

Reeves relieved Tigers toughed it out

GLENELG V WEST



0.1	1.2
1.3	4.2
4.5	5.2
6.8	5.4
44	34

BEST - Glenelg: Bailey, Proud, Turner, Snook, Newman, Holder, Reynolds. **West:** K. Ryan, Park, Morrish, Mattingly, J. Ryan, Maguire. **GOALS - Glenelg:** Reynolds 3, McBean, Partington, McGree. **West:** Mulady 2, Maguire, Delahunty, Steele. **UMPIRES -** Wittenberg, Reardon, Bowen. **CROWD -** 1830 at Stratarama Stadium.

Warren Partland

Glenelg coach Darren Reeves' words for his players in his first year in the role had not been as harsh as the message he delivered at half-time at the Bay on Saturday.

The ladder-leading Tigers, facing the serious threat of an upset, had been "outhunted and outworked" and confronted a 17-point deficit against West Adelaide.

"Right from the start of the year we have spoken about not being known as a talented team but a tough team," Reeves said. "When we were

challenged, what was going to be our response? When you are challenged, you have got to be tough. Today, we were tough in the second half from a competitive point of view."

The Tigers' answer to the enthusiastic, passionate challenge from the Bloods was a 10-point victory, adding five second-half goals in testing, wet weather conditions, while restricting the visitors to just one, and that was kicked four minutes into the third quarter.

Reeves praised the Bloods for their efforts, especially in the first half, when they asked plenty of questions with their

disciplined approach and hunger for the defensive actions.

They handled the conditions better than the Bays, who failed to kick a goal until 25 minutes into the second term, and coach Adam Hartlett has West playing an impressive style of football. Kobe Ryan amassed nine clearances and a whopping 17 tackles. Tigers ruckman Riley Holder dominated the tapwork, but the desperate Bloods made sure every ball was fiercely contested.

There was a definite lift in intensity from Glenelg after half-time, its players obviously having listened to what Reeves

had to say about being tough. Defenders Darcy Bailey and Max Proud had been outstanding all game and they had more mates willing to show the attitude Reeves desires. Brett Turner and Matthew Snook had an influence on the ball and Luke Reynolds was dangerous up forward.

With the Tigers pressing, the Bloods hurt their chances with some costly mistakes.

"The difference was their experience and their handling of these situations," West coach Adam Hartlett said. "It is tough right now, and frustrating, because we are so close."

ADELAIDE V EAGLES



7.3	1.1
11.5	1.5
13.7	5.6
17.9	6.6
111	42

BEST - Adelaide: Gollant, Soligo, Brown, Strachan, Dowling, Hamill, Himmelberg. **Eagles:** Rowe, Beecken, Williams, D'Aloia, Ballenden. **GOALS - Adelaide:** Gollant 6, Himmelberg 3, Brown, Wright 2, Newchurch, Sholl, Soligo, Strachan. **Eagles:** Ballenden, Nicholls 2, Beecken, Sladojevic. **UMPIRES -** Scott, Packard, Hardy. **CROWD -** 3744 at Maughan Thiem Kia Oval, Woodville.

LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agnt	Pts	%
GLENELG	14	12	2	1200	802	24	59.94
STURT	14	11	3	965	899	22	51.77
ADELAIDE	14	10	4	1262	804	20	61.08
PORT ADEL	14	8	6	1054	1027	16	50.65
NORTH ADEL	14	7	7	830	945	14	46.76
CENTRALS	14	7	7	816	932	14	46.68
W-WT EAGLES	14	5	9	843	963	10	46.68
SOUTH ADEL	14	4	10	807	1036	8	43.79
WEST ADEL	14	3	11	853	1001	6	46.01
NORWOOD	14	3	11	737	958	6	43.48



PORT V STURT

2.2	2.2
5.4	4.7
7.7	4.11
10.13	7.12
73	54

BEST - Port: Burgoyne, Mead, Bonner, Narkle, Moore, Dumont, Montgomery. **Sturt:** Lewis, Battersby, Voss, Molan, Coombas, Dakin, Carey. **GOALS - Port:** Szust, Lord, Moore, Scully 2, Mead, Narkle. **Sturt:** Reschke, Hone 2, Dakin, Slimming, Rentsch. **UMPIRES -** Sboro, Millar, Galletly. **CROWD -** 1717 at Alberton Oval.

