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IT'S 10/10 AS THE TIGERS ARE PERFECTLY AT HOME

ANDREW CAPEL

HOT premiership favourite Glenelg completed a rare feat on Saturday, beating Central District to go through the season undefeated at home.

The Tigers, whose last two minor round fixtures are on the road, won all 10 of their games at the Bay Oval after dismantling the struggling Bulldogs by 54 points in a one-sided affair that proved nothing more than a finals tune-up for coach Brett Hand's well-drilled outfit.

Glenelg, which had star forwards Liam McBean (seven) and Marlon Motlop (four) boot 11 goals between them, kept its perfect record intact in its centenary year. It has already secured the minor premiership while its 16th straight victory saw it close to within two wins of equalling its best run of 18 in a row in 1973-74. The Bays' flag hopes were boosted further on Saturday, with former AFL pair Lachie Hosie (six goals) and Billy Stretch making successful comebacks from long-term injury in the reserves, playing a half each.

"It's a good achievement (going

unbeaten at home) but we know we really haven't achieved anything yet," said Hand, who has performed wonders in his first season in charge. "We're just focusing on our next opponent each week but there were some good signs against Central. I was really happy with three quarters, the way we moved the ball a bit better and our stoppage stuff was good.

"I was a bit disappointed with the last quarter, the fact we were out-scored and allowed them eight scoring shots and some easy goals from turnovers but we got the job done.

"And it was pleasing to see Lachie and Billy, who have had really tough seasons through injury, get through a half of footy in the reserves"

The only downside for Glenelg was a minor hamstring injury to 2019 Magarey Medallist Luke Partington, who was injured just before half-time and put on ice.

The runaway league leader, which has a bye next week, produced another even team performance.

While McBean was a tower of strength at the goalfront and was



given great support by the classy Motlop, who kicked 4.4, half-back Dylan Landt had a team-high 32 disposals, fellow defenders Chris Curran and Max Proud controlled the defensive airways with 14 marks between them, tough midfielder Brett Turner stood out with 26 disposals and nine clearances and wingman Matthew Allen had 25 touches and kicked two goals.

	GLENELG	121
	4.5 10.6 14.9 18.13	
	CENTRAL	67
	2.0 3.1 5.4 10.7	

CAPEL'S BEST

Glenelg: McBean, Landt, Allen, B. Turner, Curran, Motlop, Hannath, Proud.
Central: Presbury, Grant, J. Schiller, Habel.

GOALS

Glenelg: McBean 7, Motlop 4, Allen 2, Hannath, Reynolds, B. Turner, Bailey, Wanganeen-Milera. **Central:** Grant, Hoskin, Barreau 2, East, J. Schiller, Grace, Habel.

INJURIES

Glenelg: Partington (hamstring).

UMPIRES

Medlin, Hughes, Burke.

CROWD

2433 at Glenelg Oval.

Central on-ballers Kyle Presbury, Harry Grant and Jarrod Schiller worked hard to combine for 76 disposals but they didn't get much support.

The Coach's Match Report – Glenelg v Central Districts

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With the sun shining and the ground in excellent condition, it was the perfect setting for a last home game of the season.

I would like to acknowledge the work that Marlon Motlop did in the lead up to the game to get all clubs across the SANFL to link arms before the game as a sign to stand united as one and let people know that there isn't any room for racism in our game or in society. Well done Marlon and I look forward to working closely with you in the future to help educate and remove racism from our community.

With only one change made this week, we were keen to start the game well and play some good Tigers football. The first quarter was almost the perfect start, with Luke Partington, Matt Snook and Brett Turner taking control of the midfield and making the most of Jack's hit outs. This provided our forwards with numerous opportunities, kicking 5:4 for the quarter. We were unlucky not to have a couple more goals but it was a good start to

the game.

The second quarter saw us kick into a slight breeze towards the northern end, but I was pleased with the way we were able to use the ball and move it from one end to the other. Dylan Landt was providing plenty of rebound from defence and Chris Curran was intercepting whatever was coming his way. Liam and Marlon were the fortunate forwards who were capitalising on their opportunities and at half time both had kicked three goals.

