

Three players reported in spiteful Bay-Central game

Central District	4.3	8.6	13.11	18.12	120
Glenelg	1.5	7.10	9.12	14.14	98

Glenelg's Alan Stringer and Central District's Rene van Dommele and Brendan Little were reported for striking in a bruising, sometimes spiteful league match at Football Park yesterday.

The charges will be heard by league commissioner Brian Martin, QC, tonight.

A crowd of 22,238 (lifting the sixth series total to 39,047) saw yesterday's double-header in which North Adelaide defeated West Torrens by 16 points and Central toppled reigning premier Glenelg by 22 points.

Central's State squad full forward Rudi Mandemaker kicked nine goals — three from full forward in the first quarter, six from centre half-forward in the last three quarters — to leap to the top of the league ladder, with 34 goals — four more than North Adelaide's John Roberts and Port Adelaide's Darren Smith.

Field umpire Ross Campbell reported Stringer for striking Little with a clenched right fist to the back of the head soon after a brief melee involving several players in front of the members' stand early in the third quarter.

In the first quarter, Little had been reported by goal umpire Trevor Deverson for striking Wayne Stringer with a clenched right fist to the left side of the head.

Van Dommele was reported by boundary umpire Peter Harvey in the third quarter for striking an unknown Glenelg player with a right fist to the side of the head.

Coaches Kevin Neale (Central) and

Graham Cornes (Glenelg) rightly stressed satisfaction with their players' "effort" throughout four tough quarters but, as a spectacle between two teams touted as premiers prospects, the match was surprisingly untidy and error-ridden.

Neale, who had accused his players of being "slack" when they lost to Torrens and South Adelaide in the previous two series, said last night: "They kept at it. There was a bit more spirit."

"It was the first step to getting back to where we were earlier in the season. Now I have to work out how to keep 'em going and make sure they give their best all the time."

"We didn't have enough contributors against Torrens and South, but the effort and commitment were good today."

"Our skills were a little ordinary at times. We will improve on that."

"Glenelg got five goals from five of our bad mistakes in the first half. Both sides' players made mistakes, often when they weren't under real pressure."

Cornes said: "I wasn't unhappy with our effort. It was honest. The players wanted to win, but our efficiency was lacking. We didn't use the ball as well as we could have used it."

Glenelg was without nine of its premiers 20 from last year's grand final — Tony Symonds, Wayne Henwood, Chris Duthy and Adam Garton (transferred interstate), Stephen Copping (retired) and Tony Hall, Kym Hodgeman, Max Kruse and Robin Kidney (injured).

Tony MacFavish (feet) and Craig Budarick (shin) also were unavailable yesterday.

Missing so many good players from last season, in addition to Stephen Kernahan and Tony McGuinness from the previous season, and not having

done much compensatory recruiting from outside their club, the Tigers will perform something of a miracle if they retain the flag this year.

However, even with only two wins from six matches, it is too early to discard them as final five contenders. They won only two of their first seven matches last season.

As always, iron man Chris McDermott and indefatigable Peter Carey provided much of Glenelg's inspiration yesterday, and received staunch support from Ross Gibbs (four goals in the last quarter after having defended coolly from a back pocket earlier), Peter Maynard and Scott Salisbury.

Mandemaker's strong marking and kicking gave Central the winning focal point in attack that Glenelg so obviously could not find, thanks to the desperate defensive work of the 'Dogs' rebounding half-backs Phil Graham, Craig Braddy and Mark Prior and a stern last line on which Scott Lee was consistently prominent.

Jamie Thomas's strength, dash and frequent penetration from centre would have impressed the State selectors again, and Greg Smith and David Flintoff pleased Central officials with the disciplined shadowing jobs they performed on McDermott and Maynard.

While Central produced four fairly even quarters, Glenelg wasted too many chances in unproductive first and third terms.

SCORERS — Central: Mandemaker 9.3, Bubner 2.2, Anderson 2.0, Flintoff, J. Thomas, McGrath, Kneg, Shields 1.0, Little, Smith 0.1, rushed 0.5. Glenelg: Gibbs 4.0, Seebohm 3.3, Winton 2.2, Russell, Woodlands 2.1, McDermott 1.0, W. Stringer, A. Stringer, Maynard, Kernahan 0.1.

