

Coulthard lifts Tigers

Livewire's four goals decisive against battling Bulldogs

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Indigenous livewire Matthew Coulthard lit up Elizabeth Oval's grey skies with a four-goal haul to launch Glenelg to a hard-earned nine-point victory against Central District on Saturday.

The Tigers' 5.2-to-1.2 third quarter proved the difference, with Coulthard, in his third league appearance, slotting two of them in the space of a handful of minutes, before finishing with four for the match.

With their sixth successive win – and ninth on the trot against the Bulldogs – the second-placed Bays are breathing hard down the neck of unbeaten ladder leader Sturt.

Glenelg's on-ball generals Luke Partington, Matthew Snook and Brett Turner enjoyed prolific outings in the slippery conditions, while Darcy Bailey and Toby Pink piloted the Bays' backline which didn't miss a beat despite the absence of injured captain Max Proud.

"We played some nice football in that third quarter," Ti-

gers coach Darren Reeves said. "We're 6-1 now and we can set ourselves up over the next couple of weeks.

"Matty (Coulthard) has got lots of high-quality attributes – we love his pressure and his speed.



"He's the missing ingredient we didn't have, that real speed forward of the ball."

After Glenelg held the slight upperhand following a dour opening quarter played in persistent drizzle, Central bossed large portions of the second stanza, dominating inside-50s 15-4 and moving ahead by eight points.

Harry Grant enjoyed arguably his finest performance as a Bulldog on the ball, Justin Hoskin made a classy return from a hand injury and Billy McCormack dominated in ruck.

But the Bays spun the match their way with a scorching, super-efficient third stanza, drilling five unanswered majors to pull away by 15 points.



The Dogs trimmed the deficit to just three points in the fourth quarter when Hoskin and Aiden Grace nailed back-



GLENELG V CENTRAL		
		
2.3	1.6	
2.4	3.6	
7.5	4.8	
8.5	6.8	
53	44	
BEST – Glenelg: Partington, Coulthard, Bailey, Pink, Snook, Turner, Newman. Central District: Grant, Hoskin, McCormack, Schiller, Kendall, Whitelum.		
GOALS – Glenelg: Coulthard 4, Hosie 2, McBean, Gerloff.		
Central District: Munn 2, Schiller, Shaw, Hoskin, Grace.		
UMPIRES – Galletly, Burke, Williams.		
CROWD – 1244 at X Convenience Oval, Elizabeth.		



to-back goals. But Coulthard, plying his trade at Port Noarlunga this time last year after spending some time with South Adelaide's reserves, couldn't be curbed, snapping his fourth later in the term to seal the result.



"In the third quarter, they went inside-50 eight times for 5.1," Central coach Paul Thomas said, lamenting his side's own lack of polish after handsomely winning the inside-50 count 43-31.

"They were pretty efficient – that's the game."

NORTH V PORT		
		
2.2	3.2	
7.2	8.3	
11.9	10.6	
15.10	14.8	
100	92	
BEST – North: Young, Harvey, Casalini, Hilder, Patmore, Wigg. Port: Dumont, Sinn, Hagan, Teakle, Short, Burgoyne.		
GOALS – North: Casalini 5, Hilder 4, Harvey, Young 2, Elbrow, McInerney.		
Port: Scully, Hayes 3, Sinn 2, Cheesman, Dumont, Ferrari, Lee, Hagan, Szust.		
UMPIRES – Hardy, Morgan, Scott.		
CROWD – 1639 at Prospect Oval.		

EAGLES V WEST		
		
4.4	1.1	
8.7	1.4	
11.9	3.5	
14.10	5.8	
94	38	
BEST – Eagles: Rowe, Knight, Sinor, D'Aloia, Collier-Dawkins, Beecken, Beattie, Bruce. West: Frost, Johnson, Park, Mattingly.		
GOALS – Eagles: Rowe 3, Cameron, Pearce, Beattie 2, Nicholls, Sinor, Hardie, Ballenden, Williams.		
West: Delahunty 2, Beech, McCormick, K. Ryan.		
INJURIES – West: Beech (hamstring).		
UMPIRES – Beyer, Lewis, Sboro.		
CROWD – 1490 at Hisense Stadium.		

