

Glenelg's Reid Kuller on the rebound in the Tigers' thrilling win against Sturt. Picture: Keryn Stevens



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BEST
Glenelg: Partington, Landt, Snook, Allen, Curran, Bailey, Reynolds. **Sturt:** Battersby, Lewis, McEntee, Voss, Edmonds, Parker.

GOALS
Glenelg: Hosie, Reynolds 3, Allen 2, Bailey, Motlop, Snook. **Sturt:** Hone, Johnson, Kirkwood 2, Parker, Patullo, Evans, Davis.

UMPIRES
Hughes, Hundertmark, Lewis.

CROWD
2415 at Glenelg Oval.

ANDREW CAPEL

GLENELG'S centenary season celebrations remain in full swing after it overcame a massive scare from Sturt to stretch its unbeaten start to the year to six games with a thrilling four-point win at the Bay yesterday.

The Tigers will enter the bye round as the SANFL's only unbeaten side after a late goal from key forward Luke Reynolds saved them from an upset loss to a well-drilled Double Blues outfit.

Reynolds marked and goaled from the edge of the goalsquare at the Phillis End of Glenelg Oval to put his side in front for good with two minutes remaining after it had surrendered an 18-point lead midway through the last quarter. Ash Johnson ap-

peared set to be Sturt's hero for the second consecutive week after he gave Martin Mattner's gallant outfit the lead 22 minutes into the final term following his matchwinning goal against Adelaide the previous week.

But with a big boilover on the cards, Glenelg dug deep – as it has so often this year – to pinch its sixth straight win deep into time-on.

Reynolds' goal – his third of the day – was set up by some clever work from fellow forwards Marlon Motlop and Darcy Bailey.

"It's good to win ugly sometimes," said first-year Bays coach Brett Hand, who is yet to taste defeat at Tigerland. "Credit to our boys at the end there for doing what they did, to work so hard to get that last goal, it was pleas-

ing to see that happen.

"It was disappointing to lose that three-goal lead late but good teams find a way to win, which we did.

"At the moment we're not as good as I'd like us to be but full credit to Marty and the Sturt boys because they came to play and they played a really high pressure game."

In a seesawing contest, Glenelg led by eight points at quarter-time and two at the long break but fell 13 points behind in the third term.

A run of five unanswered goals saw it break 18 points clear halfway through the final quarter before the Double Blues came storming home, kicking 3.2 without reply to snatch a two-point lead.

Johnson kicked two of the goals, including the one that

put Sturt in front. But Glenelg surged forward to find a way to win.

Midfielders Luke Partington and Matthew Snook were influential, combining for 56 disposals and 11 clearances, half-back Dylan Landt provided strong rebound with 26 disposals, utility Matthew Allen covered plenty of territory for his 23 possessions and two goals and co-captain Chris Curran was a tower of strength in defence.

Skipper James Battersby was outstanding for Sturt with a game-high 35 disposals and eight clearances and was given great support from fellow on-ballers Tom Lewis and Jed McEntee while Casey Voss was excellent in defence and key backman Luke Edmonds kept dual Ken Farmer Medalist Liam McBean scoreless.

The Coach's Match Report – Glenelg v Sturt

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What a great way to spend Mother's Day down at the Bay with 4 wins for the club over the weekend. After some strong performances by our U/18's and Women's Team on Saturday, our Reserves started Mother's Day off in great style with a very good win against Sturt and provided a great entrée to the League game. Knowing that Sturt had been very competitive in all of their games they have played this year, and having a young developing team, we knew that Marty Mattner's men weren't going to make it easy for us.

This proved to be the case, with the first quarter proving to be a tough physical contest, with both sides trying to gain the upper hand. Sturt were getting their hands on the ball first and putting our defenders under pressure,

with Chris Curran and Max Proud standing up strong. Luke Partington was getting plenty of the ball and we were able to go into ¼ time with an 8-point lead.

The second quarter was a real arm wrestle with Sturt's midfield causing a few concerns. Sturt were able to capitalize on their influence and outscored us with 7 shots to 5, however we were able to maintain a slender 1 point lead.

