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11 in row as Bays roll on

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GLENELG continues to re-write the record books.

The Tigers on Sunday equalled a 52-year club record when they came from seven points behind in the final quarter to beat reigning premier Woodville-West Torrens by 19 points at Woodville Oval to extend their unbeaten start to the season to 11 games. Not since 1969 under legendary coach Neil Kerley had Glenelg won its first 11 matches.

This victory, which pushed the Tigers four wins clear at the top of the ladder and virtually guarantees them the minor premiership, was earned the hard way against a hardened team on the road in tough, wet conditions where the ball spent much of the day on the ground.

In what became a slugfest between the two flag favourites, the second-placed Eagles

led at half-time and three-quarter time and appeared on the way to their fifth consecutive win when former Crow Riley Knight goaled from deep in the forward pocket at the northern end of the ground 84 seconds into the final term to put them seven points up.

But – as they have done so often this season – the Tigers rose from the canvas spectacularly to kick five of the next six goals, including two from dual Ken Farmer Medallist Liam McBean, to continue their stunning winning streak.

“It’s a great record for the club, a great achievement and one we are proud of,” first-year coach Brett Hand said. “I don’t want to sound like a broken record but to me it’s all about our process. What happens this week doesn’t affect what happens next week and if we plan and prepare and play the style we want week-in, week-out, then I’m a

happy man and the results will take care of themselves.”

But Hand hailed his team’s fighting qualities after it again found a way to win when the game was on the line. Six of the Bays’ wins have been by 23 points or fewer, including four by less than two goals.

“The boys have great character and there is a belief that if we continue to stick to what we need to, we’ll come over the top (of teams),” Hand said. “Mentally we are in a good place and the players jump on the back of each other.”

Glenelg controlled the territory battle, convincingly winning inside 50s 53-34.

Tigers midfielders Luke Partington (26 disposals), Matthew Snook (27 disposals, nine clearances, six tackles) and Brett Turner (19 disposals, five clearances, five tackles) were influential while Dylan Landt (27 disposals) rebounded

	GLENELG 3.2 3.4 6.7 11.9	75
	EAGLES 2.3 4.7 6.8 8.8	56

BEST
Glenelg: Partington, Snook, McBean, Landt, B. Turner, Bradley, Durdin, Proud.
Eagles: Knight, Tsitas, Toumpas, Hayes, Redden, Sinor, Thompson.

GOALS
Glenelg: McBean 3, Motlop, Reynolds, Bailey 2, Kuller, Bradley.
Eagles: D. Menzel, Mutch, Williams, Hayes, Firms, Sinor, Knight, Stengle.

UMPIRES
Hundertmark, Bryce, Scott.

CROWD
1709 at Woodville Oval.

strongly and McBean stood up in big moments, kicking a game-high 3.2.

Eagles coach Jade Sheedy felt his side wasted opportunities in the first half to put more scoreboard pressure on Glenelg, kicking 4.7.

“We should have been further in front at half-time and we were a bit undisciplined at times but I was proud of the boys’ effort,” he said. “Glenelg is hard to stop when it gets a run on, which is what happened in the last 10 minutes.”

The Coach’s Match Report – Glenelg v Woodville – West Torrens

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Sunday afternoon was a drizzly wet affair at Oval venue in Woodville. After watching the Reserves boys play some very good wet weather footy and return to the winners list, the League boys were ready to front our biggest challenge this season so far. The Eagles had won 4 in a row and they had been playing some very good football so we knew we had to be up for the challenge.

The first quarter was a good contest and we had 8 more inside 50’s than the Eagles, but were unable to capitalise on our entries. We went into the break 5 points up with Matthew Snook having a very good first quarter.

The second quarter saw the Eagles getting their hands on the ball first and applying a lot more pressure than the first which caught us off guard a bit. With some costly free kicks we went into the half time break 9-points down, lucky not to be

down by more.

After a good honest discussion at half time we came out and started to win the ball again and get our hands on it first. Andrew Bradley, Matthew Snook, Luke Partington and Brett Turner were instrumental in winning the hard ball and giving our forwards opportunities. But once again, we were unable to capitalise on our chances. The game had turned into a real tug of war and it was going to come down to who could take their chances in the last quarter.

The Eagles kicked an early goal in the last quarter which put us down by 7 points, but we were able to respond quickly with a free kick and 25m penalty to Andrew Bradley who kicked truly. It was a trigger that the boys needed and we then kicked another 4 goals to the Eagles 1 goal which had us running out winners by 19 points. It was a sweet victory with



Tigers slog it out against Eagles

Woodville Oval proving to be a hard place to win in the past few years.

I was proud of the way we adapted to the conditions, and our effort and intensity didn’t waver for the game. Luke Partington, Matthew Snook, Andrew Bradley and Dylan Landt were very good all day and Liam McBean, Darcy Bailey and Marlon Motlop all made the most of their opportunities, kicking 2 goals each.

It was another good weekend for the club on a Sunday and we look forward to returning to Saturday afternoon footy this weekend when we get to take on the Adelaide Crows, who have regained a number of their AFL listed boys back from injury. We are expecting another very solid encounter against a team that won last weekend’s game against West convincingly.

Brett Hand, Senior Coach

Maughan Thiem Kia Oval, Sunday 27th June, 1:05pm

W-WT Eagles	2.3	4.7	6.8	8.8	56
Glenelg	3.2	3.4	6.7	11.9	75

Glenelg
Goal Kickers: L.McBean 3.2, D.Bailey 2.1, L.Reynolds 2.1, M.Motlop 2.0, R.Kuller 1.1, A.Bradley 1.0, J.Yates 0.1
Disposals: D.Landt 27, M.Snook 27, L.Partington 26, B.Turner 19, J.Edwards 16, M.Proud 16, M.Allen 15, A.Bradley 15, R.Kuller 15

Woodville – West Torrens

Goal Kickers: J.Hayes, D.Menzel, K.Mutch, Z.Williams, J.Firms, R.Knight, J.Sinor, T.Stengle
Disposals: J.Tsitas 32, J.Toumpas 25, R.Knight 23, S.Rowland 21, J.Lonergan 20, K.Pudney 20, K.Mutch 18

Round 12, 2021 -- League Results & Ladder

Prospect Oval	North Adel	18-12	120 d.	Port Adel	6- 8	44		P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnst	Pts	%
Norwood Oval	Norwood	10-12	72 d.	Cent. Dist	5-12	42	Glenelg	11	11	-	-	997	706	22	58.54
Unley Oval	Sturt	8- 7	55 d.	South Adel	5-14	44	W-WT Eagles	11	7	4	-	973	713	14	57.71
Richmond Oval	Adelaide	14-10	94 d.	West Adel	9- 4	58	South Adel	11	7	4	-	847	758	14	52.77
Woodville Oval	Glenelg	11- 9	75 d.	WW Eagles	8- 8	56	Norwood	11	7	4	-	708	672	14	51.30
Leading Goalkickers							North Adel	11	5	6	-	932	738	10	55.81
Player	Club	Games	Goals				Port Adel	11	5	6	-	757	878	10	46.30
Liam McBEAN	Glenelg	11	30.15				Sturt	11	4	7	-	732	762	8	49.00
Lewis HENDER	North	11	25.12				Adelaide	11	4	7	-	772	1033	8	42.77
Luke REYNOLDS	Glenelg	11	25.11				Centrals	11	3	8	-	710	889	6	44.40
							West Adel	11	2	9	-	671	950	4	41.39