



Central now geared for the five

After being in an almost hopeless position in eighth spot after the first round, Central District is geared to compete in the finals for the fourth time since entering the competition in 1964.

The Bulldogs took a large bite of West Adelaide's finals hopes at Football Park yesterday, and have loomed as the favorite to fill the fifth spot in the major round.

By Ashley Porter

yesterday, but they were rewarded when two Penthouse Pets of the Year were guests of the SANFL.

In other matches of yesterday's second part of the split round, Glenelg floundered in the mud to scrape home against lowly ranked West Torrens at Adelaide, and Sturt held Woodville scoreless in the last term to win at Unley.

Sturt moved back into the five, but whether it stays there will be determined when it clashes with Central at Elizabeth next Saturday.

If Central wins, it would almost certainly make the finals as its remaining matches are against North (Prospect), Norwood (Norwood), and Woodville (Elizabeth).

Sturt must play Port (Alberton), Torrens (Thebarton), and Glenelg (Adelaide), while West plays Glenelg (Football Park), Torrens (Richmond), North (Adelaide), South (Richmond).

Yesterday's heavy rain made conditions appalling, especially at Unley Oval where Peter Prime quoted one regular patron as saying the ground was in its worst condition for 20 years.

Attendances

The ankle-deep mud took its toll on the scoring rate. Woodville's 4.2 was its lowest score against Sturt on any ground since 1964, and was the lowest scoring game between them at Unley.

Statistics expert, Ern Kolasche, also reports that the Glenelg-Torrens match was the lowest scoring game between them since 1957.

As expected, the rain affected the attendances at the three matches.

Looking ahead, the Central v Sturt battle for fifth position is only one of five top matches programmed for Saturday.

Port still has some chance of snatching a double chance in the finals from South, and they clash at Alberton.

Earnest

West must beat Glenelg at Football Park to keep within close touch of the five, while North, which as far as it is concerned is not out of the race yet, is desperate for victory against Norwood at the Parade.

In a great battle at the other end of the scale, Torrens and Woodville will be playing for the wooden spoon at Adelaide.

The struggle for the Ken Farmer Medal to the leading goalkicker is on in earnest as West's Roger Luders kicked six goals yesterday and trails Port and State full forward Tim Evans by eight.

Cornes in crucial role

Glenelg 6-14, Torrens 5-13

By Trevor Gill

West Torrens yesterday just failed to secure one of its biggest triumphs of the season when it lost by seven points to league leaders, Glenelg, at Adelaide Oval.

The Eagles — with greater desperation, tenacious tackling, and more surety in the mud and gales — only relinquished the lead seven minutes into the final quarter.

Until then Torrens had bumped and busted the premiership favorites off its pedestal and threatened to repeat last year's surprise Anzac Day victory over Glenelg at Adelaide Oval.

It was a magnificent team effort by the Eagles against a side dismally missing, through mild illness, its star ruckman Peter Carey.

The move which upset its chances, was when Glenelg coach John Halbert fung centre half back Graham Cornes onto the ball in the most anxious stage of the game.

Brilliant

His ability to move the ball away from centre — especially after captain Paul Weston had been so well controlled by Peter Phillipou — paved the way for the Tigers to hit the front for the first time in the last term.

Even then Torrens fought back gamely to make the difference only one point and the gruelling clash was not settled until the dying minutes.

It was largely a battle of the defences with the Torrens backmen taking the overall honors.

Ian Hanna and Robert

Enright were brilliant for the underdogs, while Neville Caldwell led the stern Glenelg defence.

Players like Chris McDermott, Keith Kuhlmann, John Paynter, Peter McInerney and Stephen Copping tried hard but it mostly was a case of inefficient use of the ball by Glenelg.

The efforts of players like Kevin McSparran, Peter Phillipou, Hanna, Enright and to a lesser extent Kevin Hill, Trevor Hill and Paul Johanson were unrewarded in the end.

But by far the star attractions of the game for the Eagles were ruckman Rod Galt, who relished in the absence of Carey, and "shooting star" Mark Thomas.

