

MAGPIE ODDS FIRM

By ASHLEY PORTER

Port Adelaide assumed premiership favoritism, Norwood leapt into the five, Central District regained third spot, Woodville kept its finals hopes alive, and West Adelaide arrested its losing habit.

But where were the fans? Only 23,857 attended yesterday's magnificent 17th series, making SANFL attendances 38,847 than for to the same stage last year.

There were 8995 fewer people at the five games compared with the 17th series last year, which is of grave concern when considering the round was crucial for the top seven sides in the run home to the finals.

So, for the benefit of those who snubbed yesterday's series, here is how the top six placings on the ladder altered:

Port went a clear top by beating South Adelaide by 52 points at Football Park.

South had only 17 fit men by quarter-time, with injuries to Craig

Woodlands (knee), Rodney Tatterson (knee), Darryl Hewitt (calf), while Port was in a similar position later in the game with injuries to Roger Delaney (dislocated finger), Stephen Williams (calf), Darryl Borlase (bruised ribs) and Andrew Obst (calf).

Norwood dislodged North Adelaide from top spot with a shock 36-point win at Prospect. The Redlegs are now in a sound position to maintain their impressive record of making the finals for the 18th successive season.

Woodville tossed West Torrens at Thebarton and out of the five, for the first time this season, with a hard-fought seven-point victory. But it paid a huge price.

Ruckman Romano Negri was carried off with a right knee injury and will have arthroscopic surgery today. It is feared he suffered ligament damage. Torrens saved its \$1000 bonus to the 5000th spectator when only 3023 attended.

Central slaughtered Glenelg by 85 points to go a win clear in third place. And the unlikely goalkicking hero was Peter Bubner, with eight.

West won its second match in 13 rounds and continued the misery for

Sturt fans with a 43-point win at Richmond. Worsening Sturt's blues was a groin injury suffered by in-form defender Jamie McPhee.



Central's Peter Bubner — 8 goals

Bulldogs collar the Bays

The Bulldogs yesterday changed their collars on their home pound and showed Glenelg — and the rest of the competition — their real talents.

After weeks of being in football's wilderness with inconsistent and relatively tame performances, Central District unleashed one of its finest efforts in a match which was crucial in the run home to the finals.

It smothered Glenelg with the rich qualities which fans want, certainly expect, at league matches — fantastic teamwork, pace and controlled aggression.

And in doing so, Central made nonsense of the growing belief it was merely a pretender and unworthy of a finals berth.

It was as if a Dr Neil Kerley performed some heart and mind transplants during the week. Whatever it was, Central played like a team possessed, with the emphasis on "team".

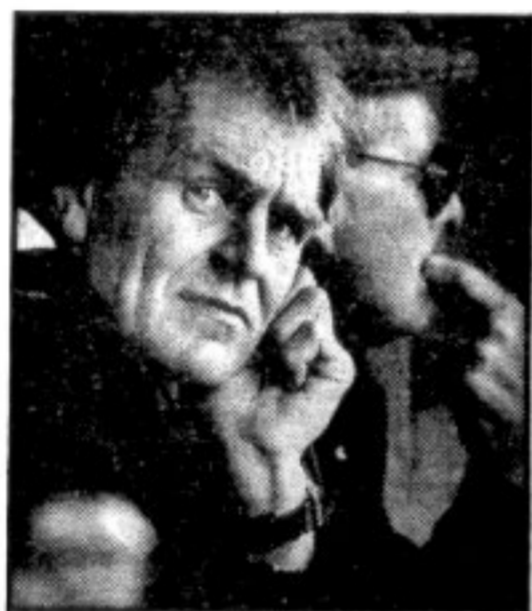
Players who were weak against Sturt were magnificent against Glenelg, none more noticeable than Peter Bubner, who kicked eight goals at full forward.

That's right, Bubner and eight. Big Rudi Mandemaker played at centre half-forward and was also a top performer with three goals and a hand in many others.

