Bell snatches win for Bays

Glenelg's Lachie Hosie and Luke Partington celebrate a crucial Tigers goal. Picture: Cory Sutton/SANFL

GLENELG V NORTH

2.3	3.3
5.5	7.5
10.10	9.6
11.13	11.8
79	**74**

BEST – Glenelg: Bell, Allen, Hosie, J. Lyons, McGree, Partington, McBean. **North:** Raak, Faulkhead, Szekely, Francou, Schumacher, Wissman, Maher. **GOALS – Glenelg:** Hosie 4, Bailey, McBean, Bell 2, Allen. **North:** Ashcroft, van Huisstede, Wissman 2, Grubb, Van Wyk, Lockyer, Wigg, Gowers. **UMPIRES** – Kelly, Hughes, Klemm. **CROWD** – 1707 at Prospect Oval.

Andrew Capel

James Bell was the hero as Glenelg survived an almighty scare from spirited North Adelaide on Saturday to virtually wrap up the double-chance in this year's SANFL finals.

With his team trailing by a point in time-on in the final term, star midfielder Bell kicked a spectacular 35m set shot goal from the south-eastern pocket of Prospect Oval to hand his side the lead before it held off a late charge from the Roosters to win by five points.

The thrilling, hard-fought victory pushed the Tigers – chasing a historic hat-trick of premierships – three wins plus percentage clear of fourth-placed Central District, which plays its game in hand on Sunday, with two minor round series remaining.

Former Sydney Swan Bell revealed he thought Glenelg was trailing by two goals before he booted the first matchwinning goal of his career from just inside the boundary line.

"I didn't think much of it at the time because I thought we were a couple of goals down," he said. "I practice those sort of shots at training all the time, I'm always one of the first at training so I can do it, so I just went for it and fortunately it went through.

"That's the first time I've done that in my career and when I looked at the scoreboard and saw we were in front I just desperately wanted us to hang on because I've never had a winning goal moment."

Bell won the free kick after tackling Rooster Oskar Faulkhead and forcing his kick to bounce out of bounds, resulting in a last-disposal free. The win was 13-3 Glenelg's sixth in a row and left it well placed to defend its back-to-back flags. But it was a heartbreaking loss for 4-12 North, which has now lost six consecutive games, after it produced one of its best performances of the season and led by 18 points late in the second term.

"It comes down to moments when games are that close," stand-in Roosters coach Sam Mayes said. "We put ourselves in a position to win but couldn't quite get it done, which we're not happy about. But I was really proud of our effort. To be in a winning position against Glenelg was a good spot for us to be in – it was a massive step in the right direction."

On an important day for the club as it raised funds in support of player Sam Ramsay, who is battling cancer, North came out inspired and had two goals on the board before Glenelg had barely touched the ball. The home side was playing with ferocity and led by a goal at quarter-time before extending its lead to a game-high 18 points in the second quarter.

A spectacular third term from high-flying Glenelg full forward Lachie Hosie swung the game the Tigers' way.

After managing just two disposals in the first half, Hosie burst to life in the third stanza, taking eight marks, kicking 3.2 and dishing out two goal assists as the visitors turned a 12-point half-time deficit into a 10-point three-quarter-time lead.

"North was fantastic and we were a little bit flat but we found a way to win, so we take some positives out of it and hopefully we've locked in a top-three spot," Glenelg coach Darren Reeves said.

Standings

	P	W	L	F	A	%	Pts
Sturt	16	16	0	1696	944	64.24	32
Glenelg	16	13	3	1596	1073	59.8	26
Adel	16	13	3	1570	1093	58.96	26
Central Dist	16	10	6	1244	1100	53.07	20
Port Adel	16	7	9	1209	1360	47.06	14
Norwood	16	6	10	1268	1146	52.53	12
Eagles	16	6	10	1062	1469	41.96	12
North Adel	16	4	12	1123	1581	41.53	8
South Adel	16	3	13	1010	1351	42.78	6
West Adel	16	2	14	951	1612	37.1	4

