

Battered Dogs lose the battle

Glenelg 17-9, Central 14-16

Glenelg resisted a desperate final quarter challenge by Central District for a bruising victory at the Bay yesterday.

The Bulldogs, 27 points down at the last change, booted three quick goals early in the final term to race to within six points of the league leaders.

But Central, in its quest for a crucial win, was struck a cruel blow when ruckman Terry Moore was forced off the ground in the final quarter.

Moore, who had a gruelling battle against Peter Carey, had been Central's inspiration in its late bid for victory.

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However, when he left the ground with a bad cut to his face, the tide turned against the Bulldogs.

Glenelg steadied under the intense pressure and kicked three vital goals to severely damage Central's finals hopes.

While the loss of Moore was a bitter stroke of fate

for Central, Glenelg too had its problems halting the Bulldogs' charge to the top five.

It faced the hard, slogging clash in the mud of Glenelg Oval without the experience of Graham Cornes and David Holst, both out with the flu.

Inspirational

And early in the game it lost State back pocket Jim Lihou with concussion and half-forward Ralph Sewer with a hamstring injury.

The odds were against Glenelg, but with sheer strength and persistence it avoided its second defeat of the season.

Central had more than its share of the play, but the Tigers grasped every opportunity and eventually outpointed the Bulldogs in an exciting final term.

Glenelg had the upper

hand in the first quarter but faced a far more determined Central in the second term.

Moore, who probably had the better of Carey at the centre bounces, continually fired the Bulldogs ahead and with better handball in the boggy conditions it closed the gap on the home side.

Centre half-forward Michael Wright booted three goals in the second quarter, but then it was Carey's turn to do his inspirational work.

His strong marking around the ground and body work in the packs opened the Glenelg forward lines and it slipped to an 11-point lead at half-time.

The third quarter, considering Glenelg's losses, was the most telling period of the game.

By Trevor Gill

Next week's clash is now vital

Norwood's vital clash with West Adelaide at Football Park next Saturday will have a big bearing on the finals five.

The Redlegs' 26-point win over Woodville yesterday, and the Wolves' nine-point loss to Port Adelaide, has created the backdrop for a superb match.

Sturt's 39-point loss debacle against North Adelaide at Unley has left it tottering in fifth spot. Just 43 in front of the Redlegs on percentage and both sides with 15 points.

On yesterday's atrocious performance, Sturt will enter Saturday's match against West Torrens lacking any confidence.

After losses to North, Glenelg and South, the Blues will rely heavily on West beating Norwood and

South accounting for Central District at Adelaide Oval.

Victories to Norwood and Central, and a loss to Sturt, could plummet the Blues to seventh.

Victory to Norwood and a loss to West would take the Redlegs to fourth behind Glenelg, South and Port.

West would be rather shaky in fifth spot and Central, should it beat South, will be breathing down everybody's neck.

North's fine win yesterday is a warning to all sides the Roosters are far from a spent force, despite its lowly eighth.

But its task to beat Glen-

elg at Football Park on Sunday could be beyond the Roosters' talents and consequently provide breathing space for West, Sturt, Norwood and Central.

Glenelg's 14th win of the season, by 11 points over the battling Bulldogs, again points to a premiership on October 3.

But even the old Tiger die hards are on longer outspoken about picking up their first flag since 1973.

The final round collapse of last season remains strongly in the minds of most down at the Bay.

By John Quitta

Vics eye our stars

VICTORIAN league club Hawthorn is making another raid on SA footballers.

Hawthorn is interested in signing Sturt's Neil Craig and Central District rover John Platten.

Hawthorn coach, Alan Jeanes was in Adelaide yesterday and went to Unley Oval and Glenelg Oval.

Former Sturt champion, Rick Davies, now with Hawthorn, was also at Unley and lunched with officials before the game.

Hawthorn had a rest day in the VFL split round.

Jeanes was at Glenelg to watch Platten in the first half and

dashed to Unley to catch the second half form of acting Sturt captain, Neil Craig.

Craig, 25, an early tip for this season's Magarey Medal has been in devastating form.

Last August he turned down an offer from South Melbourne.

Platten, 18, is regarded as the hottest piece of property at Elizabeth since Peter Jonas defected to North Melbourne.

Last season the rising young star was a member of the all Australian Teal Cup team.

Hawthorn under-19's coach Bob Keddie also was at Glenelg Oval.

LEAGUE DETAILS

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	2-6	6-7	10-9	13-13	91
Sturt	5-3	6-6	6-9	6-16	52

BEST — NORTH: W. Springer, Tiller, Cloke, Redden, Stanbridge, Kerley. STURT: Derrington, Fry, Graham.
SCORERS — NORTH: Stanbridge 4.2, Roach 3.3, Gehling 2.1, Tiller 1.4, Belle 1.0, Conder 1.0, McAdam 1.0, Lokan 0.1, rushed 0.2. STURT: Derrington 2.2, Whyatt 1.1, Hollis 1.1, Hutton 1.0, Friedrichs 1.0, Graham 0.3, Craig 0.2, Klomp 0.1, Zubrinich 0.1, Hargreaves 0.1, Brand 0.1, rushed 0.1.
INJURIES — NORTH: McAdam (ankle).
UMPIRES — Rick Kinnear, Peter Mead.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	2-2	6-3	7-5	10-9	69
Torrens	2-5	2-8	3-10	5-13	43