Galt had 34 knock-outs and was by far the best big man on the ground, and Thomas made a brilliant league debut as a rover.

At just 17 — he is eligible for Under 19s for another two years — Thomas played with guts and precision. His first kick in senior football was a goal.

Eagle's coach Lindsay Head was full of praise for his side.

"It was a great effort from them all," he said.

In the Glenelg rooms there was some discontent over the umpiring, but it made no excuse for its poor performance.

Halbert admitted the Tigers made bad use of the ball, and faced a problem in ruck.

But with the return next week of Carey and forward Ralph Sewer (hamstring) the Tigers should be able to forget the dismal day they almost lost a lot of pride.

A comic entrance

GLENELG follower Daryl Rady was at his comical best before the game against West Torrens at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

The unpredictable Tiger celebrated his 100th league game by cart-wheeling his way on to the ground as he led his teammates out of the players' race.

But then his antics became unstuck . . . or should it be stuck.

As Rady plunged into a celebration banner made by supporters he became entwined in the flimsy construction and had to fight his way clear for other Glenelg players to follow through.

It was an auspicious start to the game for Rady, but like many of his teammates he was well below his best match form yesterday —TREVOR GILL

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LEAGUE DETAILS

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Central	2-7	5-12	9-14	13-16	94
West	4-1	6-2	9-4	11-7	73

BEST — CENTRAL: Krieg, Beythien, Earnshaw, Van Domelle, Livesey, Stone, P. Graham. WEST: Borchard, Donaldson, Kennedy, Williams, Morris.

SCORERS — CENTRAL: Beythien 4.3, Wright 3.0, Roe 2.2, Edwards 1.2, Gillies 1.1, Platten 1.0, Van Dommele 1.0, P. Graham 0.2, rushed 0.6. WEST: Luders 6.1, Morris 1.2, Grosser 1.1, Rechner 1.0, Hamilton 1.0, Kennedy 1.0, Meuret 0.2, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — CENTRAL: Mobbs (knee). WEST: Borchard (knee), Williams (hamstring), Luders (cut head).

UMPIRES Ric Charlesworth, Peter Mead.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	0-2	2-7	4-11	6-14	50
Torrens	2-6	3-10	4-12	5-13	43

BEST — GLENELG: Caldwell, McDermott, Cornes, Paynter, Copping, McInerney. TORRENS: Galt, Hanna, Enright, Thomas, Phillipou, McSparran.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Rady 1.4, Copping 1.2, Kernahan 1.2, McDermott 1.1, Paynter 1.1, Weston 1.1, Farquhar 0.1, Marshall 0.1, rushed 0.1. TORRENS: K. Hill 2.0, Thomas 1.2, Diorio 1.1, I. Hewett 1.0, Flew 0.4, Roberts 0.2, McSparran 0.2, Hanna 0.1, Galt 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — GLENELG: McDermott (dislocated finger); MacVicar (knee).

REPORTS—GLENELG: Farquhar (alleged charging). UMPIRES—John Hylton, Ric Kinnear.

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3-4	4-7	10-9	13-10	88
Woodville	2-1	3-2	4-2	4-2	26

BEST—STURT: Craig, Graham, Fry, Sims, Zubrinich, Hutton, Radbone. WOODVILLE: Mansfield, Dowsett, Fitzpatrick, Dettmann, Close, Lennon.

SCORERS—STURT: Graham 5.1, Smith 2.2, Friedrichs 1.2, Hargreaves 1.1, Hollis 1.7, Paech 1.0, Sims 1.0, Derrington 1.0, Reed 0.1, rushed 0.2. WOODVILLE: Huppertz 1.1, Close 1.0, Simpson 1.0, Mansfield 1.0, Scheer 0.1.

INJURIES—WOODVILLE: Watson (thigh).

