

All the details

GENERAL LIFTOUT Sport

Open assault for finals

Glenelg and Central District yesterday sank their teeth into the premiership table and created even more uncertainty with only six rounds before the finals.

The Tigers showed the high-flying Roosters were beatable with a stunning seven point triumph at Prospect to leap to third spot on the ladder.

And, as expected, Central District toppled West Torrens by 34 points at Football Park to move from seventh to fifth place, forcing West Adelaide out of the five.

This left the Eagles languishing at the bottom, and to make things worse, their captain, Bruce Lindsay, suffered a shoulder injury late in the game.

He will have X-rays and is not expected to play against Sturt at Thebarton this week. Paul Pisaní is also doubtful after suffering a hamstring injury.

North, despite its fourth loss for the season, remains two victories clear on the ladder.

But the significance was that Glenelg is far from a "spent force," which seemed the case before it made its fantastic recovery by winning six of its past seven matches.

The battle for the final five will become more intense this week, and if you study the premiership table, it will again be shaken. — ASHLEY PORTER.

Tigers triumph in classic

The North Adelaide-Glenelg clash at Prospect yesterday was almost the perfect advertisement for Australian football at its best.

It was highly skilled, fast and involved men with the courage and confidence to commit themselves physically and mentally to a common goal of winning.

By Gordon Campbell

forward John Seeborn kicked the goal that gave Glenelg a 25-point lead half-way through the final term could you confidently say: "It's all over."

Responded

Like the highly competitive side it is, North responded five minutes later with three goals in two minutes from the immensely talented Darren Jarman, Antrobus, and rover Darel Hart.

And then, like the polished, steady team Glenelg is, it countered with a united force that quelled the Roosters' momentum for the remaining six or seven minutes of the thrilling game.

There is no doubt the better side won.

That Glenelg was only marginally better on the day is not important — it won.

And those North supporters who argue that Glenelg had 10 more free kicks should realise the Tigers probably deserved them. Above all, those frees did not affect the result of the game.

The game started in predictable fashion — the last second switch of Scott Salisbury from the inter-

change bench onto the field to tag Antrobus before the siren started the match.

"Blind Freddy" knew it would happen. So much for the element of surprise!

Goals were plentiful in the first term — 11 in the first 20 minutes and 16 altogether.

Marvel

Hall was a marvel with his three goals and some brilliant handpasses which rivalled the disposals from Antrobus for sheer precision.

Glenelg's magnificent All-Australian Chris McDermott won the 'hypocrisy award' for the game with his gesture early in the second term.

He conned Antrobus into a minor fight that won umpires' attention. Seconds later he put his arms around the fiery 'Ant' in a surprising gesture of friendliness.

But it was McDermott and the irrepressible Peter Maynard who teamed with Hall to win many possessions and end the stalemate which had developed before half-time.

Maynard's performance was all heart, apart from the occasional "act" in front of umpires to win a favorable verdict.

But the man who in the second term showed he was potentially the greatest of those 40 players yesterday was Darren Jarman.

His nonchalant 50-metre drop punt goal from his wrong foot deep on a half-forward flank had to be seen to be believed.

He bettered that expertise seconds later with a 'dummy' handpass to team-mate John Riley that would have made an American grid-iron quarterback or full-back glow with satisfaction.

Glenelg skipper Carey continued to have a major influence in the second half with winning hit-outs and North opted not to counter him with full forward Mike Redden, who is still being eased into senior football following a knee problem.

The Tigers worked slightly harder than North in the third quarter, but still led by only six points at the last change.

Wingman Matt Campbell and key forward Peter Bennett also lifted their workrate for the Roosters.

Rover Phil Reid booted a goal early in the final quarter that gave Glenelg the initiative for the first time in the match.

PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Glenelg.	8-2	11-3	16-6	19-9	123
North ..	8-4	12-8	14-12	17-14	116

BEST — GLENELG: McDermott, Hall, Maynard, Carey, Reid, Murphy, A. Stringer, Grenvold. NORTH: D. Jarman, Antrobus, Campbell, A. Jarman, Bennett, Tiller, Hart.

