

TIGERS' RUN COMES TO END

PORT STOPS GLENELG'S BID FOR AN UNBEATEN SEASON

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GLENELG fell at the final hurdle. The minor premier's bold bid to become the first side since Port Adelaide 107 years ago to complete a SANFL minor round unbeaten came up short when it lost to a powerful Port line-up by six goals at Alberton Oval on Saturday.

Looking to emulate the Magpies' feat in 1914, when Port won all 12 of its home-and-away games and two finals to finish unbeaten, the Tigers were brushed aside by a Port side that featured 16 AFL-listed players.

"We were beaten by a really good team," said first-year Glenelg coach Brett Hand, whose side's stunning 17-game winning streak was ended. It was the Bays' first loss since being beaten by South Adelaide in last year's first semi-final – 335 days ago.

"We couldn't get our hands on the ball in the first half and didn't cope with the (windy) conditions as well as we would have liked," said Hand, whose side had 10

more inside-50s – 47 to 37 – but could manage only five goals.

"I was really happy with our second half, winning more contested ball, but we didn't capitalise, blazing away too often and having too many shallow inside-50s."

Port, which will miss the finals, gained some satisfaction from inflicting Glenelg's first loss and preserving its club's record as being the SANFL's last unbeaten side.

Just as importantly, a host of Power-listed players hoping to feature in Saturday night's AFL preliminary final at Adelaide Oval put their hands up for selection.

They included veteran Hamish Hartlett (23 disposals and a goal), Sam Mayes (26 disposals), Boyd Woodcock (27) and key defender Tom Clurey (11 marks).

Sam Powell-Pepper had a strong first half with 10 disposals and a goal before copping a corked thigh and being rested.

"It was pleasing we were able to get some good form into some guys who are pushing to play in the (AFL) finals," Lokan said.

"Overall, that's the brand of



(SANFL) football we've been trying to achieve consistently all year.

"In our past two games (which also included a win against South) our pressure and ability to get at the opposition, along with our contested ball, has been first rate. This was probably the best game we played all year and to beat the best side in the competition is a good way to finish the season."

Port set up its win with a strong five-goal first quarter into the wind, opening up a 17-point advantage, and never relinquished the lead. Clever forward Dylan Williams bagged three first-half majors and captain Cam Sutcliffe had 25 touches and kicked a goal.

Glenelg, which will get the first week off in the finals after finishing four wins clear on top of the ladder, will now prepare for a second-semi final as it chases its second premiership in three years.

"We've earned the right to be where we are and while we have some things to work on we'll be ready to go in two weeks," Hand said. Midfielder Matthew Snook was the Tigers' best with 31 dispos-

	PORT	74
	5.2 8.6 8.6 11.8	
	GLENELG	38
	2.3 3.5 4.7 5.8	

CAPEL'S BEST
Port: Mayes, Sutcliffe, Woodcock, Frederick, Hartlett, Lienert, Clurey, Williams, Hayes.
Glenelg: Snook, Landt, Turner, Allen, Bradley.

GOALS
Port: Williams 3, Westbrook, Weidemann, Sutcliffe, Powell-Pepper, Georgiades, Garner, Hartlett, McEntee. **Glenelg:** McBean 2, Snook, Hosie, Agnew.

INJURIES
Port: Powell-Pepper (corked thigh).

UMPIRES
Sobieraj, Hardy, Medlin.

CROWD
2370 at Alberton Oval.

als and 10 clearances, while Dylan Landt rebounded strongly from half-back.

The Coach's Match Report – Glenelg v Port Adelaide

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This last round we were looking forward to a really good challenge and finals-like intensity against a very strong Magpies outfit – and we got exactly that. In tricky conditions we won the coin toss and kicked towards the northern end of the ground and were able to put pressure on Port. However, we were unable to capitalise on our opportunities inside 50 and we turned the ball over a few times, allowing Port to kick a couple of late goals in the first quarter to establish a 17-point lead.

The second quarter saw Port make the most of their possessions – having seven shots on goal – while we only managed to have three. We were winning the contested ball and were even with clearances but we couldn't manage to hit the scoreboard often enough.

