

Glenelg stunned by Eags

Steve Barrett

Woodville-West Torrens rode a stirring second half to a well-executed 22-point upset of ladder-leading Glenelg at Woodville on Saturday.

James Rowe (33 disposals, two goals) and captain Joe Sinor (27 touches) piloted the Eagles' intelligent display which, coupled with Adelaide's win against Sturt, ensured the minor premiership won't be decided until the last day of the home-and-away season.

The Tigers can clinch top spot by beating South Adelaide at the Bay next Saturday, with a loss opening the door for the Crows to steal first position if they defeat Norwood.

The Eagles overcame substantial disadvantages in clearances (41-26) and inside-50s (50-38) by employing a successful kick-mark method which Glenelg was unable, and seemingly unwilling, to counter.

"Our message during the week was to be brave and take the game on," said Eagles boss Jade Sheedy, who will coach his 74th and final SANFL game next Saturday against West Adelaide. "We moved the ball

really well and wanted to play an uncontested style which forced them to defend."

Will Pearce slotted three of his team-high four goals in the opening 15 minutes as the Eagles forged a 19-point first-quarter buffer. That turned rapidly into a 19-point deficit as the Tigers got a hurry-on in the second term. Runaway Ken Farmer Medal leader Lachie Hosie nailed five first-half goals and Hugh Stagg booted three in quick succession as the Bays piled on six majors in 15 minutes to pinch the momentum.

The Eagles edged ahead at the end of an engrossing third term before pulling clear in the fourth term thanks to several inspirational acts.

Luke Beecken's chasedown tackle of Hosie, 17-year-old Kade Herbert's memorable maiden SANFL goal on the burst, Jesse Lonergan forcing Matthew Snook into a holding-the-ball decision and Sinor's lunging smother of opposite number Max Proud's attempted rebound highlighted the Eagles' skill and desperation.

Glenelg lost defender Liam Wisdom in the opening minutes with a hamstring injury

EAGLES V GLENELG

5.2	4.2
8.2	10.3
12.3	11.7
16.8	12.10
104	82

BEST - Eagles: Rowe, Sinor, Beecken, Pearce, D'Aloia, Thompson. **Glenelg:** Lyons, Hosie, Stagg, Partington, Gerloff.

GOALS - Eagles: Pearce 4, Beattie 3, Rowe, T. Menzel, Herbert 2, Buck, Ballenden, Toumpas. **Glenelg:** Hosie 5, Stagg 3, Searle 2, Holder, Reynolds.

UMPIRES - Sobieraj, Klemm, Bennett. **CROWD -** 1163 at Maughan Thiem Kia Oval, Woodville.

SOUTH V PORT

3.0	3.2
10.3	4.4
13.4	10.10
15.7	14.13
97	97

BEST - South: Mutch, O'Neill, Freitag, Brooksby, Davis, Tucker, Haines. **Port:** Evans, Fantasia, Pasini, Burgoyne, Narkle, Dumont.

GOALS - South: Frietag, Fitt, Shillabeer 3, Schuback 2, Sproule, Brooksby, Gibbs, Wilkinson. **Port:** Fantasia 4, Evans 3, Hagan 2, Scully, Burgoyne, Narkle, Cheesman, Szust.

UMPIRES - Hardy, Hughes, Packard. **CROWD -** 1380 at Flinders University Stadium, Noarlunga.

WEST V NORWOOD

1.4	3.1
2.10	8.3
7.13	10.6
10.16	11.10
76	76

BEST - West: K. Ryan, Morrish, Park, Mattingly, Maguire, Stevens. **Norwood:** Boyd, Kennerley, Panos, Rokahr, Stockdale, Heard. **GOALS - West:** Redfern 2, Mulady, K. Ryan, Delahunty, Beech, Gore, Park, Stevens, Mattingly. **Norwood:** Lok 3, Panos, Callow 2, Lowe, Kennerley, McLean, Binder.

UMPIRES - Whittlesea, Bowen, Williams. **CROWD -** 1299 at Hisense Stadium.

while, worryingly with the finals a fortnight away, key spearhead Liam McBean (hamstring) was a late withdrawal.

"The most disappointing thing is we didn't value defence," Tigers coach Darren Reeves said. "We allowed them to move the ball up the ground too easily. That comes down to mindset and attitude."

