

### Bulldogs blow race wide open

By Stephen Middleton

Central Districts blew the finals race wide open with their upset win over Glenelg yesterday.

And with Torrens losing to Sturt the composition of the final five may not be known until the last minor round games of the season.

Centrals and Torrens are staging an epic battle for fifth spot, having won the same number of games.

The situation could be the same on September 2, when the last games of the minor round will be contested.

Over the next four weeks Centrals face Port at Alberton, Sturt at Unley, Woodville at Woodville and North at Football Park.

They could lose the first two and win the others. Torrens face Norwood and Sturt on their own grounds (possible losses) and Woodville at both Thebarton and Woodville (possible wins).

It has been an unpredictable season, but if those were the results, the fifth spot would hinge on the last match, when Centrals meet South and Torrens play Glenelg.

Torrens have the battle on their hands. They face Glenelg at the Bay, while Centrals have South at Elizabeth.

The Eagles would have to win that last game to make the five on percentage.

They received another setback yesterday, however, when Barry Hank was admitted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital after being concussed in the match against Sturt.

Hank dropped heavily after colliding with Sturt's Trevor Sims in the second quarter.

He is likely to miss at least one match. Torrens also reported injuries to rover, Ian Jackman (ankle) and forward, Chris Kellett (knee) which will be further assessed today.

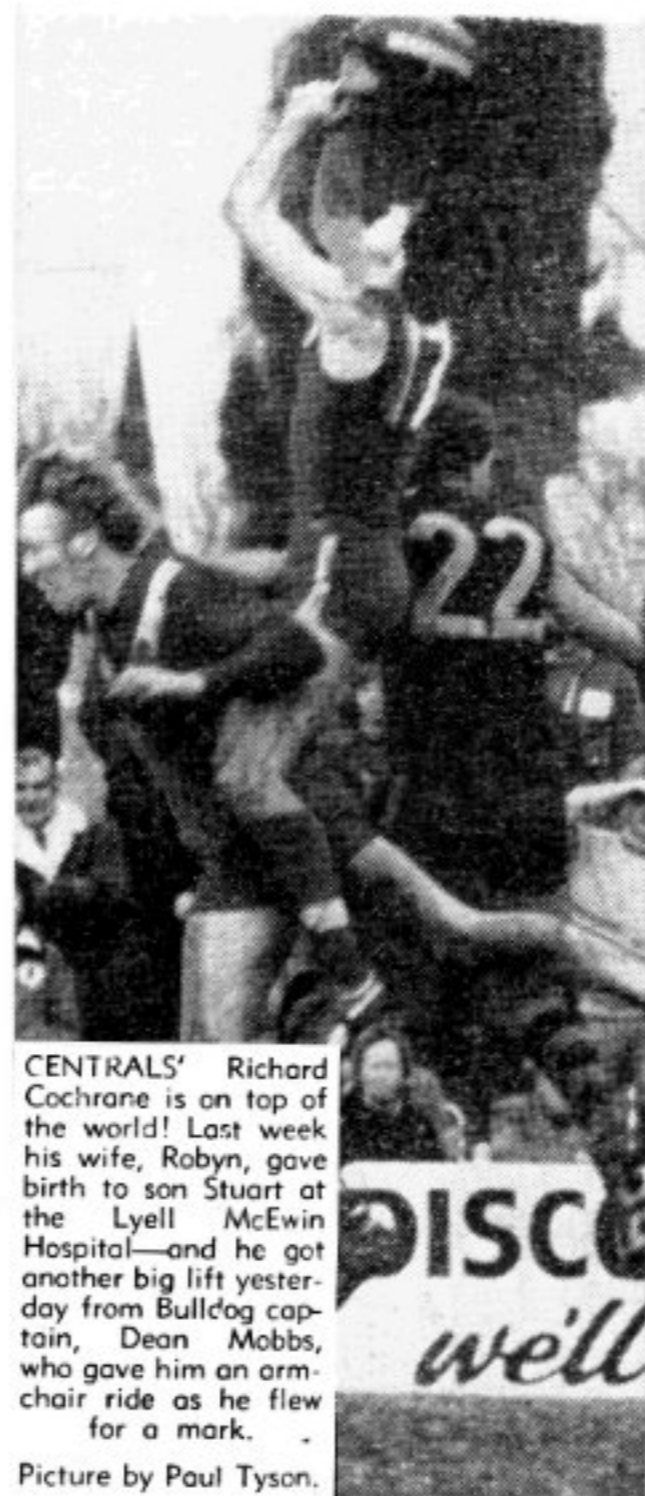
North's big win over South put paid to any chance the Panthers had of making the five, so they'll have to rest on their NFL grand final laurels.

South would have to win all of their remaining games while Torrens or Centrals won only two.

And West must beat Norwood at Richmond today to hold the slimmest hope of a finals berth.

They would then have an identical chance to that of South.

