Bays bag last eight goals for miracle win

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THE Tiger train rolls on.

Glenelg on Sunday produced one of its most famous comebacks to stretch its unbeaten start to the season to nine games, storming home from 47 points behind in the third quarter to snatch a remarkable one-point win against gallant Norwood at The Parade.

Staring at their first defeat in their centenary season, the Tigers kicked the last eight goals of the game after dual Magarey Medallist Mitch Grigg had put the Redlegs 47 points ahead four minutes into the third quarter with his third major.

From there it was all Glenelg. It kicked the last five goals of the third term and the only three goals of the last to record a stunning victory.

Key forward Toby Pink gave the Tigers their first lead 12 minutes into the final term following a pass from Luke Reynolds. The Bays then had to fight resolutely to hang on as Norwood, which was so

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BEST Glenelg: Snook, Curran, Landt, Partington, B. Turner, Durdin, Revnolds.

Norwood: Nunn, Grigg, Rokahr, McKenzie, Douglas, Ball.

GOALS Glenelg: McBean, Reynolds, Pink 2, Bailey, B. Turner, Kuller, Partington.

Norwood: Grigg 3, Nunn 2, Gerloff, Tranfa, Puopolo, Ball. **UMPIRES**

Lewis, Hundertmark, Bryce. CROWD

2513 at Norwood Oval.

good early, surged late. The home side appeared to have regained the lead - and snatched the winning goal in the final two minutes when Cole Gerloff soccered through the big white uprights from 15m. But the ball was ruled to have been touched off the boot by Glenelg defender Sam Durdin as the visitors stole victory from the jaws of defeat.

"That win says a lot about our belief," said Tigers coach Brett Hand, who has yet to taste defeat in his first year in charge. "Norwood came to play, its tackling pressure was elite and in the first half we weren't getting our hands on the footy and when we did we coughed it up. We addressed a few things at half-time. made some changes and got our ball movement going.

"We became braver with the footy and our mids (Matthew Snook and Luke Partington) got on top and gave our forwards first use of the ball, which we were able to capitalise on.

"To come back and win like that was pretty sweet."

Norwood, playing without star key forward Jackson Callow after he joined Hawthorn in the AFL mid-season draft and lead ruckman Michael Knoll, who has a toe injury, was superb in the first half.

Led brilliantly by hardnosed captain Matthew Nunn and Grigg - back in form after being dropped to the reserves earlier in the season - it played

tough, aggressive, gang-tackling football to throw the flag favourite off its game.

Coach Jade Rawlings' side left the field to a standing ovation at half-time after breaking the match wide open. kicking 8.9 to 2.3, to lead by 42 points after dominating clearances and leading the inside 50 count 32-16.

But it failed to kick a goal after Grigg's early major in the third term.

Rawlings described the loss as "gut-wrenching".

"When you get to that position against the best team in the competition you know you've got to do a lot right to stay there," he said.

"Whether we just tried to hold on or we seized up, I'm not quite sure, but you could feel the momentum swing in the third quarter.

"I was pleased with the way we played our footy for two-and-a-half quarters and if we continue to play that way we'll win more than we lose. But to lose that lead is gut-wrenching."

The Coach's Match Report - Gleneig v Norwood

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Well what a weekend for the Glenelg Football Club, with the Woman's team first winning our premiership in the SANFLW competition and then the League team coming from 47 points down early in the third quarter to win by a solitary point.

Congratulations to Jason and his team on a wonderful achievement.

Arriving at Norwood Oval on Sunday afternoon we were anticipating Norwood to come out and apply a ferocious approach to tackling and pressure around the contest, and that is what we got. On the small ground, they didn't allow us to get into any space and every time we had the ball we were tackled so full credit to them. We were unable to capitalise on our forward opportunities and at the other end of the ground they did. We were getting beaten well across all areas of the ground and when half time arrived it gave some to time to make a few changes.

We talked about being



cleaner, stronger at the contest and being brave with our ball movement at half time. Along with a few positional changes, we were able to hit the scoreboard after an early scare that put them 47 points up 4 minutes into the quarter. Matt Snook and Luke Partington along with Brett Turner started to get on top of Nunn and Grigg, and their clean hands allowed our forwards first opportunity to kick some goals.

Going into 34 time 16 points down, there was a belief amongst the playing group that if we were able to maintain the same intensity the scoreboard would take care of itself. We continued to win the stoppage battle and Toby Pink along with Luke Reynolds had some key moments in the fourth hitting the quarter, scoreboard and putting us in front with about 10 minutes to go.

The last 10 minutes proved to be an arm wrestle with Sam Durdin standing tall in defence and taking a number of strong contested marks and diving on a shot off the ground to touch it in the dying minutes. At the other end of the ground Toby Pink took a couple of strong contested marks to settle things down and take some time off the clock.

It was a real heart stopper but I couldn't be more proud of the way the guys stuck to the plan and fought out the contest against a Norwood team that threw everything at us with 113 tackles for the game.

Thanks to all of our supporters who were there to celebrate the comeback and a big thankyou goes to the girls team who were very vocal on the sidelines wearing their Silly Sunday outfits. I know how much the boys enjoy hearing the Glenelg faithful cheer when a goal is scored.

Another big challenge awaits us on Monday June 14, the Queens Birthday, against North Adelaide, who have turned their early season form around and have been playing some very good footy of late.

Brett Hand, Senior Coach

Coopers Stadium, Sunday 6th June, 2:10pm

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Goal Kickers: Disposals:

Norwood

M.Grigg 3, M.Nunn 2, C.Gerloff, C.Ball, P.Puopolo, X.Tranfa M.Nunn 29, N.Rokahr 23, R.Douglas 18, B.McKenzie 18, M.Grigg 17, J.Richards 15

Glenelg Goal Kickers:

Aiden GRACE

Lachie HOSIE

L.McBean 2.1, T.Pink 2.0, L.Reynolds 2.0, D.Bailey 1.1, L.Partington 1.1, R.Kuller 1.0, B.Turner 1.0,

J.Yates 0.2, G.Turner 0.1, M.Motlop 0.1

Centrals

Glenelg

Disposals: M.Snook 27, C.Curran 26, D.Landt 23, L.Partington 21, B.Turner 20, M.Virgin 16, J.Yates 15 Shearman Medal Coaches Votes: 9 – M.Snook (Glenelg), 7 – M.Nunn (Norwood), 6 – N.Rokahr (Norwood), 3 – C.Curran (Glenelg), 3 – S.Durdin (Glenelg), 1 – L.Reynolds (Glenelg), 1 – D.Landt (Glenelg)

Round 9, 2021 -- League Results & Ladder

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