

Battling Bays grab thriller

Glenelg 14.15 (99)
Eagles 14.13 (97)

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Glenelg sentenced struggling Woodville-West Torrens to a season of hard labor when it squeezed ahead late in the final quarter to win by two points at Woodville Oval yesterday.

Talented 17-year-old rover Josh Contin regained the lead for the youthful Tigers with his third goal to steal the valuable two premiership points after an absorbing contest in which the lead changed hands 10 times.

The Eagles, now in deep trouble with just one win from their first five matches, had a chance to sneak back in front in the last 90 seconds.

But promising big man Rhett Biglands kicked out on the full from about 40 metres and Glenelg was able to stop any further clear possessions deep in its defence.

Glenelg, which had bounced back into the match late in the second term with four goals within six minutes, refused to give in during the last half even when the Eagles had better opportunities to build a break.

It made the Eagles pay for several errors in defence while it also reaped the benefits of having two giant ruckmen, Wayne Thornborrow and Stewart McCully.

Thornborrow, in particular, was competitive in the middle, valuable when dropping back into defence, and lethal near goals.

His best-on-ground effort featured 19 disposals, 14 marks and three goals - including two in the frantic last term - while McCully had an enormous impact in the centre square in the second and final quarters.

"I guess what we have been trying to do over the past few weeks is to get that endeavor and that eagerness to be able to persevere like that," satisfied Glenelg coach Wayne Stringer said.

"There were 10 kids here that have played less than five games of footy so from our point of view it was very, very encouraging.

"We had one of the thinnest teams, there is no doubt about it, for a long time.

"If you look through the players who weren't playing, there were eight or 10 league players who have played a lot of league footy, so I was very proud of the way they stood up."

While Thornborrow was outstanding, Glenelg was solid in the midfield through Nick Chigwidden, Justin Scripps,

Michael Raidis and Alistair Burke, and centre half-back Ben Thompson led a defence that did its job. Power recruit John Rombotis kicked three goals from limited chances and former Geelong forward Leigh Tudor chipped in with two important goals in the third term.

"I'd have to say that we blew it," lamented Eagles coach Bruce Winter, who could lose creative rover Jason Sziller for the rest of the season with a broken leg.

"Even in that last quarter we had our opportunities... but then we made some basic errors that at this level you shouldn't make and it cost us dearly.

"I think everybody tried but we don't do the good things well enough, often enough. The times when we ran the ball from the backline and we had the blokes running through the midfield area we looked pretty good, but blokes are not doing that naturally all the time."

Captain Andrew Rogers - a shock omission from the State squad named last week - was clearly the Eagles' best with 32 possessions in the centre; Andrew Payze found form on the wing; Jake Lynch was impressive in his second game and back pocket and Adam Pearce worked hard all day.



Chad Cornes contests with Eagle Andrew Rogers. PICTURE: MIKE BURTON

	Kicks				Marks	Hballs	Frees			Scores		Hit	Tackles
	1	2	3	4			F	A	G	B	Out		
Eagles													
M. PHILLIPOU	4	1	0	1	6	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
M. KLUZEK	3	4	1	1	9	6	2	1	0	4	2	0	0
G. COLVILLE	3	4	3	7	17	6	5	0	2	1	2	0	1
J. LYNCH	3	1	7	5	16	6	2	2	0	1	0	0	1
A. CROWELL	1	2	0	0	3	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
C. RINTOUL	4	4	5	2	15	9	5	0	1	2	1	0	0
B. MURRIHY	4	3	1	2	10	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
A. ROGERS	3	3	2	8	16	10	16	3	2	1	1	0	3
A. PAYZE	3	5	6	6	20	9	8	0	1	1	1	0	0
M. DEVINE	4	1	2	1	8	4	7	0	1	0	0	0	2
D. BAILEY	2	3	1	2	8	1	4	1	1	0	0	7	0
M. DILLON	5	3	1	2	11	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	2
A. PEARCE	2	3	4	4	13	7	9	0	0	0	0	0	1
S. HALL	3	1	2	0	6	3	7	1	2	0	0	0	0
J. SPEHR	2	1	7	1	11	8	6	1	2	2	1	0	2
R. BIGLANDS	1	0	0	3	4	6	3	0	3	1	0	6	1
B. HIGGINS	1	3	3	7	14	6	7	1	0	0	1	1	0
J. SZILLER	2	0	6	1	9	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	1
D. HOLLAND	0	0	1	5	6	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	2
J. DUHNE	0	0	3	3	6	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
S. MATTHEWS	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
TOTALS	50	42	57	61	210	98	103	17	17	14	13	14	18

RUSHED 1

	Kicks				Marks	Hballs	Frees			Scores		Hit	Tackles
	1	2	3	4			F	A	G	B	Out		
Glenelg													
J. CONTIN	2	1	0	1	4	1	2	0	1	3	0	0	1
S. MCCULLY	1	1	0	1	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	7	1
C. CORNES	2	0	0	2	4	0	3	1	1	0	2	0	1
J. ROMBOTIS	2	5	0	2	9	4	4	1	1	3	1	0	1
A. BARTLETT	2	4	1	0	7	4	3	1	1	1	1	0	0
J. SCRIPPS	4	4	7	3	18	7	7	2	1	1	2	0	1
G. REUBENICHT	0	1	3	3	7	2	4	1	1	0	0	0	1
D. READ	4	3	3	4	14	1	5	0	1	0	1	0	3
M. RAIDIS	4	3	2	1	10	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	4
D. KRETSCHMER	1	3	2	5	11	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	3
B. THOMPSON	5	1	4	3	13	6	5	0	3	0	0	0	0
J. BROOKS	4	4	4	1	13	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	1
D. GIGNEY	6	0	0	2	8	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	0
P. KING	0	1	0	3	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
J. TAMBLYN	2	1	1	1	5	1	4	2	1	0	0	0	0
W. THORNBORROW	4	4	3	3	14	14	5	0	0	3	1	19	0
A. BURKE	6	2	1	5	14	4	2	1	1	0	1	0	2
N. CHIGWIDDEN	7	3	4	4	18	3	7	1	1	0	1	0	3
J. PEARCE	0	1	0	2	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
L. TUDOR	0	0	5	1	6	0	5	0	2	2	0	0	0
R. WAUGH	0	1	2	2	5	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	56	43	42	49	190	60	76	17	17	14	15	26	22

