

YES, THE HICKS BOYS MAKE GRADE



Sorry
Kerls, it's
all over
for now

Central District, riding the crest of a wave, blasted their way into the 1982 finals yesterday and will meet Glenelg in next Saturday's elimination final.

Central clinched fifth place when they annihilated a disappointing West Torrens and West Adelaide crashed to a marauding Norwood.

The qualifying final a week today will be between Norwood and Sturt.

Port Adelaide, who comfortably beat Glenelg yesterday, will have a bye next week having finished minor premiers.

Dented

Central's 20-goal victory over West Torrens made them favorites for the elimination final

against Glenelg whose confidence was badly dented by Port Adelaide.

Central, who were given little chance of making the finals five weeks ago, were never in doubt yesterday after a slow start.

It was their seventh win in a row.

One of those victories, a fortnight ago, was over Glenelg at Glenelg Oval and no doubt a lot of thinking will go on in the Tiger camp this week in an attempt to come up with a formula to reverse that result.

And it will take a mammoth effort from the Tigers who lacked purpose and could not match Port's run on players yesterday.

It was the same type of football that Centrals will serve up in the elimination final.

While Centrals were grabbing a finals berth Norwood were reinforcing their current favoritism for the flag.

Clinched

The Redlegs easily accounted for a disappointing West and should have won by much more.

Norwood coach Neil Balme agreed that his side began well but felt their total game was not particularly good.

Nevertheless he was pleased with the overall result for the season which ensured Norwood finished in the top three clinching a second chance in the finals.

"That is what we aimed for," Balme said after the game.

The stage is now set for an exciting finals round as all the teams in the finals have scored wins over their opponents at some stage.

Magpies' smiles tell story

The smile on the faces of Port Adelaide selectors "Big Bob" McLean and Dave Boyd at half-time, were indicative of all Port supporters who sow a far different Port Adelaide team deal harshly with a disappointing Glenelg.

Port's reversal from last week's debacle at Norwood was amazing.

There was the dedication, purpose, aggressiveness and pressure, typical of a mean Magpie approach.

Glenelg, on the other hand, was tentative and lacked the fluency of its normal game.

There were last minute changes to both teams — Cunningham (flu) and Leslie (knee) were both withdrawals from Port with Craig Ebert going into the 20, while Glenelg replaced Hine who injured a hamstring playing squash, with Duthie.

Forced

Port's placement of Robertson on the wing was surprising but not successful.

The first quarter was a battle of defences.

The Eays early repeatedly drove goalward only to see the old firm of Phillips, Giles, Hofner, Hughes and Eckermann, plus rookie John Harvey, who looked cool and calm throughout his first league match, force the ball back time and time again.

Glenelg's defence was good early with MacFarlane, Cornes, Barratt, Maynard and Kuhlmann keeping Port under pressure.

Port 20-15, Glenelg 13-15



Bob McLean

At quarter time Port led 6-6 to 3-2 — a lead not relinquished during the game.

The loss of McDermott was a blow to Glenelg and he obviously carried an injury when he returned to the field.

Johnston gradually got on top in the ruck, particularly after the first half when Kernahan looked good.

Even Carey failed to contain Johnston who repeatedly drove Port away from centre with accurate taps to smaller players, excellent handball and long kicking.

Glenelg did not have an effective forward.

Port was sure-handed in defence and attack while Glenelg fumbled repeatedly.

Port could have been in trouble when Phillips received an injury during the third quarter, which took him out of the play, while Glenelg frittered away many opportunities shooting for goal.

The last quarter was all Port — Belton, Kinnear and Bradley became constructive, while Ebert, who had been held by Holst, got on top and created many opportunities for Port Adelaide, while Glenelg except for a short burst when McGuinness and Sewer scored four goals, looked slow and disappointing at this vital stage of the season.

Coach John Halbert has problems, and he knows it.

Port slowly started to slip into gear, with goals from Evans (2), Belton (2), Agius and Huppertz one each, with Agius providing drive across the half forward line and the great roving of veteran Ray Huppertz who showed all the value of his vast experience.

Injury

Special mention must be made of the magnificent Greg Phillips who welcomed his return to his home at centre half back where he would not let a Glenelg player touch the ball or encroach on his personal territory.

He was superb, at his best, as the finest centre half-back in Australia.

Port looked good as the quarter progressed.

