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RUTHLESS TIGERS SAVAGE CROWS

FLAG FANCY GLENELG SHOWS NO MERCY

WARREN PARTLAND

SANFL clubs must find an answer to Glenelg's dominance if they are to deliver on premiership aspirations this season.

The Tigers added Adelaide to their list of victims with a highly impressive 89-point win at Glenelg Oval on Saturday, keeping their unbeaten streak alive after eight rounds.

Disciplined, hardworking and focused on a team-first mentality, the composed Tigers tore the Crows apart in the engine room to again show off their title credentials.

"We played four quarters of footy - we had not done that this year," coach Brett Hand said.

"That was the most pleasing thing. There is still some work to do going forward, it would be nice to be a bit more efficient.

"But I'm really pleased with what the boys did."

The enthusiasm and terrific work ethic driving the Tigers was demonstrated early by forward Luke Reynolds and Michael Virgin. Unselfish Reynolds was prepared to work back into defence to help teammates, as well as being a dangerous target in attack. Virgin had an influence across half-back and his desire to be an option going forward was reflected in his ability to nail the side's third goal.

Crows ruckman Kieran Strachan controlled the tap work, only to have opponents Luke Partington, Brett Turner and Matthew Snook constantly win the clearances.

So dominant was the Tigers' midfield, the inside 50 count was a phenomenal 49-26 in the home

side's favour at three-quarter time. Although, as Hand mentioned, the efficiency going deep into attack was lacking at times.

Down back, Max Proud, Chris Curran and Sam Durdin were outstanding for Glenelg.

Even when the lead ballooned to 67 points in the third term, the relentless Tigers refused to concede any charity to the Crows. There was courage from Jack Yates running with the flight of the ball and Alex Martini's desperate spoil.

Crows coach Michael Godden was satisfied with 70 per cent of his side's work, but claimed the other 30 per cent was really bad.

"That was our worst performance around stoppages to date," he said. "It was just midfield turnovers which hurt us. It was a tough day. They are a good side



GLENELG

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PARTLAND'S BEST

Gleneig: Allen, Partington, Reynolds, Curran, Durdin, Snook, Proud, Turner. Adelaide: Strachan, Wright, McPherson.

GOALS

Gleneig: Reynolds 5, McBean 4, Turner 3, Motlop 2, Bailey, Searle, Allen, Turner, Virgin, Yates.

Adelaide: Newchurch 2, Hately, Wright, Frampton, Himmelberg. UMPIRES

Millar, Medlin, Burke.

CROWD

2706 at Glenelg Oval.

and we are not at that level yet."

The Coach's Match Report — Glenelg v Adelaide

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With a big triple header on the weekend, we were looking forward to returning to ACH Group Stadium to play in front of our supporters against the Crows. With the sun shining perfect and in near conditions, we started the game with three changes to the team that beat South. We particularly welcomed Gibson Turner to the team, who is our 9th Debutant this season.

We started the game well and took control of the stoppages early, providing our forwards with plenty of scoring opportunities. We finished with four goals for the quarter, with the highlight being a running goal from small defender Michael Virgin. It was "Virg's" first goal in 5 years (and first goal for Glenelg) and didn't he celebrate it accordingly.

Adelaide's tackling pressure was very good and we needed to be clean under pressure, which was a pleasing aspect to the second quarter. Our ball movement wasn't still quite where I wanted it to be, but our pressure was very good. It forced numerous turnovers from Adelaide and allowed us to score five goals for the quarter, with Luke Reynolds having a purple patch in the middle of the quarter kicking two

We went into the half time break with a six goal lead and came out with a focus to maintain our pressure and intensity.

The third quarter saw Adelaide apply even more pressure around the stoppages and they tried to clamp down on Partington, who was providing us with plenty of drive from the midfield. With an equal number of inside 50 entries for the quarter, our ball use and efficiency going inside 50 saw us capitalise on our opportunities, kicking 5-4 for the quarter. This time it was Liam McBean who reaped the benefits of the hard work up the field, kicking 2 goals for the quarter.

The last quarter was very pleasing from my perspective in that we continued until the very end to apply pressure and our intent to win the contest didn't waver for the



whole game. We managed to have 20 inside 50 entries for the quarter and we kicked six goals five behinds for the quarter, with debutant Gibson

Turner making the most of some good positioning and hard work rate to kick two goals.

It was pleasing that we were able to play four quarters of football the way I wanted them to and to stick to the task at hand. Luke Reynolds was very good with his work rate to get up and down the ground but then finish his hard work with five goals give off another and couple. Our midfield led by

20.14

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Teams

Adelaide

Luke Partington and Matthew Snook were very good and our defenders continued to work well together, rebounding the ball well.

This week provides us with the opportunity to play against the only team we haven't played yet, Norwood Football Club, who have taken a number of big scalps this season. We look forward to the challenge after they were beaten by the Eagles last week and will be looking to bounce back.

Brett Hand, Senior Coach

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ACH Group Stadium, Saturday 29th May, 2:10pm

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Glenelg 4.2 9.5 14.9 1.2 Adelaide 3.4 Glenelg

L. Reynolds 5.2, L. McBean 4.2, G. Turner 3.0, M. Motlop 2.0, M. Allen 1.2, D. Bailey 1.2, B. Searle 1.1,

J. Yates 1.1, B. Turner 1.0, M. Virgin 1.0, A. Bradley 0.1, D. Landt 0.1, L. Partington 0.1

M. Allen 33, L.Partington 30, B. Turner 27, M. Snook 26, M. Virgin 24, D. Bailey 22, A. Bradley 19, C. Curran 18, B. Newman 18, L. Reynolds 18, B. Searle 18, L. McBean 16

Adelaide

Disposals:

Goal Kickers:

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Shearman Medal Coaches Votes: 9 – L.Reynolds (Glenelg), 7 – L.Partington (Glenelg), 7 – M.Allen (Glenelg), 3 – B.Turner (Glenelg), 2 – L.McBean (Glenelg), 1 – M.Motlop (Glenelg), 1 – A.McPherson (Adelaide)

Round 8, 2021 -- League Results & Ladder

Noarlunga Oval South Adel 17-10 112 d. Cent. Dist 12-13 85 Woodville Oval WW Eagles 12-16 88 d. Norwood 5-11 41 North Adel 7-10 52 d. Sturt 7-7 49 Prospect Oval Glenelg Oval 20-14 134 d. Adelaide Glenelg 6-9 45 Alberton Oval Port Adel 12-9 81 d. West Adel 8-4 52

Leading Goalkickers

Player	Club	Games	Goals
Liam McBEAN	Glenelg	8	20.10
Luke REYNOLDS	Glenelg	8	19.10
Lachie HOSIE	Glenelg	7	19.9
Lewis HENDER	North	8	19.6

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