

# FOOTBALL FINALS

ASHLEY PORTER reports on a sad day for Central which promised so much

# NOT A YELP FROM DOGS

Glenelg 19-21, Central 12-13

For the fifth successive season, the elimination final degenerated to anti-climax when Glenelg outclassed a luckless Central District at Football Park yesterday.

The Bulldogs stormed into the finals with seven consecutive wins and were ready to take on the "world," only to fail to raise a yelp.

Central failed to exist as a contestant at the six-minute mark of the second term when its centre half-forward Michael Wright was carried off on a stretcher.

From then, Glenelg seized complete control and marched to an effortless 50-point victory.

The gamble to play Wright, who was suspect during the week with a torn cartilage in his left knee, failed.

What made his loss even more critical was the serious injury to back pocket Ian McKay late in the first quarter. He suffered a dislocated left shoulder and a broken collarbone.

The injuries, pressure, and unforced errors eroded Central's confidence and concentration. The unit which was credited with so much bite before the match became unbalanced and toothless.

Glenelg was forceful and positive in its approach to the ball and was prepared to go in hard — like a finalist should.

## Elusive

It judged the fall of the ball better with running players scouting the packs and gaining possessions. And more importantly the Bay players did something useful with the ball.

Central made Glenelg look even better when it repeatedly handballed and kicked to opposition play-

lifted the Tigers repeatedly.

He took an amazing 17 marks — most of them under pressure — and made full use of 23 kicks, 10 hit-outs, five handballs. He was rewarded with three goals.

Glenelg captain Paul Weston provided much sting at centre half-forward and proved an enormous headache for Peter Beythien who was too slow off the mark.

David Holst controlled the centre and fed running Tigers while David Marshall injected plenty of drive into attack from his wing.

Carey took strong marks around the ground and rucked well, while McGuinness produced his usual dash and was elusive.

Glenelg's defence was rock solid. It worked well as a unit and was disciplined. Rated highly were Peter Maynard and Stephen Barratt.

Half-back John McFarlane was forced off with a shoulder injury and concussion in the third term and is doubtful for next Saturday's first semi-final against today's winner of the qualifying final.

Rover John Platten was easily Central's best player.

Again he showed great desperation and courage, and was creative with 24 kicks.

The Bulldogs had few other winners, but of those who were persistent and battled well, half-back William Hurn and captain Dean Mobbs were amongst them.

Mobbs started at half-forward and later went into the centre in a bid to contain Holst.

Central could not complain about the umpires, Des Foster and Rick Kinnear. It received 44 frees compared with Glenelg's 26.



Stephen Kernahan

ers, put the ball to the ground and dribbled kicks off their boots.

The turning point came when Wright left the field. Glenelg kicked two quick goals to race to a 25-point lead.

Central had the chance to keep within reach moments later when half-forward Geoff Gillies ran towards goal and missed an easy chance. Glenelg rebounded and within a minute rover Tony McGuinness kicked one of his five goals.

Coach Daryl Hicks made many moves throughout the match but all were in vain. Glenelg was simply too strong, fast and classy in most positions.

Best afield was Stephen Kernahan whose brilliance and coolness under pressure is becoming more remarkable every match.

Switching at full forward and in ruck with Peter Carey, Kernahan



Tony McGuinness

## Tony tip for medal

By Trevor Gill

Glenelg's explosive young rover Tony McGuinness is a 6/4 favorite to win the 1982 Magarey Medal.

Latest betting charts put McGuinness clear of his nearest rivals, Sturt's Michael Graham and South Adelaide's Mark Naley.

Graham, winner of The News Coopers \$2000 Jervis Cup, and Naley — runner up for the Magarey Medal last year — both are 3/1.

The medal winner will be announced on Monday night in a special presentation at the Old Lion Hotel, North Adelaide.

## Chance

The medal count will be televised live from 9.30 pm.

There are a number of "dark horses" for the medal this year and book-makers are not risking any of the star players at big odds.

Port's Greg Phillips is an 8/1 chance, ahead of North's John Riley 10/1, West's Ian Borchard 12/1, while Central's John Platten and Glenelg's Stephen Kernahan are both 15/1 pops.

West Torrens' Kym Dillon won the SANFL Reserves Magarey Medal after voting last week.

