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Port breaks through as Bays rue late miss

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PORT Adelaide ended Glenelg's unbeaten start to the SANFL season with an upset three-point victory on Sunday at Glenelg Oval.

The Magpies opened up a 19-point quarter-time lead and were never headed despite holding off a late Glenelg charge to claim their first win of the season.

Leading by a point at three-quarter-time, Port kicked the opening two goals of the final term with Ollie Lord converting before Dylan Williams finished off his mark of the year contender with his third goal

to kick the Magpies 14 points clear. The Tigers responded with consecutive goals to Lachie Hosie to cut the margin to four points before nearly pinching it when Hugh Stagg missed a rushed snap in the dying moments. Port sealed the win when Lord took a contested mark to take the remaining seconds off the clock.

Magpies coach Matt Lokan said it was a great reward for his side which had been improving following a tough start to the season.

"We have played some patches over the first month of footy but to be able to put it together and beat the best side

in the comp is really important for us," Lokan said. "We have been building, we are slowly getting there and we need to continue on that again."

Lachie Jones was important for Port, playing a key role in the midfield after being shifted from half-back in the second half. He finished with 20 disposals and seven marks.

Lord also was a standout, with 13 disposals, six marks and two goals, while key defender Jake Pasini held Ken Farmer medallist Liam McBean to just one goal.



For Glenelg, it was a frustrating afternoon after failing to capitalise on its clearance

domination. The Tigers won the clearances 48-32 but were only able to score three goals from stoppages.

Glenelg coach Brett Hand said his forward line was not making the most of the Tigers' midfield dominance.

"It's frustrating, it's good that we are winning the ball from there but our forward line isn't working at the moment," Hand said.

"It's a mixture of some new guys coming through, really bad skills and poor execution and that all culminates in not getting easy shots at goal and we didn't capitalise on those opportunities."

	PORT	4.2	5.4	8.5	10.9	69
	GLENELG	1.1	4.6	7.10	9.12	66

BEST

Port: Mayes, Jones, Surman, Schofield, Lord, Pasini, McEntee.

Glenelg: Partington, Hosie, Snook, Proud, Stretch.

GOALS

Port: Williams 3, Schofield, Lord 2, J. Burgoyne, Mayes, McEntee.

Glenelg: Hosie 5, Gerloff, McBean, Holder, Hornsell.

UMPIRES

Sboro, Hundertmark, Galletly.

CROWD

2982 at ACH Group Stadium, Glenelg.

ACH Group Stadium, Sunday 1st May, 2:10pm

Port punish Tigers at the Bay

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— Brett Hand, Senior Coach

Another fine Sunday down at the Bay with a big challenge in Port Adelaide confronting us, and it turned out to be another close contest that again could have gone either way. With Jonty Scharenberg and Brett Turner out of action with a couple of medium term injuries, an opportunity presented itself to Brady Searle for the first time this season and Cooper Horsnell.

We let ourselves down with some poor stoppage work in the first quarter and again our fundamentals at times were poor. This left us trailing Port at the first quarter break and for the remainder of the game.

Our second quarter started well, with our mids getting on top and giving our forwards an opportunity to score, and we were able to narrow the margin at half time. Unfortunately we weren't able to sustain the scoreboard pressure for the entire quarter and we allowed Port to score late in the quarter after we had control of the game.

The third quarter turned out to be a really good battle, with both teams going goal for goal. Lachie Hosie managed to narrow the margin to one point just before the siren. With a number of close games over the past few weeks, we knew that Port

would be coming out after the break wanting to take the game to another level.

With an early goal in the last quarter, Port extended the lead to seven points and we were unable to impact the scoreboard until midway through the quarter. A couple of late shots in the quarter bouncing the wrong side of the post meant that we weren't able to escape this one, and it reinforced that our fundamentals are costing us at critical times in the game and we need to focus on this going forward.

CLUB	PLAYED	WINS	LOSSES	FOR	AGAINST	PTS	PERCENT
NORTH ADELAIDE	5	4	1	440	332	8	56.99%
STURT	5	4	1	391	297	8	56.83%
ADELAIDE	5	4	1	509	388	8	56.74%
GLENELG	5	4	1	411	371	8	52.56%
WOODVILLE-WEST TORRENS	5	3	2	379	341	6	52.64%
NORWOOD	5	2	3	397	358	4	52.58%
SOUTH ADELAIDE	5	2	3	382	407	4	48.42%
PORT ADELAIDE	5	1	4	340	438	2	43.7%
CENTRAL DISTRICT	5	1	4	354	457	2	43.65%
WEST ADELAIDE	5	0	5	261	475	0	35.46%