Top Goalkickers

		Played	Goals
Lachlan Hosie	Glenelg	15	60
Chris Burgess	Adelaide	15	48
Liam McBean	Glenelg	14	44
Josh Hone	Sturt	16	39
Jackson Callow	Norwood	13	32
Aiden Grace	Centrals	16	32
Tristan Binder	Norwood	16	30

RESERVES

GLENELG 4 5 7 8 13 12 13 14 (92)
NORTH ADELAIDE 1 1 2 6 4 9 7 14 (56)
Goals: Glenelg: D Scott 6 W Davey 2 L Sumner-Pickett 2 R Brown R Kennedy H Francis,North Adelaide: O Kalic 2 K Caputo A Lowe N Casalini J Willis B Findlay
Best: Glenelg: C Horsnell D Scott I Hyatt B Dewhirst J Langley,North Adelaide: H Payze N Casalini L Harvey J Sigal O Kalic

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Glenelg	16	13	2	1	1304	919	58	66 27
South Adelaide	16	12	3	1	1263	818	60	69 25
North Adelaide	16	10	6	0	1214	1058	53	43 20
Eagles	16	7	9	0	1014	958	51	42 14
Norwood	16	6	9	1	971	1104	46	8 13
Sturt	16	6	10	0	1125	1300	46	39 12
Central District	16	5	11	0	940	1127	45	48 10
West Adelaide	16	3	12	1	860	1407	37	94 7

ADELAIDE V SOUTH

2.4	0.3
6.10	2.4
10.11	4.5
12.11	8.8
83	**56**

BEST – Adelaide: Dowling, Draper, Crouch, Strachan, Drury, Edwards, Sholl. **South:** Davis, Bogle, Dunkin, R. Borlace, Clavarino, McManus. **GOALS – Adelaide:** Thomas, Madgen 3, Dowling 2, Cook, Sholl, Strachan, Welsh. **South:** R. Borlace 4, Northam 2, Barrett, Skinner. **UMPIRES** – Bowen, Brittan, Lewis. **CROWD** – 990 at Magain Stadium.

NORWOOD V WEST

2.4	3.2
5.7	7.2
9.12	10.5
12.14	13.7
86	**85**

BEST – Norwood: Seymour, Rokahr, Cootee, Hamilton, Kennerley, Lowe, Surman, Gale. **West:** May, Corbett, Searle, Squire, Morrish, Scully, Johnson. **GOALS – Norwood:** Gale 3, Cootee 2, M. Ling, Wright, Aherne, F. Heard, Binder, Hamilton, Lowe. **West:** Scully 3, Kennedy 2, Johnson, Corbett, Griffiths, Stevens, May, Searle, McCormick, Parker. **UMPIRES** – Bayre, Sboro, Morgan. **CROWD** – 1498 at Coopers Stadium.

STURT V EAGLES

5.3	4.2
10.12	5.3
13.17	5.6
19.22	8.7
136	**55**

BEST – Sturt: Anderson, Becker, Coomblas, Doyle, Lewis, Fahey-Sparks, Voss, Battersby. **Eagles:** Sinor, Mutch, Beattie, McKay, Nicholls, Cook. **GOALS – Sturt:** Grivell, Slade, Fahey-Sparks 3, Hone, Mathews 2, Anderson, McFadyen, McEntee, Doyle, Conforti, Giarometti. **Eagles:** Nicholls, Ballenden, N. Hayes, Buck, Hasting, Phillipou, Cook, Mair. **UMPIRES** – Bennett, Burke, Sobieraj. **CROWD** – 1530 at Maughan Thiem Kia Oval.

PORT V CENTRAL

3.1	1.1
7.5	6.3
9.9	8.4
14.10	12.8
94	**80**

ARMSTRONG'S BEST – Port: Finlayson, Mackinlay, Watkins, Moraes, Lai, Carnelly, Atkins, Moore, Byrne. **Central:** Thomas, Pudney, Whitelum, Adams, Dittmar, Callinan. **GOALS – Port:** Byrne 3, Moore, Finlayson, Charleson 2, Watkins, Mackinlay, Weidemann, Moraes, Williams. **Central:** Pudney 2, Dittmar, Chisholm, Barry, Grace, Cochrane, Sharp, Thomas, Adams, Lochowiak, Gasper. **UMPIRES** – Rogers, Millar, Williams. **CROWD** – 1635 at Alberton Oval.

