

# Matt finish as Allen bomb sinks Crows

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Matthew Allen proved the hero as Glenelg snatched victory from the jaws of defeat against Adelaide on Saturday to stretch its winning streak to seven.

With the Tigers trailing by four points with less than three minutes left, wingman Allen marked strongly, played on and goaled on the run from 55 metres to put the home side in front for good in a pulsating finish to a see-sawing contest at the Bay.

Allen's spectacular major saw Glenelg win by two points, preserve its unbeaten home record this season and illustrate its flag credentials.

The Tigers won the battle of second versus third the hard way. They appeared to be done and dusted when the Crows, who fielded 16 AFL-listed players and led by a game-high 24 points in the second quarter, kicked the first three goals of the last to lead by nine points entering time-on. But Liam McBean kept Glenelg's hopes alive after goaling from a free kick and then Allen sealed the deal with his magical finish.

"I had a couple of ordinary moments in the last quarter so it was nice to be able to make the most of that moment (winning goal) and help us get the win," Allen said. "Reeva' (coach Darren Reeves) instructs me to take grass when I get the opportunity and I saw a bit of space and thought I would take it. It was a pretty cool moment but when it happened I knew there was still a bit of time to go, so I

**RESERVES**

GLENELG	5.1	8.6	12.8	14.10	(94)
EAGLES	0.5	2.6	4.7	7.10	(52)

Goals: Glenelg: J Yates 4 A Kitschke 3 W Chandler 2 M Miller C McLeod C Horsnell A Cole H Brokensha. Eagles: D Sladojevic 4 M Goldsworthy L Cooke J Watson  
 Best: Glenelg: A Cole B McCarthy C McLeod W Chandler J Yates. Eagles: H Dawkins D Sladojevic J Watson B Arthur M Goldsworthy.

**RESERVES Standings**

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Central Dist	8	7	1	0	570	459	14
Glenelg	8	6	2	0	639	472	12
Sturt	8	5	3	0	612	424	10
South Adel	8	4	3	1	565	485	9
Norwood	8	4	4	0	568	537	8
West Adel	8	2	5	1	424	625	5
Woodville-WT	8	2	6	0	558	645	4
North Adelaide	8	1	7	0	395	684	2

quickly thought about how we could close out the last couple of minutes. When the final siren went it was a great feeling because they (the Crows) are a great team."

Reeves said it was one of the best clutch goals he had seen and praised his side for its courageous fightback.

"On the run, 55m out, it was a huge play from Matty," he said. "And it was a big win for our footy club because the Crows are a very good team and have some elite midfielders who have played a lot of very good AFL footy."

Those midfielders had Adelaide poised to snap Glenelg's winning streak.

Harry Schoenberg (26 disposals, seven clearances, two goals) and Matt Crouch (30 disposals, eight clearances) were outstanding but the Tigers refused to wilt under pressure.

McBean was superb with five goals, while Darcy Bailey set up play from defence and on-ballers Luke Partington, Matthew Snook and Brett Turner were influential.

Adelaide coach Michael Godden said: "We got beaten by a better side in the end - I think Glenelg is the best side we've played this year - but we were right there with them and I was really proud of the way we fought it out."



**GLENELG V ADELAIDE**

2.2	4.4
5.7	7.5
10.8	9.6
12.10	12.8
<b>82</b>	<b>80</b>

**BEST - Glenelg:** McBean, Bailey, Partington, Snook, Allen, Turner, Proud, McGree. **Adelaide:** Schoenberg, Crouch, Brown, Gollant, Worrell, Nankervis, Hatley.  
**GOALS - Glenelg:** McBean 5, Reynolds 2, Lyons, Proud, Hosie, Turner, Allen. **Adelaide:** Gollant 4, Schoenberg 2, Dowling, Clamp, Brown, Boyle, Himmelberg, Hatley.  
**UMPIRES -** Williams, Galletly, Morgan.  
**CROWD -** 2503 at Stratarama Stadium, Glenelg.

Adelaide midfielder Harry Schoenberg wraps up Glenelg's Matthew Snook in a powerhouse tackle as the Tigers snatch a thrilling two-point win on Saturday at the Bay. Picture: Dean Martin

**STURT V WEST**

1.3	4.1
2.6	4.4
6.11	8.5
8.15	9.5
<b>63</b>	<b>59</b>

**BEST - Sturt:** Battersby, Hone, Lewis, Coombas, Fahey-Sparks, Frederick.  
**West:** Park, Frost, Mattingly, Gore, Morrish J. Ryan.  
**GOALS - Sturt:** Hone 4, Mathews 2, Burrows, Fahey-Sparks. **West:** Gore 3, Laudato, McCormick 2, Morrish, Redfern.  
**UMPIRES -** Burke, Shoro, Hughes.  
**CROWD -** 2619 at Wigan Oval, Unley.

**CENTRAL V NORWOOD**

1.3	3.1
3.3	3.4
7.6	5.5
8.8	7.9
<b>56</b>	<b>51</b>

**BEST - Central:** Schiller, A. Lochowiak, Grant, Liddy.  
**Norwood:** Seymour, Heard, Rokahr, Ling.  
**GOALS - Central:** Barreau, Whitelum, A. Lochowiak 2, Chisholm, Grace.  
**Norwood:** Lowe, Panos, Hamilton, Tranfa, McLean, Boyd, Lok.  
**UMPIRES -** Lewis, Bennett, Hardy.  
**CROWD -** 1664 at X Convenience Oval.

