

Tigers have all the answers

SCOREBOARD

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GLENELG made an emphatic early season statement when it crushed Adelaide by 53 points at the Bay last night.

Led by a nine-goal haul from Liam McBean, the Tigers sent a warning to rivals they have the squad and game to impact heavily on the league.

It was a victory built on desperation and a superb team performance.

The Crows, with Cam Ellis-Yolmen busy on the ball, looked dangerous early to ask immediate questions of the home side.

And the Tigers had the answers as they refused to be intimidated, bringing the intensity and passion coach Mark Stone has been able to instil into the side.

Key forward McBean returned to the Bay after a year of travel and he let loose to bag

three goals in six minutes. He was able to escape behind the Crows defence to nail the first two and reward the efforts of team-mates. McBean then took advantage of a 50m penalty before play had restarted to kick his third.

The Tigers defence was outstanding, with Aaron Joseph and Chris Curran prominent.

They provided tremendous rebound and the Tigers used confident movement to build a 25-point advantage. The defensive work of the Tigers all over the ground was relentless, even the forwards committed to denying the Crows easy release.

Their attack at the contest was also impressive and created turnover ball.

But there is plenty of talent in this Crows line-up and they responded. Paul Hunter dominated the ruck and Lachlan Scholl had an influence across

half back. The Crows pounced on Tigers' mistakes and used the ball effectively to cut the deficit to just five points late in the second quarter.

When Tyson Stengle nailed the opening goal of the third term, the Crows loomed ominously. But again Glenelg had the answers.

It took a while for the Tigers to understand Stone's message when he took over last season.

There is no doubt they have fully brought in.

Despite having had three less entries inside their attacking 50m, the Tigers led by 22 points when Luke Reynolds kicked a goal midway through the third quarter.

The Tigers did not deviate from the disciplined mindset. Their lead ballooned to 55 points when Josh Scott goalled nine minutes into the final term after marking while three opponents looked on.

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BEST

Glenelg: McBean, Joseph, Curran, Bradley, Proud, Scharenberg, Agnew.

Adelaide: Ellis-Yolmen, Scholl, Hunter, Pohlke, Otten.

GOALS

Glenelg: McBean 9; Reynolds 3; Hosie 2, Scott, Gregson, White, Koster.

Adelaide: Pohlke 3; Wright, Davis 2; Stengle, Wilson.

UMPIRES

Harris, Bennett, Philp

CROWD

2528 at ACH Group Stadium, Glenelg.

Nine is Fine for Liam McBean

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By ZAC MILBANK

A stunning nine-goal haul from Glenelg giant Liam McBean propelled his team to a convincing 53-point win against Adelaide at ACH Group Stadium on Friday night.

In just his second game back with the Bays after spending last year travelling overseas, the former Richmond forward put on a masterclass in efficiency to finish with nine goals straight from 11 kicks, five handballs, four tackles and three marks.

It was the first time a Glenelg player kicked nine goals in a match since Dean Caldwell booted 9.2 against North Adelaide in Round 18, 1994.

The 24-year-old – who measures in at an imposing 202cm and 93kg – got off to a fast start when he booted the Tigers' first three goals of the game by 16 minutes into the opening term.

After booting the first goal of the second term to build on his team's 19-point lead at the first change, McBean followed up again soon after when he crumbed a spoil from Crows defender Andy Otten to dribble the ball through from 15m.

While McBean's positive positioning and ability to put himself into dangerous spots was a feature, he also earned his sixth major of the night after capturing his opponent holding the ball at the top of the goal square.

He then managed to outbody strong Crows defender Darcy Fogarty to claim a strong chest mark for his eighth goal, just three minutes after taking a tumbling set shot from team-mate Cory Gregson 15m out directly in front.

McBean's night was made when his team-mates looked after him again, this time it was an unselfish handball from Marlon Motlop in the goal square to give the man wearing the Tigers' No.1 jumper his ninth just five seconds before the final siren.

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Leading Disposals

Glenelg: Curran 31, Bradley, Scharenberg 26, Joseph, Proud 24, Nicholson 23, Motlop 21, Scott 20, Gould 19, Gregson 19. Adelaide: Ellis-Yolmen 36, Sholl 34, Pohlke, Wilson 25, Butts 18, Greenwood 19.

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Magarey Medal: 3 – C.Curran (Glenelg) 2 – L.McBean (Glenelg) 1 – J.Scharenberg (Glenelg)

While McBean's heroics were a feature in attack – together with some more than useful help from Josh Scott (20 disposals and 6 marks) and Luke Reynolds (3 goals) – the Bays defence must earn equal credit for the fine victory.

Captain Chris Curran, vice-captain Max Proud, veteran Aaron Joseph and former skipper Andrew Bradley controlled the tempo whenever the youthful Adelaide side surged back into the contest.

Between them, the quartet had 105 disposals with Curran taking a staggering 17 marks and Bradley 14.

It enabled Glenelg to strangle the life out of the Crows, who managed to restore some respect into the scoreboard by booting three goals in a row midway through the fourth term.

The pressure applied by the hosts was also critical in the winning, laying 68 tackles to Adelaide's 42 as they forced the visitors into several errant passes by hand and foot.

Adelaide midfielders Cam Ellis Yolmen (36 disposals, seven tackles and nine clearances) and Myles Pohlke (25 possessions and three goals) were again strong performers but they received little assistance from their team-mates in comparison to the Round 1 win against Sturt.

First-year defender Lachlan Sholl, son of former Carlton player Brett Sholl, is showing promising signs in his first two League matches, racking up 34 disposals off half-back.

Adelaide will now confront the Eagles at Maughan Thiem Kia Oval in Round 3 while the Tigers will host South Adelaide.

Glenelg will be hoping to regain key midfielders Luke Partington (hamstring) and Matt Snook (groins) for the contest against the Panthers, their absence making the win against Adelaide even more impressive.

Round 2 Match Results and Premiership Table

5-Apr-2019

Glenelg Oval **Glenelg** 18-7 115 d. **Adelaide** 9-8 62

6-Apr-2019

Prospect Oval **North Adel** 14-11 95 d. **West Adel** 9-12 66
 Elizabeth Oval **Norwood** 13-11 89 d. **Cent.Dist** 12-14 86
 Alberton Oval **South Adel** 14-10 94 d. **Port Adel** 8-10 58
 Unley Oval **Sturt** 12-12 84 d. **WW Eagles** 11-11 77

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts	%
1 South Adel	2	2	-	-	196	101	4	65.99
2 Norwood	2	2	-	-	158	150	4	51.30
3 Glenelg	2	1	1	-	179	131	2	57.74
4 WW Eagles	2	1	1	-	167	149	2	52.85
5 Port Adel	2	1	1	-	143	148	2	49.14
6 Adelaide	2	1	1	-	155	176	2	46.83
7 Sturt	2	1	1	-	145	170	2	46.03
8 Centrals	2	-	2	-	129	191	-	40.31
9 West Adel	2	-	2	-	120	180	-	40.00
10 North Adel	2	1	1	-	160	156	-2	50.63