The third quarter was a see-sawing affair when Sturt kicked away to a 2-goal lead, before we finished the quarter with three goals to go into the final break with a 5-point lead.

Knowing that Sturt had lost a few games this year when they had been close at three quarter time, we knew that they were going to give it their all in the

final term. We started the quarter off well, kicking the first three goals and getting out to a 3-goal lead.

We then had another couple of opportunities to push the lead out more, however we were unable to convert on this. Sturt however sensed that they were still in the game and were able to kick 3 goals and take a 2-point lead with a few minutes to go.

After a tense few minutes, Callum Park decided to take the game on and switched the ball to Liam McBean, who was on the outer side of the ground, and started up a passage of play that saw Luke Reynolds be rewarded for his outstanding work rate after he took a mark on the edge of the goal square and converted truly to put us in the lead by 4 points.

Thankfully the siren sounded soon after and we

escaped with the two points, making it an exciting way to complete a successful round of football for the Glenelg Football Club on Mothers Day.

I'd like to also congratulate Chris Curran, Max Proud, Luke Partington, Lachie Hosie, Liam McBean and Luke Reynolds on being selected to represent the state on this Saturday in the State game against WA. It's a true reflection on their hard work and their strong start to the year to be given the honour of representing the club in the mighty State Guernsey this weekend. We also had Sam Durdin and Matthew Snook who were chosen in the initial squad but unfortunately were squeezed out of the final 23 man squad.

Brett Hand,
Senior Coach

ACH Group Stadium, Sunday 9th May, 2:10pm					
Glenelg	2.4	5.7	8.7	11.8	74
Sturt	1.2	5.5	7.8	10.10	70
Glenelg					
Goal Kickers:	L. Reynolds 3.0, L. Hosie 3.0, M. Allen 2.0, D. Bailey 1.1, M. Snook 1.0, M. Motlop 1.0, W. Chandler 0.1, R. Kuller 0.1, L. Partington 0.1, T. Pink 0.1				
Disposals:	L. Partington 29, M. Snook 27, D. Landt 26, M. Virgin 25, M. Allen 23, D. Bailey 19, B. Turner 19, L. McBean 18				
Sturt					
Goal Kickers:	J. Hone 2, Z. Kirkwood 2, A. Johnson 2, J. Patullo, C. Parker, M. Evans, A. Davis				
Disposals:	J. Battersby 35, T. Lewis 27, C. Voss 27, J. McEntee 23, A. Davis 19, C. Parker 19, J. Shute 19				
Shearman Medal Coaches Votes: 8 – L.Partington (Glenelg), 8 – J.Battersby (Sturt), 5 – C.Curran (Glenelg), 4 – L.Edmonds (Sturt), 2 – M.Proud (Glenelg), 2 – M.Allen (Glenelg), 1 – T.Lewis (Sturt)					

Round 6, 2021 -- League Results & Ladder														
						Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnst	Pts	%
Woodville Oval						Glenelg	6	6	-	-	513	394	12	56.56
South Adel 15-9 99 d. WW Eagles 13-13 91						South Adel	6	5	1	-	482	363	10	57.04
Elizabeth Oval						Norwood	6	4	2	-	361	364	8	49.79
Norwood 13-6 84 d. Cent.Dist 7-10 52						W-WT Eagles	6	3	3	-	510	475	6	51.78
Adelaide Oval						Port Adel	6	3	3	-	455	428	6	51.53
Port Adel 13-9 87 d. Adelaide 10-13 73						North Adel	6	2	4	-	515	409	4	55.74
Prospect Oval						Sturt	6	2	4	-	382	441	4	46.42
North Adel 19-7 121 d. WestAdel 8-5 53						West Adel	6	2	4	-	397	490	4	44.76
Glenelg Oval						Adelaide	6	2	4	-	454	584	4	43.74
Glenelg 11-8 74 d. Sturt 10-10 70						Centrals	6	1	5	-	381	502	2	43.15