

'GREATEST THRILL IN MY LIFE' - WINDOW

BY  ALAN SHIELL

"This is the greatest thrill of my football life," Centrals coach Gary Window exulted just after 5 p.m. at Glenelg Oval yesterday.

Minutes earlier, Window's Bulldogs had climbed into fifth position by beating Neil Kerley's Tigers by 38 points.

trial game against Geelong at Geelong. Centrals' unforgettable triumph was achieved at high cost.

Wingman Peter Vivian suffered a depressed fracture of a cheekbone and is likely to miss the remaining three minor round matches.

And back pocket John "Spog" Wyley has two suspected broken bones in his left hand, which will be X-rayed tomorrow.

Centre half-back Stephen Boehm had stitches inserted in a gashed lip, and rover Barry Norsworthy has a "corked" thigh, which may keep him out for at least one match.

Three Glenelg players — Kym Hodgeman, Greg Wickens and Greg Croser — were slightly concussed, Graham Cornes hurt his back and a thigh, Colin Anderson injured an ankle and Jim Lihou hurt a knee.

Tears welled in Window's eyes as he gazed proudly at his men, who were being swamped by dozens of jubilant officials and supporters.

"It's unbelievable," he stammered. "What about that last quarter. The boys were magnificent. They gave me everything I asked."

"It's a wonderful feeling to see everything we've been trying to do really come to fruition."

"I wondered whether we could do it against the top sides. Now I know we can. We've been rubbish all year, but we've made it now."

"We have been building for these big games."

"We put a lot of work in this week and we said what had to be said."

"The players responded superbly. Their enthusiasm was just great."

"Glenelg knocked us around early. They threw everything at us, but we were still with them at half-time."

MOMENTS

"We set up the win in the third quarter, then ran all over Glenelg in the last term."

"I wish I could have been out there with the players."



ABOVE: Jubilant shows on Gary Window's face... face it means a place in the top five and a few kind words from this young supporter.

LEAGUE DETAILS

GLENELG OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Cent.	3-1	10-5	14-9	23-12	150
Glen.	6-6	12-10	15-13	16-16	112

BEST PLAYERS—CENTRALS: Skinner, B. Norsworthy, P. Beythien, M. Norsworthy, Price, Saywell, Mobbs, R. Cochrane, Krieg. **GLENELG:** Cornes, Marker, W. Phillis, Croser, Weston, Carey, Copping, Hodgeman (until replaced).

SCORERS—CENTRALS: Saywell 5.4, Reed 4.1, B. Norsworthy 4.0, Skinner 3.1, M. Norsworthy 2.3, Krieg 2.1, Price 1.1, Bevan 1.0, Mobbs 1.0, Beythien 0.1. **GLENELG:** D. Phillis 4.1, McInerney 2.3, Wickens 2.2, Cornes 2.1, Anderson 1.4, W. Phillis 1.1, Hodgeman 1.1, MacFarlane 1.0, Marker 1.0, Carey 1.0, Caldwell 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS — CENTRALS: Vivian (depressed cheekbone fracture) by Koch, second quarter; Wyley (suspected broken hand) by McKay, half-time. **GLENELG:** Hodgeman (concussion) by Rebbeck, third quarter.

UMPIRE: Robin Bennet.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	6-4	11-6	16-10	22-14	146
South	2-4	8-8	10-14	13-19	97

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: R. Robran, Jaworskyj, Sandery, Hoekman, Cloke, Stringer, Baruzzi, Eatts. **SOUTH:** Cox, Hateley, Young, Minnis, Hines, Baynes.

SCORERS—NORTH: R. Robran 6.1, Doszna 5.0, Jaworskyj 3.0, Marsh 2.2, B. Robran 2.1, Roach 1.3, B. Stringer 1.1, Sandery 1.0, Hoekman 1.0, Baruzzi 0.4, rushed 0.1. **SOUTH:** Bennett 3.3, Young 3.0, Baynes 2.2, Cox 1.3, Keddie 1.2, Hateley 1.1, Fuller 1.1, Robbins 1.1, McInnes 0.2, Schultz 0.1, Minnis 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS — NORTH: Diorio replaced by Walsh, second quarter. **SOUTH:** McInnes by Robbins in third quarter, Fuller by Schneebichler in last quarter.

