

FOOTBALL '82

LEAGUE DETAILS

GRAND CENTRAL STEAMS AHEAD!

West Adelaide faces last-minute threat

Football season '82 has developed into the charge of the Bulldogs.

The incredible succession of victories by Central has left it just two points out of the five with two minor round matches left in which to seize a finals berth.

And the side it has under immediate siege is West Adelaide, which lost its vital game against Port Adelaide yesterday.

West faces further formidable clashes with Sturt and Norwood.

The 109-point victory over Glenelg yesterday was a sensational effort by the Bulldogs and they loom as a very definite threat to the five league leaders.

From almost no chance of making the major round

By Trevor Gill

last month they have strung amazing wins over Sturt (two points), South (27 points), North (eight points), West (14 points) and now Glenelg.

The loss by Glenelg saw it fall from the coveted third spot and the Tigers are left fighting again for the double chance in the finals.

Port is yet to meet Norwood and Glenelg in the final two minor round matches, but is three points plus percentage clear at the top of the table.

The battle remains between Sturt, Norwood and Glenelg for the other key positions.



Glenelg's John Seebom is tackled and dropped to the ground by Central's Lindsay Ruciack

A dog day afternoon for the Tigers

By Trevor Gill

Central District is no pretender for a finals berth. And make no mistake . . . if the Bulldogs make it they could steal their first league premiership.

At Glenelg Oval yesterday, Central unleashed a four quarter effort of such devastating effect it left the Tigers helpless.

Before the game, coach Daryl Hicks prowled among his players insisting they were yet to produce their best.

Each one responded with such relentless determination Glenelg could only watch in horror as goal after goal deepened its misery.

And if it was Central's best yesterday, look out any side which dares to underestimate the single-minded determination of that team.

Glenelg, apart from a belated uprising early in the final term which almost took it by surprise, was dismal against the assault.

If not for a lion-hearted effort by young ruckman Stephen Kernahan, the situation could have been even worse for the Tigers.

Kernahan's four-quarter effort, in the absence of suspended Peter Carey, was outstanding, gaining 18 kicks, 13 marks and 28 hit-outs.

And the only player who effectively gave him total support in the latter stages was follower Chris McDermott.

Exceptional

The Bulldogs, on the other hand, had winners everywhere, led by the

Greg aims for a 'ton'

A magnificent 11-goal effort in Central Districts' stunning victory over Glenelg yesterday established young full-forward Greg "Meggsy" Edwards as the Bulldogs' greatest league goal-kicker.

Edwards slammed through 11.2, taking his season's tally to 92.44.

This surpasses the 91.43 kicked by former full forward Garry Jones in 1971, and gives Edwards a real chance to boot 100 goals this season with two minor round matches remaining.

The Bulldogs also have a great opportunity of stealing a place in the finals, and this enhances Edwards' quest for the magical "ton."

His 11 yesterday also equalled the goalkicking record set in a match by big Garry Jones against South Adelaide in 1971.

It has been a goal feast for forwards this season with Port's Tim Evans already past the 100, and Woodville's Trevor Pierson poised on 87.

Pierson will be hunting for goals today in the match against North at Football Park.

The effort of Edwards this season has been outstanding because he worked his way back into the league season recently after being relegated through poor form to the reserves.

— TREVOR GILL

Central 30-18, Glenelg 13-11

brilliant attacking network of Greg Edwards and Michael Wright.

Edwards booted 11 goals and Wright six, yet they paved the way for many more from a host of super-charged running players, like rovers John Platten and Mark Norworthy, wingman Peter Vivian, and utility Lindsay Ruciack.

Captain Dean Mobbs bumped and barged his way forward in a tireless, inspirational effort; at centre Peter Krieg was brilliant; and the defence was faultless, except for a brief period in the final term.

Backmen like William Hurn, Jamie Thomas, Neil Besanko and Peter Beythien led the resistance.

Coach Daryl Hicks also made excellent use of ruckmen Terry Moore, back to his best, and young Richard Cousins.

It was an exceptional effort by the Bulldogs, and one which prompted Hicks

to say after the game " . . . in the words of Rocky III, we have the eye of the Tiger."

For Glenelg it was pure humiliation.

When was the last time the Tigers, last year's grand finalists, were kicked off the ground in such a manner?

It was severely beaten in key positions. Full forward and full back remain a problem, and the side desperately needs Carey back to assist the gallant young Kernahan.

Coach John Halbert, the epitome of ecstasy the week before against Norwood, was locked in inquest with his lieutenants immediately after the match.

It was a game which brought the side down to earth with a thud, and one which proved the Bays perhaps would not want to meet Central in the major round.



Michael Wright . . . part of an attacking network



Daryl Hicks . . . prowled among his players

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	5-4	9-5	19-9	22-12	144
South	2-4	5-10	8-10	11-19	85

BEST — NORWOOD: K. Thomas, McIntosh, Jenkins, Jarvis, Roberts, Button, Neagle, G. Thomas. SOUTH: Butler, Fairclough, S. Palmer, White, P. Brooksby, Schneebichler.

