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Westies put up fight but no match as Tigers' unbeaten run rolls on

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IT will be a long forgotten win if Glenelg converts its now 17-0 reign into a premiership as the Bays did enough to put away a competitive West Adelaide by 36 points.

On a chilly Friday night at Richmond Oval, the Bloods got off to a bright start by winning the toss and keeping the peerless Tigers to just two majors in the opening stanza.

However, the home team was unable to isolate any of its forwards inside the arc against a water-tight Bays back six.

Mobile Bloods forward Hamish Ellem was industrious (four marks) but did most of his work further up the ground.

But for the undefeated Glenelg it was a different tale at the business end, able to pick out marking options but just without the customary polish as Lachie Hosie fluffed two gettable chances.

Glenelg set up much of its forward thrusts with razor-sharp use of handball (50 for the quarter), as an opening 14-minute goalless period was ended by a brilliant Darcy Bailey soccer.

That was quickly followed by some Brad Agnew opportunism; clearing from a centre bounce only to produce a crumbing goal in the goal square moments later.

Then in the second, further slick handball released Dylan Landt for a couple of damaging runs through the middle for majors — slotting one himself while finding Luke Reynolds for another.

While lacking the Tigers' class, the home team hung in for their faithful braving the cold, leading the tackle count (38-32). And with Josh Ryan keeping Liam McBean to a solitary point for the half, a rare Glenelg defensive turnover created Connor Fairlie's first.

A stunning low and laser-like Mitch Maguire pass to a marking and goaling Harry Lemmey was the high-point of a half lacking genuine highlights.

It was matched by a brilliant checkside from the boundary from captain Tom Keough to open the third. But two Hosie majors snuffed out any remote thought of the Bloods getting within striking distance.

The game opened up in an 11-goal final term but the result was never in doubt.

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WEST	0.2 2.2 4.5 9.8	62

CAMERON'S BEST

Glenelg: Turner, Landt, Allen, Snook, Bradley, Bailey, Curran, Hannath. **West:** Chamberlain, J. Stevens, Ryan, Hill, Meline, Redfern, Keough, Ellem.

GOALS

Glenelg: Bailey 3, Hosie, Reynolds, Agnew 2, Landt, Bradley, Snook, Turner, Hannath, Pink. **West:** Keough 3, Beech, Duvall 2, C. Fairlie, Lemmey.

UMPIRES

Galletly, Burke, Hundertmark.

CROWD

1355 at Richmond Oval.

The Coach's Match Report – Glenelg v West Adelaide

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Heading to Richmond on a Friday night was quite weird after another bye, and with this being only our second night game of the season and with the Power playing the Cats I wasn't sure what sort of crowd would attend. But I was quite pleased with the number of loyal SANFL Glenelg fans that turned up in the cold conditions to watch us play.

It had been 16 rounds since we last played West and after a very disappointing performance by them a few weeks ago we knew they would be quite competitive. Losing Luke Partington meant we could make a few changes and have a look at a few things heading into the finals but we were keen to make our mark on the game early. Unfortunately we didn't reward ourselves with scoreboard pressure but I felt like we had control of the game and the ball.

The second quarter saw Lachie Hosie kick his first goal since round 7 against the Panthers but once again we weren't able to capitalise on our midfield dominance and inside 50 entries. However, we still managed to kick four goals to take a 27-point lead into half time. Matt Allen, Matt Snook and Andrew Bradley were all influential and getting their hands on the ball for us and providing some good inside 50 entries.

The half time discussion revolved around ensuring we played a four quarter game. We started the third quarter well and with a number of different players hitting the scoreboard to open up a 31-point margin.

For the first 15 minutes of the last quarter I was very pleased with the way we moved the ball and finished off our work inside 50. However for the last 15 minutes we didn't execute some of the fundamentals of the game, which hurt us on transition, and West were able to capitalise on a few mistakes.

Tigers take down the Wolf Pack under lights

Brett Turner was the standout mid for the game, collecting 35 disposals and 7 clearances along with 12 tackles. Andrew Bradley and Dylan Landt were quite important with their ball use and Matt Snook had his usual industrious game. It was good to see Darcy Bailey rewarded for his hard work with three goals, as well as Agnew, Reynolds, Hosie kicking two goals.

We now go into our last minor round game against a very strong Port Magpies team with about 16 listed players, which will give us a great test leading into finals.

Brett Hand,
Senior Coach

Hisense Stadium, Friday 27th August, 7:40pm

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Glenelg

Goal Kickers: D.Bailey 3.0, L.Hosie 2.3, B.Agnew 2.0, L.Reynolds 2.0, A.Bradley 1.1, T.Pink 1.1, J.Hannath 1.0, D.Landt 1.0, M.Snook 1.0, B.Turner 1.0, L.McBean 0.1

Disposals: B.Turner 35, M.Allen 30, D,Landt 28, M.Snook 27, A.Bradley 26, C.Curran 23, B.Agnew 22, T.Schott 19, D.Bailey 18, T.Condon 18

West

Goal Kickers: T.Keough 3, M.Duval 2, J.Beech 2, C.Fairlie, H.Lemmey

Disposals: K.Stevens 23, B.Chamberlain 22, J.Stevens 22, L.Meline 20, L.Redfern 20, L.Hupfield 17

Round 18, 2021 -- League Results & Ladder

Alberton Oval	Port Adel	15- 7	97	d.	South Adel	13- 6 84
Elizabeth Oval	Cent Dist	11- 9	75	d	Adelaide	6- 6 42
Richmond Oval	Glenelg	15- 8	98	d	West Adel	9- 8 62
Unley Oval	WW Eagles	11- 6	72	d.	Sturt	9- 8 62
Prospect Oval	Norwood	13- 7	85	d.	North Adel	10-13 73

Leading Goalkickers

Player	Club	Games	Goals
Liam McBEAN	Glenelg	17	49.21
Daniel MENZEL	W-WT Eagles	15	34.30
Lewis HENDER	North	17	34.21
Aiden GRACE	Centrals	17	33.27
Luke REYNOLDS	Glenelg	17	33.15

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnst	Pts	%
Glenelg	17	17	-	-	1569	1115	34	58.46
W-WT Eagles	17	12	5	-	1446	1038	24	58.21
North Adel	17	10	7	-	1503	1099	20	57.76
Norwood	17	10	7	-	1093	1049	20	51.03
South Adel	17	9	8	-	1270	1237	18	50.66
Sturt	17	8	9	-	1121	1055	16	51.52
Port Adel	17	8	9	-	1196	1355	16	46.88
Adelaide	17	5	12	-	1152	1584	10	42.11
Centrals	17	4	13	-	1052	1374	8	43.36
West Adel	17	2	15	-	955	1451	4	39.69