

# Crows in big flag warning

## Gordon Armstrong

Adelaide continued to mount its case for serious major-round action with a convincing win against top side Glenelg at the Bay on Saturday.

Leading at each break the Crows produced close to their best form of the season to win by 20 points, inflicting the Tigers' first loss since falling to Sturt away in round 1.

The Crows' running power and connection were evident from the start. Suffocating the Bays' usual strength in finding clear targets the Crows were all over the home side, at one stage in the third quarter leading the inside-50 count 43-18, finishing with 59 for the day.



Leading by 17 points at half-time the Crows flicked the switch in the third to take a 46-point buffer into the last term, keeping Glenelg to 11 to 5.6. But the Bays finally found some spark and space with four early goals in the last quarter and 13 scoring shots for the period but an opportune goal to Crow Billy Dowling against the flow stemmed the tide.

Adelaide had plenty of top performers, Matt Crouch as usual among the best with 32 disposals and seven clearances. Harry Schoenberg also starred with 28 touches, while Kieran Strachan (46 hit-outs, two goals) and Elliott Himmelberg (four goals, one in each quarter and 28 hit-outs) were dynamic. Dowling also was solid in one of his best games.

Crows coach Mick Godden said his side was excellent.

"The Bays are a momentum type side and we knew we had to shut them down to be in with a chance," Godden said. "We know they will cut you up if you allow them. Our cohesion and connection was very good. We had a lot of good players in-

**ADELAIDE V GLENELG**

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| 4.5   | 2.1   |
| 8.5   | 5.6   |
| 13.11   | 6.7   |
| 15.11   | 11.15   |
| <b>101</b>  | <b>81</b>   |

**BEST – Adelaide:** Schoenberg, Crouch, Strachan, Himmelberg, Dowling, Hatley, Parnell. **Glenelg:** Scharenberg, Lyons, Hosie, Snook, McBean, Turner, Proud.  
**GOALS – Adelaide:** Himmelberg 4, Strachan, Gollant 2, Hatley, Haysman, Cook, Schoenberg, Clamp, Strachan, Dowling. **Glenelg:** McBean, Hosie 4, Reynolds 2, Turner.  
**UMPIRES** – Hughes, Morgan, Sboro.  
**CROWD** – 1944 at Stratarama Stadium.

cluding the big fellows Strachan and Himmelberg, who kicked four goals and probably played his best game for us. You always get a consistent game from Kieran, he keeps fronting up and doing the job."

For the Bays, Jonty Scharenberg was strong with 23 disposals, while Corey Lyons, Matt Snook and Brett Turner were prominent. Ever-reliable key forwards Lachlan Hosie and Liam McBean were terrific with four goals each but suffered from a lack of supply at times, particularly in the second and third quarters.

Tigers coach Darren Reeves said there were no excuses.

"Full credit to the Crows, we couldn't match them early and they were much cleaner with their ball movement," he said.

"We needed to execute better and couldn't but we will learn from it. You want to keep winning but this comp is so hard to do that. We will take a lot out of the game."



Adelaide's Harry Schoenberg wins another clearance in his powerhouse performance in the Crows' stunning 20-point win against top side Glenelg on Saturday at the Bay. Picture: Cory Sutton/SANFL



## LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE

|                    | P  | W  | L  | For  | Agst | Pts | %     |
|--------------------|----|----|----|------|------|-----|-------|
| <b>GLENELG</b>     | 13 | 11 | 2  | 1156 | 768  | 22  | 60.08 |
| <b>STURT</b>       | 13 | 11 | 2  | 911  | 826  | 22  | 52.45 |
| <b>ADELAIDE</b>    | 13 | 9  | 4  | 1151 | 762  | 18  | 60.17 |
| <b>PORT ADEL</b>   | 13 | 7  | 6  | 981  | 973  | 14  | 50.20 |
| <b>NORTH ADEL</b>  | 13 | 6  | 7  | 782  | 905  | 12  | 46.35 |
| <b>CENTRALS</b>    | 13 | 6  | 7  | 758  | 899  | 12  | 45.75 |
| <b>W-WT EAGLES</b> | 13 | 5  | 8  | 801  | 852  | 10  | 48.46 |
| <b>SOUTH ADEL</b>  | 13 | 4  | 9  | 774  | 978  | 8   | 44.18 |
| <b>WEST ADEL</b>   | 13 | 3  | 10 | 819  | 957  | 6   | 46.11 |
| <b>NORWOOD</b>     | 13 | 3  | 10 | 697  | 910  | 6   | 43.37 |

**CENTRAL V WEST**

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| 3.6  | 2.3  |
| 7.9  | 4.5  |
| 8.10   | 9.9  |
| 13.14  | 12.9   |
| <b>92</b>  | <b>81</b>  |



**BEST – Central:** East, McLennan, Schiller, Lange, Grant, Munn, Whitelum.  
**West:** K. Ryan, Steele, Delahunty, Mattingly, Park, Morrish.  
**GOALS – Central:** East 4, Lange 3, Barreau, Grace 2, Hoskin, Whitelum.  
**West:** Steele 4, Delahunty 3, Mulady, Beech 2, J. Stevens.  
**UMPIRES** – Reardon, Bowden, Packard.  
**CROWD** – 1016 at Hisense Stadium, Richmond.

