

Glenelg so grand after early scare

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Glenelg will contest its third SANFL grand final in five years after overrunning Adelaide in the second half of Sunday's second semi-final at Adelaide Oval.



Under serious pressure early, the Tigers overcame a 19-point deficit to dominate the third term and win convincingly by 32 points to advance to the premiership decider. They will meet the winner of next Sunday's preliminary final between the Crows and Sturt.

On the back foot after Adelaide's star-studded midfield controlled the centre square and clearances in the first 45 minutes, minor premier Glenelg raised its game significantly from late in the second term, kicking eight unanswered goals, to break clear and seal just its fifth victory from 17 second semi-final appearances.

They call the third term the premiership quarter and that's when the Tigers turned on the after-burners and won the game. The statistics told the story of their dominance. They kicked 5.3 to 0.1 for the term, having 19 inside 50s to four and winning clearances 18-4.

Glenelg was in such control the Crows, who had kicked seven goals by the eight-minute mark of the second quarter, did not register their eighth major until six minutes into the last.

"At half-time I felt we were

SECOND SEMI-FINAL	
	
5.0	5.2
7.4	7.4
12.7	7.5
16.8	11.6
104	72
BEST - Glenelg: Snook, McBean, Proud, Bailey, Bell, Scharenberg, Allen, Turner. Adelaide: Berry, Hatley, Hamill, Madgen, Keane, Dowling.	
GOALS - Glenelg: McBean, Hosie 3, Reynolds, Turner, Allen 2, Bell, Partington, Lovelock, Snook. Adelaide: Gollant, Cook 3, McKenzie 2, Dowling, Coleman, Newchurch.	
UMPIRES - Williams, Hardy, Bowen.	
CROWD - 10,438 at Adelaide Oval.	

lucky to be even, I thought we should have been three-to-four goals down," said Glenelg coach Darren Reeves, who has steered his team to a grand final in his first year in charge. "But we were able to scrap and capitalise on a few opportunities to stay in the contest and then in the third quarter we got back to what we do really well - get deep (forward) entries, set up behind the ball and then keep getting repeat entries.

"They talk about third quarters being the main quarter and it definitely was for us this week. That third quarter was as

good a quarter as we have played all year and while early it didn't turn into scoreboard reward eventually the gates opened, which was really pleasing."

Glenelg, which won the flag in 2019 but lost the 2021 grand final to Woodville-West Torrens, was under siege early as the Crows led the inside-50 count 22-12 just minutes into the second term, with midfielders Sam Berry, Jackson Hatley and Tyler Brown on fire. Their dominance was capped off by the classy forward work of Lachlan Gollant and Brayden Cook, who each had three goals early in the second.

Veteran Glenelg on-baller Matthew Snook had almost singlehandedly kept his side in the contest and when midfield side-kicks Luke Partington, Brett Turner, James Bell and Matt Allen lifted, the game turned. They were able to generate more inside 50s, which were capitalised on by star forwards Liam McBean, Lachie Hosie and Luke Reynolds, who bagged eight goals between them.

"I was really happy with our game and thought we did some really nice things but there was that period in the third when Glenelg just dominated, particularly contested possession, and we couldn't get our hands on the footy," Adelaide coach Michael Godden said.

"But we're still in the fight."





Glenelg's Liam McBean fires off a handball and (below) Tiger Max Proud pulls in a pack mark during the second semi-final win against Adelaide at Adelaide Oval on Sunday. Pictures: Cory Sutton/SANFL







Glenelg's Lachie Hosie celebrates a goal in the Tigers' win over Adelaide in the second semi-final at Adelaide Oval. Picture: Cory Sutton/SANFL



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OTHER FINALS

ELIMINATION FINAL	
	
3.4	3.0
5.6	7.5
9.7	10.7
12.10	11.9
82	75
BEST - Central: Grace, Grant, McCormack, Presbury, Dudley, Little, Chisholm. Port: Mead, Szust, Burgoyne, Lycett, Fantasia, Sutcliffe, Moore.	
GOALS - Central: Grace 5, Lange, Dudley 2, Presbury, Munn, Schiller.	
Port: Fantasia 4, Hagan 3, Szust 2, Teakle, Lycett.	
UMPIRES - Sobieraj, Hughes, Bowen.	
CROWD - 8021 at Adelaide Oval.	

