

Flag shot Bays look the part

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GLENELG underlined its premiership credentials – and left North Adelaide's top-three hopes in tatters – with a courageous 31-point win at Prospect Oval yesterday.

Under serious pressure at the final change after their 33-point lead had been cut to two and the Roosters were coming home with the wind, the Tigers illustrated their toughness and class by steamrolling the grand finalists in the last term.

Controlling the clearance battle when it mattered most – Magarey Medallist Luke Partington was best-afield with 35 disposals – and boasting a potent, multi-pronged attack, Glenelg kicked the opening five goals of the term in 18 devastating minutes to break the game wide open.

The victory left the Tigers, under new coach Brett Hand, sitting top and the only unbeaten side after five rounds.

"It showed we have resilience and belief in each other," Hand said after his team's backs-to-the-wall final quarter performance. "Before the game and again at three-quarter-time we talked about resilience, our mindset and belief in each other and in that final term we played some of the best footy we've played all year.

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|  | GLENELG | 6.2 9.3 10.5 15.10 | 100 |
|  | NORTH | 2.2 7.5 9.9 10.9 | 69 |

BEST

Glenelg: Partington, McBean, Allen, Snook, Curran, Landt, Turner, Motlop. **North:** C. Combe, Spina, W. Combe, Schwarz, A. Young, Allmond.

GOALS

Glenelg: McBean 5, Reynolds 3, Motlop, Hosie 2, Allen, Turner, Bradley. **North:** Schwarz 3, W. Combe 2, Hilder, Minervini, Allmond, Harvey, A. Young.

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CROWD

1794 at Prospect Oval.



Glenelg Magarey Medallist Luke Partington escapes Keanu Miller in his best-on-ground performance. Picture: Dean Martin

"That was on the back of hard work from our forwards, through our mids and our backs playing their roles, so it was a collective effort.

"At the moment I have a group of players who are willing to play for each other and play the style of footy we want to play, which is the most pleasing thing."

Glenelg flexed its muscles early, kicking the opening two goals following strong marks from dual Ken Farmer Medalist Liam McBean, who finished with five. Kicking with the wind, the Bays were first to

the ball and moved it swiftly while North looked at sea and when it did win possession it turned it over with some uncustomary skill errors.

The visitors broke to a four-goal lead at the first change and extended the margin to 33 points entering time-on in the second quarter before the Roosters surged back into the contest, kicking three goals in three minutes.

But they had no answer when Glenelg flicked the switch in the last quarter, winning the first seven clearances and capitalising on the

scoreboard.

The loss left North, one of the pre-season flag favourites, in early-season trouble at 1-4 and coach Jacob Surjan searching for answers and vowing to make personnel changes.

"We got ourselves back into the game and I thought we were going to come home well with the breeze but Glenelg's contest stuff, in the midfield, was way better than ours, so credit to them," Surjan said. "We have to own where we're at and we're going to have to make a stand, including at selection."

The Coach's Match Report – Glenelg v North Adelaide

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It was a bit of an earlier start than we have been used to (Saturday afternoon at 1:10pm at Prospect), but it turned out to be a great day for football, minus the wind.

We kicked with a strong breeze in the first quarter and we should have converted an early goal when Luke Partington followed up from a forward stoppage to snap on goal to just miss. We continued to attack the goal front during the quarter, going inside 50 17 times, and we could have been further in front at quarter time. We were winning the contested ball and our backline was holding up well, returning the ball back into our forward line regularly. Liam McBean continued off where he finished last week with two first quarter goals along with Luke Reynolds.

The second quarter started in a similar fashion to the first, with us having a lot more of the ball. We kicked 3 goals and were looking like we would go into half time with a healthy lead. However, as we expected, North had other ideas and they put the pressure on and got a sniff after a couple of undisciplined efforts from some players allowed them to score a goal. Once North get a sniff they can be very dangerous, and we found this out with them kicking the last 4 goals of the quarter in about the last 6 minutes of the term to bridge the gap to 10 points.