We knew that Centrals were going to bounce back in the second half as they have been doing, plus their young players were playing with plenty of spirit. The third quarter turned into a more even contest around the ball and with inside 50's. We were a player down on the bench so we adjusted a few things to conserve a bit of energy and still managed to outscore an energetic Centrals outfit by two goals and go into the last break with a 59-point lead.

At the break we talked about ensuring we finished



the game off in the same way that we had played the first three quarters, but it wasn't to be. Centrals came out full of energy and enthusiasm and took it right up to us, with both sides having eight scoring shots for the quarter. I was a bit disappointed with some of our turnovers which proved costly and it will be something that we will address in the coming weeks.

We finished up with a comprehensive win against a spirited Centrals outfit to celebrate Brad Agnew's 150th game for the Glenelg Football Club. I am sure the players that played on Saturday, along with all of the other players that have played with Ags over the past 10 years, will

remember him for his competitiveness and hardness along with being just an all-round good man. Congratulations Ags. It was also an outstanding game from Liam McBean and Marlon Motlop who both had eight shots on goal for the game.

Thanks to all of our members and supporters who have come to our home games and made ACH Stadium such a wonderful place for us to play footy here this season and remain undefeated at home. We look forward to your continued support over the last two minor round games against West and Port and then the finals series.

Brett Hand,
Senior Coach

ACH Group Stadium, Saturday 14th August, 2:10pm

Glenelg	4.5	10.6	14.9	18.13	121
Centrals	2.0	3.1	5.4	10.7	67

Glenelg

Goal Kickers: L.McBean 7.1, M.Motlop 4.4, M.Allen 2.0, D.Bailey 1.1, L.Reynolds 1.1, J.Hannath 1.0, B.Turner 1.0, N.Wanganeen-Milera 1.0, T.Schott 0.2, D.Landt 0.1

Disposals: D.Landt 32, C.Curran 26, B.Turner 26, M.Allen 25, M.Snook 22, B.Agnew 18, R.Kuller 18, M.Motlop 15, M.Proud 14, L.McBean 13, B.Newman 13, N.Wanganeen-Milera 13

Centrals

Goal Kickers: J.Hoskin 2, M.Barreau 2, H.Grant 2, A.Grace, E.East, L.Habel, J.Schiller

Disposals: K.Presbury 29, H.Grant 24, J.Schiller 24, L.Habel 18, F.Fort 17, D.Weaver 16, C.Olsson 15

Shearman Medal Coaches Votes: 5 – J.Hannath (Glenelg), 5 – L.McBean (Glenelg), 4 – M.Motlop (Glenelg), 4 – D.Landt (Glenelg), 4 – C.Curran (Glenelg), 3 – K.Presbury (Central), 3 – J.Schiller (Central), 1 – B.Turner (Glenelg), 1 – M.Proud (Glenelg)

Round 17, 2021 -- League Results & Ladder

Norwood Oval	Norwood	9-15	69	d.	West Adel	6- 4	40
Glenelg Oval	Glenelg	18-13	121	d.	Cent.Dist	10- 7	67
Unley Oval	Sturt	14-12	96	d.	Port Adel	10-12	72
Noarlunga Oval	North Adel	17-10	112	d.	South Adel	8- 6	54
Woodville Oval	WW Eagles	17-13	115	d.	Adelaide	8- 2	50

Leading Goalkickers

Player	Club	Games	Goals
Liam McBEAN	Glenelg	16	49.20
Daniel MENZEL	W-WT Eagles	14	32.29
Lewis HENDER	North	16	32.20
Aiden GRACE	Centrals	16	31.25
Luke REYNOLDS	Glenelg	16	31.15

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnst	Pts	%
Glenelg	16	16	-	-	1471	1053	32	58.28
W-WT Eagles	16	11	5	-	1374	976	22	58.47
North Adel	16	10	6	-	1430	1014	20	58.51
South Adel	16	9	7	-	1186	1140	18	50.99
Norwood	16	9	7	-	1008	976	18	50.81
Sturt	16	8	8	-	1059	983	16	51.86
Port Adel	16	7	9	-	1099	1271	14	46.37
Adelaide	16	5	11	-	1110	1509	10	42.38
Centrals	16	3	13	-	977	1332	6	42.31
West Adel	16	2	14	-	893	1353	4	39.76