Both sides named unplaced squads of 23. Central was forced to omit Rene van Dommelle and Gavin Chaplin, and used Malcolm McGrath in the reserves. Glenelg omitted John Schneebichler, John Seebohm and Mark Russell.

While the battle on the field proved one-sided after half-time, especially with Central's magnificent 10-goal third quarter, the test of tactics between the coaches was always absorbing.

Apart from the Bubner-Mandemaker switch, Kerley used Gilbert McAdam at centre, Peter Krieg as a rover and Greg Smith on the ball.



Graham Cornes

Before quarter-time the coaches had already begun making the moves. Smith to centre, McAdam on the ball, Salisbury on the bench, Ross Gibbs to centre.

And the swapping and changing continued for the rest of the game.

However, as hard as Cornes tried, there was nothing he could do because Central was in one of its devastating moods which has not been released for some time.

Glenelg, kicking against the southeasterly in the first term, missed easy shots for goal and let Central off the hook. Those mistakes robbed it of denting Central's confidence, something which it has sorely lacked recently.

Central had also started shabbily, but with the let-off was able to gather confidence and momentum. Once its stylish, definitely brilliant, team play was in motion, Glenelg had no chance of preventing the onslaught which was to follow.

As Central developed as a champion unit, Glenelg wilted under the pressure and made uncharacteristic mistakes.



ASHLEY PORTER reports

Neil Kerley said:

"Our attack on the ball was the best all year. The support we gave each other, use of the ball, and quick movement of the ball, was great."

Graham Cornes said:

"They (Central) were committed, disciplined and direct, and unfortunately, we were not."

There were many features about Central's performance, but the most noticeable was its fearless and persistent attack on the ball. Even when the game was well and truly won, it still tackled relentlessly, and the Central diehards were left pondering why their occasional heroes couldn't respond in such glorious fashion every week.

Central did not have a weak link. Krieg, with an amazing 30 kicks and 16 handballs, was inspirational from the opening bounce.

Smith was back to his outstanding best, always working and being creative, while McAdam displayed his usual magical touch. Then there was a solid and committed defence headed by Craig Braddy and Scott Lee, and effective wingmen Stephen Schwerdt and David Robertson. The list could go on.

Unfortunately for Glenelg, it didn't have nearly a quarter of the hard workers and many of its well-known players were down on form. Chris McDermott did his typical bit with 23 kicks and 23 handballs but, as Central showed, it takes a team effort to win.

Football Park

Port	2.3	12.6	17.8	20.9	(129)
South	4.1	4.3	9.5	12.5	(77)

BEST — PORT: Johnston, Ginever, Mahney, Phillips, Tregenza, Fiacchi, Abernethy. **SOUTH**: Schmid, Whitford, Kappler, Dewhurst, Bickley. **SCORERS** — PORT: Ginever 4.1, Settre 3.1, Mahney 3.0, Williams, Tregenza 2.0, Hutton, Brown, Smith, Hynes 1.1, Johnston, Northeast 1.0, Hodges 0.2, rushed 0.1. **SOUTH**: McIntyre 3.0, Gatti, Stoeckel 2.0, Mitton 1.1, Bickley, Winton, Trevena, Hewitt 1.0, Heath 0.1, rushed 0.3. **INJURIES** — PORT: Delaney (finger), Williams (thigh), Borlase (ribs), Obst (calf). **SOUTH**: Woodlands (knee), Tatterson (knee), Hewitt (calf). **UMPIRES** — Michael Abbott, Colin Ricketts.