SCORERS — GLENELG: Hall 5.1, Seeborn 3.4, McDermott 2.1, Marshall 2.1, Copping 2.0, Maynard 2.0, Reid 2.0, A. Stringer 1.0, Symonds 0.2. NORTH: Poynton 3.3, Antrobus 3.0, Redden 3.0, D. Jarman 2.1, Hart 1.1, Klomp 1.1, Carlaw 1.1, Bennett 1.1, Campbell 1.0, Parsons 1.0, A. Jarman 0.2, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES — GLENELG: Reid (split webbing, left hand). UMPIRES — Rick Kinnear, Jim Field.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Central.	1-4	8-9	12-11	15-11	101
Torrens.	1-4	4-6	5-9	9-13	67

BEST — CENTRAL: Prior, van Dommele, Hannam, Shields, Krieg, Hurn, Cousins, McGrath, Little. TORRENS: Sims, Payne, Hanna, C. Lindsay, Geyer, B. Lindsay.

SCORERS — CENTRAL: Mandemaker 5.1, Braddy 2.0, Nolan 2.0, Krieg 2.0, Flintoff 1.1, Bubner 1.1, Roe 1.1, Robertson 1.0, Shields 0.1, Trigg 0.1, rushed 0.5. TORRENS: — Panagaris 3.3, Cunningham 3.2, B. Lindsay 1.1, Hanna 1.0, Smith 1.0, McIndoe 0.3, Weston 0.1, Rendell 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — TORRENS: Pisaní (hamstring), B. Lindsay (shoulder).

UMPIRES — David Crase and David Weston.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Y'day	Total
L. Wilmott (Sturt)	13	.	58.31
G. Dietrich (North)	8	.	53.19
R. Davies (South)	13	.	52.19
S. Nichols (Woodville)	15	.	51.25
J. Roberts (Torrens)	12	.	43.23
S. Copping (Glenelg)	13	2	39.23
T. Hall (Glenelg)	14	5.1	35.16
R. Pearce (Norwood)	13	.	35.13

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
North	12	4	.	1966	1463	24	57.33
Norwood	10	6	.	1809	1566	20	53.60
Glenelg	9	7	.	1863	1580	18	54.11
Port	9	7	.	1704	1691	18	50.19
Central	8	7	1	1629	1787	17	47.69
West	8	8	.	1898	1763	16	51.84
Woodville	8	8	.	1740	1898	16	47.83
Sturt	7	9	.	1627	1796	14	47.53
South	4	11	1	1647	1846	9	47.15
Torrens	4	12	.	1420	1913	8	42.60

CROWDS

Football Park	5125
Prospect	10,670
Total	15,795

NEXT ROUND

Saturday, August 2 — South v Glenelg (Football Park), West v Woodville (Adelaide), Central v Norwood (Elizabeth), Port v North (Alberton), Torrens v Sturt (Thebarton).

POLICE INVESTIGATE STRINGER 'ASSAULT'

Police last night investigated an assault complaint involving Glenelg centreman Alan Stringer and a spectator moments after the match against North Adelaide at Prospect ended.

Stringer was running off the ground with his teammates when the spectator tried to punch him on the left shoulder.

The Glenelg star parried the blow and appeared to strike the man, aged about 25, with his right hand.

The spectator immediately reported the incident to police who went to the Glenelg change rooms to take statements.

Witnesses, including myself, spoke to a police officer about the attack.

Glenelg officials said they would lodge a counter-assault charge against the spectator if he persisted with one against Stringer.

Within minutes, the spectator told the police officer he would not go ahead with the complaint, but a report was expected to be made by police.

Glenelg won by seven points. It was one of the most spiteful league matches in Adelaide for many years.

Stringer was jeered by fans for most of the game after being involved in incidents, including a bone crunching bump to North's Kim Klomp near the boundary in the second term.

By Ashley Porter



Stringer: Jeered

There were numerous other incidents, caused by players from both sides. I sat near the boundary and clearly saw players kick opponents in the head.

There were at least five reportable offences during the match involving players from both sides but. Amazingly, no reports were lodged by umpires.

There were more head high tackles than in other matches I have seen this season but, in most cases, the appropriate free kicks were awarded by field umpires, Rick Kinnear and Jim Field.



Glenelg veteran David Marshall gets his kick despite a fearsome tackle by Rooster big man Mike Parsons