UMPIRE: Peter Mead.

NORWOOD OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nor.	7-2	12-8	18-13	26-15	177
Wdv.	5-2	10-6	10-9	13-11	89

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Taylor, Zubrinich, Jenkins, Woodcock, Gallagher, Craig, Michalanney. **WOODVILLE:** Girardi, Richards, MacVicar Mulvihill.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Woodcock 6.1, Zubrinich 5.2, Jenkins 4.1, Gallagher 3.4, Dillon 3.2, Craig 2.1, Michalanney 2.0, Gregg 1.0, Wynne 0.1, Noble 0.1, Parke 0.1, Olsen 0.1, rushed 0.1. **WOODVILLE:** Hutton 4.1, Ruth 2.3, Richards 2.2, Hine 1.2, MacVicar 1.1, Girardi 1.0, Roberts 1.0, L. Twelftree 1.0, B. Twelftree 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — NORWOOD: Michalanney (leg) by Olsen last quarter. **WOODVILLE:** Roberts (leg) by Scheer and Ford (leg) by Fowles at three-quarter time.

REPORTS: Scheer for attempting to deliberately strike Taylor with both fists by umpire R. Scholefield.

UMPIRE: Bob Scholefield.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	6-4	12-6	18-18	20-10	130
West	3-1	4-6	6-9	9-15	69

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: James, Cunningham, Ebert, Porplycia, Cahill, Gerlach, Woite, N. Phillis. **WEST:** G. Hewitt, Buckley, Meuret, Loveday, Donaldson, Leonard.

SCORERS—PORT: Gerlach 7.0, Cunningham 5.3, Cahill 3.2, Whatman 2.0, G. Phillis 1.1, Jackman 1.0, Porplycia 1.0, Evans 0.1, Ebert 0.1, rushed 0.2. **WEST:** Gurney 2.2, G. Hewitt 2.0, Buckley 1.2, Loveday 1.1, Ravlich 1.1, M. Williams 1.0, Grimwood 1.0, Meuret 0.2, Kennedy 0.2, Donaldson 0.2, Pierson 0.1, Humphrey 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — PORT: Jackman (bruised ribs) by Giles first quarter. Natt (nose) by Marrett during final quarter. **WEST:** Hollick (concussion) by Williams during first quarter, Pierson by Ravlich third quarter.

UMPIRE: Steve Semmler.

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	8-8	14-12	22-23	28-30	198
Tor.	3-2	6-4	7-6	9-8	62

BEST PLAYERS — STURT: Klomp, Greenslade, Davies, Barton, Heinrich, Bagshaw, Oatey, Lloyd, Graham. **TORRENS:** Faletic, Floreani, Mead, Cassib, S. White, Inglis.

SCORERS—STURT: Greenslade 6.1, Heinrich 5.1, Barton 4.2, Oatey 3.4, Davies 3.1, Burgan 2.8, Pettigill 2.3, Wald 2.2, Klomp 1.1, Graham 0.1, Miels 0.1, Casey 0.1, Winter 0.1, rushed 0.3. **TORRENS:** Faletic 3.0, M. Forbes 2.1, Cassin 1.1, G. White 1.0, Wallace 1.0, Floreani 1.0, Wyatt 0.3, A. Forbes 0.1, Green 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: G. White (knee) by S. White in second quarter, Alexander (thigh) by Rivers at half time.

