5.8	9.10	14.12	96
Central	1.3	2.3	3.6	4.6	30
<b>Injuries: West:</b> Hartlett (ankle) <b>Reports:</b> Nil.					
<b>Crowd:</b> 4193 at City Mazda Stadium.					
South	4.3	6.7	8.16	8.21	69
North	1.3	5.5	5.7	8.9	57
<b>Injuries:</b> Nil <b>Reports:</b> Nil. <b>Crowd:</b> 2600 at Hickinbotham Oval					
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