

Fast-finishing Bloods shake off audacious Tigers

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WEST Adelaide continued its habit of finishing like a steam train to turn what had been a slog for three quarters into a comfortable win against Glenelg at Richmond yesterday.

The Bloods trailed an improving Glenelg by 10 points 15 minutes into the third term and looked to have their work cut out with the Bays set to finish to the scoring end on a wet, blustery day.

Instead West turned the afterburners on and banged through 10 goals to two in the final 40 minutes to run out 38 point winner and consolidate its place in the top three by a win plus percentage.

The Bloods have lost just three final quarters this season and kicked a collective 22 goals to five in their fourth quarters over the past three rounds, as coach Mark Mickan makes good on his pre-season vow to ensure fitness would not be an issue this season.



For a two-and-a-half terms yesterday Glenelg attacked the footy harder and was bolder on the transition as it was rewarded for taking on the corridor and kicking longer into an open forward line.

West was handball-happy and beaten around the clearances for a half but that all changed when Shannon Green goaled 15 minutes into the third term and changed the momentum of the game.

"Westies were too good for us around the contest late in the match I thought and their midfielders got on top of us," Bays coach Matthew Lokan conceded.

"They got on top in small areas. I thought we were good

WEST ADELAIDE V GLENELG

	BLOODS	3.1 3.2 7.8 14.12	96
	TIGERS	2.0 4.2 6.3 9.4	58

BEST

West: Stevens, Beech, Porplyzia, Schiller, Hartlett, Wasley-Black.
Glenelg: Snook, Scott, Bradley, McNeil, Nason.

GOALS

West: Stevens, Beech 4, Green 2, Middleton, Snelling, Haysman, Fielke.
Glenelg: Scott 3, Milera 2, Alleway, Johansen, Nason, Hender.

UMPIRES

Lewis, Bowen, Schramm.

CROWD

1270 at Richmond Oval.

for a lot of the game and I suppose you look at the scoreboard and 38 points maybe doesn't reflect that.

"We didn't want to lose by 10 points and not give ourselves a chance late so we did roll the dice a bit and take some risks."

There are plenty of positives for Bays fans, among them young forward Josh Scott who kicked three goals on a difficult day for forwards and gave his side a target.

Mickan was satisfied with the result but, for a second consecutive week, was disappointed his side left it until late to click into gear.

"I thought they were more desperate than us for probably two-and-a-half quarters and we had to work really hard for not much result for a long period of time.

"I thought they controlled the ball better than we did and we struggled to compose ourselves for a large period of the game."



TEMPERS FLARED: West Adelaide and Glenelg players get into a wrestle at three quarter-time. Picture: STEPHEN LAFFER

SANFL LADDER

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Stk	Chg	%	Pts
Eagles	12	11	0	1	985	662	11W	-	59.81	22
Norwood	13	10	0	3	944	855	1W	-	52.47	20
West Adelaide	12	8	0	4	1125	848	1W	-	57.02	16
Port Adelaide	11	7	0	4	869	717	2L	-	54.79	14
South Adelaide	11	6	1	4	740	720	2W	-	50.68	13
Central District	12	5	1	6	884	843	2W	-	51.19	11
Sturt	13	4	0	9	987	1058	6L	-	48.26	8
Glenelg	13	3	1	9	977	1237	1L	-	44.13	7
Adelaide	11	2	1	8	837	959	1L	-	46.6	5
North Adelaide	10	1	0	9	596	1045	9L	-	36.32	2

NORWOOD V PORT ADELAIDE

	REDLEGS	0.0 0.5 4.10 6.10	46
	MAGPIES	2.3 3.4 3.4 6.9	45

BEST
Redlegs: Chippendale, Wilkins, Bartlett, Murphy, Rooke, Webber.
Magpies: Young, Biemans, Summerton, Krakouer, Logan.

GOALS
Redlegs: Murphy 2, Rooke, Phillips, Bartlett, Bampton.
Magpies: Palmer, Butcher 2, Logan, Howard.

INJURIES
Redlegs: Persinos (knee).
Magpies: Logan (concussion), Austin (shoulder).

UMPIRES
A. Crosby, C. Cook, D. Sobleraj.

CROWD
2163 at Norwood Oval.

STURT V EAGLES

	EAGLES	1.4 3.5 6.8 8.8	56
	DOUBLE BLUES	0.1 1.1 2.4 5.8	38

BEST
Eagles: Allmond, Petrenko, Raymond, Rowntree, Giuffreda, Schwarz.
Blues: Coad, Page, Hansen, Beard, Battersby, F. Evans.



GOALS
Eagles: Lewis, Hall 2, Petrenko, McGregor, Wundke, Ainger.
Blues: Hansen, Page, Stephens, Taggart, Watt.

INJURIES
Sturt: Bruggemann (back).

UMPIRES
Fleer, Lally, Medlin.

CROWD
1542 at Unley Oval.

CENTRAL DISTRICT V ADELAIDE

	BULLDOGS	3.2 7.2 9.2 12.4	76
	CROWS	1.0 4.1 6.3 6.5	41

BEST
Bulldogs: Habel, T. Schiller, Goodrem, Hoskin, Thomas, Collier.
Crows: Spencely, Atkins, Callinan, Podsiadly, Shaw, O'Brien.

GOALS
Bulldogs: Edmead 3, Waldhuter 2, Goodrem, Thomas, Hoskin, Stevens, Habel, Retzlaff, J. Schiller.

Crows: Spencely 2, Podsiadly, Atkins, Lowden, Watson.

UMPIRES
Scott, Haussen, Hundertmark.

CROWD
1430 at Elizabeth Oval.

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