

We deserve it, declares triumphant Campbell

THE Tigers have leaped into top spot for the first time in three seasons and are roaring following yesterday's crushing victory over Central District at Football Park.

And an ecstatic coach Graham Campbell immediately launched an attack on the critics who doubted whether Glenelg could handle the pressure.

"We have not played a bad game this season. We are top and we deserve to be there, its simple arithmetic," he declared.

But in the next changeroom, the scene resembled a wake as Central coach Kevin Neale conceded it was the Bulldogs' worst result this season.

It saw them plummet to fourth position behind South Adelaide on percentage, and raised doubts

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whether they would really be a threat in the major round.

"I thought we looked beaten after 10 minutes of play. They made their minds up halfway through the first quarter they were fired and could not contest," Neale said.

"We had worked hard at training, the feeling before the game was good, yet we went out there down in spirit and confidence."

Surprisingly, the atmosphere was subdued at Unley after Sturt caused an upset by beating Norwood by eight points, ending the Blues' shocking losing run.

Norwood coach Neil Balme was naturally angry and puzzled at the loss, but the Redlegs should still make the finals.

They are two wins ahead of West Adelaide with three rounds remaining. Norwood plays West, North and South, while the Bloods meet Norwood, South and Sturt.

Torrens beat Woodville by 28 points in a disappointing game. Torrens ruckman Jeff Sarau was reported by field umpire Daryl Schramm for allegedly striking an unnamed Woodville player with his right elbow during the final term.

Sarau was one of the Eagles' best in his comeback after missing four matches with a broken collarbone.

Glenelg could rest Stephen Copping for a couple of weeks. He has been carrying a groin injury for some weeks. Campbell said the club would review his situation during the week.

Looking at the next round, the big showdown will be between Glenelg and South at the Bay. The Panthers looked as if they had little hope of gaining a double chance a few weeks back, but they would be a contender for the minor premiership if they beat Glenelg.

Only one victory and percentage separates the top four sides, and of them, Port Adelaide appears to have the best draw as it plays Woodville, Sturt, and Torrens.

League details

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	4-5	6-7	11-11	15-14	104
Central	2-2	2-4	3-6	9-9	63

BEST—GLENELG: McDermott, S. Kernahan, Carey, W. Stringer, Sallsbury, Seebohm, Symonds, Marshall. CENTRAL: P. Bubner, Platten, Beythien, Prior.

SCORERS—GLENELG: S. Kernahan 3.5; Marshall 2.2. Campbell 2.0, Copping 2.0, Gibbs 1.1, Carey 1.1, McDermott 1.1, A. Stringer 1.1, Talbot 1.0, McGuinness 1.0, Kuhlmann 0.1, rushed 0.2. CENTRAL: Platten 3.2, Wilson 2.2, Fraser 2.1, Norsworthy 1.0, P. Graham 1.0, Krieg 0.1, D. Bubner 0.1, Nolan 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES—GLENELG: Holst (calf), McGuinness (virus). Copping (groin).

UMPIRES—Rio Charlesworth, Rick Kinnear.

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	5-2	6-3	10-8	14-11	95
Norwood	2-3	8-8	11-9	13-9	87

BEST—STURT: Motley, Craig, McPhee, Leonard, Zubrinich. NORWOOD: Aish, K. Thomas, Gallagher, McIntosh, Michalannev.

SCORERS—STURT: Willmott 4.2, Hargreaves 2.2, Fry 2.1, Craig 1.1, Smith 1.1, Motley 1.0, Zubrinich 1.0, Derrington 1.0, Brown 1.0, Radbone 0.1, Paech 0.1, rushed 0.2. NORWOOD: Aish 5.0, Roberts 3.0, K. Thomas 2.1, Jenkins 1.1, Michalannev 1.1, Hall 1.0, Fosdike 0.1, Jarvis 0.1, G. Thomas 0.1.

INJURIES—STURT: Paech (hamstring strain), Barbary (knee), Smith (hip), Fry (hamstring strain).

UMPIRES—Laurie Argent, Jim Field.