	P	W	L	D	For	Agnst	Pts	%
GLENELG	17	14	3	0	1423	1008	28	58.54
ADELAIDE	17	13	4	0	1553	976	26	61.41
STURT	17	13	4	0	1189	1120	26	51.49
PORT ADEL	17	8	8	1	1235	1282	17	49.07
CENTRALS	17	8	9	0	993	1116	16	47.08
NORTH ADEL	17	8	9	0	1013	1145	16	46.94
W-WT EAGLES	17	6	11	0	1072	1200	12	47.18
SOUTH ADEL	17	5	11	1	1044	1253	11	45.45
NORWOOD	17	5	11	1	960	1174	11	44.99
WEST ADEL	17	3	13	1	1024	1232	7	45.39

ADELAIDE V STURT

2.3	2.3
6.5	9.5
10.7	12.6
16.7	13.9
103	87

BEST - Adelaide: Hatley, Sholl, McHenry, Berry, Dowling, Parnell, Gollant, Sigal. **Sturt:** Battersby, Hone, Lewis, Coombas, Page, Doyle. **GOALS - Adelaide:** McHenry, Gollant, Smithson 3, Coleman 2, Hatley, Sholl, Dowling, Cook, Brown. **Sturt:** Hone 5, Burrows 3, McFadyen, Fahey-Sparks 2, Mathews.

UMPIRES - Burke, Sboro, Millar. **CROWD -** 4061 at Wigan Oval, Unley.

CENTRAL V NORTH

3.0	2.1
5.4	5.6
7.10	8.7
8.12	8.10
60	58

BEST - Central: Grant, Hoskin, McLennan, McCormack, Presbury, Munn, Linke, Iles. **North:** Moore, Harvey, McCann, Elbrow, Finlay, Wigg, Gowers, Ramsey. **GOALS - Central:** Munn, Grace 2, Grant, Dudley, Linke, Presbury. **North:** Elbrow, Finlay 2, Hilder, Casalini, McCann, Ramsey.

UMPIRES - Morgan, Harris, Scott. **CROWD -** 1779 at Prospect Oval.

COACH'S MATCH REPORT - GLENELG V W-WT EAGLES - ROUND 17, 2023

Eagles cause upset at Woodville

MAUGHAN THIEM KIA OVAL, Saturday 19th August, 2:10pm

Woodville-West Torrens	5.2	8.2	12.3	16.8	104
Glenelg	4.2	10.3	11.7	12.10	82

Goals: Lachie Hosie 5, Hugh Stagg 3, Brady Searle 2, Riley Holder, Luke Reynolds

Best: Corey Lyons, Lachie Hosie, James Bell, Hugh Stagg, Cole Gerloff

Disposals: C. Lyons 31, B. Stretch 23, L. Partington 22, D. Bailey 21, J. Bell 20, M. Allen 19, J. Scharenberg 19

Magarey Medal: 3 - James Rowe (W-WT), 2 - Corey Lyons (GI), 1 - Lachie Hosie (GI)



Coming out of last week's close win with some frustration in how we had gone about certain aspects of our game, it could be easy to have even more frustration from a loss to a more desperate and hungry football team in Woodville-West Torrens.

And while there is some frustration purely from a competitive 'wanting to win' every game mentality, we took away some great learnings that we needed to just reset, understand why we are in the position we are in, and even more importantly understand where we want to be moving forward. Full credit to the Eagles - on the day they were certainly up for the battle and absolutely deserved the win.

The first 15 minutes set the standard for the day with some fast-flowing open football. We most certainly were not at a level defensively that we were wanting to be in the early part of the game, and we allowed the Eagles to score far too easily from all parts of the ground. We were lucky through the second half of the quarter in that we were efficient with some scoring

opportunities, and this allowed us to stay in touch at the first break. The game wasn't looking how we wanted it to look and the second quarter played out much the same, with us giving up scores too easily in the first part of the quarter. Again, we were able to get some momentum back our way and eventually get the game on our terms for a large part of the quarter. A six-goal quarter put the game back in our favour, but we were also expecting WWT to come at us again.

This is what we got, with the second half being a bit of a struggle for us in all areas. We certainly had some opportunities throughout the second half, but we were not as clean or efficient with the ball and we were well down on where we have been and what we demand and expect of each other defensively.

As mentioned over the year, if you are not at the level required in this tough competition, you leave yourself vulnerable against whoever you are playing against. We need to sharpen up in a few areas this week

and get back to the brand of football we have built over the season so far. Make no mistake we will be doing that.

After being really challenged for the most part of the day, our Reserves group eased away to a solid win against another team that should figure in the finals coming up. Again, as has been the case over the season, we are thrilled with the way they are able to defend the ground so well and often turn forced turnovers into exciting ball movement. They are playing high-quality Reserves level football week after week and full credit to all.

We now prepare for a Round 18 clash against South Adelaide at the Bay this Saturday. It shapes as a strong challenge for us, with a great opportunity to finish on top of the ladder at the end of the regular season. Our simple focus as a group is to get back to our relentless all-in brand.

-Darren Reeves, Senior Coach
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