**SOUTH V NORTH**

3.1	2.3
8.5	5.3
9.8	6.8
11.12	7.9
<b>78</b>	<b>51</b>

**BEST - South:** Brooksby, Haines, O'Neill, Broadbent, Davis, Wilkinson, Dunkin, Sproule. **North:** McInerney, Szekely, Spina, Young, Finlay, Combe, Craig.  
**GOALS - South:** Sproule 3, Fitt, Shillabeer 2, Smith, Wilkinson, Freitag, Heaslip. **North:** Hilder 2, Elbrow, Gowers, White, McInerney, Young. **INJURIES - South:** Rose (hamstring), Sproule (calf).  
**UMPIRES -** Harris, Sobieraj, Scott.  
**CROWD -** 1691 at Prospect Oval.

**EAGLES V PORT**

2.1	1.3
4.5	1.8
5.8	2.10
9.8	8.11
<b>62</b>	<b>59</b>

**BEST - Eagles:** Beecken, Litster, Lehmann, Knight, Beattie, Toumpas, Sinor. **Port:** Narkle, Hagan, Dumont, Moore, Evans, Hayes, Szust.  
**GOALS - Eagles:** D. Menzel 3, Cameron 2, Sinor, Beattie, Pearce, Williams. **Port:** Szust 3, Evans, Hagan 2, Weidemann.  
**INJURIES - Eagles:** Sinor (ankle).  
**Port:** Jackson (head knock).  
**UMPIRES -** Beyer, Millar, Bowen.  
**CROWD -** 1690 at Alberton Oval.

## COACH'S MATCH REPORT - GLENELG V ADELAIDE - ROUND 8, 2023

### Bays celebrate 2-point win in heart-stopper

Stratarama Stadium, Saturday 3rd June, 2:10pm  
 Glenelg 2.2 5.7 10.8 12.10 82  
 Adelaide 4.4 7.5 9.6 12.8 80

**Goals:** Liam McBean 5, Luke Reynolds 2, Lachie Hosie, Corey Lyons, Max Proud, Brett Turner, Matthew Allen  
**Best:** Darcy Bailey, Liam McBean, Luke Partington, Matt hew Snook, Brett Turner, Cameron McGree, Matthew Allen  
**Disposals:** L. Partington 31, D. Bailey 26, M. Snook 26, B. Turner 23, M. Allen 22, M. Proud 21, C. Lyons 19  
**Magarey Medal:** 3 - Harry Schoenberg(Ad), 2 - Liam McBean (Gl), 1 - Matthew Snook (Gl)

	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	Points	%	Form
STURT	8	8	-	624	461	16	57.51	WWWWWWW
GLENELG	8	7	1	632	459	14	57.93	LWWWWW
ADELAIDE	8	5	3	716	466	10	60.58	WWLWWLWL
W-WT EAGLES	8	4	4	530	498	8	51.56	WL L L L WWW
CENTRALS	8	4	4	461	476	8	49.20	LWWLWLWL
NORTH	8	4	4	528	592	8	47.14	WLWWLWLWL
PORT	8	3	5	565	657	6	46.24	LLLWWWLWL
SOUTH	8	3	5	498	611	6	44.91	WWL L L L L W
WEST	8	2	6	507	610	4	45.39	LWLWLWLWL
NORWOOD	8	-	8	390	621	0	38.58	LLL L L L L L

Round 8 v Adelaide Football Club shaped up to be the biggest test we've faced for several weeks - not so much because of the amount of AFL-listed players, but more because of the quality they had, especially through the mid part of the ground. For us to get to where we want to be in the short term, and certainly long term, we need to be able to turn up and compete for long periods against this type of opposition. It was not necessarily a make-or-break game considering the point of the season, but it was a game that would test everything we are endeavouring to do consistently. We are really pleased with how we stuck to our process and found a way to win when it looked like a tough ask a few times.

The first half was an arm wrestle around the contest, which we had planned for, and we were aware that it would hold the key to the outcome. We felt for periods they were on top in this area and able to get clean ball out and put us under pressure in our back half. As they have all season so far, the backline was able to stay composed and not let the game get out of our reach. We had our strong moments also, and when we did some of our ball movement was able to test Adelaide's defence. The last part of the first half was certainly important in

the outcome, with a couple of late goals giving us some strong confidence into the second half.

It was a strong, aggressive third quarter where we were able to play some exciting football on the back of excellent team defence and our midfield group getting control of the game around contest. As we have done in other games, we were able to keep the ball in our forward half of the ground for long periods. Ball in hand, our ability to change direction and keep challenging their defence by foot was important. We know when we do that, we have the talent forward of the ball to take advantage, and five goals in that period allowed us to turn a 10-point deficit at half time into an 8-point lead at the last break.

That was never going to be enough to see us home, and as is the way in this competition, if you drop off slightly the opposition will take advantage. We didn't feel like we did too much wrong, but we found ourselves nine points down with not long left. In certainly a pleasing sign, our method to get ourselves back in the game stayed strong, with our aggressive intent by foot and strong defensive pressure creating a couple of opportunities to put it on the scoreboard. A couple of outstanding moments both individually and

collectively allowed us to hold on and record a high-quality win. You can only win games like these with 22 contributors, and we had that on this occasion.

Our Reserves group got back to the exciting football that we had seen over the first part of the season. While their offence was a highlight, the ability to be able to defend in a manner that we are wanting was a pleasing aspect from a coaching point of view. When they have been engaged in that, their ability to move the ball and create scoring chances is very impressive for a reasonably young group. As a club we are excited by the talent that we have building in this group.

We move into a top-of-the-table clash with Sturt Football Club, who remain undefeated after eight rounds. We were not thrilled with our effort in Round 1 against them, and look forward to the opportunity again this coming Monday. For both teams, the opportunity to sit on top of the table at the halfway point of the season is at the end of it.

- Darren Reeves, Senior Coach  
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