

More misery for the Eagles

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GLENELG continued its bright start to the SANFL season and heaped more misery on winless Woodville-West Torrens with a 32-point victory at Woodville yesterday.

The undefeated Tigers took advantage of the undermanned Eagles, who were missing Adam Grocke and Craig Parry and lost skipper Luke Powell to a serious knee injury in the opening quarter.

Despite the reduced quality of their opponent, the Tigers were impressive in patches.

First-year coach Kris Massie has constructed an even, honest line-up which has a really solid back six, a gritty midfield and a forward line with plenty of X-factor.

The Tigers, now 3-0, simply had too many weapons for the reigning premier, whose position is quickly becoming dire.

Without star ruckman Parry, who was hospitalised this week with an elbow infection and suspended centre half-forward Grocke, Eagles coach Michael Godden fielded a makeshift line-up.

Fullback Ben Grieger started in the ruck and Aaron Day was shifted from centre half-back to centre half-forward.

It meant the Eagles were shorthanded in defence against a Tigers attack boasting marking options Ruory Kirkby, Lewis Hender and Josh Trembath and goalsneaks Cameron Hitchcock and Jason Davenport.

But the Eagles held firm early as both sides wasted scoring opportunities in the opening quarter.

final score



Glenelg v Eagles Woodville Oval: 2326

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|--------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|
| Tigers | 1.3 | 6.7 | 7.11 | 13.12 | (90) |
| Eagles | 1.3 | 2.4 | 4.8 | 8.10 | (58) |

BEST PLAYERS: Tigers: Shaw, Bradley, Lyons, Agnew, Davenport, Milne, Kirkby. Eagles: Grieger, McKenzie, Jarrad, Raymond, Cicolella. **GOALS:** Tigers: Hitchcock, Trembath 3; Agnew, Bradley, Hender, Kirkby, Lyons, Reid, Salopek. Eagles: Hall, Knights, Staple 2; Kane, Raymond. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** Tigers: Nil. Eagles: Powell (knee), Heinjus (ankle). **UMPIRES:** Bowen, Medlin, Hundertmark.

Mark McKenzie, who had been solid but not spectacular in the opening rounds, controlled the game in a sweeping role at one end, while Glenelg key defenders Sam Shaw and Riley Milne were marking well at the other.

The Eagles looked capable of keeping it close if they could win enough ball in the midfield but that task was made infinitely harder when Powell left the ground at quarter-time with what is feared to be an injured medial ligament in his knee.

The Tigers took over in the second term, adding 5.4 to 1.1 as they exacted some form of revenge for last year's 107-point drubbing at the same venue.

Jarryd Lyons lifted a notch in the midfield.

Shaw took over at half-back and Kirkby started taking marks and milking free kicks.

Trembath kicked a pair of game-breaking goals and the Tigers looked capable of recording a large victory.

Godden moved Day back to

defence in the third term and was able to stem the bleeding as his men battled back into the contest. The Eagles kicked the first two goals of the quarter but set shot misses from Justin Cicolella and Angus Rowntree killed their momentum and Glenelg was able to steady.

Brad Agnew kicked a neat left-footed goal on the run to push the Tigers' buffer back to 21 points at the final change.

After falling to Norwood by 93 points last week, the Eagles did their best not to be blown out in the final term, but with back-up ruck Sam Heinjus also injured, they were eventually over-run.

The Tigers begin a stretch of five consecutive night matches this Friday against South Adelaide, while the Eagles travel to Prospect.

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EAGLES

| | Kicks | Mks | Hbl | F/for | F/ag | Gls | Pts | H/O | Tld |
|-------------|-------|-----|-----|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| CICOLELLA | 10 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| CULLEY | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| DAY | 5 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GIUFFREDA | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| GOLDSWORTHY | 11 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| GRIEGER | 10 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 |
| HALL | 12 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HEINJUS | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| JARRAD | 18 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| KANE | 10 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| KNIGHTS | 17 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| LEWIS | 12 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MCKENZIE | 18 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| POWELL | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| RAE | 6 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| RAYMOND | 15 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| ROWNTREE | 9 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| SHIRLEY | 9 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| STAPLE | 8 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| SUMNER | 6 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| THOMPSON | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 203 | 98 | 131 | 18 | 16 | 8 | 10 | 38 | 16 |



GLENELG

| | Kicks | Mks | Hbl | F/for | F/ag | Gls | Pts | H/O | Tld |
|-----------|-------|-----|-----|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| AGNEW | 8 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| ALLEN | 3 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| BRADLEY | 17 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| BUTTON | 6 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 |
| CURRAN | 12 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DAVENPORT | 13 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| HENDER | 8 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| HITCHCOCK | 8 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| HOLMES | 9 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| KIRKBY | 11 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| LALLY | 6 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| LYONS | 16 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| MCGINTY | 6 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 3 |
| MILNE | 9 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| MULES | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PITT | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| REID | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| RUDOLPH | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SALOPEK | 15 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| SHAW | 12 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| TREMBATH | 10 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 195 | 90 | 88 | 16 | 18 | 13 | 12 | 30 | 29 |

SANFL ROUND 4

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|--|-----|-----|------|-------|----|
| North | 2.2 | 6.4 | 9.5 | 13.8 | 86 |
| West | 2.1 | 3.7 | 7.9 | 11.13 | 79 |
| Injuries: Nil. Reports: Nil. Venue: Richmond Oval. | | | | | |
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Injuries: Powell (Eagles), Heinjus (Eagles).
Reports: Nil. Crowd: 2326 at Woodville Oval.

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|---------|-----|------|-------|-------|-----|
| Central | 7.5 | 8.11 | 13.11 | 20.13 | 133 |
| South | 2.2 | 8.3 | 11.5 | 14.5 | 89 |

Injuries: Prior (Central). Reports: Williams (Central). Crowd: 2254 at Elizabeth Oval.

TODAY: Port v Norwood (Alberton)

BYE: Sturt.

SANFL ladder

| | Team | P | W | L | d | for | agst | Str | pts | % |
|---|----------|---|---|---|---|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1 | Glenelg | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 285 | 175 | W3 | 6 | 61.96 |
| 2 | Norwood* | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 194 | 81 | W2 | 4 | 70.55 |
| 3 | Sturt** | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 218 | 199 | W2 | 4 | 52.28 |
| 4 | West | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 287 | 262 | L1 | 4 | 52.28 |
| 5 | Port* | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 225 | 176 | L1 | 2 | 56.11 |
| 6 | Central | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 233 | 225 | W1 | 2 | 50.87 |
| 7 | South | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 346 | 426 | L2 | 2 | 44.82 |
| 8 | North | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 250 | 314 | W1 | 2 | 44.33 |
| 9 | Eagles | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 159 | 339 | L3 | 0 | 31.93 |

*YET TO PLAY THIS ROUND **BYE