Lyons on fire for Tigers

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Norwood's premiership defence is teetering on the brink after on Sunday suffering a fourth straight defeat to start the SANFL season.

Despite a promising start for the Redlegs, Glenelg took control of the contest late in the second quarter before winning by 30 points at the Bay.

The Tigers booted the opening goal of the match but Norwood had the better of the play in the opening term but failed to capitalise on the chances in front of goal, booting 2.6. Norwood kicked consecutive majors early in the second term, extending its advantage to nine points before a collision between Glenelg's Brady Searle and Norwood's Jack Saunders.

Play was halted for several minutes as Saunders was taken from the field following a head knock but the Tigers seized the momentum, booting the final three goals of the term to take a 10-point lead into half-time.

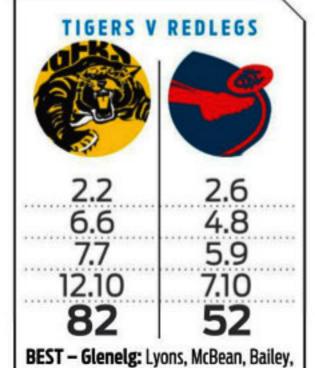
Glenelg booted four of the first five goals of the second half to open a matchwinning advantage, the win taking it to 3-1 under new coach Darren Reeves, who was thrilled his side was continually finding different ways to win.

"We don't want to be known as just as talented football club, we want to be known as a club that can adapt and be a tough four-quarter team," he said

"The challenge is now to back it up week after week and that will be a focus for us moving forward."

Corey Lyons continued his excellent early-season form, booting two goals to go with 26 disposals and 12 clearances for the Tigers.

While there is plenty of opti-



Snook, Proud, Bell, Pink. Norwood:
Rokahr, Hamilton, Boyd, Heard.
GOALS – Glenelg: Allen, Bell, Hosie,
Lyons, Reynolds 2, Holder, McBean.
Norwood: McLean 2, Jarvis, Lowden,
Robinson, Sanders, Taheny.
UMPIRES – Bowen, Miller, Sobieraj.
CROWD – 2299 at Glenelg Oval.

mism for Glenelg, the loss leaves Norwood on the bottom of the table as the only side without a win this season. But coach Jade Rawlings said his side was slowly working its way back to its best football

"There were so many good things to like for us in the game but the key moments were taken by Glenelg," Rawlings said. "I think it was a great contest, we didn't take our chances in the first quarter with three or four misses we needed to take."

With players returning in the next fortnight, Rawlings hoped his side could overcome its slow start and push up towards the finals.

"Our best footy is still ahead of us. We haven't played redeemable footy in the first four weeks but today looked more like Norwood," he said. "There is some stuff there that I want us to keep growing and building on from a good strong base but the base has been a bit inconsistent up to this point."

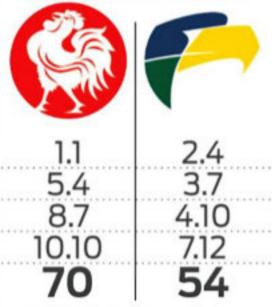
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BEST – Adelaide: Hately, Berry, McHenry, Parnell, Newchurch, McPherson, Brown, Dowling. South Adelaide: Skinner, Smith, Wilkinson, Sampson, O'Neill, Haines.

GOALS — Adelaide: Newchurch 4, McHenry, Hately 3, Gollant, Madgen 2, Himmelberg, Berry, Strachan, Dowling, Boyle. South Adelaide: Sproule 2, Freitag, Wilkinson, Gunther, Brown, Brooksby.

INJURIES - Adelaide: Taylor (ankle).
UMPIRES - Harris, Morgan, Williams.
CROWD - 4432 at Adelaide Oval.

ROOSTERS V EAGLES



BEST - North: Combe, Ramsey, Patmore, Wigg, Magor, Mayes, Harvey. Eagles: Knight, Sinor, Hardie, Rowe, Cameron, Collier-Dawkins.

