

# Glenelg survives late fright

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GLENELG has survived a massive scare, as it started its 100th anniversary celebrations with a hard-fought 11-point victory against a fast-finishing West Adelaide at Glenelg Oval yesterday.

The Tigers led by 30 points at the 15-minute mark of the final quarter, before the Bloods stormed back into the contest with three late goals to send a fright into the home side.

In their first game under new coach Brett Hand, the Tigers got off to the perfect start, kicking six goals to one in the first quarter, before holding off a determined Bloods outfit in the second half.

After Isaac Johnson kicked

the opening goal for West, the Bays kicked the next six goals to see the home team open up a 32-point quarter-time lead.

Ruckman Jack Hannath was the catalyst for Glenelg's fast start, giving his experienced midfield first use of the ball, as they won the first 11 clearances of the match.

The Tigers dominated almost every statistic in the opening term, winning clearances (14-2), inside 50s (14-8), and marks inside-50 (9-1) against an inexperienced Bloods outfit featuring seven SANFL debutants.

Despite the nervous start, West worked its way back into the contest, keeping the Tigers goalless in the second quarter but failed to capitalise on its

opportunities, kicking 2.7 for the quarter.

The contest turned into an arm wrestle in the second half, with the teams trading goals in an entertaining 10-goal third quarter, before the Bloods finished strongly in the final term.

Darcy Bailey thrived in his new midfield role for Glenelg, with 28 disposals and two goals, while forwards Liam McBean and Jack Kluske each booted three majors.

Reigning West club champion Isaac Johnson impressed for the Bloods, with 23 disposals and 3.3.

Veteran forward Jono Beech also was good for the visitors, kicking two goals in his return to SANFL football.

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**BEST**  
**Glenelg:** Bailey, Hannath, Snook, McBean, Park, Virgin, Kluske.  
**West:** Johnson, Lovell, Beech, Murphy, Koster, Haysman.

**GOALS**  
**Glenelg:** McBean, Kluske 3; Bailey 2; Reynolds, Allen, Hannath, Hosie, Partington.  
**West:** Johnson 3; Koster, Beech 2; Karpany, Haysman, Gore, Lovell.

**INJURIES**  
**Glenelg:** Stretch (ankle).  
**West:** Ellem (leg).

**UMPIRES**  
 Beyer, Hundertmark, Mitchell.

**CROWD**  
 3606 at Glenelg Oval.

## The Coach's Match Report – Glenelg v West Adelaide

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What an exciting way to start the season off wearing our Heritage jumper to commemorate our 100 year anniversary against our first ever opponent West Adelaide. Glenelg Oval looked magnificent and the weather was significantly warmer than it has been, but this didn't stop a wonderful crowd from coming to support the boys for their first hit out.

With four Glenelg Debutants and two of them making their League debut, the scene was set for a great start. Sam Durdin and Brett Turner made their Glenelg Debut, whilst Toby Pink and Liam Wisdom made their League debut.

We started the game well with some promising signs from our midfield and forwards who worked well together to have nine shots from 14 inside 50's.

We knew at quarter time that West would regroup and come out fighting, which they did. They outscored us from their relentless approach at the footy and caused us to turn the ball over, allowing them to capitalise on our mistakes.

The third quarter was similar to the first, with us making the most of our inside 50 entries, having eight shots on goal to West's four.

The last quarter started with West capitalising on a free kick and scoring a goal in the first 20 seconds, which gave them a bit of a sniff. We then managed to get control of the ball again and we had four shots on goal, but were only able to kick the one goal during this time.

By this time the weather was taking its toll, with us



being limited on the bench to an injury to Billy Stretch in the second quarter, and West managed to get back another couple of goals and reduce the margin to 10 points. We managed to hold on in the end and came away with an 11-point win.

It was a great way to start the season with a victory at home and against an opposition team that kept coming at us all day, making us work for the win. I was pleased to walk away

with the two points and was impressed by the standard of footy from both teams in my first hit out as a coach in the SANFL.

Thanks for everyone's support that came out on Good Friday. I look forward to seeing you all again this Saturday when we have a big challenge ahead of us against the reigning premiers.

**Brett Hand,**  
**Senior Coach**

### ACH Group Stadium, Friday 2nd April, 4:10pm

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#### Glenelg

Goal Kickers: L.McBean 3.2, J.Kluske 3.0, D.Bailey 2.1, L.Reynolds 1.3, L.Hosie 1.2, M.Allen 1.0, L.Partington 1.0, J.Hannath 1.0, M.Motlop 0.1, T.Pink 0.1

Disposals: M.Virgin 32, L.Partington 31, M.Snook 30, M.Allen 28, D.Bailey 28, C.Park 26, C.Curran 24, L.Wisdom 19, A.Bradley 18

#### West Adelaide

Goal Kickers: I. Johnson 3, J. Beech 2, J. Koster 2, K. Lovell, K. Karpany (Jnr), J. Gore, H. Haysman

Disposals: I.Johnson 23, K.Lovell 22, M.Waite 21, T.Murphy 18, J.Boyle 17

### Round 1, 2021 -- League Results & Ladder

Norwood Oval	Norwood	14-13	97	d.	Port Adel	7-10	52
Noarlunga Oval	South Adel	14-18	102	d.	Adelaide	6-5	41
Elizabeth Oval	Cent.Dist	15-9	99	d.	North Adel	14-6	90
Woodville Oval	WW Eagles	13-16	94	d.	Sturt	7-6	48
Glenelg Oval	Glenelg	13-11	89	d.	West Adel	11-12	78

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnst	Pts	%
South Adel	1	1	-	-	102	41	2	71.33
W-WT Eagles	1	1	-	-	94	48	2	66.20
Norwood	1	1	-	-	97	52	2	65.10
Glenelg	1	1	-	-	89	78	2	53.29
Centrals	1	1	-	-	99	90	2	52.38
North Adel	1	-	1	-	90	99	-	47.62
West Adel	1	-	1	-	78	89	-	46.71
Port Adel	1	-	1	-	52	97	-	34.90
Sturt	1	-	1	-	48	94	-	33.80
Adelaide	1	-	1	-	41	102	-	28.67