QUALIFYING FINAL	
	
1.4	5.3
3.7	7.4
6.7	9.5
11.9	10.8
75	68
BEST - Adelaide: Brown, Cook, Hatley, Nankervis, Parnell, Keane, Berry.	
Sturt: Battersby, Voss, Lewis, Dakin, Frederick, Coombas.	
GOALS - Adelaide: Cook, Boyle, Wright, Clamp, Newchurch 2, Berry.	
Sturt: McFadyen 3, Fahey-Sparks, Burrows 2, Thiele, Hone, Dakin.	
INJURIES - Adelaide: Nankervis (ankle). Sturt: Doyle (knee), Page (hamstring).	
UMPIRES - Burke, Morgan, Sboro.	
CROWD - 8021 at Adelaide Oval.	

FIRST SEMI-FINAL	
	
3.2	2.1
5.4	5.7
8.7	7.9
13.11	8.9
89	57
BEST - Sturt: Lewis, Battersby, Voss, Dakin, McFadyen, Fahey-Sparks.	
Central: Grant, Hoskin, McLennan.	
GOALS - Sturt: McFadyen 4, Hone, Mathews 2, Lewis, Thiele, Shute, Burrows, Richards.	
Central: Linke, Grace 2, Larkins, Barreau, Hoskin, Dudley.	
UMPIRES - Burke, Morgan, Scott.	
CROWD - 10,438 at Adelaide Oval.	

PRELIMINARY FINAL	
	
3.2	0.3
5.6	2.4
6.8	3.5
8.12	6.7
60	43
BEST - Sturt: Lewis, Battersby, Voss, Carey, Dakin, Thiele, Walter, Mathews. Adelaide: Parnell, Hatley, Berry, Hamill, Keane, Sharrad.	
GOALS - Sturt: McFadyen 2, Grivell, Richards, Lewis, Hone, Fahey-Sparks, Dakin. Adelaide: Wright 3, Gollant 2, Parnell.	
UMPIRES - Sboro, Morgan, Scott.	
CROWD - 7928 at Adelaide Oval.	

■ SANFL RESERVES
GLENELG 2.2 5.4 7.7 11.14 (80)
STURT 4.3 9.4 10.7 10.8 (68)
Goals: Glenelg: N Leck 3 M Miller 2 H Window 2 J Deep R Kulier A Kitschke N Paredes. Sturt: B Fidge 2 S Breuer 2 B Jefferies J Rentsch C chke H Kittel T Bedford L Giacometti.
Best: Glenelg: B Searle H Window C Horsnell C Beecken C McLeod. Sturt: B Jefferies L Punter C Moian J Rentsch W Taylor.

SANFL LEAGUE SNAPSHOT - GLENELG V ADELAIDE - 2ND SEMI FINAL, 2023

Compiled by ZacMilbank

Glenelg clicked into gear with a match-turning five-goal third term to eclipse Adelaide by 32 points in the Hostplus SANFL League Second Semi-Final at Adelaide Oval.

The Tigers were noticeably rusty in the first half as they struggled to win a centre clearance while trailing the inside 50m count 22-10 midway through the second term.

But the Bays regrouped at the main change to stamp their authority on the contest in the third quarter as they noticeably ramped up their tackling pressure while also smothering the Crows at every opportunity.

It resulted in momentum-turning statistics as the minor premier registered 19-4 inside 50s and 18-4 clearances while piling on 5.3 to one behind in the third quarter.

Suddenly, after scores being level at half-time, the Tigers had opened up a 32-point buffer by three quarter-time as they headed toward the club's fifth Second Semi-Final win from 17 outings.