GOALS - North: Ramsey 4, Casalini 2, Wigg, McCann, Mayes, Elbrow. Eagles: Cameron, Hardie 2, Beattie, Ballenden, Buck. INJURIES - North: Gowers (hamstring), Wigg (ankle).

UMPIRES – Scott, Galletly, Lewis.
CROWD – 1871 at Prospect Oval.

SANFL % Sturt 60.6 Adelaide 64.2 Glenelg 56.0 **North Adelaide** 55.8 **Central District** 50.2 2 44.0 South Adelaide 47.2 Eagles 3 West Adelaide 46.4 Port Adelaide 40.7 33.8 Norwood

FINAL SCORE	
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1.3 3.6 6.8 9.9	3.3 6.3 7.6 9.6
63	9.6 60

BEST — Sturt: Lewis, Battersby, Voss, McFadyen, Coomblas, Dakin. Central: McLennan, Little, Chisholm, McCormack, Buechner, Grant. GOALS — Sturt: Hone, Wilson 2, Frederick, Rentsch, Battersby, Burrows, Richards. Central: Pearce, Munn 2, Liddy, McLennan, Barreau, Whitelum, Schiller. UMPIRES — Beyer, Hughes, Sboro. CROWD — 2599 at Wigan Oval, Sturt.

5.3 1.0 8.8 1.4 9.11 6.8 12.13 10.8 85 68 BEST - Port: Dumont, Jackson, Short, Clurey, Scully, Szust, Visentini, Moore. West: Park, Norrish, K. Ryan, Gore,

J. Ryan, Stevens, Mattingly.

GOALS – Port: Scully 4, Evans, Mead 2,
Hayes, Jackson, Hagan, Szust. West:
Delahunty, Gore 4, Johnson, K. Ryan.

UMPIRES – Hardy, Bennett, Burke

CROWD – 1387 at Loxton Oval.

COACH'S MATCH REPORT - GLENELG V NORWOOD - ROUND 4, 2023

Bays take down reigning premiers

Stratarama Stadium, Sunday30th April, 2:10pm

Glenelg 2.2 6.6 7.7 12.10 82 Norwood 2.6 4.8 5.9 7.10 52

Goals: Matt Allen 2, James Bell 2, Lachie Hosie 2, Corey Lyons 2, Luke Reynolds 2, Riley Holder, Liam McBean Best: Corey Lyons, Matthew Snook, Toby Pink, Liam McBean, James Bell

Disposals: C. Lyons 26, D. Bailey 23, M. Snook 23, M. Proud 21, B. Stretch 21, L. Partington 20, L. Hosie 16 Magarey Medal: 3 – Corey Lyons (GI), 2 – Max Proud (GI), 1 – Nik Rokahr (Nor)

Tough slippery conditions, together with a desperate football club in Norwood, was our challenge in round 4. While they hadn't started the season as they would have liked, we understood they would come to play, and to their credit they made us earn everything for the entire four quarters. It is really pleasing to get away with a solid five goal win – our third win in a row.

The first half was a good arm wrestle, with both teams having good moments. Other times, we just needed to hold on and not let the momentum turn into scoreboard pressure. This from a coaching perspective is pleasing, in that we were able to match them in some of their key areas in the

contest and contested ball. We felt if we could continue to do that well, the game and the opportunities would eventually come our way.

The second half was much better from how we want the game to look, in that we were able to spend long periods in our forward half through strong defensive pressure and repeat forward half stoppages. We know if we do that and then stay brave with the ball the scoreboard will take care of itself, and that was the case in the last quarter. A lot of credit to all the players and all our coaching staff for continuing to put a lot of work into these areas and seeing some of that reward for effort come out in the games over the

last few weeks. Lots to like and lots to continue to work on moving forward.

Our Reserves group continue their winning ways with another nail-biting win. The first quarter was as good of football as they had played all season so far, with some excellent defensive work and clean and fast ball movement. While they were not able to maintain that, it is still pleasing that the endeavour to play in this manner remained. Full credit to the group for hanging in and finding a way to win again. Several players continue to impress and push for selection.

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