BEST — SOUTH: Palmer, Naley, P. Brooksby, G. Brooksby, Baynes, Harradine, Linke. TORRENS: K. Hill, T. Hill, McSparran, Enright, Galt.
SCORERS — SOUTH: Linke 4.1, Naley 2.3, Fairclough 1.1, Hately 1.1, Miller 1.1, Aitken 1.0, Mousley 0.1, Hawkins 0.1. TORRENS: Hanna 1.2, Roberts 1.1, K. Hill 1.1, McSparran 1.1, Galt 1.0, T. Hill 0.2, Rendell 0.1, B. Hank 0.1, Hewitt 0.1, Diorio 0.1, Johnston 0.1, rushed 0.1.
INJURIES — SOUTH: Collins (leg). TORRENS: Johnston (shoulder).
REPORTS — Phillipou (West Torrens) attempted striking.
UMPIRES — Des Foster, Laurie Argent.

RICHMOND OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	0-6	3-9	6-14	8-19	67
West	1-5	1-7	3-7	8-10	58

BEST — PORT: Clifford, Ebert, Abernathy, Cole, Britton, Kinnear, Hughes, Giles. WEST: Borchard, Hamilton, Kennedy, Williams, Burgess, Rechner.
SCORERS — PORT: Kinnear 4.1, Evans 1.8, Granger 1.2, Robertson 1.1, S. Williams 1.1, Cole 0.4, Martyn 0.1, Clifford 0.1, rushed 0.2. WEST: Luders 1.3, Meuret 1.2, Borchard 1.0, Tate 1.0, de Jong 1.0, Rechner 1.0, Kennedy 1.0, Wells 1.0, Bennett 0.2, Thorn 0.1, rushed 0.2.
INJURIES — WEST: Thorn (knee).
UMPIRES: Jim Field, Trevor Thomas.

WOODVILLE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	3-4	8-4	11-5	13-7	85
Woodville	1-4	2-7	3-10	8-11	59

BEST — NORWOOD: Laughlin, M. Aish, Barton, Hughes, Button, Colasante. WOODVILLE: Lennock, Carty, Tyrrell, Dowsett, Mansfield.
SCORERS — NORWOOD: Laughlin 5.2, Barton 3.1, Thomas 2.0, Thiel 1.1, Colasante 1.0, A. Aish 1.0, Adler 0.1, Jenkins 0.1, rushed 0.1. WOODVILLE: Pierson 3.0, Carty 2.0, Hewitt 2.0, Close 1.3, McCormack 0.5, Richards 0.2, Mansfield 0.1, rushed 0.1.
INJURIES — NORWOOD: Jenkins (back), Nicholson (knee), Noble (knee), Menzel (hip).
UMPIRES: Adrian Forster, Bob Scholefield.

GLENELG OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	4-4	10-6	14-8	17-9	111
Central	3-3	8-7	9-11	14-16	100

BEST — GLENELG: Carey, Brown, Coppins, Marshall, Kuhlmann, Seebohm, Caldwell. CENTRAL: Moore, Platten, Wright, Boehm, van Donmele, Gillies. SCORERS — GLENELG: Coppins 4.2, Kernahan 3.0, Veide 2.2, Harrison 2.0, Carey 2.0, Marshall 1.2, Brown 1.0, Paynter 1.0, Weston 1.0, Radv 0.1, Sewer 0.1, rushed 0.1. CENTRAL: Wright 5.1, Platten 2.1, Gillies 2.0, Benthien 1.2, Hart 1.1, Vivian 1.1, P. Graham 1.1, Wilson 1.1, Livesey 0.1, Clohessy 0.1, rushed 0.6.
INJURIES — GLENELG: Sewer (hamstring), Lihou (concussion). CENTRAL: Moore (cut face).
UMPIRES: Ric Charlesworth, John Hyton.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Glenelg	14	1	—	1896	1369	28	58.07
South	11	4	—	1613	1262	22	56.10
Port	9	6	—	1435	1427	18	50.14
West	8	7	—	1771	1523	16	53.76
Sturt	7	7	1	1519	1476	15	50.72
Norwood	7	7	1	1461	1444	15	50.29
Central	7	8	—	1678	1489	14	52.98
North	7	8	—	1520	1608	14	48.59
Torrens	2	13	—	1396	1829	4	43.29
Woodville	2	13	—	1236	2098	4	37.07

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yest.	Total
Evans (Port)	14	1-6	50-45
Linke (South)	14	4-1	49-37
Luders (West)	13	1-3	45-38
Hollis (Sturt)	15	1-1	41-36
Slattery (South)	14	—	39-20

CROWDS THIS WEEK

	Crowd	Day	Match
Football Park	4134	Saturday	Torrens v Sturt (Football Park)
Unley	5096	Saturday	South v Central (Adelaide); Port v Woodville (Alberton); Norwood v West (Norwood)
Glenelg	8232	Sunday	Glenelg v Central (Glenelg)
Richmond	9745	Sunday	Port v West (Football Park)
Woodville	4147	Sunday	Woodville v Norwood (Woodville)
Total	31,354		

IN OTHER STATES

MELBOURNE — South Melbourne 17-12, Footscray 7-9, Collingwood 12-16, Melbourne 10-6, Geelong 12-10, Richmond 8-4.
PERTH — Swan Districts 17-9, East Perth 14-13, South Fremantle 23-20, Subiaco 16-17, West Perth 26-23, Perth 13-17, Claremont 30-17, East Fremantle 14-11.