Adelaide kicked back-to-back goals twice during the final term to close the gap to as

little as 21 points approaching time-on but when former Crow Brett Turner finished neatly from 25m out directly in front, the Tigers were heading to the title-decider on Sunday September 24.

Jack Oatey Medallist Matthew Snook was Glenelg's best four-quarter contributor, his desperation in the first term noticeable as he racked up 24 disposals, eight clearances and seven tackles while also booting a goal.

Steady Tigers defender Jonty Scharenberg collected 22 disposals and laid six tackles while Liam McBean worked his way into the game in the second half to tally 20 disposals, seven marks and three goals.

Bays midfielders Matt Allen (17 disposals, two goals) and James Bell (17 disposals, one goal) had an impact with their touches while captain Max Proud was a cool head in defence with 17 disposals and 10 marks.

Ken Farmer Medallist Lachie Hosie booted three goals while fellow forward Luke Reynolds chimed in with two.

Adelaide will now face Sturt in next Sunday's Preliminary Final with inform

midfielder Sam Berry looming as a significant threat to the Double Blues.

Berry was a key instigator in the middle of the ground during the first half as he racked up 23 disposals, eight clearances and 11 tackles.

Will Hamill (21 disposals) was another difference-making Adelaide player with his run and dash off half-back often breaking the game open and catching Glenelg's defenders out of position.

Adelaide forwards Brayden Cook and Lachie Gollant loomed large early in the contest as they finished with three goals each.

The Crows will regain captain Matt Wright to confront the Double Blues after serving his one-match suspension while ruckman Kieran Strachan will test his wrist injury at training in a bid to play for the first time since Round 16.

2ND SEMI FINAL, 2023

COACH'S MATCH REPORT – GLENELG V ADELAIDE – 2ND SEMI FINAL, 2023

Tigers book a double date at the Grand Final

Adelaide Oval, Sunday 10th September, 3:15pm

Glenelg	5.0	7.4	12.7	16.8	104
Adelaide	5.2	7.4	7.5	11.6	72

Goals: Lachie Hosie 3, Liam McBean 3, Matt Allen 2, Luke Reynolds 2, Brett Turner 2, James Bell, Archie Lovelock, Luke Partington, Matthew Snook

Best: Matthew Snook, Liam McBean, James Bell, Jonty Scharenberg, Max Proud, Brett Turner

Disposals: M. Snook 25, J. Scharenberg 22, L. Partington 20, D. Bailey 19, L. McBean 19, J. Bell 18, M. Proud 17, B. Stretch 17, T. Pink 16, B. Turner 16, M. Allen 15, H. Stagg 15, C. Lyons 14, B. McCarthy 14, A. Lovelock 12, C. McGree 12, R. Holder 11, B. Newman 11, C. Gerloff 10, A. Martini 9, L. Hosie 8, L. Reynolds 6.



While we couldn't have been more pleased with our preparation over the past two weeks, what is certain when you get to these moments in the season is that we're playing against very good football teams that are chasing the same goal, and to get where we want to be was never going to be easy. That was the case, and full credit to the Adelaide Crows who were excellent in the first half and had us on the back foot for the majority. Pleasingly though, we worked our way through it and now we can learn and improve, ready for what is ahead in two weeks time.

The first half was played at a frantic pace, with end-to-end ball movement and not a lot of time to settle into any form of rhythm and method. We were certainly under pressure at times and looked like we could let the game slip away, but fortunately we

were able to capitalise on our limited forward opportunities and keep ourselves in touch through both the first and second quarters. We certainly felt we were a little fortunate to be level at the half time break. Adelaide were very good around contest and able to get plenty of run and clean ball from their halfback line right throughout the half. We were aware of this leading into the game and we just needed to get back to what we know works. The half time break provided us with the opportunity to have a look at some vision and just reset. To the players credit we were able to do that well.