UMPIRES—Laurie Argent, Trevor Thomas.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	%
Glenelg	17	1	—	2188	1581	34	58.05
South	13	5	—	1876	1594	26	54.06
Port	11	7	—	1869	1696	22	52.43
Norwood	10	7	7	1902	1684	21	53.04
Sturt	9	8	1	1804	1768	19	50.50
Central	9	9	—	2001	1731	18	53.62
West	9	9	—	2089	1877	18	52.67
North	7	11	—	1807	1997	14	47.50
Torrens	2	16	—	1616	2139	4	43.04
Woodville	2	16	—	1449	2534	4	36.38

LEADING GOALKICKERS

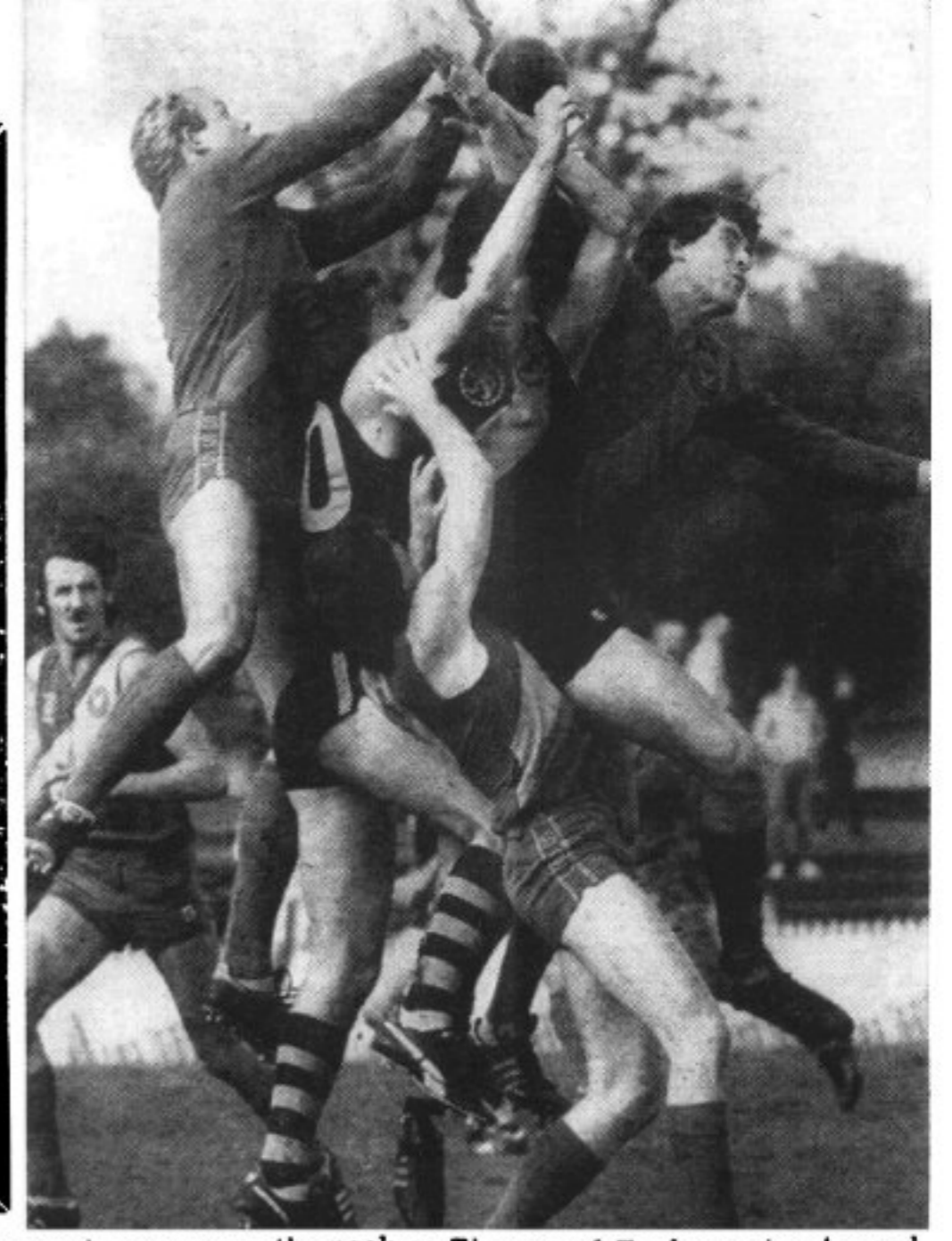
	Games	Yest.	Total
Evans (Port)	17	—	64-54
Luders (West)	16	6-1	56-45
Linke (South)	14	—	49-37
Hollis (Sturt)	18	1-1	45-41
Slattery (South)	15	—	41-20