RESERVES

	2.3	5.5	7.13	13.19	(97)	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
GLENELG	2.3	5.5	7.13	13.19	(97)							
WEST ADELAIDE	1.3	2.6	4.6	4.6	(30)							
Goals: Glenelg:	J Yates	4 D Scott	2 H Brokensha									
H Stagg	A Moir	M Miller	A Cole	J Deep	H Window							
West Adelaide:	J Cottrell	J Hansen	J Kovacic	J White								
Best: Glenelg:	H Stagg	N Paredes	J Deep	J Yates	C Horsnell							
West Adelaide:	J White	D White	B Chamberlain	R Corbett	J Hansen							
Glenelg	14	12	2	0	1168	712	24					
Central D	14	10	4	0	946	809	20					
Sturt	14	9	5	0	1067	715	18					
South Adel	14	7	6	1	891	856	15					
Eagles	14	6	8	0	948	1030	12					
Norwood	14	5	9	0	875	1004	10					
West Adel	14	3	10	1	686	1078	7					
North Adel	14	3	11	0	699	1076	6					

NORTH V NORWOOD



2.2	0.3
4.4	2.7
5.8	3.9
6.12	5.10
48	40

BEST - North: Wigg, Gowers, McCann, Ramsey, Craig, McInerney, Magor. **Norwood:** Nunn, Rokahr, Boyd, Kennerley, Lowe, Stockdale, Seymour. **GOALS - North:** Ramsey, Lockyer 2, Harvey, Spina. **Norwood:** Tranfa, Twelftree, Robinson, Nunn, Lok. **UMPIRES -** Harris, Bennett, Sobieraj. **CROWD -** 1734 at Prospect Oval.

CENTRAL V SOUTH



5.3	1.2
5.5	4.4
7.8	4.6
8.10	4.9
58	33

BEST - Central: Grant, Schiller, Iles, Presbury, Kendall, Whitelum, Munn, Shaw. **South:** Davis, Brooksby, Haines, Gibbs, O'Neill, Rose. **GOALS - Central:** Whitelum 2, Cowham, Thomas, Schiller, Grace, Munn, Liddy. **South:** Brooksby, Sproule, Freitag, Gibbs. **UMPIRES -** Morgan, Burke, Williams. **CROWD -** 1162 at X Convenience Oval.

COACH'S MATCH REPORT

GLENELG V WEST - ROUND 14, 2023

Tigers push through wet conditions to overtake Bloods

Stratarama Stadium, Saturday 22nd July, 2:10pm

Glenelg	0.1	1.3	4.5	6.8	44
West Adelaide	1.2	4.2	5.2	5.4	34

Goals: Luke Reynolds 3, James Bell, Lachie Hosie, Liam McBean
Best: Darcy Bailey, Matt Snook, Brett Turner, Max Proud, James Bell, Brodie Newman
Disposals: D. Bailey 24, C. Lyons 22, B. Turner 22, M. Snook 20, M. Proud 19, J. Bell 17
Magarey Medal: 3 - Kobe Ryan (WA), 2 - Brett Turner (GI), 1 - Max Proud (GI)



It has been evident all through the season so far - in what has been an even and strong competition - that if you don't come with great attitude and intent, it can be costly. While West Adelaide are not in finals contention, the improvement they've shown in some strong performances over the season suggests they are on the right track. The first half on Saturday certainly proved that, as they were able to control the game at half time on the scoreboard.

We were able to dominate the territory battle for the majority of the first half, but there was a tendency to overuse the ball in the wet and slippery conditions. The opportunities we were getting to hit the scoreboard were not able to be capitalised on either, which added to the frustration in the game. The game quickly became a contest battle, and West Adelaide played the conditions better. They were more desperate, and were able to apply some

strong scoreboard pressure on us. Full credit to them for how they went about it. A late goal in the second quarter was certainly important for us to have some energy and hope into the second half.

Much like the first half, we had some strong control in terms of where the game was being played. But again, West Adelaide were able to grab the first opportunity and push out their lead to 22 points. To our team's credit, we were able to play the conditions better from that point on, and pleasingly, we were able to find some strong control around the contest and midfield battle. Some cleaner ball into our forward 50 created some scoreboard reward and allowed us to close the gap to three points at three quarter time. Much like the third quarter, our control and method around contest allowed us to play forward half football and find the opportunities we needed to walk away with

by no means an impressive win, but most certainly an important win. We will take away the fact that we were able to find a way when we didn't have things on our terms for a large part, and that is important in our journey.

Our Reserves team were able to continue with their strong winning form. With the game played in good conditions before the rain set in later in the day, their ability to play a strong offensive brand that we are wanting to play was again impressive. Equally impressive was the defensive method of the group which continues to allow the offensive side of our game flourish. It continues to be really pleasing for us the way this group is preparing and playing consistently.

- Darren Reeves, Senior Coach
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