

# Fans dare to dream as tenacious Tigers tough it out for win

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GLENELG gave its long suffering supporters more ammunition to dream big this season, with a tense nine-point triumph over Sturt at the Bay last night.

This was a victory not confirmed until Luke Reynolds nailed a goal late in the fourth quarter, after the Double Blues had produced a desperate charge.

But it was a win of substance which will fuel belief the Tigers can mount a serious threat.

"It was a real challenge all night," Glenelg coach Mark Stone said. "We talked pre-game about beating them here last year when there wasn't much on the line.

"They couldn't go out of the finals and we couldn't get in.

"There was a fair bit more on the line today, one (win) and three (losses) is very foreign to them and they are not going to hand that up.

"We talked about how much they are going to come

at us, how resilient they are going to be and it was going to be a dogfight until the end.

"It could have gone either way and in the end I thought our guys were pretty gutsy to fight it out."

It was a turnover feast in the scrappy opening quarter, with both sides guilty of coughing up possession with sloppy skills and poor decision-making.

There was a commitment to the defensive acts, but too many turnovers were often under little pressure.

The trend extended into the opening minutes of the second term, when some of the work was made more difficult than necessary.

While the Tigers had more trips inside their attacking 50, they squandered scoring opportunities with poor delivery to the forwards.

Double Blues defenders Jack Stephens, Fraser Evans and Hugo Munn were able to constantly mop up and spark attacking raids.

Midway through the second quarter, the visitors slipped away to a 23-point lead, on the back of a Tom Condon goal.

But it was the desperate pursuit and pressure of key forward Jake Sutcliffe which had created the opportunity.

Needing a response, Jesse White and Marlon Motlop nailed goals within a minute as the quality of the contest lifted a notch.

The role of Tigers captain Chris Curran, with his intercept marking, took on more significance as the second quarter lengthened, while he got support from Andrew Bradley and Brad Agnew.

Neither side could secure the momentum and while the intensity rose, goals became scarce. That was until late in the term third term when Tigers forward Lachlan Hosie bagged two goals in quick succession.

Tigers speedster Motlop then repeated his effort midway through the second term when he pocketed possession

## BEST

**Glenelg:** Curran, Hosie, Partington, Betterman, Bradley, Agnew.

**Sturt:** Kirkwood, Colquhoun, Stephens, F. Evans, Battersby, Coombe.

## GOALS

**Glenelg:** Hosie 4, Motlop 2, McBean, Scharenberg, Reynolds, McCarthy, White.

**Sturt:** M. Evans 3, Condon 2, Sutcliffe, Dodd, Slimming, Riley, Pearce.

## INJURIES

**Glenelg:** Joseph (hamstring).

## UMPIRES

Bryce, Schramm, Hundertmark.

## CROWD

4248 at ACH Group Stadium, Glenelg

at the restart in the centre to charge forward and nail the goal.

The Double Blues refused to wilt, however, and kept coming at the home side in the final quarter, as the two teams threw everything into the spirited contest.

# Bays Break the Blues

## By ZAC MILBANK

**Glenelg was desperate to be on the right end of a close one.**

Just six days after wasting a host of opportunities to pinch an amazing come-from-behind win against South Adelaide, the Bays showed gritty determination to hold off a fast-finishing Sturt outfit by nine points at ACH Group Stadium on Good Friday.

With every one of the Tigers' 21 playing their part, the hosts had built what looked to be a match-defining 16-point lead at the final change.

In the space of three minutes deep into time-on of the third quarter, Glenelg had banged on three goals in succession, livewire forward Lachie Hosie booting two of his four for the night and classy Marlon Motlop nailing one on the run after winning the centre clearance.

But the momentum Glenelg built was suddenly snuffed out when Sturt responded early in the final term, with Ken Farmer Medallist Mark Evans putting the Double Blues within two points after kicking two of his three goals in succession.

Just as it appeared the Double Blues would roll on with the win, the Tigers dug deep, ran out the game strongly through the midfield and provided late opportunities for their forwards.

After playing his role in the dramatic comeback last round, Glenelg forward Luke Reynolds was at it again, this time snapping from tight on the boundary line only to have his potential Goal of the Week contender touched on the line by a valiant Steven Slimming.

But Reynolds wasn't to be denied two minutes later, positioning himself beautifully at the fall of the ball to crumb and snap truly from straight in front for the sealing goal much to the delight of the Tiger faithful on Snouts Hill.

Bays captain Chris Curran was again outstanding in defence to be one of many players putting his hand up for inclusion in the best players list, while Jonty Scharenberg and Marlon Motlop were particularly constructive through the midfield, the latter using his pace to positive effect.

Hosie was the most dangerous forward on the ground with his seven shots on goal yielding 4.3 to go with his 17 disposals and six marks.

The Double Blues enjoyed yet another masterclass from captain Zane Kirkwood, who in the past fortnight has returned to his brilliant Magarey Medal-winning best.

The Fos Williams Medallist had a game high 36 disposals as he displayed his tremendous work ethic to get to an endless amount of contests while distributing the ball with precision by foot.

James Battersby also worked tirelessly for the visitors to finish with 28 touches while defenders Sam Colquhoun, Fraser Evans and Jack Stephens set up countless opportunities from the back half.

The Double Blues will now get a nine-day break until they host South at Peter Motley Oval in Round 5, contrasting the Bays' brief build up to facing West Adelaide next Wednesday night at City Mazda Stadium.

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## Leading Disposals

Glenelg: Scharenberg 25, Partington 22, Curran 21, Nicholson 21, Motlop 20, McCarthy 19, Betterman 18, Bradley 18, Gregson 18, Chalmers 17, Hosie 17.

Sturt: Kirkwood 36, Colquhoun 30, Battersby 28, F. Evans 26, Stephens 25, Crocker 22, Pearce 22, Carey 20, Sumner 18.

## Goals

Glenelg: Hosie 4, Motlop 2, McBean, McCarthy, Reynolds, Scharenberg, White.

Sturt: M. Evans 3, Condon 2, Dodd, Pearce, Riley, Slimming, Sutcliffe.

**Magarey Medal:** 3 – Z.Kirkwood (Sturt) 2 – J.Scharenberg (Glenelg) 1 – L.Hosie (Glenelg)

## Round 4 Match Results and Premiership Table

18-Apr-2019		19-Apr-2019		20-Apr-2019		Teams		P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts	%		
Norwood Oval	Norwood	20- 8	128	d.	Port Adel	14-10	94	1	Norwood	4	4	-	-	344	297	8	53.67
Prospect Oval	Cent.Dist	10-13	73	d.	North Adel	9-12	66	2	South Adel	4	2	-	2	339	244	6	58.15
Richmond Oval	West Adel	18- 8	116	d.	WW Eagles	11-13	79	3	Glenelg	4	2	1	1	328	271	5	54.76
Glenelg Oval	Glenelg	11-13	79	d.	Sturt	10-10	70	4	Adelaide	4	2	1	1	328	326	5	50.15
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								6	Centrals	4	2	2	-	256	291	4	46.80
								7	WW Eagles	4	1	3	-	323	365	2	46.95
								8	Sturt	4	1	3	-	268	307	2	46.61
								9	West Adel	4	1	3	-	270	313	2	46.31
								10	North Adel	4	1	3	-	312	336	-2	48.15