Elizabeth Oval

Central	4.6	9.10	19.14	21.18	(144)
Glenelg	1.3	4.5	6.7	8.11	(59)

BEST — CENTRAL: Krieg, Smith, Gilbert McAdam, Bubner, Coffee, Girdham, Lee, Schwerdt, Mandemaker, Thomas. **GLENELG**: McDermott, Donovan. **SCORERS** — CENTRAL: Bubner 8.2, Mandemaker 3.2, Gilbert McAdam, Thomas 3.1, Lally 1.5, Schwerdt 1.1, Smith, Girdham 1.0, Graham, Robertson 0.1, rushed 0.4. **GLENELG**: Mansell 2.0, West, Budarick 1.3, Jameson 1.2, Gibbs, Bartlett, Symonds 1.0, Bow 0.1, rushed 0.2. **INJURIES** — CENTRAL: Boettger (ankle). **GLENELG**: Melican (ankle). **UMPIRES** — David Elliott, Rick Kinnear.

Prospect Oval

Norwood	3.2	6.2	11.4	15.7	(97)
North	1.1	3.9	6.11	8.13	(61)

BEST — NORWOOD: Aish, Almond, Thomas, Francis, Pyke, Pittman, Staritski, Scanlon, Foslake. **NORTH**: A. Jarman, Sims, Craig, D. Jarman, Sanders. **GOALS** — NORWOOD: Pascoe 2.2, McIntosh, Maynard, Francis, Foslake, Ducker 2.0, Staritski 1.1, Aish, Scanlon 1.0, Thomas 0.1, rushed 0.3. **NORTH**: Klomp 2.0, Sims 1.3, A. Jarman, Tasker, Redden 1.2, Kupsch 1.1, Bennett 1.0, Burton 0.1, rushed 0.2. **REPORTS** — NORWOOD: Warhurst for unduly rough play, allegedly interfering with Klomp to the head area with a raised forearm after North had goaled late in the third quarter. **INJURIES** — NORTH: Klomp (slight concussion), Trenorden (corked thigh). **UMPIRES** — Max Cuzzocrea, David Trembath.

Thebarton Oval

Woodville	3.3	4.5	7.8	10.11	(71)
Torrens	1.0	5.5	6.8	9.10	(64)

BEST — WOODVILLE: Newton, McDonald, Dettman, O'Dwyer, DeBrenni, Martin. **TORRENS**: Geyer, B. Lindsay, Schwartz, Robson, Morphet, Niemann. **GOALS** — WOODVILLE: Jakovich 4.2, Martin 3.0, DeBrenni 2.0, Harris 1.0, Cronan 0.2, Jacquier, Klemm, Cox 0.1, rushed 0.4. **TORRENS**: C. Lindsay 4.0, Morphet, Payze 1.1, B. Lindsay, Hannan, Neave 1.0, Robson 0.2, Prymke, Pisani, Harper, Athansioou 0.1, rushed 0.2. **INJURIES** — WOODVILLE: Negri (knee). **UMPIRES** — Laurie Argent, Mark Mackie.

Richmond Oval

West	7.7	9.12	17.19	22.22	(154)
Sturt	5.3	10.5	11.5	17.17	(99)

BEST — WEST: Shaw, Fitzsimmons, O'Donohue, Lamb, Larkins, G. Fielke, McKinnon, Murray. **STURT**: Paynter, Lennon, S. Russell, McCarthy, Bonner, Veale. **SCORERS** — WEST: Lamb 4.5, Fitzsimmons 4.1, Twomey 2.2, Murray 2.1, Bayes 2.1, McKinnon 2.0, Ward 1.3, T. Fielke 1.2, Shaw 1.0, Bennett 1.0, Cordy 1.0, Larkins 1.0, Wittwer 0.2, Lesiputy 0.1, rushed 0.4. **STURT**: Lennon 6.1, Kitschke 3.0, Reynolds 2.0, K. Russell 1.1, S. Russell 1.1, Paynter 1.1, Veale 1.0, Field 1.0, Downes 1.0, Argus 0.1, rushed 0.2. **INJURIES** — STURT: McPhee (groin). **REPORTS** — A. Downes (Sturt) by umpire S. Semmler for allegedly striking D. Twomey (West) in the third quarter. **UMPIRES** — Steve Semmler, Kevin Chambers.