The third quarter was a real arm wrestle and both sides had difficulty kicking the Burley in very tricky, windy conditions. North were able to close the gap further to 2 points and had



all of the momentum at three quarter time.

We addressed a few structural things at the break and when Marlon Motlop kicked a goal in the first minute of the quarter it was the start of some very good football. Our mids dominated clearances and our forwards were working well together and making the most of their opportunities, kicking 5 goals to 0 in the first 18 minutes of the quarter. Liam McBean finished the

game the way he started with another two goals in the quarter, while Reynolds, Motlop and Hosie were all also able to kick majors in the last quarter, helping us to a very exciting win by 31 points.

Congratulations to all of our teams that played on the weekend, with the 18's, Reserves and Ladies team all having good wins on Saturday afternoon. Thanks for all our supporters that came to Prospect to watch.

Brett Hand, Senior Coach

Prospect Oval, Saturday 1st May, 1:10pm

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North Adelaide

Goal Kickers: T. Schwarz 3, W. Combe 2, M. Harvey, J. Allmond, D. Hilder, L. Minervini, A. Young

Disposals: C. Combe 26, A. Young 24, A. Spina 22, J. Allmond 20, T. Smith 19, W. Combe 18, C. Hewett 18, A. Moore 18

Glenelg

Goal Kickers: L. McBean 5.2, L. Reynolds 3.0, M. Motlop 2.2, L. Hosie 2.0, M. Allen 1.1, B. Turner 1.0, A. Bradley 1.0, L. Partington 0.2, T. Pink 0.1

Disposals: L. Partington 35, M. Allen 29, M. Snook 24, D. Landt 22, C. Curran 21, B. Turner 21, L. McBean 19

Shearman Medal Coaches Votes: 10 – L. Partington (Glenelg), 7 – M. Allen (Glenelg), 6 – L. McBean (Glenelg), 5 – A. Spina (North), 1 – S. Durdin (Glenelg), 1 – B. Turner (Glenelg)

Round 5, 2021 -- League Results & Ladder

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| Norwood Oval | | | | | | | | | |
| Norwood | 7-9 | 51 | d. | South Adel | 6-6 | 42 | | | |
| Prospect Oval | | | | | | | | | |
| Glenelg | 15-10 | 100 | d. | North Adel | 10-9 | 69 | | | |
| Richmond Oval | | | | | | | | | |
| West Adel | 13-7 | 85 | d. | Cent. Dist | 8-13 | 61 | | | |
| Unley Oval | | | | | | | | | |
| Sturt | 12-12 | 84 | d. | Adelaide | 13-5 | 83 | | | |
| Alberton Oval | | | | | | | | | |
| Port Adel | 16-11 | 107 | d. | WW Eagles | 7-5 | 47 | | | |

| Teams | P. | W. | L. | D. | For | Agnt | Pts | % |
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| Glenelg | 5 | 5 | - | - | 439 | 324 | 10 | 57.54 |
| South Adel | 5 | 4 | 1 | - | 383 | 272 | 8 | 58.47 |
| W-WT Eagles | 5 | 3 | 2 | - | 419 | 376 | 6 | 52.70 |
| Norwood | 5 | 3 | 2 | - | 277 | 312 | 6 | 47.03 |
| Port Adel | 5 | 2 | 3 | - | 368 | 355 | 4 | 50.90 |
| West Adel | 5 | 2 | 3 | - | 344 | 369 | 4 | 48.25 |
| Sturt | 5 | 2 | 3 | - | 312 | 367 | 4 | 45.95 |
| Adelaide | 5 | 2 | 3 | - | 381 | 497 | 4 | 43.39 |
| North Adel | 5 | 1 | 4 | - | 394 | 356 | 2 | 52.53 |
| Centrals | 5 | 1 | 4 | - | 329 | 418 | 2 | 44.04 |