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# TIGERS IN RECORD STREAK

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GLENELG equalled a 40-year record when it overcame an aggressive North Adelaide on Monday to stretch its unbeaten start to the season to an incredible 10 games.

The Tigers – clear premiership favourites at the halfway mark of the season – fought back from 19 points behind midway through the second term against last year's grand finalist to win the Queen's Birthday clash at the Bay by 23 points.

The win equalled the 10-0 start under coach John Halbert in 1981.

Remarkably, Glenelg has achieved the feat under a new coach, Brett Hand, who was only appointed to the role in December after 2019 premiership mentor Mark Stone's move to AFL club Brisbane.

"Ten-zip is really good, a reward for hard work for the guys and from a club point of view we are very proud," Hand said of his team's stellar start.

"We've broken the season down into blocks, we now get a bye to refresh and then we'll go again.

"It's a cliché but we are looking at one game at a time and think we still have a lot of improvement in us. We have started well but we haven't won anything yet, the work's not done."

The Tigers prevailed to win the John Sandland Cup after a red-hot start from North, which was coming off consecutive wins and fighting to stay in touch with the top five.



North Adelaide's Harrison Wigg takes on Glenelg's Matthew Snook and Luke Partington. Picture: Tom Huntley

The Roosters seized control of clearances early to take a 19-point lead midway through the second quarter, with Kym LeBois, who would later hurt his knee in a marking contest, and Magarey medallist Campbell Combe leading the way.

But with Glenelg's unbeaten run appearing under threat, it flicked the switch. Marlon Motlop, without a

disposal in the first quarter, sprung to life, kicking consecutive majors to ignite the comeback.

It sparked a run of five unanswered goals in 14 minutes as the home side wrestled back the midfield initiative and took advantage of the wind to take a 14-point lead at the long break.

The Tigers held North at arm's length for the rest of the game, with

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## BEST

**Glenelg:** Curran, Snook, Proud, McBean, B. Turner, Landt, Bradley, Motlop.

**North:** C. Combe, Allmond, W. Combe, LeBois, Spina, Harvey.

## GOALS

**Glenelg:** McBean 5, Motlop 3, Reynolds 2, G. Turner, Yates, Allen, Pink, Newman, Bailey.

**North:** W. Combe, Mercovich, Hender 2, Minervini, LeBois, Allmond, Smith, Hilder, Harvey.

## INJURIES

**Glenelg:** Virgin (hamstring).

**North:** LeBois (knee).

## UMPIRES

Lewis, Sobieraj, Bowen.

## CROWD

3920 at Glenelg Oval.

## DEAN HIGGINS MEDAL

Max Proud (Glenelg).

full forward Liam McBean starring with five goals as a more efficient Glenelg kicked a winning score despite being smashed 63-44 in inside 50s and 49-34 in clearances.

"North stopped our ball movement early, so credit to them, but our intent lifted halfway through the second quarter and we clicked into gear, which was pleasing," Hand said.

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

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What a fantastic day for footy the Queen's Birthday weekend turned out to be with an awesome crowd coming out to support us in our game against the Roosters.

The Roosters were coming off two solid victories and were always going to be fired up and keen to continue their winning ways to maintain touch with the top 5 and a finals spot. The first quarter proved to be the case, with North making the most of their entries and winning the contested ball and clearances to put our backs under pressure. We were unable to get much flow in our game as North applied a lot of pressure. Gibson Turner and Liam McBean managed to get us on the scoreboard and we went into quarter time down by 5 points, but we hadn't played well and we were overusing the ball and not being direct enough.

The second quarter started in a similar manner but with Chris Curran and

Max Proud leading the way in defence and with our pressure increasing, we were able to capitalise on our inside-50 entries. We kicked five goals to two, with Marlon Motlop kicking two goals for the quarter.