CROWDS THIS WEEK

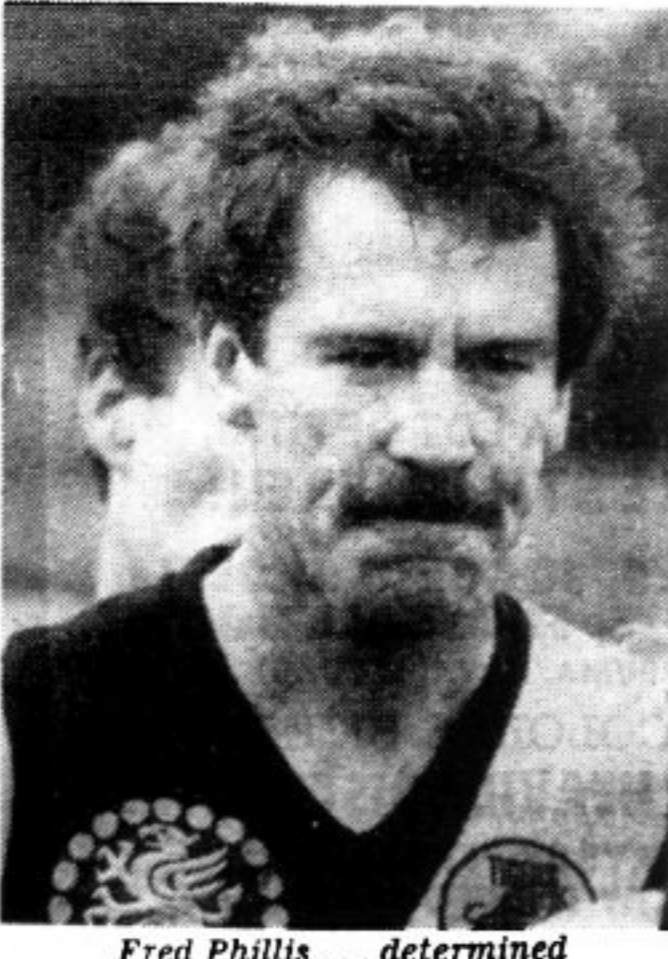
Football Park	6027	Glenelg v West (Football Park); Torrens v Woodville (Adelaide); Port v South (Alberton); Central v Sturt (Elizabeth); Norwood v North (Norwood).
Adelaide	5403	
Unley	2784	
Total	14,214	
Total attendances for split round 33,782.		

Farquhar reported

GLENELG defender Michael Farquhar was reported in the last quarter of the game against West Torrens at Adelaide yesterday. He will face the league tribunal again on Tuesday allegedly charging Torrens rover Mark Thomas. Late last month Farquhar was acquitted of a charge of punching Port Adelaide follower Stephen Gifford at Alberton Oval.



Fred 'out of mothballs'



By Trevor Gill

Glenelg's former champion full forward Fred Phillis made a promising return to football in the reserve side at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

Phillis, 32, booted only one goal from full forward, but ran out the entire game against West Torrens.

He used effective bodywork in Glenelg's forward lines as all players had difficulty handling the wet, slippery conditions.

It was the first game Phillis has played since he retired in 1978.

The former Magarey medallist is waging a comeback campaign after an illustrious 275-game career with the Tigers.

The star goalsneak booted 869 goals for Glenelg and was one of South Australia's greatest full forwards.

Phillis hopes to fill Glenelg's full forward trouble spot in the league side as the Tigers battle for their third premiership.

After the game Phillis said he had "no worries" with his fitness.

"I pulled up very well," he said. Phillis added he now looked forward to meeting West Adelaide at Football Park next week.