BEST — Central: Mandemaker, Graham, J. Thomas, Prior, Braddy, Smith, Flintoff, Glenelg: McDermott, Carey, Gibbs, Maynard, Salisbury.

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Premiership table

	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.c.
NORWOOD	4	2	667	590	8	53.06
NORTH	4	2	645	571	8	53.04
CENTRALS	4	3	699	635	8	52.40
WVILLE	4	2	658	635	8	50.89
PORT	3	3	658	581	6	53.11
WEST	3	3	641	745	6	46.25
TORRENS	2	4	590	552	4	51.66
GLENELG	2	4	705	706	4	49.96
STURT	2	4	603	729	4	45.27
SOUTH	2	4	546	668	4	44.98

Attendances

SATURDAY'S TOTAL	16,809
FOOTBALL PARK	22,238
TOTAL	39,047

Leading goalkickers

	Sat.	Total
MANDEMAKER (Central)	9.3	34.14
ROBERTS (North)	6.3	30.15
D. SMITH (Port Adelaide)	4.1	30.7
NICHOLS (Woodville)	4.1	26.10
SEEBOHM (Glenelg)	3.3	25.9
STOECKEL (South)	5.1	21.9
TWOMEY (West)	5.1	19.10

This week's matches

SATURDAY (seventh series): Port v South, Football Park; Sturt v North, Adelaide Oval; Central v West, Elizabeth; Glenelg v Torrens, Glenelg; Norwood v Woodville, Norwood.

Jarman in trophy lead

North Adelaide centreman Andrew Jarman was awarded two votes for *The Advertiser* trophy yesterday, giving him a clear lead with a total of 11 votes.

Jarman previously shared the lead with Norwood's Garry McIntosh.

Voting from the Football Park doubleheader yesterday is:

NORTH v TORRENS	
D. Hart (North)	3
A. Jarman (North)	2
D. Jarman (North)	1

CENTRALS v GLENELG	
R. Mandemaker (Central)	3
C. McDermott (Glenelg)	2
P. Carey (Glenelg)	1

Leaders — 11 A. Jarman (North), 9 G. McIntosh (Norwood), 7 B. Lindsay (Torrens), D. Hart (North), C. McDermott (Glenelg).

CENTRALS GLENELG

Player	Kicks	Mks	H'ball	H.O.
Anderson, S.	4	1	8	
Beythien	7	3	2	15
Braddy	13	5	7	2
Bubner, P.	13	7	—	5
Buckley	5	1	5	
Flintoff	16	4	6	
Graham	19	5	6	
Krieg	6	1	3	
Lee	20	6	8	
Little	6	6	12	
McGrath	3	4	2	
Mandemaker	13	10	1	
Moulds	—	1	4	7
Page	3	4	5	
Prior	12	6	11	
Shields	15	6	3	
Smith	15	6	7	
Thomas, G.	6	2	3	
Thomas, J.	18	4	11	
van Dommele	5	—	8	
Totals	199	82	111	29

Player	Kicks	Mks	H'ball	H.O.
Carey	12	7	8	39
Chigwidden	5	2	10	
Donovan	2	—	7	
Gibbs	19	8	4	
Grenvold	10	2	6	
Hewitt	2	—	4	
Kernahan	10	4	9	
Marshall	14	5	5	
Maynard	22	10	8	
McDermott	24	10	13	
McIndoe	3	1	3	
Murphy	13	6	10	
Russell	7	8	6	2
Salisbury	14	6	12	
Seebohm	7	4	—	
Stringer, A.	5	1	6	
Stringer, W.	14	3	5	
West	2	1	7	5
Winton	10	4	2	
Woodlands	13	4	6	
Totals	210	86	131	46

North	4.7	7.8	12.13	14.13	(97)
Torrens	1.1	5.5	9.8	12.9	(81)

Scorers — North: Roberts 6.3, Slattery 2.1, D. Jarman 2.0, Carlaw 1.1, Parsons, Redden, Sanders, 1.0, A. Jarman 0.2, Sims 0.2, Hart, Roe, Tiller 0.1, rushed 0.1. Torrens: Taylor 2.5, Morphet 2.1, Fotia 2.0, Dietrich 1.2, Christensen, Eichner, Hodson, Payze, Pierson 1.0, Eyles 0.1.