### wide open



CENTRALS' Richard Cochrane is on top of the world! Last week his wife, Robyn, gave birth to son Stuart at the Lyell McEwin Hospital—and he got another big lift yesterday from Bulldog captain, Dean Mobbs, who gave him an arm-chair ride as he flew for a mark.

Picture by Paul Tyson.

## 'Dogs destroy the ailing Bays

Centrals 11-11, Glenelg 5-16

Glenelg's miserable attempts to play football continued yesterday when they fumbled and floundered their way to a 31-point defeat at the hands of Centrals.

The Bulldogs relished the sloppy, slippery conditions at Glenelg Oval to really rub the mud into the bedraggled Bays.

It was Glenelg's third straight loss in eight days but, more importantly, they've booted a meagre 14 goals in those three games—and that must be desperately worrying coach John Nicholls.

The Tigers were at their worst. Centrals did play good football but can still improve.

That's the sad fact about the game. It wasn't that Centrals played so brilliantly, it was just that Glenelg performed as poorly as a team possibly could.

### Bustled

But full marks to the Bulldogs—they bustled the Bays off their game, backed up all day and kept running for four quarters.

Centrals began best with two goals in the first five minutes into the wind to put the Tigers off their game.

Halfway through the quarter Glenelg's Paul Weston went down with concussion after a heavy tackle, then Daryl Rady copped one in the eye and both players had to leave the ground.

The Bulldog drive came from the mountainous Peter Maksimovic in ruck, Dean Mobbs around centre and Gary Rae following.

In defence they had young Greg Mutze shutting out the Bays at full back and Lyle Skinner coping superbly on a half back flank.

Glenelg's only shining lights were Peter Carey, with 14 strong marks, David Holst and captain Graham Cornes.

The Tigers did stage a

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mini-fight back during the third quarter to hit the front for the first time but the surge didn't last.

Centrals steadied. Max George flashed into the game for the first time, kicked two goals, Norsworthy added another and that was that.

Peter Johnston had kept Centrals' Peter Beythien in check for most of the game but coach Daryl Hicks switched him on to the ball and he gave the Bulldogs the necessary drive in the last term to make sure of victory.

Hicks still won't predict Centrals will make the five, but with three successive wins against Norwood, Torrens and now Glenelg they now must have a very strong chance.

Then there's Glenelg. They have several key players out but will need to improve immensely to be considered serious premiership contenders.

### SPINNING WHEEL TYRES LEAGUE DETAILS

#### THEBARTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4-5	5-8	8-12	10-15	75
Torr.	3-0	7-4	7-7	8-8	56

BEST—Sturt: Graham, Smith, Klomp, Downes, Derrington, Barton, Davies. TORRENS: Jackman, McSparran, Rendell, Miller, Pavlich, McKay.

SCORERS—STURT: Graham 2-3, Winter 2-2, Barton 1-2, Smith 1-1, Downes 1-0, Delahunty 1-0, Reed 1-0, Klomp 1-0, Wiseman 0-2, Bagshaw 0-1, Davies 0-1, Derrington 0-1, rushed 0-2. TORRENS: Jackman 2-1, McSparran 2-1, Kellett 2-0, Giles 1-0, McKay 0-1, Rendell 0-1, Hewett 0-1, rushed 0-2.

INJURIES—Sturt: Bagshaw (groin) in third quarter. Torrens: Hank (concussion) in second quarter, Jackman (ankle), Kellett (knee) in second quarter.

UMPIRES—Bob Scholefield, Steve Semmler.

#### FOOTBALL PARK

Port	3-1	15-3	19-8	29-13	187
W'ville	3-2	4-3	9-8	13-9	87

BEST—PORT: Ebert, Porpoclyca, Faletic, Light, Cunningham, Clifford, Kinnear. WOODVILLE: Heaven, Goodingham, G. Hewitt, Sewer, Roberts.

SCORERS—PORT: Evans 6-3, Ebert 6-0, Porpoclyca 4-2, Sorrell 3-1, Clifford, 2-2, Curtis, 2-1, Light 2-0, Faletic 2-0, Cunningham 1-2, Gill 1-2. WOODVILLE: Roberts 4-1, Goodingham 2-1, Close 2-0, G. Hewitt 1-3, D. Hewitt 1-0, Hutton 1-0, Howard 1-0, Anderson 0-1, Tyrrell 0-1, Krieg 0-1, rushed 0-1.

INJURIES—WOODVILLE: Coudraye (broken jaw) fourth, Maylin (wrist) third; Reimann (hamstring) first; Anderson (jaw) fourth.

UMPIRES—M. Coombe, T. Thomas.

REPORT—Lindsay Heaven (Woodville) for allegedly using abusive language to goal umpire D. Hillebrand in last quarter and reported by D. Hillebrand.