SCORERS — NORWOOD: Roberts 5.4, K. Thomas 4.0, G. Thomas 3.3, Button 3.1, Neagle 3.0, Turbill 2.0, Jenkins 1.0, McIntosh 1.0, M. Aish 0.1, Jarvis 0.1, A. Aish 0.1; rushed 0.1. SOUTH: Schneebichler 3.3, Naley 3.0, Hawkins 2.0, Fairclough 1.3, Bennett 1.0, Darren Kappler 1.0, Hewitt 0.4, Would 0.2, Butler 0.2, Conder 0.1, G. Brooksby 0.1, Baynes 0.1; rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES.—Laurie Argent, Brenton O'Connor.

ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4-2	7-5	11-9	20-12	132
West	2-4	5-11	10-15	14-17	101

BEST. — PORT: Leslie, Huppatz, Phillips, Johnston, Giles, Hughes, R. Ebert. WEST: Borchard, Morris, Fielke, De Jong, Bennett, Watson.

SCORERS. — PORT: Evans 5.1, Gill 3.3, Huppatz 3.0, Natt 2.1, C. Ebert 2.0, Hofner 2.0, Phillips 1.1, Bradley 1.1, Kinnear 1.0, Belton 0.1, Granger 0.1, James 0.1, Cunningham 0.1, rushed 0.1. WEST: Luders 4.1, Morris 3.2, Falting 2.2, Bennett 1.1, Grosser 1.0, De Jong 1.0, Burton 1.0, Fielke 1.0, Lindner 0.8, Watson 0.1, Kenedy 0.1, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES. — Peter Mead, Des Foster.

GLENELG OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Central	9-5	14-11	23-16	30-18	198
Glenelg	1-3	5-4	5-8	13-11	89

BEST. — CENTRAL: Krieg, Edwards, Platten, Wright, Hurn, Thomas, Moore, Trigg. GLENELG: Kernahan, McDermott.

SCORERS. — CENTRAL: Edwards 11.2, Wright 6.4, Robertson 3.0, Ruciack 2.2, Mobbs 2.1, Vivian 2.0, Trigg 1.2, Norworthy 1.2, Platten 1.1, Wilson 1.0, Van Dommele 0.2, rushed 0.3. GLENELG: McGuinness 3.1, Symonds 2.2, Duthy 2.0, Seebom 2.0, Hercock 1.1, Weston 1.0, Cornes 1.0, Hewitt 1.0, Kernahan 0.1, McDermott 0.1, Paynter 0.1, Lunnis 0.1, rushed 0.3.

Umpires.—R. Kinear, R. Scholefield.

THEBARTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3-4	10-11	17-19	28-25	193
Torrens	3-2	4-4	6-10	9-11	65

BEST. — STURT: Motley, Graham, Spiel, Radbone, Paech, Derrington. TORRENS: Philipou, Flew, Warden, Downie, Inglis, Hanna.

SCORERS. — STURT: Heinrich 5.2, Davies 5.1, Zilm 3.5, Brown 3.3, Hollis 2.3, Graham 2.2, Derrington 2.2, Craig 2.1, Motley 2.0, Smith 1.2, Radbone 1.1, Spiel 0.1, rushed 0.2. TORRENS: Warden 4.1, Philipou 2.0, Johnston 1.1, Collier 1.1, Stretch 1.0, Hanna 0.2, Tripp 0.2, Downie 0.1, Hill 0.1, Inglis 0.1, Flew 0.1.

UMPIRES. — John Hylton, Neville Thorp.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Port	15	4	1	2418	1795	31	57.39
Sturt	14	6	—	2706	2092	28	56.40
Norwood	13	7	—	2403	1960	26	55.08
Glenelg	12	7	1	2583	2212	25	53.87
West	12	8	—	2603	2311	24	52.97
Central	11	9	—	2513	2243	22	52.84
*North	8	11	—	2171	2360	16	47.91
South	7	13	—	1944	2144	14	47.55
Torrens	5	15	—	1845	2847	10	39.32
*Woodville	1	18	—	1710	2932	2	36.84

* Play today

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yest	Total
Evans (Port)	18	5-1	108-41
Edwards (Central)	17	11-2	92-47
Pierson (Woodville)	19	—	87-32
Davies (Sturt)	19	5-1	80-47
Wright (Central)	18	6-4	69-45
Luders (West)	20	4-1	67-39

CROWDS

Football Park	7902
Alberton	9852
Thebarton	5316
Glenelg	Not available
Total	23,070

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY.—South v Glenelg (Football Park), Central v Woodville (Elizabeth), Norwood v Port (Norwood), North v West Torrens (Prospect). SUNDAY.—Sturt v West (Adelaide).