Round 19, 2022 – Glenelg v Centrals @ Glenelg – Won 2 pts

GLENELG	2.1 3.3 6.5 12.8	80
CENTRAL	2.6 3.7 8.10 11.12	78

Hosie snaps winner in Tigers' great escape

WARREN PARTLAND

GLENELG overcame an indifferent performance to pull off a massive escape act with a two-point victory over plucky Central District at Glenelg Oval on Saturday.

The Tigers, facing a 23-point deficit late in the third quarter, were behind on the scoreboard for all but the final seconds, with Lachie Hosie snapping the winning goal.

But while the Tigers will take winning form into the elimination final against Sturt following an eighth successive win over the Bulldogs, there are significant questions over their form.

The Bulldogs threw everything, including the kitchen sink, at Glenelg and will rue missed opportunities in front of goal, especially in the opening quarter, for failing to claim their first win over the Tigers in four years.

"It is good to win ugly," Glenelg coach Brett Hand said. "At this time of the year, a win is a win.

"We put things in place and to see them execute and stick it out, and do what we planned, what we practice and train, the leaders stand up and the communication was pleasing to see.

"They have had a really good second half of the year and we knew it was going to be a contest.

"Our boys kept some belief and that is important at this time of year."

Central brought the heat from the outset, with its tackling pressure creating plenty of turnover ball and putting the Tigers' defence under siege.

Veteran Justin Hoskin was outstanding in defence for the Bulldogs and ruckman Billy McCormack had a heavy influence. Inaccuracy has been an issue for the visitors, however, having scored 27.46 in their previous four games and it again proved a massive concern in the first term.

Then it was Glenelg's turn to butcher chances, dropping easy marks deep in attack in the second quarter and adding only two behinds from 12 entries inside 50. There were six goals in the first half, but 17 in the second, when gun forward Liam McBean's impact in ruck sparked the Tigers. Down back, Tigers captain Max Proud celebrated his 150th appearance with his trademark reliability.

"When you lead for 112 minutes of 113 you have done a lot right," Bulldogs coach Paul Thomas said.

"We will look to make sure we acknowledge what we did well."

PARTLAND'S BEST

Glenelg: McBean, Snook, Proud, Hosie, Bailey, Reynolds.
Central: Hoskin, McCormack, Montgomerie, T. Schiller, Presbury, Iles.

GOALS

Glenelg: Reynolds, Hosie 4, Holder 2, Stagg, Lyons.
Central: McCormack, Kendall, Lange, Grace 2, Grant, Ollson, Habel.

UMPIRES

Bowen, Harris, Morgan.

CROWD

2194 at ACH Group Stadium, Glenelg.

Tigers steal the win in dying minutes

– Brett Hand, Senior Coach **glenelgfc.com.au** **ACH Group Stadium, Saturday 20th August, 2:10pm**

In the last round for the minor season we came up against a much improved Central Districts team that have pushed a number of teams in the back end of the year. They've had a couple of good wins and we were looking forward to the challenge that was ahead.

It was good conditions at the Bay, especially for the Past Players and Officials' annual Cash Lottery day, and so we were hoping to put together another performance similar to the week before against Norwood.

First quarter started with us kicking into a strong breeze and we were unable to get our hands on the ball. Centrals made the most of their opportunities, with a couple of poor skill errors from us turning the ball over. This gave them a bit of an edge at the first break, which was disappointing.

Second quarter we had majority of the ball in our forward line, but we were unable to capitalise on our entries. We made some poor decisions going forward and again some skill errors cost us marks. We had a couple shots on goal and we went into half time down, but with belief that we were playing footy that was okay.

Structurally I was pretty happy with how things were, but we were unable to put pressure on the scoreboard.

The third quarter was a close affair. Centrals kicked a couple goals against the run of play and took an advantage going into the last break.

I talked to the group about being brave in the last quarter and taking the game on a bit more. We knew we were coming home with a breeze, and the game opened up a little bit. It was a seesawing affair, with a number of centre bounce goals both ways.

Liam McBean stood up, Matt Snook was fantastic in the middle of the ground, and Luke Reynolds had a solid day in front of goals. Lachie Hosie also kicked three last quarter goals, which was a good reward for him for the pressure he applied throughout the game.

Fortunately, we were able to sneak away with the win at the end of the last quarter, hitting the front with about a minute to go and managing to hold on. What was pleasing in that last little bit is we talked about some structural things that the boys were able to put in place for the last two to three minutes of the game.

It was an ugly way to win, but still a great way to celebrate club captain Max Proud in his 150th game. He's been a true servant of the club and we look forward to going further in the finals.

	P	W	L	FOR	AGNST	PTS	%	FORM
NORTH ADELAIDE	18	13	5	1577	1181	26	57.1	W L W W W W W W L W W L L W W W L
ADELAIDE	18	12	6	1692	1245	24	57.6	W W L W W W W L L W W W L W L W W L
NORWOOD	18	12	6	1276	1102	24	53.6	L L W W L L W W L W W W W W W W L
GLENELG	18	12	6	1334	1260	24	51.4	W W W W L L W W W W W L L W W L L W
STURT	18	11	7	1256	1136	22	52.5	W L W W W W L L W L L W W W L W L W
SOUTH ADELAIDE	18	9	9	1158	1167	18	49.8	W W L L L W L W L W L L W L W L W W
WVILLE-W TORRENS	18	9	9	1235	1260	18	49.5	L W W L W W L W W L W L W L L L W L
PORT ADELAIDE	18	5	13	1076	1490	10	41.9	L L L L W L W L W L L L L L W L L W
CENTRAL DISTRICT	18	4	14	1118	1447	8	43.5	L W L L L L L L L W L W W L L L L L
WEST ADELAIDE	18	3	15	1123	1557	6	41.9	L L L L L L L L L L L L W L W L W

Leading Goalkickers

Player	Team	Games	Gls - Bhds
Daniel Menzel	Eagles	18	51 - 19
Lachlan Hosie	Glenelg	18	43 - 31
Abe Davis	Sturt	17	36 - 16
Keenan Ramsey	North	17	35 - 20
Liam McBean	Glenelg	17	34 - 18