Best — North: Hart, A. Jarman, D. Jarman, Roberts, Bennett, Redden, Slattery. Torrens: Morphet, C. Lindsay, Fotia, Enright, B. Lindsay.

Critical 400th for Super

Glenelg captain Peter Carey will carve another niche in SA football history on Saturday when he becomes the first South Australian to play 400 league games for his club.

But last night Carey, 33, was still trying to come to terms with Glenelg's 22-point loss to Central District at Football Park yesterday — its fourth defeat in the first six series this season.

The Tigers, premiers for the past two seasons, now are languishing in eighth position, ahead of only Sturt and South Adelaide on percentage.

Looking to Saturday's match against West Torrens at Glenelg Oval, Carey said: "It's a critical game now. We've just got to win."

"I'm finding it harder now. I've got to put more into it."

"I'm pretty definite this will be my last season."

What would he do without football next year?

"Have a rest," he said, smiling that big grin of his. "But I'd like to retain some involvement with the club."

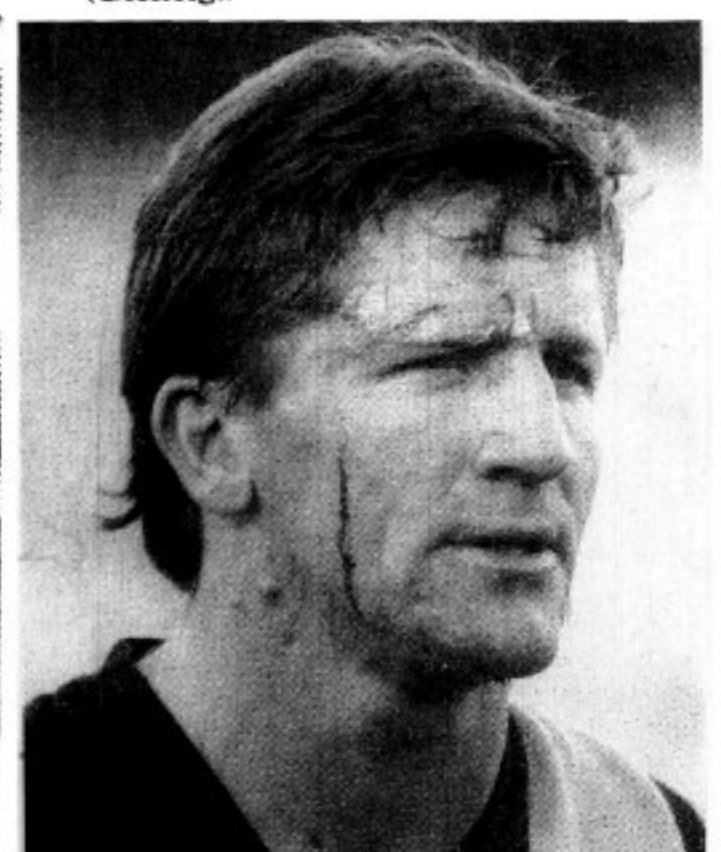
For Glenelg fans, it's unthinkable that Carey will not be asked to take on an important non-playing role next season, possibly as a selector.

In 17 seasons, he has progressed from a big Seacombe High School recruit and centre half-forward to an even bigger moving monument, one of SA's finest ruckmen and probably the greatest Tiger of them all.

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ALL IN A DAY'S WORK... Glenelg skipper Peter Carey takes a breather at three-quarter time against Centrals yesterday.



LOOKING WORSE FOR WEAR... is tough Glenelg follower Chris McDermott during a break in yesterday's match against Central District at Football Park. Despite stitches in his chin and a cut eyebrow, McDermott was one of the Tigers' best.



DOWN HE GOES... Glenelg's Scott Salisbury gets a handball away just in time as nine-goal Central District full forward Rudi Mandemaker swoops during yesterday's match at Football Park. Picture: STUART HANNAGAN