

Nine in a row for 'brave' Bays

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The Tiger train rolls on.

A professional Glenelg outfit stretched its winning run to nine games with a convincing 37-point victory against West Adelaide at Richmond Oval on Saturday. The Bays defied the tough, windy and wet conditions to put an improved Bloods side to the sword in the first half – when they burst to a match-winning 40-point lead – and move back to top of the table.

They have not lost since round 1 against Sturt and on Saturday's evidence it is easy to see why. Coming off a 105-point thrashing of the Double Blues on the King's Birthday, Glenelg looked a class above West, which has improved under new coach Adam Hartlett and upset grand finalist North Adelaide in the previous round. Dominating the clearances through ruckman Cam McGree, who had a game-high 10, and a winning midfield, the Tigers set up their win in the opening term when they outscored the Bloods despite kicking into a strong wind.

They held West scoreless for the first 18 minutes and to only 1.1 for the quarter while kicking 2.4 to lead by nine points at the first change.

They put the foot down with the wind at their backs in the second stanza, booting six goals to one before the weather turned nasty, reducing the second half to a scrap in soggy conditions.

To the Bloods' credit, they fought the game out

strongly, winning the second half by three points.

"We knew West was going to be a tough team to beat because they are playing good footy but I was really pleased with how we held up defensively and then with our ability to be brave with the ball and get out on the open side," Glenelg coach Darren Reeves said. "I was a bit disappointed with parts of our third quarter but, overall, given the wet conditions, I felt we played pretty well."

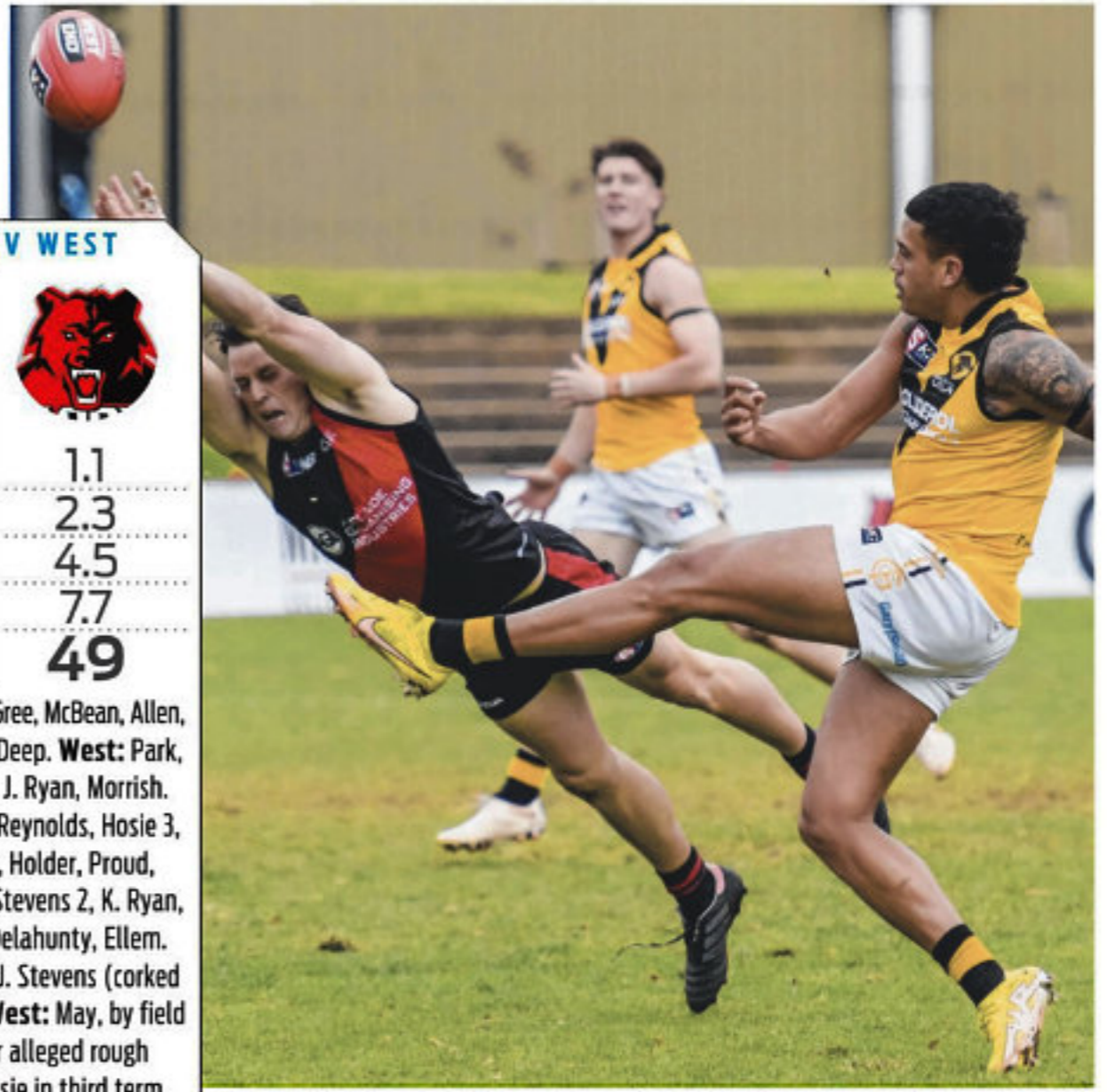
McGree (21 disposals, 20 hit-outs), key forward Liam McBean (16 disposals, two goals) and midfielder Matthew Allen (25 disposals, 11 marks) were standouts for the Bays, who deserve premiership favouritism.

