

Allen leads way in Bays' warning

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GLENELG looks the real deal after winning its fourth consecutive game and becoming the first side to beat South Adelaide at Noarlunga this season.

The Tigers on Saturday showed how well they had adjusted to life under new coach Darren Reeves by putting the clamps on the Panthers on the wide expanses of Noarlunga Oval to win convincingly by 41 points and consolidate a top-three spot.

While South copped an early blow by losing Magarey Medallist Bryce Gibbs in the first quarter with a possible broken thumb, Glenelg controlled the contest and broke clear with the wind at its back in the final term. Full forward Lachie Hosie put the icing on the cake for the Bays with four final-quarter goals, giving him five for the game, after they led by five points at the last change.

Tall midfielder Matthew Allen (16 disposals, eight marks, two goals) won the John Schneebichler Medal as best-afield as the southern rivals battled for the Carey-Darley Cup. Glenelg strangled the Panthers as Reeves' new defensive system kicked into gear.

South, which had won its previous two games at Noarlunga this season but has now lost three matches in a row, kicked only six goals after booting the first two in the opening 10 minutes. The Bays are conceding a miserly average of 56 points a game and are clearly better defensively than they were a year ago, pleasing Reeves.

"I knew coming here (Noarlunga) it was going to be a tough game and I was really pleased with our defensive work," Reeves said. "That starts in the forward half of the ground and I feel that our structure there, to be able to defend when the opposition has the ball, really sets us up.

"I felt we were going to be able to get it looking like this but I thought it would take a bit longer. We're still not anywhere near where we want to be but five games in I'm really pleased with what it looks like at the moment."

While Allen was huge in the win and Hosie put a dagger through South's heart in the final term, full back Toby Pink (eight marks) was superb on star Panthers key forward Zac Sproule and fellow backmen Max Proud, Brodie Newman and Darcy Bailey stood tall.

The Panthers had a chance to apply more scoreboard pressure in the third term but they kicked only 1.6 to 0.1 with the wind from 16 inside-50s to seven.

In contrast, Glenelg kicked 6.1 to 0.1 in the final stanza. "We didn't take our chances in front of goal in the third quarter, which proved costly," South coach Jarrad Wright said.