Our third quarter was as good a quarter of football that we have played for the year. There wasn't anything fancy, just relentless pressure both around the contest and inside our forward 50. With this being the case, we were able to keep getting the ball deep into

our forward line, and while it didn't lead to scoreboard reward right away, the longer we stuck at it the more opportunities came our way. 19-4 inside 50 count, together with 15 stoppages in our forward 50 area, showed how locked in our guys were. Big games are won based on doing the small things well over and over, and that certainly summed up our third quarter.

While the game opened up a little bit more in the last quarter, there were still strong elements of what we had done in the previous quarter throughout. We have openly stated all season that we don't want to be known as just a talented team, but as a tough four quarter team week after week, and that was the case in this game.

– Darren Reeves, Senior Coach
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Reserves – Second Semi Final 2023

Stratarama Stadium, Saturday 9th September, 11:00am

Glenelg	2.2	5.4	7.7	11.14	80
Sturt	4.3	9.4	10.7	10.8	68

Goals: Nick Leck 3, Mackinley Miller 2, Hunter Window 2, Jared Deep, Austin Kitschke, Reid Kuller, Nathaniel Paredes

Our Reserves team toughed out a strong win in their Semi Final against Sturt on Saturday to also head straight into the Grand Final.

A slow start, and Sturt playing a strong brand for two and a half quarters, had our guys in a little bit of trouble. Like the League team, we were able to lift our energy and intent around contest, get the ball into deeper scoring areas and play the game in our forward half of the ground for most of the second half of the game.

What had looked like a tough assignment turned into a solid win. We will be able to take some good learnings away from this game also in our preparation over the next two weeks. Again, there were several outstanding contributors that continue to play at a high level week after week. Great job to all.



Glenelg's flying machine a throwback to past

HOSIE HITS HEIGHTS

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Lachie Hosie loves to fly. In an era in which the "specky" is a dying art, the Glenelg high-flyer is a throwback to the past.

For him, it's a case of 'see ball, get ball'.

"I love flying through the air, crashing packs and taking hangers," Hosie said as he prepared for Sunday's SANFL second semi-final against the Crows at Adelaide Oval.

When the footy is in the air in his area, the spring-heeled forward launches at it like a gazelle.

"I've always been a marking forward, so it's one of my strengths and something I've always loved to do," said Hosie, who won this year's Ken Farmer Medal as the SANFL's leading minor-round goalkicker. "If I see an opportunity to create an aerial contest I'll go for it. Sometimes you get your timing right, it comes off and looks really good and sometimes it doesn't look so great.

"But I like to take at least one big mark every week because it's exciting and people like that part of footy.

"You always dream of taking that massive mark."

Hosie, 26, did just that against Central District at the Bay in round 11.

Taking a spectacular grab reminiscent of another former Glenelg high-flyer, club legend Graham Cornes, Hosie jumped on the head of Bulldog Ryan Pickering on the grandstand wing to haul in what will surely be the SANFL mark of the year.

"That's the best mark I've ever taken," the 189cm excitement machine said.

"It felt great and in the video you can see I turned to the crowd, which was up and about (and chanting 'Hose-a-lenko' in reference to former high-leaping Carlton champion Alex Jesaulenko), and gave a little smile."

A football entertainer who wears his heart on his sleeve, Hosie grew up as a self-confessed "mad" Port Adelaide supporter.

He idolised champion Port centre half-forward Warren Tredrea, wearing the No. 16 guernsey to Power games.

But while Hosie – a Henley and Woodville-West Torrens junior who joined Glenelg at 18 – loves taking a screamer, he is no longer a one-trick pony and has learned to become a more well-rounded player.

He was sat down by former Tigers coach Mark Stone before the 2019 season and told he needed to become more than just a mark and kick player who would get only six or seven disposals a game.

"Stoney said I needed to get more involved and get around 15 touches a game if I was going to cement my spot in the league side," Hosie said.



