

# Tigers fend off Eagles

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**BEN CAMERON**

GLENELG finally found its forward-line polish, kicking clear of Woodville-West Torrens after half-time to win by 29 points at home last night.

In cool and blustery conditions, an ultra-congested arm-wrestle finally broke loose in the second half, as the Tigers slotted a decisive 11.4, with Luke Partington collecting 32 touches.

The Tigers burnt a string of golden chances to have the dream start against the reigning premier, registering six behinds with the ball parked in its half for most of the quarter.

Lachie Hosie's snap in the fourth minute was the only home side major as a Luke

Reynolds bomb struck the timber and Marlon Motlop added consecutive behinds.

Up the other end, the Eagles were a shadow of its final quarter, seven-goal Good Friday destruction of Sturt.

But the defending champions at least made the most of its rare forward thrusts, with a dribbler from Joseph Sinor coming against the flow of play as Glenelg dominated the inside-50 count (16-7).

That pattern continued in the second, with the Eagles pinching the lead from their first forward entry through Jack Hayes.

The Tigers continued to waste scoring opportunities, either through real or perceived pressure, with Jack

Kluske and Motlop the worst offenders. The latter gave Tiger fans major heartburn when he somehow missed the lot from 10m out.

After Dan Menzel swung onto the left and goaled, the Tigers needed reward for its efforts. It would take until the 24th minute, with Reynolds guiding one through from the goalsquare, to find it.

The key stats of marks, kicks and handballs were level at half-time, but it would be Glenelg feeling there should have been major separation on the scoreboard.

However, the script was flipped early in the third, with five straight goals in just over seven minutes as both sides found their kicking boots.

**BEST**

**Glenelg:** Partington, Snook, Hosie, Turner, Reynolds, Curran.  
**Eagles:** McFarlane, Sinor, Hayes, Tsitas, Toumpas, Knight, D Menzel.

**GOALS**

**Glenelg:** Hosie, Reynolds 3; Motlop 2; Bailey, Bradley, Snook, Horsnell, McBean.  
**Eagles:** D Menzel 3; Hayes, Cameron 2; Sinor, Williams.

**UMPIRES**

Medlin, Morgan, Lewis.

**CROWD**

2056, at ACH Group Stadium.

Reynolds' second on the final change buzzer gave the home team an 18-point break.

**The Coach's Match Report – Glenelg v Woodville-West Torrens**

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With very different conditions confronting us on Saturday, I felt it was always going to be a challenge of who could adjust earlier. I thought we did this quite well.

Even though the scoreboard didn't reflect our effort of the first quarter, I was very happy with the way we started the game, and I was confident that if we continued to apply our pressure and were clean with our hands that the scoreboard would take care of itself.

The second quarter was a closer affair, with both sides having 12 inside 50 entries. We were able to kick 1-3 into the breeze and we only allowed the Eagles to score 2-3. It was one of the last passages of play of the second quarter that saw Luke Reynolds capitalise on a deep entry and kick a goal from the

goal square.

We started the second half well with Marlon Motlop kicking a goal from the opening centre bounce. Our midfield were getting their hands on the ball and providing our forwards with plenty of opportunities, with 18 inside 50 entries. We kicked 6 goals, with Luke Reynolds kicking another one on the siren.

The final quarter was always going to be a big challenge for us, with a strong breeze going towards the northern end that we were kicking into. Our defensive pressure was very good for the whole game, but we started to win the contested ball and get our hands on it first, which allowed our forwards to capitalise on their opportunities.

Luke Reynolds was very good, kicking three goals along with Lachie Hosie.



Tigers claw down Eagles after second half blitz

Both of our Captains also led the way in defence, playing very good games. Brett Turner played his best game since moving to the club and Matt Snook and Luke Partington continued to play their brand of football.

We unveiled another debutant on Saturday night with Cooper Hornsell playing his first game on the wing, playing his role and kicking a goal which

saw everyone on the field get around the young man.

Another challenge awaits us this week with a trip to Elizabeth to play against Centrals who have started the year off with a good win against North in round one and a competitive showing against a strong Port outfit on Saturday.

**Brett Hand, Senior Coach**

**ACH Group Stadium, Saturday 10th April, 4:10pm**

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**Glenelg**

Goal Kickers: L. Reynolds 3.3, L. Hosie 3.0, M. Motlop 2.2, C. Horsnell 1.1, D. Bailey 1.0, L. McBean 1.0, A. Bradley 1.0, M. Snook 1.0, J. Kluske 0.2, L. Partington 0.1, J. Hannath 0.1

Disposals: L.Partington 31, B.Turner 27, M.Snook 24, D.Bailey 22, M.Virgin 19, C.Curran 17, L.Hosie 16, L.McBean 16

**Eagles**

Goal Kickers: D. Menzel 3, J. Hayes 2, C. Cameron 2, J. Sinor, Z. Williams

Disposals: D.McFarlane 26, J.Tsitas 24, R.Knight 23, J.Sinor 21, K.Pudney 20, J.Toumpas 20, J.Lonergan 18, M.Mead 17, J.Hayes 16, A.Poole 16

**Shearman Medal Coaches Votes:** 9 – L.Partington (Glenelg), 7 – M.Snook (Glenelg), 4 – R.Knight (Eagles), 4 – B.Turner (Glenelg), 3 – J.Hayes (Eagles), 3 – L.Reynolds (Glenelg)

**Round 2, 2021 -- League Results & Ladder**

Match	Score	Result	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Alberton Oval										
Port Adel	8-16 64	d. Cent.Dist	7-5	47						
Prospect Oval										
South Adel	11-11 77	d. North Adel	9-12	66						
Unley Oval										
Norwood	10-6 66	d. Sturt	6-9	45						
Glenelg Oval										
Glenelg	13-13 91	d. WW Eagles	9-8	62						
Richmond Oval										
Adelaide	12-10 82	d. WestAdel	11-10	76						
Norwood			2	2	-	-	163	97	62.69	4
South Adelaide			2	2	-	-	179	107	62.59	4
Glenelg			2	2	-	-	180	140	56.25	4
Eagles			2	1	1	-	156	139	52.88	2
Central District			2	1	1	-	146	154	48.67	2
Port Adelaide			2	1	1	-	116	144	44.62	2
Adelaide			2	1	1	-	123	178	40.86	2
West Adelaide			2	-	2	-	154	171	47.38	-
North Adelaide			2	-	2	-	156	176	46.99	-
Sturt			2	-	2	-	93	160	36.76	-