West, which had conceded a total of only 13 goals in its previous two games against Sturt and the Roosters, was hammered in clearances 42-22, resulting in it losing the inside-50 count by 14.

"Our start was disappointing but one thing I've learnt about our group is that they just keep fighting," said Hartlett, praising his side for its spirited second half.

"We were slow and negative with our ball movement early and Glenelg showed us up, transitioning really strongly, but I loved our fight in the second half."

Defenders Callum Park (38 disposals), Josh Ryan (16 marks) and Tom Morrish, along with midfielders Kobe Ryan (35 disposals) and Michael Mattingly, battled hard for the Bloods.



Glenelg's James Bell was under pressure but he still got his kick away in the Tigers' 37-point win against West. Picture: Roy VanDerVegt

GLENELG V WEST	
2.4	1.1
8.7	2.3
10.11	4.5
12.14	7.7
86	49
BEST – Glenelg: McGree, McBean, Allen, Gerloff, Bell, Lyons, Deep. West: Park, K. Ryan, Mattingly, J. Ryan, Morrish. GOALS – Glenelg: Reynolds, Hosie 3, McBean 2, Gerloff, Holder, Proud, Chandler. West: N. Stevens 2, K. Ryan, Maguire, Morrish, Delahunty, Ellem. INJURIES – West: J. Stevens (corked thigh). REPORT – West: May, by field umpire Harris, for alleged rough conduct against Hosie in third term. UMPIRES – Bennett, Millar, Harris. CROWD – 1377 at Hisense Stadium.	

ADELAIDE V SOUTH	
7.3	0.1
7.5	1.1
11.11	2.2
11.12	6.5
78	41
BEST – Adelaide: Hately, Schoenberg, Nankervis, Crouch, Borlase, Strachan, Brown. South: Davis, Wilkinson, Broadbent, Haines, Brooksby. GOALS – Adelaide: Hately, McAdam 2, Cook, Brown, Schoenberg, Gollant, Strachan, Sharrad, Smithson. South: Wilkinson 2, Brooksby, Gibbs, Birt, Fitt. INJURIES – South: Ramsey (knee), Dunkin (concussion), Mitton (shoulder). UMPIRES – Scott, Galletly, Hughes. CROWD – 835 at Flinders University Stadium, Noarlunga.	

STURT V NORTH	
2.6	1.1
2.6	3.5
8.11	4.6
9.13	7.9
67	51
BEST – Sturt: Wilson, Voss, McFadyen, Coombas, Battersby, Breuer, Dakin. North: McInerney, Szekely, Wigg, Wilsdon, Combe, Gowers. GOALS – Sturt: Wilson, Breuer 2, Hone, Rentsch, Slimming, Voss, Burrows. North: Lockyer 2, Ramsey, Wilsdon, McInerney, van Huisstede, Turner. INJURIES – Sturt: Mathews (calf). North: Young (hamstring), Ramsey (hip), Hilder (kidney). UMPIRES – Hardy, Morgan, Lewis. CROWD – 2437 at Wigan Oval, Unley.	

CENTRAL V EAGLES	
1.3	1.1
3.5	3.1
6.7	3.1
6.7	4.2
43	26
BEST – Central: Grant, Iles, Chisholm, East, Whitelum, Carroll, Grace, McLennan, McCormack. Eagles: Sinor, Rowe, D'Aloia, Beecken, Williams, Knight. GOALS – Central: Whitelum 2, Grant, East, Grace, Lange. Eagles: Cameron, Collier-Dawkins, Nicholls, Pearce. UMPIRES – Sboro, Sobieraj, Beyer. CROWD – 1286 at X Convenience Oval, Elizabeth.	