**EAGLES V NORWOOD**

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| 1.2  | 3.3  |
| 4.5  | 4.5  |
| 7.8  | 7.7  |
| 9.9  | 7.10   |
| <b>63</b>  | <b>52</b>  |

**BEST – Eagles:** Rowe, Buck, Sinor, Thompson, Brinker-Ritchie, Goldsworthy. **Norwood:** Rokahr, Heard, Lowe, Lok, Seymour, Boyd.  
**GOALS – Eagles:** Goldsworthy, Pearce 2, Lonergan, Rowe, Beecken, Buck, Nicholls. **Norwood:** Lowe, Robinson 2, Lok, Bogle, Twelftree.  
**UMPIRES** – Sobieraj, Harris, Bennett.  
**CROWD** – 1476 at Maughan Thiem Kia Oval, Woodville.

**STURT V SOUTH**

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| 7.1   | 3.1  |
| 11.4  | 5.1  |
| 17.4  | 7.4  |
| 17.5  | 11.7   |
| <b>107</b>  | <b>73</b>  |

**BEST – Sturt:** Lewis, McFadyen, Burrows, Hone, Voss, Carruthers, Coombas, Battersby. **South:** Mutch, Brooksby, Draper, Fitt, Sampson, Haines.  
**GOALS – Sturt:** Burrows 5, Hone 4, Wilson 2, Dakin, Molan, Mathews, Frederick, Reschke, Breuer. **South:** Fitt 4, Wilkinson, Sproule 2, Sampson, Shillabeer, Douglass.  
**UMPIRES** – Galletly, Hardy, Millar.  
**CROWD** – 2258 at Wigan Oval, Unley.

**PORT V NORTH**

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| 5.1   | 1.4   |
| 7.3   | 3.7   |
| 10.6  | 3.11  |
| 14.7  | 6.17  |
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**BEST – Port:** Bonner, Jackson, Evans, Sutcliffe, Fantasia, Short, McCallum. **North:** Harvey, Young, Wigg, Patmore, Combe. **GOALS – Port:** Fantasia, Jackson 3, Bonner, Szust 2, Evans, Hagan, Scully, Narkle. **North:** Young 3, Hilder, Moore, White.  
**UMPIRES** – Scott, Williams, Burke.  
**CROWD** – 1195 at Alberton Oval.

## COACH'S MATCH REPORT – GLENELG V ADELAIDE – ROUND 13, 2023

### Bays outplayed by strong Adelaide unit

Stratarama Stadium, Saturday 15th July, 1:10pm

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| Glenelg  | 2.1 | 5.6 | 6.7   | 11.15 | 81  |
| Adelaide | 4.5 | 8.5 | 13.11 | 15.11 | 101 |

**Goals:** Lachie Hosie 4, Liam McBean 4, Luke Reynolds 2, Brett Turner

**Best:** Corey Lyons, Lachie Hosie, Jonty Scharenberg, Liam McBean, Toby Pink

**Disposals:** C. Lyons 25, J. Scharenberg 25, L. Partington 23, D. Bailey 21, M. Snook 18, B. Turner 17, M. Proud 16

**Magarey Medal:** 3 – Kieran Strachan (Ad), 2 – Harry Schoenberg (Ad), 1 – Matt Crouch (Ad)

It is always a great challenge when you come up against the Adelaide Crows. Whether they have a full complement of AFL-listed players or not, they play a strong brand of football both sides of the ball, which means you must be completely on your game for the full four quarters to stay in the contest. If you are slightly off, they will make it difficult for you, and full credit to them on Saturday as they outplayed us for the first three quarters of the game and deserved the win.

As was the case in our first contest a few weeks back, they can move the ball quickly and apply score pressure on you in a short space of time. This occurred again on Saturday, as they were able to grab the ascendancy in the game from early on. It is important to grab hold of the score opportunities when they present, and while we didn't do that in the first quarter, the start of the second quarter was positive and we were able to gain some nice momentum

and apply some pressure of our own. Some missed opportunities always come back to hurt, and conceding some cheap goals leading into half time was far from ideal. We were left with some work to do in to the second half of the game.

Our third quarter wasn't great, and to the Adelaide's credit they were very good and we were not able to match their intensity and effort for long enough through that period. There are some great learnings out of this which we will certainly look at closely. In this competition against high quality opposition, you cannot drop off in these areas, and while we have been solid for a long period of time, this is just a good reminder that we still have lots of improving to work on.

We had a clear focus in the last quarter to get ourselves back into the game from a physical standpoint, and from there stay really brave with the ball in hand. We take

away some positives in that we were able to do that and felt we had some strong moments throughout this final term. Thirteen scoring shots reflected that, but we don't hide away from the fact we didn't do well enough in the first three quarters.

Our Reserves team continued with their impressive brand of football and consistency in all areas. We were really pleased with the effort to keep challenging the opposition ball in hand. Equally the intent and endeavour around contest was pleasing to see. A mixture of experienced players and some of our younger players continue to play at a consistently high level and keep the pressure on the players above them to keep performing, not just in games but throughout training also.

– Darren Reeves, Senior Coach  
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