Standings

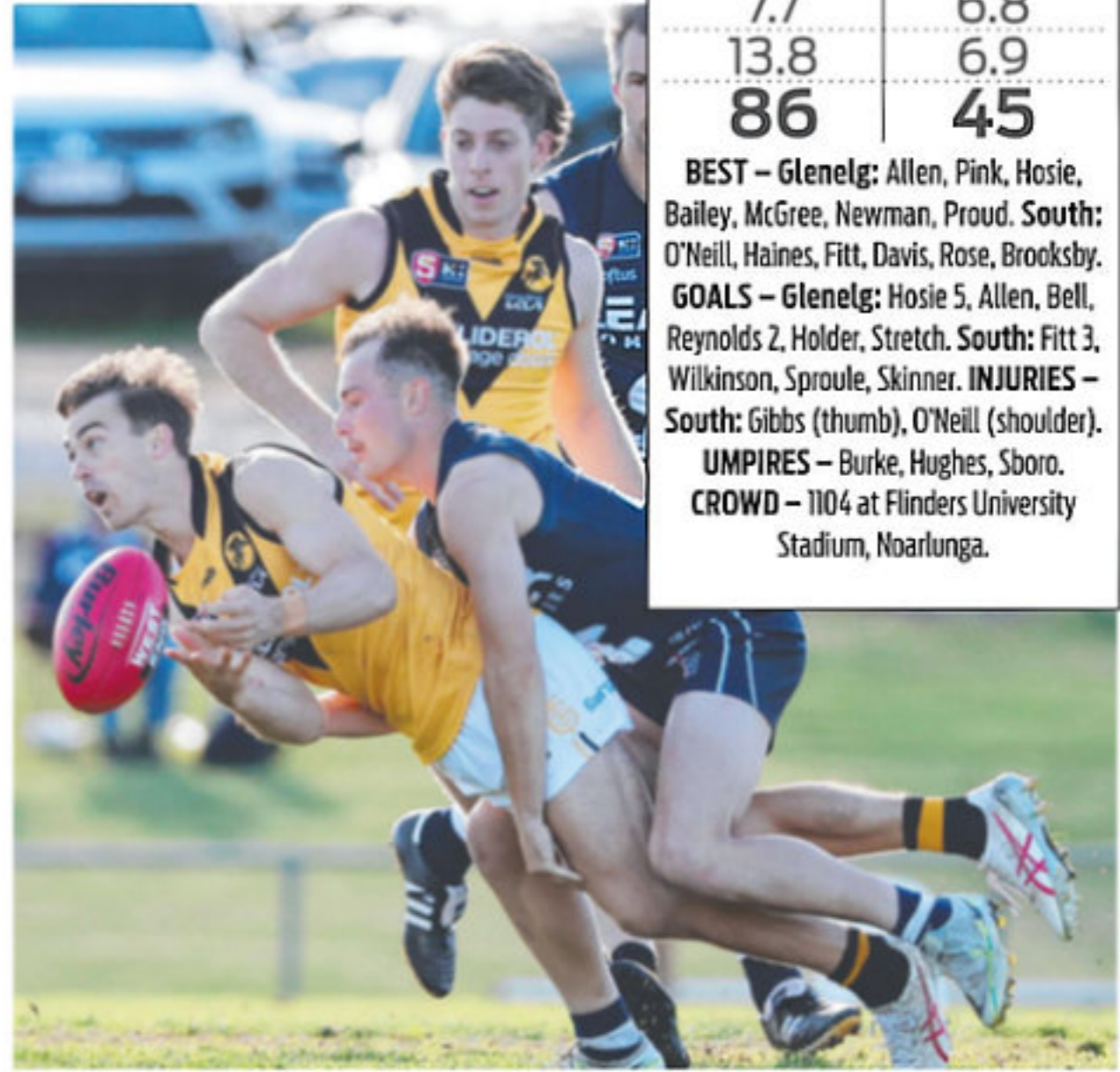
	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sturt	5	5	0	444	297	10
Adelaide	5	4	1	520	282	8
Glenelg	5	4	1	387	282	8
Central District	5	3	2	318	305	6
North Adelaide	5	3	2	324	312	6
Port Adelaide	5	2	3	312	421	4
South Adelaide	5	2	3	297	407	4
West Adelaide	5	1	4	336	391	2
W'dville-Wst Torrens	5	1	4	307	358	2
Norwood	5	0	5	241	431	0

TIGERS V PANTHERS



3.1	3.2
7.6	5.2
7.7	6.8
13.8	6.9
86	45

BEST – Glenelg: Allen, Pink, Hosie, Bailey, McGree, Newman, Proud. **South:** O'Neill, Haines, Fitt, Davis, Rose, Brooksby. **GOALS** – Glenelg: Hosie 5, Allen, Bell, Reynolds 2, Holder, Stretch. **South:** Fitt 3, Wilkinson, Sproule, Skinner. **INJURIES** – **South:** Gibbs (thumb), O'Neill (shoulder). **UMPIRES** – Burke, Hughes, Sboro. **CROWD** – 1104 at Flinders University Stadium, Noarlunga.



Glenelg's Luke Partington under pressure in the Tigers' 41-point win against South Adelaide at Noarlunga. Picture: David Mariuz/SANFL

CROWS V ROOSTERS

1.0	2.3
6.6	2.4
8.6	4.9
13.10	5.11
88	41

BEST – Adelaide: McPherson, Parnell, Worrell, Hamill, Cooke, Berry, Borlase, Strachan, Nankervis. **North:** Spina, Szekeley, Combe, Patmore, Magor, Craig. **GOALS** – Adelaide: Clamp 4, Gollant 3, Wright 2, Cooke, Berry, Madgen, Schoenberg. **North:** Magor, Grubb, Hilder, Ramsey, Harvey. **UMPIRES** – Hardy, Bowen, Beyer. **CROWD** – 1509 at Prospect Oval.

MAGPIES V REDLEGS

2.5	2.3
4.8	2.5
5.9	5.6
8.10	7.9
58	51

BEST – Port: Clurey, Jackson, Turner, Pasini, Burgoyne, Moore, Visentini. **Norwood:** Rokahr, Lok, Nunn, Boyd, Kennerley, Lowden. **GOALS** – Port: Barkla, Cheesman, Hayes, Kirk, Lord, Moore, Scully, Turner. **Norwood:** Lok 3, Lowe 2, Lowden, Panos. **UMPIRES** – Scott, Klemm, Harris. **CROWD** – 1544 at Alberton Oval.

