

Bays three from three after blitz

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THE comeback kings have done it again.

Just a week after overcoming a 34-point deficit against Sturt, Glenelg has produced another stunning comeback, rallying from 41 points down to defeat Adelaide by 15 points at Glenelg Oval.

The Tigers produced a stunning third quarter, slamming on 10 goals to none as they turned a 40-point half-time deficit into a 20-point advantage by three-quarter-time.

After struggling in the first half, Glenelg's midfield, led by Luke Partington and Brett Turner, took control of the contest, seizing the momentum, with a young Crows side unable to recover. Adelaide did kick the first goal of the final term to close the margin to 14 points but Glenelg had all the answers to secure the win and finish round 3 as the only unbeaten side in the competition.

Turner was instrumental for Glenelg, racking up 38 disposals and booting four second-half goals in a best-on-ground display.

He was well supported by 2019 Magarey Medallist Luke Partington, who amassed 40 disposals and five clearances, while key forward Liam McBean also booted four goals for the Tigers.

It was an impressive response from Glenelg against an Adelaide side which dominated the first half.

The Crows booted seven goals to none in the second term, highlighted by slick ball movement and a pressure game which Glenelg struggled to match.

However, the inexperienced Adelaide line-up was unable to halt the Tigers' momentum as the game wore on.

Key forward Riley Thilthorpe continued to push his claims for an AFL recall, booting four goals, while ruckman Kieran Strachan was again impressive with 19 disposals, 45 hit-outs and a goal.

Axed midfielder Harry Schoenberg was quiet on his return to SANFL footy, finishing with just 19 touches.

	GLENELG	102
	3.3 3.7 13.9 15.12	
	ADELAIDE	87
	3.4 10.5 10.7 13.9	

MARCHIORO'S BEST

Glenelg: Turner, Partington, McBean, Bailey, Snook, Lyons, Proud. **Adelaide:** Strachan, Thilthorpe, Hately, Worrell, Parnell, Newchurch.

GOALS

Glenelg: Turner, McBean 4, Hosie, Stagg, Horsnell, Lyons, Scharenberg, Minchin, Partington. **Adelaide:** Thilthorpe 4, Newchurch 3, Lewis 2, Nankervis, Strachan, Wright, Fogarty.

UMPIRES

Bryce, Lewis, Hardy.

CROWD

3349 at Glenelg Oval.

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ACH Group Stadium, Friday 15th April, 4:10pm

Tigers stage incredible third quarter comeback to steal the win

– Brett Hand, Senior Coach

What a beautiful day for football Good Friday was, with the weather ideal for a big home crowd to celebrate Matthew Snook's 150 League games and Luke Reynolds' 100 SANFL Games. Both players have been great servants of the club and we were looking forward to ensuring it was a memorable day for both. Unfortunately, it will be a day that both won't forget for very different reasons. Luke only played 30 seconds of the game before leaving the ground with a facial injury to his jaw that wouldn't allow him to return. Although, we facetedimed him after the game and he was very pleased for the group. It will now take three to four weeks before he is able to return to play.

Adelaide had played two very good games, with wins against Port and North, and with 18 listed players it was going to be a big challenge for our group. They had been scoring heavily in their first two games and were playing some exciting football and we knew we were going to have to be at our best in all areas.

The first quarter proved to be a real arm wrestle with not a lot of difference occurring on the stats sheet. With only one point separating us at quarter time, it was certainly an intriguing contest. Both

teams were hard at the contest and produced some good passages of play but the highlight was the pressure around the contest. Both teams had chances that they should have capitalised on but at quarter time we were pleased with what we had been doing.

The second quarter was a different affair with the Crows kicking seven unanswered goals to our four points for the quarter. Their pressure around the contest rose and we made a number of mistakes with our skills and turned the ball over on too many occasions when we were in scoring position ourselves. Adelaide were able to withstand that pressure better than us and made the most of their inside 50 entries. It was quite a weird scenario as I knew our game plan was holding up, however our skill execution wasn't, and we needed to find a way to change this around at half time.

Half time allowed us to regroup and focus on what we had discussed pre-game and it proved to be what we needed. It is never good to have seven goals kicked against you and it is something that has happened two weeks in a row and we need to stop the flow a lot sooner, which we have discussed before. We need our leaders to take control and

	Standings					% Pts		
	P	W	L	D	F		A	
Glenelg	3	3	0	0	261	223	53.93	6
Adelaide	3	2	1	0	326	241	57.5	4
Sturt	3	2	1	0	247	194	56.01	4
North Adelaide	3	2	1	0	276	249	52.57	4
South Adelaide	3	2	1	0	263	266	49.72	4
W'ville-West Torrens	3	2	1	0	212	219	49.19	4
Norwood	3	1	2	0	217	218	49.89	2
Central District	3	1	2	0	240	268	47.24	2
Port Adelaide	3	0	3	0	221	309	41.7	0
West Adelaide	3	0	3	0	167	243	40.73	0

ensure that we get control of the game.

The third quarter was a pleasant surprise of the style of football that I have been hoping we could put together. It wasn't just from one source that we were able to kick 10 goals and that was the most pleasing part of the whole game. Our midfield, in particular Turner and Partington, were getting their hands on the ball and giving our forwards first opportunity. We went inside 50 16 times and had 12 shots on goal in the third quarter, with Liam McBean kicking three goals and Brett Turner two. Max Proud was also superb down back. At three quarter time it was important to focus on what we had done well that quarter but also know that we had played with only three on the bench for the game.

So, we needed to play smart, and that was very pleasing to see in the last quarter. The last quarter was similar to the first with both teams having a real crack and in the end we played some smart footy and were able to withstand a push from the Crows to hold on to a 15 point win.