

# Tigers conquer Parade hoodoo

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GLENELG has banked its third win on the bounce, and its first at The Parade since 2011, boasting too many avenues to goal for a battling Norwood in a comfortable 33-point win.

With nine individual goal kickers, the Tigers pushed the Legs aside in the final term as Matthew Snook collected 31 possessions and a major, while Billy Stretch (25 and a goal) and Luke Partington (28 touches) were equally prolific.

It was anything but a hot August night at a well-attended Norwood Oval but the ball was sizzling early as Glenelg eventually took an early lead after a 12-minute stalemate.

Luke Reynolds opened Glenelg's account via a Carl Nicholson curler from the boundary, then Darcy Bailey found Marlon Motlop for the visitors' second major.

|                  | Standings |   |   |   |     |     |       |     |
|------------------|-----------|---|---|---|-----|-----|-------|-----|
|                  | P         | W | L | D | F   | A   | %     | Pts |
| Eagles           | 8         | 7 | 1 | 0 | 661 | 417 | 61.32 | 14  |
| North Adel       | 8         | 7 | 1 | 0 | 583 | 506 | 53.54 | 14  |
| Glenelg          | 8         | 5 | 3 | 0 | 635 | 582 | 52.18 | 10  |
| South Adel       | 8         | 4 | 4 | 0 | 568 | 513 | 52.54 | 8   |
| Norwood          | 8         | 4 | 4 | 0 | 592 | 591 | 50.04 | 8   |
| Sturt            | 8         | 3 | 5 | 0 | 502 | 540 | 48.18 | 6   |
| West Adel        | 8         | 1 | 6 | 1 | 502 | 659 | 43.24 | 3   |
| Central District | 8         | 0 | 7 | 1 | 466 | 701 | 39.93 | 1   |

Despite a much-needed six-pointer from Zac Richards on the back of another Josh Richards forward thrust, a massive Jack Yates roost gave Glenelg a ten-point buffer at quarter time.

It was more of the same early in the second, with an on-the-run bomb from defender Luke Parks giving the Legs plenty to think about.



But just when it looked like a Bays blitz was imminent, a Peter Bampton shank somehow found its way home, and a

Josh Richards snap gave Norwood two in a tick over a minute as Richard Douglas found plenty of the ball (six touches).

However, a Brad Agnew answer via a turnover gave the Bays an 18-point lead at the main break, as the visitors dominated the inside 50 count.

Pinyon's second after a grab on the goal line gave Norwood a glimmer of hope as the game suddenly went up a level in speed and intensity.

A trio of Tiger misses late in the third could have iced the

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|  | <b>GLENELG</b> | 3.1 | 7.5 | 7.11 | 10.14 | <b>74</b> |
|  | <b>NORWOOD</b> | 1.3 | 4.5 | 5.7  | 5.11  | <b>41</b> |

**BEST**

**Glenelg:** Snook, Stretch, Agnew, Partington, Bradley.

**Norwood:** Panos, Grigg, McKenzie, Nunn, J Richards, Rokahr.

**GOALS**

**Glenelg:** Kluske 2, Reynolds, Motlop, Agnew, Yates, Parks, Stretch, Snook, McBean.

**Norwood:** Pinyon 2, J Richards, Z Richards, Bampton.

**UMPIRES**

Scott, Hundertmark, Harris.

**VENUE**

Coopers Stadium

game; that would eventually come through Jack Kluske's second inside the opening minute of the last term.

By **ZAC MILBANK**

**Glenelg's nine-year wait for a win at The Parade has finally ended after the Tigers eclipsed Norwood by 33 points on Saturday night.**

Without victory at Woods Street since April 15, 2011, Mark Stone's men produced their best performance for the season while catapulting themselves into the top four.

Rising from fifth to third after securing the premiership points, the Bays defended with precision to keep the normally-potent Redlegs to just 5.11 (41) for the match.

Norwood managed just one goal – to key forward Tom Pinyon – in the second half as the visitors guarded the corridor and pushed back hard whenever the Legs streamed forward.

It didn't matter that Glenelg's star premiership forwards Liam McBean and Luke Reynolds mustered just two goals from seven shots between them such was the even spread of scoreboard contributors, let alone those working hard further up the field.

Despite Glenelg having a clear advantage in the inside 50m count, which finished 59-44 in its favour, the Tigers led by just 16 points at the final change.

Any hope of a dramatic Norwood comeback was quickly snuffed out though, when the unpredictable Jack Kluske intercepted a handball at half-forward before slotting a classy goal from the paint of 50m.

Five minutes after Kluske became his team's sole multiple goal kicker, his desperate lunge forward with the ball resulted in former Melbourne Demon Billy Stretch coolly goaling on the run from 45m without breaking stride.

Suddenly the Tigers' advantage was out to 28 points as the Redlegs' faithful went silent knowing Glenelg was set to snap its nine-game losing streak at The Parade.

Jack Oatey Medallist Matthew Snook was again in peak form, tallying 32 disposals, nine tackles, seven clearances and a 45m set shot goal which tested the depth of his left-foot kick. Magarey Medallist Luke Partington found 31

possessions as his season gathers steam but Stretch's game was his best since returning from AFL level as he finished with 27 disposals and seven clearances to go with his sealing goal in the final term.

Wise heads Brad Agnew and Andrew Bradley played important roles in the midfield and across half-back while Tiger Jack Hannath negated in-form Norwood bigman Sam Baulderstone in the ruck.

Michael Virgin and Max Proud were solid in defence, which kept Dylan Morton at ease in his first SANFL League match for the Bays after crossing from the Wagga Tigers in the off-season.

Norwood's Nik Rokahr started brightly before finishing with 21 disposals in defence, where last year's Michael Taylor Medallist Brad McKenzie earned a team-high 31 touches.

Matthew Nunn produced a well-rounded game by collecting 23 disposals, 11 tackles and seven clearances but ultimately, the Redlegs didn't have enough players to significantly influence the contest.

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