It had players at the fall of the ball and it had running players who made Glenelg look lethargic.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	6-6	10-9	14-11	20-15	135
Glenelg	3-2	5-9	8-12	13-15	93

BEST — PORT: Huppertz, Phillips, Johnston, Eckermann, Hughes, Hofner, Bradley, Belton, Agius. **GLENELG:** Maynard, Holst, Carey, McGuinness, Paynter, Kernahan. **GOALKICKERS — PORT:** Evans 6, Belton 4, Agius 4, Huppertz 2, Kinnear 2, Bradley, Harris. **GLENELG:** Weston 2, Sewer 2, McGuinness 2, Lunnis, Farquhar, Paynter, Kernahan, Casey, Symons, McDermott. **UMPIRES:** L. Argent, B. O'Connor.

ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Central	6-4	13-7	21-10	32-12	204
Torrens	3-2	8-6	11-7	12-10	82

BEST — CENTRAL: Gillies, Mobbs, Trigg, Robertson, Bubner, Cousins. **TORRENS:** Hanna, Enright, Johnston, Stretch, Baratt. **GOALKICKERS — CENTRAL:** Gillies 5, Wright 4, Norworthy 4, Platten 4, Edwards 3, Robertson 3, Cousins 3, Mobbs 2, Krieg, Vivian, Von Dommele, Ruckack. **TORRENS:** Phillipou 2, Green 2, Downie, Johnston, Hill, Worden, Stretch, Enright, Dillon, Collier. **UMPIRES:** R. Kinnear, R. Schotefeld.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	4-2	9-2	11-4	18-8	116
North	2-3	4-5	9-10	11-15	81

BEST — SOUTH: Fairclough, White, Honor, Naley, Hartley, Baynes, Hawkins. **NORTH:** Phillips, Antrobus, Dietrich, Tiller, Riley, Lohan. **GOALKICKERS — SOUTH:** Reynolds, Schneebichler 3, Baynes 2, Dawkins 2, Fairclough, G. Brooksbey, D. Kapper, Wachtel, Naley, Bennett, Would. **NORTH:** Dietrich 6, Phillips 2, L. Stanbridge, Clisby, Tiller. **REPORTS — R. Hateley (South) and B. Phillips (North) by field umpire J. Hylton for striking.** **UMPIRES — John Hylton, Tony Hudson.**

NORWOOD OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	9-3	14-3	18-9	25-11	161
West	1-2	3-11	6-14	10-21	81

BEST — NORWOOD: McIntosh, Keith Thomas, Turbill, Thiele, Roberts, G. Thomas. **WEST:** Borchard, Kantilaitas, Fielke, Burgess, Bennett. **GOALKICKERS — NORWOOD:** Neagle 5, Turbill 5, K. Thomas 4, Michalannev 4, Roberts 4, G. Thomas, Jarvis, McIntosh. **WEST:** Wells 2, Williams 2, Rechner 2, Morris, Lindner, Bennett, Borchard. **UMPIRES:** D. Foster, P. Mead.

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	7-2	14-5	22-13	26-18	174
Woodville	3-1	6-2	11-4	17-7	109

BEST STURT: Motley, Graham, Davies, Hutton, Heinrich, Paech. **WOODVILLE:** Simons, Harradine, Beecroft, M. Parker, Scheer, Matheson. **GOALKICKERS — STURT:** Davies 10, Graham 3, Hewish 2, Zubrinich 3, Heinrich 2, Howard 2, Brown, Wilson, Radbone. **WOODVILLE:** Fuller 4, Pierson 3, Simson 3, Scheer 2, Dowsett 2, Beecroft, Harradine, Matheson. **UMPIRES:** R. Charlesworth, G. Hilton.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts	%
Port	16	5	1	2626	2673	33	55.88
Norwood	15	7	—	2749	2114	30	56.53
Sturt	15	7	—	3010	2333	30	56.34
Glenelg	13	8	1	2826	2411	27	53.96
Central	13	9	—	2839	2435	26	53.83
West	13	9	—	2816	2602	26	51.97
North	10	12	—	2663	2697	20	50.32
South	8	14	—	2124	2375	16	47.21
Torrens	5	17	—	2030	3274	10	38.27
Woodville	1	21	—	2047	3416	2	37.47

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yest	Total
Evans (Port)	20	6	116
Pierson (Woodville)	21	3	104
Edwards (Central)	19	3	101
Davies (Sturt)	20	10	92
Wright (Central)	20	4	76
Roberts (Norwood)	19	4	72

CROWDS

Football Park	17858
Elizabeth	6927
Norwood	11678
Unley	5347
Adelaide	3606
TOTAL	45416

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY — Elimination final: Central v Glenelg (Football Park.)
SUNDAY — Qualifying final: Norwood v Sturt (Football Park.)