Woodville's Steven Goldsworthy won the Tomkins Medal for the best and fairest in the league's Under 19s competition, and Chris Davies (North Adelaide) won the McCallum Medal for best and fairest in the Under 17s.

## SCOREBOARD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3-4	9-9	15-15	19-21	135
Central	3-0	5-4	9-6	12-13	85

**BEST — GLENELG:** Kernahan, Weston, Holst, Marshall, Carey, Maynard, Barratt, McGuinness. **CENTRAL:** Platten, Hurn, Mobbs, Trigg.

**SCORERS — GLENELG:** McGuinness 5-3; Kerahan 3-4; Weston 3-3; Lunniss 3-1; Carey 1-2; Sewer 1-1; Symonds 1-1; Marshall 1-0; Maynard 0-1; McDermott 0-1; Holst 0-1. **CENTRAL:** Edwards 3-2; Platten 2-1; Krieg 1-1; Moore 1-1; Norsworthy 1-0; Mobbs 1-0; Cousins 1-0; Van Dommele 1-0; Trigg 1-0; Gillies 0-2; Robertson 0-1; Bubner 0-1; Beythien 0-1; rushed 0-3.

**INJURIES — GLENELG:** MacFarlane (shoulder, concussion). **CENTRAL:** McKay (dislocated shoulder, broken collarbone), Wright (knee).

**UMPIRES —** Des Foster, Rick Kinnear. The SA Football League Attendance figures: 23,218.

PERTH: Claremont 18-23, West Perth 13-15.

## The captains and coaches

**DARYL HICKS —** "We were beaten by the better side on the day. Congratulations to Glenelg. The injuries we suffered early were fairly critical and we did not have the flexibility from then on. We lost confidence, the bounce of the ball did not go our way, while Glenelg made front spot and were too competitive."

**JOHN HALBERT —** "We were the underdogs and rightly so after Central won seven games in a row. But I was confident, and so were the players, that we were good enough to win."

"I was not happy with the last 15 minutes — fiddling around with the ball and dropping marks — but apart from that it was a pleasing performance."



PAUL WESTON, above. "It was an excellent victory apart from our last 15 minutes."

**DEAN MOBBS —** "They were too good. Glenelg was more desperate, they ran harder and worked harder and had a key centre half forward in Paul Weston."

## Premiership Table at End of Minor Round

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agnt	Pts	%
Port	22	16	5	1	2626	2073	33	55.88
Norwood	22	15	7	-	2749	2114	30	56.53
Sturt	22	15	7	-	3010	2333	30	56.34
Glenelg	22	13	8	1	2826	2411	27	53.96
Centrals	22	13	9	-	2839	2435	26	53.83
West	22	13	9	-	2816	2602	26	51.97
North	22	10	12	-	2663	2697	20	49.68
South	22	8	14	-	2124	2375	16	47.21
Torrens	22	5	17	-	2030	3274	10	38.27
Woodville	22	1	21	-	2047	3416	2	37.47

<b>Elimination Final:</b>	Glenelg	19 - 21	d.	Centrals	12 - 13
<b>Qualifying Final:</b>	Norwood	11 - 17	d.	Sturt	10 - 15
<b>First Semi Final:</b>	Glenelg	15 - 17	d.	Sturt	9 - 18
<b>Second Semi Final:</b>	Norwood	19 - 6	d.	Port	14 - 17
<b>Preliminary Final:</b>	Glenelg	13 - 12	d.	Port	14 - 5

## MacFarlane likely to miss

GLENELG half-back John McFarlane seems certain to miss next Saturday's first semi-final because of concussion and a shoulder injury.

He collided with an opponent in the third term and showed courage when he continued to fight for the ball and eventually smother it, preventing a Central run-on.

McFarlane collapsed in agony after the effort and was carried off the field on a stretcher.

Central back pocket Ian McKay suffered a dislocated left shoulder and a broken collarbone late in the first quarter.

He was in an ambulance which started to head for a hospital in

Hindmarsh when it was called back to take another passenger — Michael Wright who again damaged his left knee.

Both had operations last night. The smallest margin in the elimination final in the past five years has been 33 points when Norwood beat West Adelaide last year. — ASHLEY PORTER.