UMPIRE—Ric Charlesworth.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Y'day	Matches	Total
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	4.1	17	71.39
Gerlach (Port)	7.0	15	69.34
Reed (Centrals)	4.1	18	58.21
Bennett (South)	3.3	18	57.42
Michalanney (Norwood)	2.0	16	57.31
Pierson (West)	0.1	18	56.53

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	*Pts.	%
Port	14	4	—	2191	1653	28	57.00
Sturt	13	4	1	2176	1499	27	59.21
Glenelg	12	6	—	2296	1802	24	56.03
Norwood	10	8	—	1994	1761	20	53.10
Centrals	10	8	—	1826	2011	20	51.59
West	9	9	—	1744	1652	18	47.35
South	8	9	1	1940	2028	17	48.89
North	6	12	—	1710	2190	12	43.85
Woodville	5	13	—	1704	2215	10	43.48
Torrens	2	16	—	1682	2452	4	40.69

ATTENDANCES

Football Park	11,177
Adelaide Oval	4,753
Glenelg Oval	7,589
Norwood Oval	4,544
Unley Oval	4,830

32,893

NEXT ROUND GAMES

- West v. Norwood, Football Park.
- South v. Port, Adelaide Oval.
- Glenelg v. Torrens, Glenelg Oval.
- Sturt v. Centrals, Unley Oval.
- Woodville v. North, Woodville Oval.

Bulldogs unwind in wild run to finals

Centrals unwound a stunning last-quarter goal blitz against Glenelg at the Bay Oval to pull off one of the greatest wins in their 13-year league history.

The Bulldogs swept the Tigers aside—9-3 to 1-3—to gain crushing revenge for the humiliation they suffered at Glenelg a year ago.

It was a memorable struggle, one which caused 7,589 spectators to run the full gamut of football emotion and one which left both teams' players bruised, sore, and thoroughly wrung out.

Rarely have I seen so many exhausted bodies in dressing rooms immediately after a game.

At the end of this gladiatorial battle, Centrals were rejoicing at being in the top five for the first time since the fifth round, and Glenelg were cursing the fact they had ruined their chances of being minor premiers.

Centrals will take some shifting from fifth, indeed, even fourth position, and Glenelg's odds for the premiership are lengthening rapidly.

Yesterday's victory was the Bulldogs' sixth in the past seven games, and their thrilling finish was the second time in the past four matches that they had trampled all over a side above them on the premiership table.

Long odds

They kicked 8-2 to 1-4 to bury Norwood at the Parade on July 17.

Glenelg led by 10 points at three-quarter time. Centrals were 38 points clear when the final siren brought a merciful end to Glenelg's embarrassment.

It was a rough, tough, sometimes spiteful fight.

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At 5 p.m., there were 20 jubilant Bulldogs standing up, waiting to be counted. There were some heroic Tigers, too, but nowhere near as many as in the opposing camp.

Strong lead

Centrals were again led magnificently by their captain-follower Lyle Skinner, who, with his partner Dean Mobbs, and rovers Barry and Mark Norsworthy, repeatedly created chances for their forwards.

Young Peter Beythien further emphasised his fine potential by winning a significant number of hit-outs, and Skinner, Mobbs and the Norsworthy brothers whisked the ball away from the centre bounces with ease, particularly in that devastating last quarter onslaught.

