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TOUGH TY TOP TIGER

Tough on-baller Ty Allen was named the 2008 John H Ellers Best & Fairest at the Glenelg Football Club's annual JH Ellers & ER Curnow Awards Night held on Friday 10th October 2008 with 159 votes, narrowly beating utility Byron Murphy on 152 votes in one of the closest counts the Club has experienced in years.

Recently voted the toughest and most underrated player in the SANFL competition by his peers, the South East prodigy Allen added the prestigious Best & Fairest accolade to his rapidly growing repertoire of awards this season. Polling third highest in the 2008 SANFL Magarey Medal count after a stellar season, Allen was recognised as the leagues Most Improved, taking home the Ossie Aimes Memorial Trophy and the Snout's Louts Most Valuable Player award. Allen was also named in the 2008 SANFL Team of the Year as Ruck Rover along with four other team mates including Todd Grima, Adam Fisher, Sam Rudolph, Trevor Cranston and Senior Coach Mark Mickan and were recognised at the Club's celebrated event.

Allen narrowly beat out Victorian recruit Byron Murphy who had overtaken Allen by 4 points after 17 rounds. Both polled well in the final 5 rounds of the minor season, with Allen again taking the lead by 8 points coming into the finals. Though both polled evenly in the voting for the second semi, Preliminary and Grand Finals, it was Allen who held the lead and took out the John H Ellers Award from Murphy by 8 votes. Vice Captain and 2003 Best & Fairest winner Adam Fisher polled third on 144 votes, just 8 behind Murphy. Leading ruckman Trevor Cranston and mid-fielder Luke Panozzo rounded out the top 5 polling 137 and 133 votes respectively.

Captain Courageous Ben Mules was celebrated the Most Dedicated Player & Clubman taking out the league ER Curnow award for the second year in a row, an award Allen also won in 2006.

Other winners of the night include Trevor Cranston named as both Best Team Man, taking home the RE Campbell Award and Elsie Gleghorn's Players Player Award, voted throughout the year by the playing group. Todd Grima was named Leading Goal Kicker, bagging 54 goals in his first year playing for the Tigers.

The Club wishes to congratulate all the award winners and also thank all the Players, Coaches, Support Staff, Volunteers, Members and Supporters on a fantastic 2008 season, and look forward to a bigger, stronger and successful 2009 season.

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