WOODVILLE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	1-3	6-7	11-18	13-24	102
Woodville	5-3	8-4	9-5	11-10	76

BEST—TORRENS: Sims, Sarau, Hill, Matheson, Lindsay, Hanna, Cunningham, Schimmelbusch, Stretch. WOODVILLE: Blight, Wright, Koop, McDonald, Parker.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Roberts 3.5, Hill 3.4, Dillon 2.2, Taylor 2.1, Hanna 2.0, Schimmelbusch 1.3, Matheson 0.2, Turner 0.2, Sims 0.2, rushed 0.3. WOODVILLE: Blight 5.4, Wood 1.1, Jacquier 1.1, Koop 1.1, Parker 1.0, McDonald 1.0, Wright 1.0, Fuller 0.1, Hezney 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES—WOODVILLE: Harris (ankle). REPORT—TORRENS: Sarau, by field umpire Daryl Schramm for allegedly striking an unnamed Woodville player with a right elbow during the final quarter.

UMPIRES—Daryl Schramm, Peter Francis.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yest	Total
T. Evans (Port)	19	—	108-35
G. Dietrich (North)	18	—	91-37
R. Davies (Sturt)	18	—	79-44
N. Roberts (Norwood)	16	3-0	70-29
B. Beecroft (Woodville)	13	—	70-26
R. Luders (West)	17	—	68-36
W. Wilson (Central)	19	2-2	61-27
D. Harris (South)	13	—	53-25

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	F	A	Pts	%
GLENELG	14	5	2402	1975	28	54.38
PORT	14	5	2292	1888	28	54.33
SOUTH	13	6	2247	1778	26	55.83
CENTRAL	13	6	2168	1813	26	54.36
NORWOOD	10	9	2100	2179	20	49.08
WEST	8	11	2095	2282	16	47.86
STURT	7	12	2164	2402	14	46.78
NORTH	6	13	2186	2113	12	50.85
TORRENS	6	13	1996	2491	12	41.48
WOODVILLE	4	15	2165	2808	8	43.54

CROWDS

Football Park	9656
Unley	5792
Woodville	2285

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY: Torrens v Central (Football Park), Glenelg v South (Glenelg), Sturt v North (Unley), Woodville v Port (Woodville). SUNDAY: Norwood v West (Norwood).

BAY OH BOY, WHAT A CANING

Central District should have been in Sydney yesterday competing in the Australian schoolboy championships.

Instead, the lads turned up at Football Park posing as a premiership threat and were taught a lesson on how to play pressure football by a master, Glenelg.

And what made Central's dismal effort even more shameful was the fact it was a clash between two of our so-called top teams, and the public paid money to see it.

Harsh words indeed, but the Bulldogs were pathetic and deserve caning. It was schoolboy stuff.

Unfortunately, their ineptitude took something away from Glenelg's fine effort.

The Tigers deserved to be top because of their ability to compete at a standard expected of SA's best.

It was obvious after only 10 minutes Central would lose. It was tentative going for the ball, lacked confidence, and fumbled.

In contrast, Glenelg looked like a professional. It wanted the ball badly, and its tight, disciplined defence gave the forwards every opportunity.

Rarely has a side, masquerading as the second best team on the ladder before the round, been made to look so bad.

But enough of Central. Let's talk about Glenelg, after all, it is now in the front-running for the minor premiership.

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One word sums up where it won—everywhere. Its defence held Central to a miserable two points in the second term when it had use of a strong wind.

The teamwork, back-up and discipline was outstanding.

Each defender contributed greatly... Wayne Stringer, John Seebohm, John MacFarlane, Scott Sallsbury, Chris Duthy, and Ross Gibbs.

In fact, Central's 9-9 was the lowest score kicked against Glenelg this season. And six of those goals came in the last quarter when the match was all but over.

Glenelg clearly won across centre with Stephen Talbot, David Marshall, and Tony Symonds.

The attack was also potent with running players charging and Stephen Kernahan grabbing 14 marks.

Penetrated

The real strength of the Tigers came from follower Chris McDermott, Kernahan and Peter Carey. Their efforts in forcing the ball out of the square were magnifi-



Stephen Kernahan

cent, and Central found no answer.

Of course, that does not leave many players unmentioned, and neither should it because it was a fantastic team effort.

Rover Tony McGuinness and forward Stephen Copping did not make a big impact, but they were ill and injured respectively.

Central had few contributors — as if you had not guessed by now. Peter Bubner and John Platten were on top of the short list.

The Bulldog defence tried hard, but with the ball going down to that area so often, it was no wonder it was penetrated.

It was Central's forward lines which let the side down so badly, and the inability to work the ball out of the square consistently.



"Well done!"... that was the obvious thing Glenelg coach Graham Campbell said to Chris McDermott, best on ground, after the match against Central District.