BLUES V EAGLES

4.1	2.2
7.9	3.3
10.13	8.3
12.15	10.5
87	65

BEST – Sturt: Battersby, Voss, Lewis, Fahey-Sparks, Hone, Coombas, Grivell. **Eagles:** Ballenden, Sinor, Rowe, Beecken, Lehmann. **GOALS** – Sturt: Hone, Grivell 3, Burrows, Richards 2, Mathews, Rentsch. **Eagles:** Ballenden 5, Cameron 2, Pearce, Rowe, Williams. **UMPIRES** – Lewis, Sobieraj, Millar. **CROWD** – 1640 at Maughan Thiem Kia Oval, Woodville.

BULLDOGS V BLOODS

4.3	1.0
6.5	2.4
8.10	2.6
8.12	7.7
60	49

BEST – Central: McCormack, McLennan, Hoskin, Liddy, Chisholm, Schiller. **West:** J. Ryan, Morrish, Ellem, Kennedy, Park, Johnson. **GOALS** – Central: McCormack 2, McLennan, Grace, A. Lochowiak, Barreau, Lange, Pearce. **West:** Beech, Morrish 2, Kennedy, Ellem, Mattingly. **UMPIRES** – Williams, Morgan, Galletly. **CROWD** – 1283 at X Convenience Oval.

COACH'S MATCH REPORT – GLENELG V SOUTH – ROUND 5, 2023

Fourth quarter blitz seals the win at Noarlunga

Flinders University Stadium, Saturday 6th May, 2:10pm

South Adelaide	3.2	5.2	6.8	6.9	45
Glenelg	3.1	7.6	7.7	13.8	86

Goals: Lachie Hosie 5, Matt Allen 2, James Bell 2, Luke Reynolds 2, Riley Holder, Billy Stretch

Best: Matthew Allen, Toby Pink, Lachie Hosie, Cam McGree, Brodie Newman

Disposals: D. Bailey 24, C. Gerloff 21, M. Allen 19, M. Snook 19, B. Newman 18, M. Proud 18

Magarey Medal: 3 – Matthew Allen (GI), 2 – Cole Gerloff (GI), 1 – Lachie Hosie (GI)

We headed down to Noarlunga for our round 5 clash with South Adelaide, which is traditionally a difficult place to win for all. While they have had a tough couple of weeks, they certainly have a strong, talented list, and we expected nothing less than needing to play at our best, or close to our best, football for long periods to be able to get a positive result. A strong full team effort allowed us to take the points in our fourth win in a row.

The first quarter was an even contest, with some end-to-end football played and both teams possibly not making the most of some scoring opportunities. We headed into quarter time reasonably happy to be just one point down, having played into a strong breeze. As we have been able to do for long periods over the last few weeks, the second quarter was played in our forward half for the majority. While happy to be 16 points up at half time, we definitely left some goals out there and certainly left ourselves with plenty of work in the second half.

This proved to be the case in the third quarter, with South Adelaide able to pin us in our defensive half for long periods. We will take some good learnings out of that period, in that we lost a little bit of composure with the ball and a little bit of structure, but the big positive is we were able to scramble well enough to maintain a five-point lead into the last quarter with the strong breeze in our favour.

Over the last few games, our last quarters have been strong. That was the case again, with some excellent ball movement and transition at times opening the game up, and a six goal to nothing last quarter allowed us to get away with a 41-point win. While the offensive side of the game was strong over the quarter, a four minute block in the mid part of the quarter was possibly the most pleasing part from a coaching group perspective. We had thirteen repeat stoppages in our defensive 50, where we were desperate and disciplined as a collective group not to give up a score

before being able to get the ball into our forward half. We take away a lot from that four minute block. In the context of the season, we see this as an important win

Our Reserves group unfortunately were not able to continue their winning ways. A slow start to the game and finding themselves six goals down reasonably quickly meant it was an uphill battle for a large part of the day. To the credit of all, they were able to get themselves back into the game and a big chance to win in the last quarter, but it wasn't to be. Like the League team, there are some great learnings to come out of the game and we will get to work on that over the course of this week.

Finally, congratulations to Matthew Allen for being awarded the John Schneebichler medal.

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