STURT V SOUTH		
		
2.1	3.2	
3.5	5.5	
7.7	6.7	
7.9	7.7	
51	49	
BEST – Sturt: Lewis, Voss, Battersby, Burrows, Carey, Frederick, Slimming, Hone, Doyle.		
South: O'Neill, Mutch, Haines, Clavarino, Brooksby, Sproule, Wilkinson.		
GOALS – Sturt: Burrows 3, Hone 2, McFadyen, Mathews.		
South: Sproule 3, Freitag 2, Fitt, Shillabeer.		
INJURY – Sturt: Grivell (ankle).		
UMPIRES – Sobieraj, Klemm, Harris.		
CROWD – 1226 at Flinders University Stadium, Noarlunga.		

CROWS V REDLEGS		
		
0.3	0.1	
1.8	3.1	
4.10	3.3	
8.12	5.6	
60	36	
PARTLAND'S BEST – Adelaide: Schoenberg, Gollant, Berry, Borlase, Keane. Norwood: Heard, Baynen, Rokahr, Nunn.		
GOALS – Adelaide: Dowling, Gollant, Clamp 2, Berry, Strachan. Norwood: Lowe, Panos, Jarvis, Lowden, McLean.		
INJURIES – Norwood: Taheny (knee).		
UMPIRES – Bowen, Bennett, Hughes.		
VENUE – Coopers Stadium, Norwood.		

Hostplus League						
	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sturt	7	7	0	561	402	14
Glenelg	7	6	1	550	379	12
Adelaide	7	5	2	636	384	10
North Adelaide	7	4	3	477	514	8
Eagles	7	3	4	468	439	6
Central District	7	3	4	405	425	6
Port Adelaide	7	3	4	506	595	6
West Adelaide	7	2	5	448	547	4
South Adelaide	7	2	5	420	560	4
Norwood	7	0	7	339	565	0

COACH'S MATCH REPORT – GLENELG V CENTRALS – ROUND 7, 2023

Bays win challenging contest at the Ponderosa

X Convenience Oval, Saturday 27th May, 2:10pm

Central District	1.6	3.6	4.8	6.8	44
Glenelg	2.3	2.4	7.5	8.5	53

Goals: Matthew Coulthard 4, Lachie Hosie 2, Liam McBean, Cole Gerloff

Best: Luke Partington, Toby Pink, Matthew Snook, Matthew Coulthard, Brett Turner, Brodie Newman

Disposals: L. Partington 36, M. Snook 27, B. Turner 26, D. Bailey 25, B. Stretch 21, C. Lyons 18, M. Allen 16

Magarey Medal: 3 – Luke Partington (GI), 2 – Matthew Snook (GI), 1 – Harry Grant (CD)

After a weekend off for most of our group, which included some down time in between some solid training sessions, we headed out to Elizabeth to face an ever-improving Central District Football Club, that have been impressive in the first six rounds of the season. We arrived knowing full well it was going to be a tough, uncompromising contest, and that is what we got. The persistent rain throughout the day just added to the challenge.

We were reasonably happy with our effort throughout the first quarter. We were able to control the ball around contest and our forward-half pressure was strong. There were some costly turnovers through the mid half of the ground that took away some scoring opportunity, but overall, we felt like we had set the game up reasonably well. The second quarter clearly wasn't our best for the year by any stretch. We were not able to maintain the energy we had shown in the first quarter and found ourselves having to scramble defensively in our own half for long periods. The trend of turnovers through the mid zone continued and didn't help our cause. We felt we were lucky to be only eight points down at half time, but with plenty of work to do we needed a strong response in the second half.

Pleasingly our third quarter was positive, with control around the contest, a significant lift in work rate, and some solid football creating

several opportunities to put it on the scoreboard. Five goals were a nice reward, but a small lapse late in the quarter kept the margin to only 16 points at the last break.

Our last quarters been strong over the first part of the year, which gave us some nice confidence. To Centrals' credit, they kept coming, and although we missed some chances early in the quarter, they were able to close the margin to three points with plenty of time left in the game. As has been the case, our defence held up strongly in the last quarter and allowed us to get away with a 9-point win. While we didn't play our best football over the day, the strength of the competition means winning in these circumstances is incredibly important. We take the two points and look to keep improving into this weekend.

Our Reserves suffered a close loss in their top-of-the-table clash. Persistent rain didn't allow for the free-flowing football that the group has been able to play in recent times, but there were some good signs in staying in the contest and giving themselves a chance to win the game right up until the siren. While it's a disappointing loss, there continues to be several guys playing strong consistent football and keeping the pressure on the players above.



Congratulations to Liam McBean on playing his 100th game. He is certainly a highly-respected and well-loved player, not only at Glenelg, but also right throughout the competition. We look forward to watching the next part of his career unfold here at the Bay.

–Darren Reeves, Senior Coach
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