#### PROSPECT OVAL

North	3-4	7-8	11-9	15-14	104
South	0-3	1-7	5-11	7-13	55

BEST—NORTH: Doszna, Cloke, Hill, McAdam, Dillon, Willmore, B. Stringer, Pelle. SOUTH: Bennett, Baynes, Harradine, Earl, Keam, Palmer.

SCORERS—NORTH: Pelle 3-1, Doszna 3-0, Cloke 2-4, Tiller 2-3, McAdam 2-1, Willmore 1-1, Pobrzan 1-1, Baruzzi 1-0, B. Stringer 0-2, Hill 0-1. SOUTH: Day 3-2, Bennett 2-1, Fry 1-2, Baynes 1-0, Keam 0-1, Schneebichler 0-1, Ruscuklic 0-1, Slattery 0-1, Hateley 0-1, Minnis 0-1, rushed 0-2.

INJURIES—NORTH: Gehling (concussion). SOUTH: Schneebichler (bruised hip).

UMPIRES—Robin Bennet and Laurie Argent.

#### GLENELG OVAL

Cent	2-2	4-6	7-9	11-11	77
Glen.	1-3	2-9	4-11	5-16	46

BEST—CENTRALS: Mobbs, Maksimovic, Mutze, R. Cochrane, Rae. GLENELG: Carey, Holst, P. Johnston, Hodgeman, Cornes, Hywood.

SCORERS—CENTRALS: George 3-2, Norsworthy 3-0, Van Dommelle 1-2, Mobbs 1-1, Harrington 1-1, Maksimovic 1-1, Stone 1-0, Nalder 0-1, Graham 0-1, Wilson 0-1, rushed 0-1. GLENELG: McInerney 1-2, Lihou 1-2, Caldwell 1-1, Copping 1-0, Rady 1-0, Carey 0-2, Holst 0-2, Davison 0-1, D. Johnston 0-1, MacVicar 0-1, MacFarlane 0-1, rushed 0-3.

INJURIES—GLENELG: Paul Weston (concussion) and Daryl Rady (bruised eye) both during first quarter.

UMPIRES—Des Foster and Roger Magor.

#### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Sturt	17	16	1	—	2169	1376	32	61.18
Glenelg	17	12	5	—	1844	1517	24	54.86
Norwood	16	10	6	—	1556	1176	20	56.95
Port	17	9	8	—	1750	1694	18	50.81
Torrens	17	8	9	—	1646	1653	16	49.89

Centrals	17	8	9	—	1573	1818	16	46.39
Woodville	17	7	10	—	1542	1869	14	45.21
South	17	5	11	1	1418	1690	11	45.62
West	16	4	11	1	1332	1487	9	47.25
North	17	4	13	—	1573	2130	8	42.48

#### LEADING GOALKICKERS

Bagshaw (Sturt)	0-1	13	61.33
George (Centrals)	3-2	11	56.39
T. Evans (Port)	6-3	17	49.45
Winter (Sturt)	2-2	17	45.30
Hodgeman (Glenelg)	—	17	41.26
Copping (Glenelg)	1-0	17	37.23
Davoren (West)	—	14	33.19
Inglis (Torrens)	—	16	33.14

#### PROGRAM CROWDS

Sturt v. South (Football Park), Port v. Centrals (Alberton), Norwood v. Glenelg (Norwood), Woodville v. Torrens (Woodville), West v. North (Richmond).	Football Park	8,228
	Prospect	3,714
	Glenelg	6,744
	Thebarton	7,666
	Total	26,354

#### INTERSTATE FOOTBALL

VFL.—Collingwood 16-11, Fitzroy 11-11, North Melbourne 18-14, Geelong 10-16, St. Kilda 20-21, Melbourne 13-11, Carlton 18-11, Hawthorn 13-17, Richmond 20-16, Essendon 13-18, South Melbourne 15-15, Footscray 13-13.

WA LEAGUE.—East Perth 20-11, Subiaco 10-10, East Fremantle 18-15, South Fremantle 17-8, Swan Districts 18-17, Perth 9-13, West Perth 22-23, Claremont 19-9.

TASMANIA.—Clarence 13-26, North Hobart 15-12, Glenorchy 19-13, Hobart 14-14, Sandy Bay 22-14, New Norfolk 9-15, North Launceston 20-8, Launceston 13-23, Scottsdale 28-17, East Launceston 6-4, City South 13-15, Longford 9-10, East Devonport 27-18, Burnie 11-16, Wynyard 17-15, Latrobe 9-14, Cooees 18-28, Devonport 8-8, Ulverstone 19-15, Penguin 12-17.

RUGBY LEAGUE.—North Sydney 16 (Adam McKinnon tries, Schofield 5 goals) Balmain 8 (Corowa, Spears tries, Ninness goal) at North Sydney.

RUGBY UNION.—Australia 16 (Cornelsen, Pearse tries, McLean goal, 2 pen goals) Nelson Bays 9 (Jim Sheedy 3 pen goals) at Nelson, NZ.