

Bloodsbath as fierce Tigers make a statement

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GLENELG's passion, discipline and respect for its home ground was back in spades in a crushing win against West Adelaide yesterday.

Mixed in with some gritty away wins, the Bays have been largely lacklustre at Brighton Rd this season.

But that spark returned in this twilight fixture, as the Tigers produced their most attacking game all season to win 21.9 (135) to 8.13 (61), taking a huge step towards nailing a place in the major round.

It was perhaps a small moment but Michael Virgin's desperate smother in the first quarter to save a likely West goal appeared to set the tone for the Tigers.

But there were plenty of "wow" passages of play all game that could have been put into Glenelg's highlights' reel, including a Marlon Motlop magic goal in the last quarter.

Luke Partington was outstanding with 34 disposals, including seven clearances.

His ability to work hard and find players with precision was dynamic, while his eight inside 50s set up plenty of scoring chances.

Matt Snook with 12 tackles, Motlop (four goals), Carl



Glenelg's Jonty Scharenberg dashes between West rivals Lachlan Squire and Brett Turner Picture: Sarah Reed

	GLENELG	6.2 10.6 16.6 21.9	135
	WEST ADEL	1.4 4.7 6.7 8.13	61

BEST
Glenelg: Partington, Snook, Motlop, Nicholson, Bradley, Scharenberg, Stretch, Yates.
West: Willsmore, Stevens, Turner, Haysman.

GOALS
Glenelg: Motlop 4, Reynolds, McBean 3, Bailey, Yates, Nicholson 2, Kluske, Partington, Allen, Park, Kuller.
West: Willsmore, Stevens, Fairlie, Koster, Keough, Hupfeld, Morrish, Turner.

UMPIRES
 Schramm, Morgan, Sobieraj.

CROWD
 2109 at ACH Group Stadium.

	Standings						
	P	W	L	D	F	A	% Pts
Eagles	11	9	2	0	846	580	59.33 18
North Adel	11	8	3	0	799	697	53.41 16
Glenelg	11	7	4	0	891	803	52.60 14
South Adel	11	6	5	0	809	709	53.29 12
Norwood	11	5	6	0	812	836	49.27 10
Sturt	11	5	6	0	678	713	48.74 10
Central District	11	2	8	1	703	940	42.79 3
West Adel	11	1	9	1	668	928	41.85 3

Nicholson, Andrew Bradley, Billy Stretch, Luke Reynolds (three goals), Jack Yates (two goals) and most of the rest of the team were excellent.

The Bays could have been forgiven for running out of steam in the last quarter after a tough game against North Ad-

elaide last Sunday.

But most of the home side's players were still charging the packs late in the game.

West Adelaide didn't get much chance to play well, constantly hounded with and without the ball. But its effort and result, given its solid ef-

forts in recent games against West and North, was underwhelming. It was similar to its belting it copped against Norwood earlier in the season.

Yesterday Dallas Willsmore (27 disposals), Kaine Stevens (23 touches), Brett Turner, Logan Hill and Hugh Haysman were solid but generally it was a day to forget for West.

One bright moment for the Bloods was when their reserves, bottom coming into the game, easily accounted for Glenelg 11.11 (77) to 7.9 (51).

By ZAC MILBANK

Glenelg produced its best four-quarter performance of the season to eclipse West Adelaide by 74 points at ACH Group Stadium.

Still stinging after the upset loss to the Bloods in Round 4, the Bays were a completely-different looking outfit as they gave their fans a treat after banging through 21 goals in the twilight clash against the Bloods.

Comfortably leading at every change, Mark Stone's men were clinical in their ball-movement after forcing the visitors into repeated turnovers across the ground.

As many as 11 Tigers registered their name on the goal scorer's list as the silky-smooth Marlon Motlop led the way with four goals and 21 disposals after shrugging off a knock to his ankle last round.

Motlop's highlight reel included a lovely shimmy and snap finish in the third term as well as an eye-catching snap shot from a tight angle in the Snouts Louts pocket

which got the Tiger faithful rocking early in the fourth term.

Ken Farmer Medallist Liam McBean and Luke Reynolds booted three goals each to ensure Glenelg's efficiency was high considering it had just six more inside 50s and nine more scoring shots.

West pegged the margin back to five goals early in the second and third terms but on each occasion, the Bays flexed their muscle to power away with selfless team-orientated play as every player did their bit.

Magarey Medallist Luke Partington has lifted his game up another notch in the past month, registering 34 disposals, seven marks, seven clearances and 1.2 for the Tigers.

Matthew Snook was hard in the clinches again for 30 touches, 14 tackles and six clearances while the unheralded Carl Nicholson earned some valuable reward by booting the final two goals of the

game to go with his 27 disposals and five marks.

Jonty Scharenberg played his best game for the season with 21 disposals and six tackles while Andrew Bradley (19 disposals) used the ball well while streaming off half-back, often through the corridor to devastating affect.

First-year Tigers Callum Park and Reid Kuller also continued their development nicely, with Park having 16 disposals and a goal from a courageous mark as Kuller tallied 10 tackles with his 12 disposals and a goal.

West's Dallas Willsmore returned from his hamstring strain to collect a team-high 27 disposals, 11 marks and a goal while Kaine Stevens and Brett Turner each had 23 possessions and a goal.

Bloods veterans Logan Hill and Tom Keough battled hard, the captain finishing with 18 disposals, 11 tackles and nine clearances after spending significant time in the centre square.

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