

Eagles tame Tigers with five-goal last-quarter surge

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A LAST-QUARTER fightback by Woodville-West Torrens stole a much-needed win away from Glenelg in a back-and-forth game at Gliderol yesterday.

The Eagles were able to kick five unanswered goals in the last quarter to secure a 20-point victory, after being 19 points down late in the third quarter.

The Eagles' win came without star players Jared Petrenko and Michael Wundke, who were out with ankle injuries.

Eagles coach Michael Godden was proud of his side's resilience.

"We take a lot from a win like that," Godden said.

"We started to get a bit of momentum back in that last quarter and the way we finished was really pleasing."

Early pressure from the Tigers led to goals from brothers Terry and Ian Milera in a fast-paced, hard-hitting opening quarter.

But the Eagles were able to keep in touch with the home side and snare two majors despite a slow start.

Backman Brad Agnew went off in the first quarter after a knock to the head, leaving the Tigers one man down for the remainder of the day.

Despite his absence, Glenelg was able to continue its manic pressure around the stoppages and move the ball swiftly in transition.

The inspired Eagles lifted around stoppages and hit the front when Jake Johansen

EAGLES
2.3 4.5 7.6 12.9 **81**

GLENELG
2.1 5.4 8.7 9.7 **61**

BEST

Eagles: Hall, Boyd, Sinor, Poole, Hayes, Lewis.

Glenelg: Snook, Scharenberg, Barry, Curran, T. Milera, Bradley.

GOALS

Eagles: Hall 3, Johansen, Hayes, McGregor 2, Goldsworthy, Borholm, Gaffney.

Glenelg: T. Milera 3, I. Milera, Scott, Vitkunas 2.

INJURIES

Glenelg: B. Agnew (concussion)

UMPIRES

Schramm, Hosking, Sobieraj

CROWD

2485 at Gliderol Stadium.

kicked truly at the start of last quarter.

Chris Hall (25 disposals, five marks and three goals) provided a strong marking option up forward for the Eagles, while Johansen (two goals) was dangerous when the ball hit the ground.

For the Tigers, former Melbourne Demon Dom Barry (22 disposals) was clean across half-back, and along with midfielder Matthew Snook (34 disposals), was able to deliver the ball cleanly to forwards Terry Milera (three goals).

Glenelg coach Matthew Lokan was disappointed by his side's fade-out.

"The last quarter was really disappointing," Lokan said.

"The Eagles got on top around the contest and used the ball really well in the forward line."



UNDER PRESSURE: Scott Lewis tries to break a tackle.

SANFL ROUND 10



	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Eagles	10	9	1	0	821	563	59.32	18
Port Adelaide	10	7	3	0	1033	725	58.76	14
Norwood	10	6	4	0	862	769	52.85	12
Sturt	10	6	4	0	814	751	52.01	12
Glenelg	10	6	4	0	806	775	50.98	12
Adelaide	10	6	4	0	773	792	49.39	12
South Adelaide	10	5	5	0	723	757	48.85	10
Central District	10	2	8	0	746	903	45.24	4
North Adelaide	10	2	8	0	700	939	42.71	4
West Adelaide	10	1	9	0	659	963	40.63	2

WEST
5.3 9.7 12.11 15.13 **103**

NORTH
4.1 5.1 8.5 13.5 **83**

BEST

West: Stevens, Wasley-Black, Schmidt, Hill, Batley, Caire, Green, Keough.

North: Ramsey, Schwarz, Ryswyk, Spina.

GOALS

West: Green 3, Karpany, Pillion, Wasley-Black 2; Bates, Fielke, Haysman, Rankine, Stevens, Watchman.

North: Ramsey 4, Hender, Ryswyk, Smith 2; Barns, McInerney, Wilkie.

UMPIRES

Cook, Hundertmark, Sboro

CROWD

1631 at Richmond Oval

ADELAIDE
6.0 10.3 11.5 16.5 **101**

CENTRAL DIST.
1.2 3.6 5.10 9.11 **65**

BEST

Adelaide: Thompson, Seedsman, O'Brien, Knight, Pohlke, Signorello, Murphy.

Central: Holman, Jansen, Fort, Habel, Llewellyn, MacKenzie.

GOALS

Adelaide: Gallucci, Himmelberg, Jarman, Knight, Signorello, Thompson 2, Gore, McGovern, O'Brien, Pohlke

Central: J Hannath, J Templeton 2, Butcher, Fort, Habel, Hoskin, Walter.

UMPIRES

Harris, Medlin, Scott.

CROWD

2686 at Elizabeth Oval.

Bloods victory

364 days in the making

MATT TURNER

WEST Adelaide's winless drought is finally over.

The Bloods avoided going a full year without a victory after defeating North Adelaide by 20 points at Richmond yesterday.

The triumph was West's first in 364 days - since June 24 last year against Glenelg.

Scores were tight early before the Bloods broke the game open with a four-goal-to-one second term and never looked back.

West coach Mark Mickan was relieved to break through and said his team had not forgotten the club song.

"It was written on the wall," Mickan said with a smile.

"I wasn't aware of the length of time (between wins) but it seems like a long time."

"I thought they played very well from the start. The players haven't lost their spirit, endeavour or hope and this is a reward for that and their persistence."

North players could not get their hands on the ball for long stretches as West finished with 99 more disposals.

Only Matt McDonough, who was mostly loose in defence, and hardworking midfielder Tom Schwarz gathered at least 20 touches. Eight players reached that number for

the Bloods. West's pace was a factor as draft hopeful Izak Rankine, Zac Bates, Nathan Batley and Logan Hill offered the hosts plenty of drive.

Contrastingly, North lacked energy and leg speed, which was as much down to poor work-rate as anything else.

"Work-rate is one thing that has stood out over the last month - it's not quite there at the moment," Roosters coach Josh Carr said.

The loss was North's sixth in succession and left Carr with a 6-22 record in two-and-half years at the helm.

Even more concerning is that only one of the Roosters' defeats this season has been by

fewer than three goals - against Woodville-West Torrens a fortnight ago.

Yesterday's margin flattered the visitors, who had 10 fewer scoring shots than the competition's cellar-dweller.

Carr said he was "absolutely" confident he was the right man to turn things around. "It's a tough place to be at the moment but the challenge is there and I know that I want to take that on," he said.

"The players do as well, at the moment they're just going through a hard time.

"We've got to get back on the horse, keep chipping away and guys will get opportunities."