RUSHED 2

SANFL SCOREBOARD

Richmond Oval					
WEST	8.1	14.4	15.8	19.12	(126)
Sturt	0.2	4.5	7.7	8.9	(57)
BEST - WEST:	Mellor, Walsh, B. Brown, McLuckie, Connell, Banik, Coghil, Fogden, Andriske. STURT: Feat. Irvin, Lennon, Moloney, Powell.				
SCORERS - WEST:	Mellor 6.6, Godden 4.0, E Richardson 3.2, McLuckie 2.0, Walsh, Banik 1.1, Fogden, Jarvis 1.0, Connell 0.1, Rushed 0.1. STURT: Beecroft 2.2, Ahchee 2.1, White 2.0, Ferguson 1.3, Lennon 1.0, Irvin, Ptura 0.1, Rushed 0.1.				
UMPIRES -	T. Burton, M. Humphreys, R. Bettridge.				

Woodville Oval					
GLENELG	4.4	9.10	11.12	14.15	(99)
Eagles	5.1	9.4	13.9	14.13	(97)
BEST - GLENELG:	Thornborrow, Scripps, Chigwidden, Thompson, Burke, Read, Raidis, Brooks.				
EAGLES:	Rogers, Pearce, Payze, Colville, Lynch, Higgins, Rintoul.				
SCORERS - GLENELG:	Rombotis, Thornborrow 3.1, Contin 3.0, Tudor 2.0, Scripps 1.2, Gigney, Bartlett 1.1, Cornes 0.2, Burke, Read, Pearce, Raidis, Chigwidden 0.1, rushed 0.2. EAGLES: Kluzek 4.2, Spehr, Rintoul 2.1, Colville 1.2, Payze, Rogers 1.1, M. Phillipou, Lynch Biglands 1.0, Matthews 0.2, Holland, Higgins 0.1, rushed 0.1.				
REPORTS - GLENELG:	A. Bartlett for allegedly tripping Andrew Rogers (Eagles) in the third term, by field umpire Kevin Chambers.				
INJURIES - EAGLES:	G. Wiggins (withdrew before game, ill), J. Sziller (suspected broken leg).				
UMPIRES -	M. Humphries, K. Chambers, D. Ryan.				

Prospect Oval					
NORTH	2.2	6.3	11.4	12.5	(77)
South	3.2	6.3	9.5	11.8	(74)
BEST - NORTH:	Lehmann, Nunan, Gerke, King, Parker, Hodges, Kellett. SOUTH: Ellen, Polkinghorne, Norman, Genovese, Talbot, Bull, Harwood.				
SCORERS - NORTH:	Parker 4.2, Carberry 2.2, Jeffries 2.0, Gerke, Davis, Hodges, Lehmann 1.0, King 0.1.				
SOUTH:	Hotton 3.0, Norman, Symonds 2.1, Ellen 2.0, Ryan 1.2, Cameron 1.0, Carpenter, Talbot 0.1, rushed 0.2.				
UMPIRES -	C. Rowston, C. Doddridge, M. Barnett.				

FRIDAY

Adelaide Oval					
NORWOOD	2.6	8.8	12.17	21.23	(149)
Port	1.0	1.0	2.2	4.3	(27)
BEST - NORWOOD:	Jarman, McIntosh, Pitt, West Eastaugh, Thiessen, Clements, Schoell. PORT: Ginever, Poulton, Fiegert.				
SCORERS - NORWOOD:	Smart 5.2, West 5.1, Thiessen 3.2, King 3.1, Schoell, Millar, Molloy 1.1, Fleming, Pascoe 1.0, Wasley 0.3, Obst, McIntosh 0.2, Jarman, Twomey, Eastaugh, Clements, McCormack 0.1, rushed 0.2. PORT: Hodges 2.1, Tredrea, McGuinness 1.0, Borlase 0.1, rushed 0.1.				
INJURIES - NORWOOD:	Rowe (migraine), Eastaugh (ankle), Wasley (asthma). PORT: Anderson (groin) replaced in selected side by Poulton, Shaw (hamstring), Bamford (concussion).				
UMPIRES -	R. Williams, G. Inge, D. Woodcock.				

SANFL ladder

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
NORWOOD	5	5	0	0	584	254	69.69	10
PORT	4	3	1	0	337	317	51.53	6
CENTRAL*	4	2	2	0	416	331	55.69	4
WEST	4	2	2	0	396	332	54.40	4
STURT	4	2	2	0	321	333	49.08	4
North	4	2	2	0	277	334	45.34	4
Glenelg	4	2	2	0	325	447	42.10	4
Eagles	5	1	4	0	384	493	43.79	2
South	4	0	4	0	247	446	35.64	0

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	Games	Rd 5	Total
J. West (Norwood)	5	5	22
G. Mellor (West)	4	6	14
M. Kluzek (Eagles)	5	4	13
G. Molloy (Norwood)	5	1	13
B. Parker (North)	4	4	11
T. Ferguson (Sturt)	4	1	10
J. Cotton (Central)	4	0	10