Half time saw the guys come out with a more determined approach to the

first half and we dominated the inside 50's and disposals, but we had difficulty finding spare men and room inside our 50 due to the number of Port defenders that were inside our 50. We were unable to take any marks inside 50 and we lacked a bit of composure going forward. We kept Port scoreless for the quarter but only managed to kick 1-2.

The last quarter was always going to be a difficult one kicking into a very strong breeze, but I was happy with the way we went about our processes and attack on the ball. We lead in all key stats for the last quarter but we were unable to finish our work going inside 50, which was disappointing but certainly something we learned a lot from. We haven't played on too many grounds the size of Alberton this year and we learnt a lot from this. We can



now prepare for our first final next week at Adelaide Oval having played two games on bigger grounds in the last two weeks.

To finish the minor round on top of the table is a wonderful way to celebrate our Centenary season and a great reward for our players, staff and volunteers – who have had a challenging and quite different season since they started in back in December – but we are under no illusion that the hard work starts now.

We look forward to the

challenge the next four weeks will bring us against four quality teams. We will be doing our utmost to plan, prepare and play to the best of our ability over the finals series and we look forward to seeing as many Tigers supporters as possible at Adelaide Oval on Saturday 18th September @ 7:15pm for our Second Semi Final.

Thanks for your support.

Brett Hand,
Senior Coach

Alberton Oval, Saturday 4th September, 2:10pm

Port Adelaide	5.2	8.6	8.6	11.8	74
Glenelg	2.3	3.5	4.7	5.8	38
Glenelg					
Goal Kickers:	L.McBean 2.1, L.Hosie 1.2, B.Agnew 1.0, M.Snook 1.0, D.Bailey 0.1, A.Bradley 0.1, M.Motlop 0.1, L.Reynolds 0.1, N.Wanganeen-Milera 0.1				
Disposals:	M.Snook 32, D.Landt 27, B.Turner 27, M.Allen 22, A.Bradley 22, B.Stretch 20, B.Agnew 18, C.Curran 15, S.Durbin 15, D.Bailey 13				
Port					
Goal Kickers:	D.Williams 3, M.Georgiades, H.Hartlett, C.Sutcliffe, J.Westbrook, J.Garner, J.McEntee, S.Powell-Pepper, J.Weidemann				
Disposals:	C.Sutcliffe 27, B.Woodcock 27, S.Mayes 26, M.Fredereick 25, H.Hartlett 23, J.Lienert 21, J.Mead 19, J.McEntee 18, T.Clurey 14, C.Wildman 14, L.Jones 13				

Round 19, 2021 -- League Results & Ladder

Norwood Oval	Norwood	14-11	95 d.	Adelaide	7-10	52	Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agntst	Pts	%
Woodville Oval	WW Eagles	19-8	122 d.	Cent.Dist	2-6	18	Glenelg	18	17	1	-	1607	1189	34	57.47
Alberton Oval	Port Adel	11-8	74 d.	Glenelg	5-8	38	W-WT Eagles	18	13	5	-	1568	1056	26	59.76
Noarlunga Oval	South Adel	12-17	89 d.	West Adel	7-4	46	Norwood	18	11	7	-	1188	1101	22	51.90
Unley Oval	Sturt	16-14	110 d.	North Adel	6-4	40	North Adel	18	10	8	-	1543	1209	20	56.07
Leading Goalkickers							South Adel	18	10	8	-	1359	1283	20	51.44
Player	Club	Games	Goals				Sturt	18	9	9	-	1231	1095	18	52.92
Liam McBEAN	Glenelg	18	51.22				Port Adel	18	9	9	-	1270	1393	18	47.69
Lewis HENDER	North	18	36.21				Adelaide	18	5	13	-	1204	1679	10	41.76
Tyson STENGLE	W-WT Eagles	16	35.22				Centrals	18	4	14	-	1070	1496	8	41.70
Daniel MENZEL	W-WT Eagles	15	34.30				West Adel	18	2	16	-	1001	1540	4	39.39