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# BAYS' 15-MINUTE BLITZ CLINCHES MINOR FLAG

#### **WARREN PARTLAND**

GLENELG confirmed its minor premiership after being forced to come from behind late in the final quarter to beat wasteful Norwood at Glenelg Oval on Saturday.

The Tigers, seriously challenged by the plucky Redlegs, relied on 15 minutes of quality football in the fourth term to remain unbeaten after 15 games.

The Redlegs will rue wasted chances in front of goal, finishing with 17 behinds.

"I'm happy with the last quarter but the rest was terrible," Tigers coach Brett Hand said. "I don't like winning like that. Some of our turnovers were really bad, a lot when not under pressure and we did not play the way we wanted."

In a repeat of the Round 9 clash when they were all over the Tigers in the first half in the one-point loss, the Redlegs were all business early and had the ascendancy in the territorial battle.

Jacob Kennerley started on Tigers ball magnet Matt Snook and was in everything with his want for work, providing a terrific spark for the Redlegs.

But their domination of the inside-50 count failed to be reflected on the scoreboard. The Redlegs had 13 more visits inside-50 and eight more scoring attempts for the opening quarter, yet led by only eight points at quarter-time.

The pressure from both sides was relentless and the Tigers found it difficult to produce free-



flowing action. Their opening goal 10 minutes into the contest came after a brilliant Liam McBean tackle on the half-back line. The Tigers then moved the ball quickly to find Darcy Bailey alone in the goalsquare.

The Redlegs were dealt a massive blow early in the second term when Paul Puopolo was carried from the field on a stretcher.

Goals were a rare commodity and a McBean major and two behinds enabled the Tigers to level the scores midway through the quarter. The Redlegs were up for the challenge though, making life tough for the Tigers to move the ball out of defence and their efforts were rewarded with two late goals.

Little changed in the third quarter. The Redlegs were well on top in clearances and the inside-50 count and their pressure continued to bother a Tigers outfit coughing up plenty of skill errors and a lack of conviction with their movement.

Converting opportunities remained an issue, however.

"We were in a winning position but to beat the best you have to be **GLENELG** 2.0 3.4 4.6 11.9 NORWOOD 2.8 4.12 5.17 8.17

#### PARTLAND'S BEST

Gleneig: Landt, Snook, Allen, Proud, Bradley, Durdin. Norwood: Rokahr, J. Richards, Douglas, Ball, Kennerley, Nelligan.

#### GOALS

Gleneig: McBean 3, Motlop, Bailey 2, Reynolds, Durdin, Pink, Wanganeen-Milera. Norwood: Douglas 2, Rokahr, Kennerley, Shenton, Tranfa, Nelligan, Morris. INJURIES

Gleneig: Virgin (back).

Norwood: Puopolo (knee).

#### UMPIRES

Sobieraj, Millar, Scott.

### CROWD

1876 at ACH Group Stadium, Glenelg.

able to play four quarters," Redlegs coach Jade Rawlings lamented. "The game looked exactly how we would like it (for three quarters) but we will rue wasted opportunities when we had the dominance."

## The Coach's Match Report - Gleneig v Norwood

After three weeks off footy, from we were looking forward to getting back into games. We knew that Norwood would be a formidable opponent, and we expected what we got from the first bounce.

Unfortunately our first quarter let us down. We comprehensively were beaten in the contest and made fundamental we errors which could have been a lot more costly than what it was. We were lucky Norwood that kicked inaccurately in the first quarter and we went into quarter time only eight points down. Towards the end of the quarter we started to get our hands on the ball but we kept on giving it back to Norwood.

We addressed a few things at quarter time and the second quarter started to turn in our favour with us getting more of the ball. unfortunately But we couldn't convert and Norwood managed to kick

two goals late in the quarter.

Half time gave us some time to reflect on a few things and when we kicked an early goal in the third quarter it appeared as though we might have been getting a handle on things. But with some poor fundamentals and some things not going our way, we went in to three quarter time 17 points down.

At three quarter time we made a few positional changes and discussed a change in the way we should play, and we were rewarded with a couple of early goals. Our mids started to get on top, and Brett Turner - who had been playing a different role for most of the game found his way back into the game, and supporting Matthew Snook they were able to get the ball into our forward line more often than we had earlier in the day.

Sam Durdin kicked his

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first goal for the club, Liam McBean marked strongly and kicked his third for the game after having a strong wrestle with the Norwood defenders all day, and Marlon Motlop kicked his second goal to finish off a very strong performance.

The highlight of the last quarter would have to be Nasiah Wanganeen-Milera kicking his first goal at League, finishing off an outstanding passage of play starting with our mids winning a stoppage and having Nas make the most of a ball given out to him. To see the smile on his face and the enjoyment that the

whole team got celebrating his first goal with him makes me extremely grateful to be involved in this game and a part of these moments.

Thanks to all who came to ACH Group Stadium on Saturday and abided by the Covid Protocols. We look forward to seeing you all again this weekend as we play Centrals at 2:10pm in our last home game of the season.

Brett Hand, Senior Coach

## ACH Group Stadium, Saturday 7th August, 2:10pm

Glenelg 11.9 2.0 3.4 4.6 75 Norwood 5.17 65 2.8 4.12 8.17

Glenela Goal Kickers:

L.McBean 3.0, D.Bailey 2.2, M.Motlop 2.2, L.Reynolds 1.1, N.Wanganeen-Milera 1.1, S.Durdin 1.0, T.Pink 1.0, M.Allen 0.1, M.Snook 0.1

M.Snook 28, D.Landt 24, M.Allen 22, A.Bradley 20, B.Agnew 18, M.Motlop 18, L.Partington 16,

M.Proud 14, S.Durdin 13, L.McBean 13

Norwood

Goal Kickers:

Disposals:

R.Douglas 2, T.Binder, S.Morris, H.Nelligan, X.Tranfa, J.Kennerley, N.Rokahr

J.Richards 25, N.Rokahr 25, R.Douglas 22, H.Nelligan 21, M.Grigg 17, J.Kennerley 17, Z.Richards 17 Disposals: Shearman Medal Coaches Votes: 8 – M.Snook (Glenelg), 7 – N.Rokahr (Norwood), 4 – R.Douglas (Norwood),

4 – J.Richards (Norwood), 3 – M.Allen (Glenelg), 2 – J.Kennerley (Norwood), 1 – S.Durdin (Glenelg), 1 – M.Motlop (Glenelg)

## Round 16, 2021 -- League Results & Ladder

Richmond Oval Sturt 11-16 82 d. West Adel 0-6 6 7-4 46 Elizabeth Oval South Adel 14-14 98 d. Cent.Dist Glenelg Oval Glenelg 11-9 75 d. Norwood 8-17 65 Prospect Oval North Adel 10-7 67 d. WW Eagles 7-7 49 Adelaide 13-4 82 d. Port Adel 10-9 69 Adelaide Oval Leading Goalkickers

Player Club Games Goals Liam McBEAN Glenelg 42.19 15 30.23 Aiden GRACE Centrals 15 Luke REYNOLDS Glenelg 15 30.14 Lewis HENDER North 29.15 15 28.29 Daniel MENZEL W-WT Eagles 13

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