Round 17 SANFL Snapshot

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Glenelg escaped with a five-point win against a spirited North Adelaide at Prospect to all but sew up a top-three berth in the major round.

The Tigers (11.13 79) were outscored in three of the four quarters but managed to find a way to claim the premiership points when midfielder James Bell produced a cool snap from the boundary.

Bell slotted his set shot from 35m to put the Bays back in front with less than three minutes to play, the reigning premier doing enough to hold on despite the Roosters' (11.8 74) desperate efforts.

Trailing by two goals at the main change, the Tigers surged themselves into the game with a strong third quarter which yielded 5.5 to the hosts' 2.1.

High-flying Lachie Hosie put himself in a strong position to win the Ken Farmer Medal by booting 4.3 from 14 disposals and 10 marks for the Bays as Bell, Darcy Bailey and captains Liam McBean kicked two goals each.

Midfielders Luke Partington (24 disposals), Jarryd Lyons (22 disposals) and Matt Allen (21 disposals, one goal) were solid contributors while half-back Jonty Scharenberg (20 disposals) was a constant steady influence for Glenelg.

North's Frank Szekely was one of his team's best performers in his 100th Hostplus SANFL League game with 22 disposals while Oskar Faulkhead collected 23 disposals.

Roosters Brad Ashcroft, Hughen Wissman and Reed van Huisstede kicked two goals each.

North's Harrison Wigg (left) battles with Glenelg's Jonty Scharenberg. Picture – Cory Sutton

Reeva's Round 17 Match Wrap

Prospect Oval, Saturday 9th August, 2:10pm

North Adelaide	3.3	7.5	9.6	11.8	74
Glenelg	2.3	5.5	10.10	11.13	79

Goals: L. Hosie 4, L. McBean 2, D. Bailey 2, J. Bell 2, M. Allen 1

Most Disposals: L. Partington 24, J. Lyons 23, M. Allen 22, J. Bell 20, J. Scharenberg 20, C. Gerloff 16, M. Proud 15

There are a number of ways to look at our Round 17 clash with North Adelaide, I have thought about it a fair bit from some reflection through the 24 hours after and probably a little different after reviewing the vision off the game reasonably closely since. While it wasn't something I mentioned during the week or going into the game, I had some concerns on how our group had pulled up after the game against Woodville West Torrens the previous Sunday. We had some players that were really sore and heavy in the legs through the week and therefore didn't train a lot with it being a shorter week into the game. We have learned over the last few years about what works best for our group in preparation, and this particular week wasn't ideal, so with that in mind and the awareness that we didn't play at a level we expect, it was a good win and an important 2-points that locks away a top 3 position with a couple of games remaining. There is also credit to the opposition in North Adelaide that played a really strong brand of footy that I'm sure they would take a fair bit out of.

We began the game flat, with some poor skill errors and turn overs that found ourselves behind in the game for the majority of the first-half. The challenge of the season is sometimes more a mental battle, and we felt that was the case. If you are slightly off in that space, the sharpness your thoughts and decisions often drops away, and we were in that place. That and the opposition getting after us, we were in a battle.

Following some good discussions at the break, our third quarter was a lot better and we created a lot of scoring opportunities that got us in front but probably not as much as we could have been. The energy that provided North Adelaide was evident for most part of the last quarter and we had to dig deep to get away with the win. What was pleasing was how we were able to close the game out in the last 4 or 5 minutes, our group's ability to set the ground up how we need, play the moment well and take time out of the game was pleasing to see. Good teams find a way to win when it isn't going your way and credit to the players for that part.

Our Reserves group put together a really strong full-game effort to come away with a convincing win against another top 5 team. Really pleasing to watch was the intent and pressure that the group started and maintained throughout the game. They had the game on there terms from early on and never really let off. There is a real consistency in performance across the group, which is really pleasing considering the age of the group. They remain top of the table with 2 games left and in a strong position.

Best Players –
1. Lachie Hosie
2. Luke Partington
3. Jonty Scharenberg
4. Jarryd Lyons
5. Cam McGree
6. Cole Gerloff

Go the Bays
Darren Reeves
Senior Coach