NORWOOD V PORT	
2.5	2.1
4.8	7.3
6.10	7.3
8.12	8.5
60	53
BEST – Norwood: Boyd, Rokahr, Seymour, Surman, McLean, Hamilton, Kennerley. Port: Mead, Evans, Burgoyne, Hagan, Dumont, Jonas. GOALS – Norwood: McLean 3, Tranfa, Surman 2, Robinson. Port: Evans 3, Fantasia 2, Szust, Burgoyne, Visentini. UMPIRES – Bowen, Williams, Burke. CROWD – 2382 at Coopers Stadium.	

LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	Pts	%
Glenelg	10	9	1	868	553	18	61.08
Sturt	10	9	1	736	662	18	52.65
Adelaide	10	7	3	889	579	14	60.56
Centrals	10	5	5	573	594	10	49.10
W-WT Eagles	10	4	6	628	636	8	49.68
Port	10	4	6	710	786	8	47.46
North	10	4	6	618	727	8	45.95
West	10	3	7	624	735	6	45.92
South	10	3	7	595	768	6	43.65
Norwood	10	2	8	529	730	4	42.02

RESERVES	
GLENELG	3.3 5.9 8.10 13.13 (91)
WEST ADELAIDE	2.2 2.3 4.4 5.5 (35)
Goals:	Glenelg: N Leck 6 A Kitschke 3 A Lovelock H Window M Rossmann N Sims. West Adelaide: J Kovacic 2 J Cottrell D White J Sheppard.
Best:	Glenelg: C McLeod A Lovelock J Yates J Walker N Leck. West Adelaide: J White J Kovacic J Sinderberry T Coe J Thackeray.
RESERVES Standings	
	P W L D F A Pts
Glenelg	10 8 2 0 802 567 16
Central District	10 8 2 0 687 574 16
South Adelaide	10 6 3 1 719 575 13
Sturt	10 6 4 0 747 559 12
Norwood	10 4 6 0 658 691 8
Eagles	10 3 7 0 673 762 6
West Adelaide	10 2 7 1 523 786 5
North Adelaide	10 2 8 0 528 823 4

COACH'S MATCH REPORT – GLENELG V WEST – ROUND 10, 2023

Tigers shut down Bloods in tough conditions

Hisense Stadium, Saturday 24th June, 2:10pm

West Adelaide	1.1	2.3	4.5	7.7	49
Glenelg	2.4	8.7	10.11	12.14	86

Goals: Luke Reynolds 3, Lachie Hosie 3, Liam McBean 2, Will Chandler, Cole Gerloff, Riley Holder, Max Proud
Best: Cam McGree, Matthew Allen, James Bell, Cole Gerloff, Brett Turner, Lachie Hosie
Disposals: C. Lyons 26, M. Allen 25, J. Bell 25, C. Gerloff 24, M. Snook 24, D. Bailey 23, J. Deep 23, B. Turner 23
Magarey Medal: 3 – Matthew Allen (GI), 2 – Cam McGree (GI), 1 – Kobe Ryan (WA)

After a bye and an opportunity for our playing group to get away from football for a few days to refresh both mentally and physically, we headed to Hisense Stadium for our Round 10 game against West Adelaide. Pleasingly, our players had come back to training with a real spring in their steps and lots of energy, and our preparation was solid. We went into the game aware that West Adelaide had been playing impressive football and would present us with several different challenges.

Damp and windy conditions were the order of the day, and after losing the coin toss, we found ourselves into the wind during the first quarter. We were able to start with the energy and intent that we had seen during the week, and this allowed us to play the game in our forward half of the ground over the first period of the game. While we didn't quite capitalise on our opportunities, to head into quarter time with a nine-point

lead into a strong breeze was extremely positive.

Our focus into the second quarter was about challenging by foot and being brave to get the ball out to the open side at every opportunity, giving our forward group some space and clean opportunities with the potential that there could be lots of numbers behind the ball. The result in the game was set up through this period – our ability to dominate around contest presented the chances we were looking for, and our ability to finish the good work off gave us a 40-point lead into half time.

Rain and slippery conditions were on hand throughout the third quarter. A strong emphasis was placed on making sure we won the quarter, which, against a strong breeze in these types of conditions, was going to be a challenge. While we felt like we overused the ball by hand and brought

on pressure through the mid part of the quarter, overall it was a solid effort to win the quarter and keep our position in the game leading into the last.

Our intent to play our method continued right throughout the last quarter, and while it didn't turn into the scoreboard reward it could have, it was still pleasing to finish the game off reasonably well. As we'd spoken to the group about during the week, we certainly won't win the competition over the next few weeks, but this period is where we can set it up to be able to give ourselves a chance when it gets to that part of the season. Our focus will stay firmly on how we can improve again day to day, week to week.

– Darren Reeves, Senior Coach
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