Spectacular Glenelg forward Lachie Hosie, this year's Ken Farmer Medallist as SANFL's leading goalkicker, alongside the Ken Farmer statue at Adelaide Oval. Picture: Emma Brasier

FIRST SEMI-FINAL
STURT v CENTRAL
ADELAIDE OVAL, SUNDAY, 12.15PM

Hone 5, McFadyen 6, Burrows 31	F	Chisholm 4, Grace 32, Presbury 7
Thiele 4, Grivell 30, Shute 11	HF	Dudley 30, Munn 24, Schiller 38
Stimming 39, Lewis 2, Frederick 1	C	Linke 2, Larkins 8, Lange 29
Voss 34, Fryer 27, Illman 32	HB	Whitelum 31, Buechner 9, Little 28
Becker 17, Edmonds 15, Carey 3	B	Iles 15, Kendall 11, McLennan 12
Fahey-Sparks 18, Battersby 23, Dakin 16	R	McCormack 1, Liddy 6, Grant 10
(from) Richards 44, Mathews 7,	Int	(from) Barreau 19, Cowham 27, Dahms
Carruthers 12, Wingard 33, Giacometti 36,		41, East 34, Hoskin 20, Pickering 52, Shaw
Walter 40, Reschke 29		26
Reschke, Giacometti, Richards, Wingard,	In	Cowham, East, Pickering
Walter, Becker	Out	-
Doyle, Page (inj), Coombas (susp)		

SECOND SEMI-FINAL
GLENELG v ADELAIDE
ADELAIDE OVAL, SUNDAY, 3.15PM

Holder 23, McBean 1, Hosie 20	F	McKenzie 50, Brown 21, O'Loughlin 30
Reynolds 7, Allen 22, Stagg 6	HF	Haysman 11, Dowling 31, Bond 40
Lyons 8, Bell 11, Martini 16	C	Newchurch 42, Boyle 12, Sharrad 22
Proud 5, Pink 32, Scharenberg 2	HB	Cook 15, Madgen 46, Parnell 37
Bailey 9, Newman 12, McCarthy 14	B	Hamill 17, Keane 48, Borlase 35
McGree 19, Partington 10, Gerloff 4	R	Gollant 44, Berry 3, Hatley 6
(from) Snook 3, Deep 41, Lovelock 39,	Int	(from) Sigal 49, Templeton 39, Kappler
Searle 13, Stretch 18, Turner 27, McLeod		29, Tahana 55, Clamp 51, Coleman 54
29		
Gerloff, Turner, McLeod	In	Templeton, Sharrad, Sigal, Kappler
	Out	Nankervis (inj), Wright (susp)

"So I shifted my focus from being a goalkicker to someone who could get up and down the ground and bring other players into the game as well.

"I've continued to do that, creating more contests all the way up to the wing, which has been pleasing.

"While marking comes naturally to me I've taken a close look at what some smaller forwards have done at ground level over the years, (Port's) Robbie Gray and (GWS Giants') Toby Greene, and tried to implement that into my game.

"That's enabled me to be more consistent and have a

bigger impact on games, which is what I have prided myself on this year.

"To win the goalkicking has been a bonus, although it's a nice box to tick – and a bit of a pinch-yourself moment – because you pride yourself on being one of the top forwards in the competition."

Hosie, who has represented South Australia twice, kicked a career-best 52 goals this year to beat teammate and triple Ken Farmer Medallist Liam McBean by nine.

Sturt's Josh Hone was third with 41 ahead of another Tiger, Luke Reynolds, who booted 37, along with Crow Lachlan Gollant.

Glenelg's history is littered with star goalkickers, including club greats, 1969 Magarey Medallist Fred Phillis, Jack Owens and Colin Churchett, and its 2023 three-headed forward line monster looms large for its finals rivals.

Having missed out on the Tigers' last flag in 2019 after he was drafted by North Melbourne in the mid-season draft, playing five AFL games in two seasons for the Roos, and then

being a member of Glenelg's losing 2021 grand final team, Hosie is desperate to stand on the premiership dais this season.

"I think about it every day, to be honest," he said.

"You have to live in the moment and that's what we'll be doing in the finals but you play the game to win premierships, so that is definitely fuelling me."



Lachie Hosie soars for a spectacular mark against Norwood at The Parade this season. Picture: David Mariuz/SANFL