



Tigers' skillset proves the difference in Ponderosa slugfest

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	GLENELG 2.2 4.7 6.8 8.9	57
	CENTRAL 1.0 2.0 2.3 3.7	25

BARRETT'S BEST

Glenelg: Bailey, Proud, Snook, Stretch, Lyons, Gerloff.

Central District: J. Schiller, T. Schiller, Montgomerie, Carpenter, Grace, Neagle.

GOALS

Glenelg: Reynolds, McBean, Hosie 2, Stagg, Lyons.

Central District: Grace 2, Olsson.

UMPIRES

Morgan, Scott, Burke.

CROWD

1021 at X Convenience Oval, Elizabeth.

STEVE BARRETT

TIGHT-FISTED defending and superior weaponry in attack helped Glenelg withstand slippery conditions and hammer out a 32-point win over Central District at boggy Elizabeth Oval on Saturday.

Treacherous pre-match thunderstorms flooded the Ponderosa and resulted in a grinding war of attrition as the Tigers held the Bulldogs to their lowest score in 59 years of league clashes between the two sides.

Darcy Bailey and Max Proud commanded the backline, Matt Snook typically thrived in the centre-square mudheap, while Liam McBean, Luke Reynolds and Luke Hosie presented purposefully in attack in unsuitable conditions.

The Bays' midfield thrived despite 2019 Magarey Medallist Luke Partridge being held statless in the

opening term and his overall effectiveness dulled thanks to the hard tag of Matt Neagle.

"Our skill probably got us over the line in the end," said Glenelg assistant Brett Exelby, standing in for senior coach Brett Hand, who has Covid-19.

"We knew coming out here the Dogs would have a real crack.

"When we got the ball in space, we used it well and our backline has been standing up for us all year."

It took more than 14 minutes for either camp to trouble the scorers in a scrappy opening quarter before the second term saw the play camped almost entirely in the Bays' forward half.

The Tigers were peppering but couldn't quite capitalise on the scoreboard, while at the other end Central's forwards were suffering frostbite.

But through the in-and-under ex-

ertions of hard-working Jarrod and Travis Schiller, intercepting prowess of Rhett Montgomerie in defence and composure of second-gamer Jack Carpenter, the home team, despite trailing by 29 points at three-quarter-time, didn't at any stage surrender.

Behind 13-29 in inside-50s at half-time, the Bulldogs went 31-16 in that category in the second half - including 13 in a row to start the fourth stanza - to almost even the ledger but their firm endeavour was in contrast to their erratic efficiency.

"Glenelg just made a bit more of their forward entries to score," Central coach Paul Thomas said.

"I always love our endeavour and effort but their (Tigers') percentage of scores from their inside-50s was probably the difference."

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Glenelg slipped and slid its way to an unflattering 32-point win against Central District at X Convenience Oval.

With the Elizabeth deck overwhelmed by sudden downpour minutes before the opening bounce, the Tigers were forced to roll up their sleeves to earn a gritty win on the road amid the puddles of surface water.

Restricting the Bulldogs to just three goals for the game, the visitors appeared in control of

the contest throughout without translating this onto the scoreboard until forwards Lachie Hosie and Liam McBean booted a goal each during time-on of the fourth term.

Glenelg had far more of the ball with an extra 110 disposals and 10 more clearances, ensuring the Bulldogs would struggle to score despite only having one fewer inside 50m entry.

Recast Bays defender Darcy Bailey used the ball nicely in the wet conditions to rack up 33

disposals and eight marks while fellow defenders Max Proud and Andrew Bradley (19 disposals) were cool heads in the back half.

Jack Oatey Medallist Matthew Snook revelled in the weather to collect 30 disposals and nine tackles while Billy Stretch and Corey Lyons provided polish at times with 24 touches each.

McBean, Hosie and Luke Reynolds kicked two goals each while fellow Tiger Hugh Stagg made the most of an open 50m arc to pounce on a long

ball from teammate Riley Holder.

Central's Schiller brothers were unsurprisingly working tirelessly as Travis collected 23 disposals and Jarrod 21 while tall defender Jack Carpenter impressed in his second League game with 18 disposals, four marks and three tackles.

CLUB	PLAYED	WINS	LOSSES	FOR	AGAINST	POINTS	PERCENTAGE	FORM
NORTH ADELAIDE	8	7	1	735	532	14	58.01%	W L W W W W W
ADELAIDE	8	6	2	802	599	12	57.24%	W W L W W W W L
GLENELG	8	6	2	654	550	12	54.32%	W W W W L L W W
STURT	8	5	3	636	539	10	54.13%	W L W W W W L L
WOODVILLE-W TORRENS	8	5	3	620	540	10	53.45%	L W W L W W L W
NORWOOD	8	4	4	589	530	8	52.64%	L L W W L L W W
SOUTH ADELAIDE	8	4	4	585	608	8	49.04%	W W L L L W L W
PORT ADELAIDE	8	2	6	533	680	4	43.94%	L L L L W L W L
CENTRAL DISTRICT	8	1	7	469	723	2	39.35%	L W L L L L L L
WEST ADELAIDE	8	0	8	472	794	0	37.28%	L L L L L L L L