We went into half time 14 points up and with a confidence that our best footy was good and we needed to continue to focus on playing our role for the team. With Max Proud spoiling everything coming his way and Chris Curran playing his typical intercept game, our backs defended numerous entries. Matthew Snook was exceptional with his hands at stoppages and getting the ball to our runners, enabling our forwards to get first look of the ball. Liam McBean broke the tight shackles that had been wrapped around him for the first half and kicked three goals, proving to be quite damaging when the ball came near him. He brought others into the game and Toby Pink was



rewarded for some hard work with a strong mark and goal late in the term to put us 25 points at three quarter time.

With only three on the bench since early in the second half and after a tough few weeks, we knew the last term was going to be a tough one and North would apply another big effort early in the quarter. We were right, with them kicking the first goal of the quarter and applying pressure on our backs. The last quarter turned into a goal-for-goal contest, with both teams kicking five. We had five individual goal kickers for the quarter and nine for the game. So, we

were able to run out victors with a 23 point margin.

We now go into our second bye for the season with our guys looking forward to the weekend off. For our five State representatives this will be their first weekend off and I know how much they are looking forward to giving their mind and bodies a break on the weekend. We are obviously very pleased with how we have performed so far but there is still a lot of work to do between now and the end of the season, and we will use the next few days to freshen the minds and bodies and also look at ways to continue to improve.

**Brett Hand, Senior Coach**

## ACH Group Stadium, Monday 14th June, 2:10pm

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<b>North Adelaide</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>12.10</b>	<b>82</b>

**Goal Kickers:** L. McBean 5.2, M. Motlop 3.3, L. Reynolds 2.0, M. Allen 1.1, J. Yates 1.1, G. Turner 1.0, D. Bailey 1.0, B. Newman 1.0, T. Pink 1.0, L. Partington 0.1

**Disposals:** M. Snook 34, C. Curran 26, D. Landt 25, B. Turner 25, A. Bradley 20, M. Proud 20, L. Partington 15

## North Adelaide

**Goal Kickers:** W. Combe 2, L. Hender 2, K. Mercovich 2, J. Allmond, M. Harvey, D. Hilder, K. LeBois, L. Minervini, T. Smith

**Disposals:** C. Combe 29, J. Allmond 24, A. Spina 23, W. Combe 21, A. Moore 21, A. Young 20, T. Smith 18

**Shearman Medal Coaches Votes:** 7 – M. Proud (Glenelg), 5 – C. Curran (Glenelg), 5 – M. Snook (Glenelg), 4 – J. Allmond (North), 4 – L. McBean (Glenelg), 4 – W. Combe (North), 1 – C. Combe (North)

## Round 10 & 11, 2021 -- League Results & Ladder after Round 11

Round 10									
Woodville Oval	WW Eagles	17-7	109 d.	Port Adel	6-5	41			
Unley Oval	Adelaide	14-6	90 d.	Sturt	12-8	80			
Glenelg Oval	Glenelg	16-9	105 d.	North Adel	12-10	82			
Noarlunga Oval	Norwood	11-9	75 d.	South Adel	9-12	66			
Round 11									
Elizabeth Oval	Cent. Dist	10-10	70 d.	West Adel	7-10	52			
Alberton Oval	Sturt	14-7	91 d.	Port Adel	7-8	50			
Leading Goalkickers after Round 11									
Player	Club	Games	Goals						
Liam McBEAN	Glenelg	10	27.13						
Lewis HENDER	North	10	23.11						
Luke REYNOLDS	Glenelg	10	23.10						
					P.	W.	L.	D.	For Agnst Pts %
Glenelg		10	10	- -	922	650	20	58.65	
W-WT Eagles		10	7	3 -	917	638	14	58.97	
South Adel		10	7	3 -	803	703	14	53.32	
Norwood		10	6	4 -	636	630	12	50.24	
Port Adel		10	5	5 -	713	758	10	48.47	
North Adel		10	4	6 -	812	694	8	53.92	
Sturt		10	3	7 -	677	718	6	48.53	
Centrals		10	3	7 -	668	817	6	44.98	
Adelaide		10	3	7 -	678	975	6	41.02	
West Adel		10	2	8 -	613	856	4	41.73	