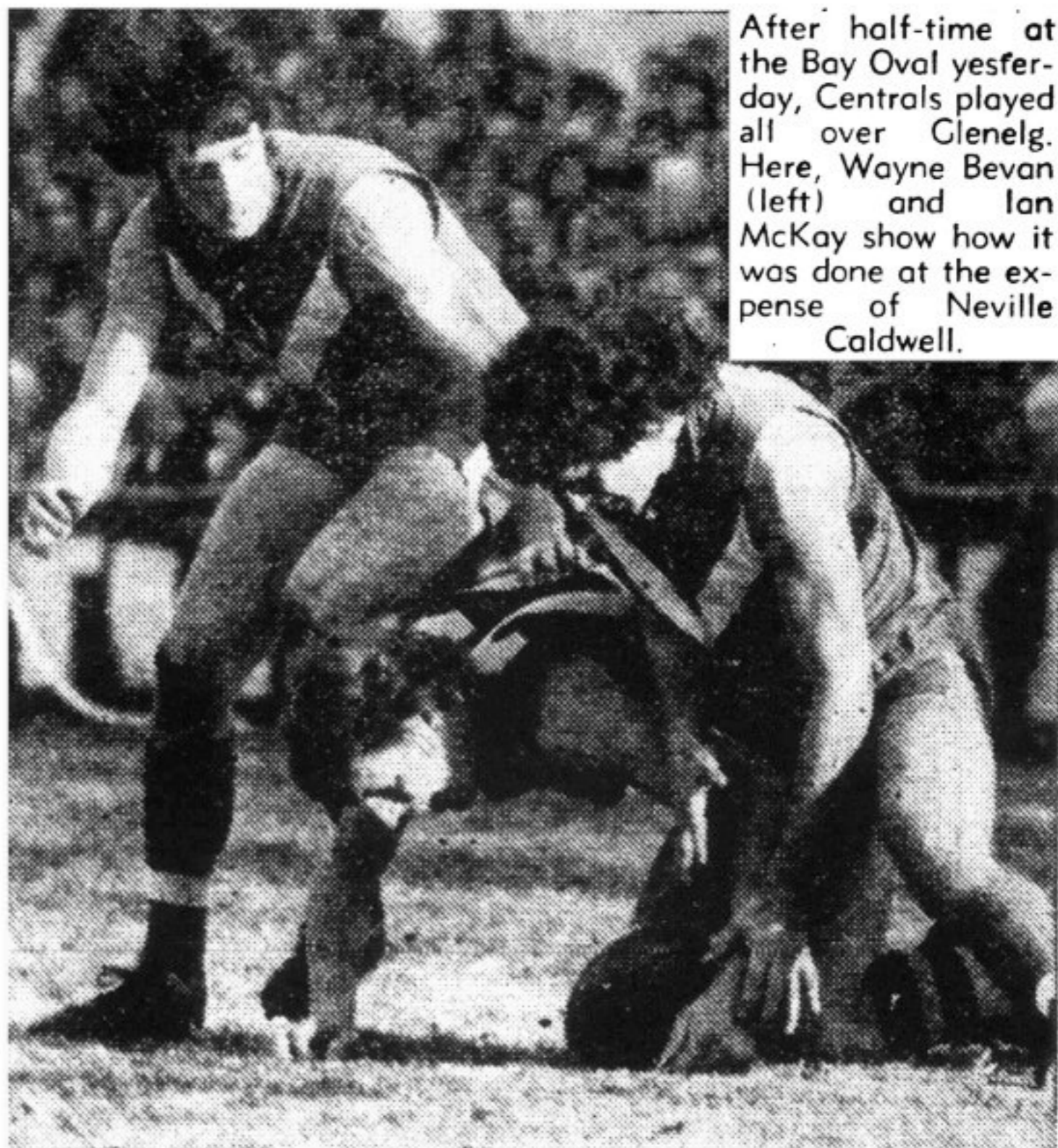
Centreman Alap Price was another big playmaker, and centre half-forward David Saywell played an outstanding second half. He kicked four goals in the last

Reserves

With both reserves already on, Norsworthy limped to a forward pocket just after three-quarter time—and proceeded to kick two goals and give out a long handpass to Saywell which brought another goal.

Glenelg had some brave triers, with follower Graham Cornes, captain-centreman Peter Marker, centre half-forward and ruckman Wayne Phillis, full back Greg Croser, centre half-back Paul Weston and wingman Stephen Copping being the most prominent of them.

Centrals' 23-12 was their highest score against Glenelg and the margin of 38 points also was a record for them against the Tigers.



After half-time at the Bay Oval yesterday, Centrals played all over Glenelg. Here, Wayne Bevan (left) and Ian McKay show how it was done at the expense of Neville Caldwell.