Ladder

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
PORT	15	2	0	2083	1361	60.48	38
NORTH	14	3	0	1936	1212	61.50	20
CENTRAL	10	7	0	1664	1700	49.46	20
GLENELG	9	8	0	1449	1627	47.11	18
NORWOOD	8	9	0	1639	1587	50.81	16
Torrens	8	9	0	1493	1702	46.73	16
Woodville	7	10	0	1529	1631	48.39	14
West	6	11	0	1621	1787	47.56	12
South	5	12	0	1343	1810	42.59	10
Sturt	3	14	0	1406	1746	44.61	6

Goalkickers

	Games	Y/day	Total
R. Mandemaker (Central)	17	3.2	71.45
S. Hodges (Port)	17	0.2	62.48
C. Lindsay (Torrens)	17	4.0	57.15
A. Jakovich (Woodville)	14	4.2	54.42
S. Tasker (North)	17	1.2	44.26
J. West (Glenelg)	17	1.3	43.20
P. Bennett (North)	17	1.0	41.28
P. Harper (Woodville)	16	—	39.8
I. Willmott (Sturt)	13	—	38.20
R. Smith (Port)	17	1.1	35.21
S. Sims (North)	17	1.3	33.25
G. McAdam (Central)	16	3.1	31.16
D. Stoeckel (South)	17	2.0	30.26
D. Kitschke (Sturt)	15	3.0	30.23
M. Ducker (Norwood)	11	2.0	30.18

Crowds

Football Park	5959
Elizabeth	5618
Thebarton	3023
Richmond	2164
Prospect	7093
Total	23,857

CENTRAL	KICKS				FREES				GOALS				
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	M	NR	FOR	AB	SL	SH	NR	GO
LALLY	7	2	2	3	15	3	11	2	2	1	5		
BUBNER	3	2	6	3	14	8	5				8	2	2
THOMAS	4	3	5	12	6	4	1	1	3	1			
GRAHAM	2	2	3	3	10	3	10	1	3	1			
MANDEMAKER	4	5	2	4	15	14	5				3	2	1
GILBERT McADAM	3	7	7	6	23	8	27	6	2	3	1		
ROBERTSON	3	3	3	4	13	7	21	2	2	1			
KREG	9	8	7	6	30	8	16	2					
SCHWERDT	5	7	4	2	18	4	11	3	2	1	1		
LAIRD	4	1	1	1	7		10						
BRADDY	2	3	3	2	10	3	15	1	1				
PRIOR	3	2	3	2	10	2	15	3	1				
LEE	4	1	6	4	15	6	15	2					
BOETTGER	1				1		1	1					
SICKERDICK	1	3		1	5	2	4		1				
COFFEE	3	4	4	2	13	6	10	2					30
SMITH	1	6	6	2	15	3	13	1		1			
ROE					3		3						
GIRDHAM	3	1	4	3	11	4	11	2	1	1			
INGERSON					1		1						
RUSHED													4
TOTAL	58	61	65	57	241	88	211	29	16	21	18	33	

GLENELG	KICKS				FREES				GOALS				
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	M	NR	FOR	AB	SL	SH	NR	GO
GARTON	3	1	2	6	12	7	8		1		1	3	1
BUDARICK	1	2	1	2	6	4				1	1	3	
CHIGWIDDEN	1	1			2		3	1	2				
MAYNARD	2	3	4	9	4	9		1					
WEST	3	3	1	7	7	9	1				1	3	4
MANSELL	4	1	1	6	12	1	8	2		2			
SYMONDS	2	4	4	5	15	10	14		1	1			
SALISBURY	3	2	3	8	4	5	1	2					
BOW	4	1	3	4	12	3	9	2	2			1	
THOMPSON	1	5	3	2	11	2	5	1					
D. RUSSELL	1			1	2	2	5	1					
DONOVAN	6	2	3	3	14	3	12		2				
McTAVISH	5	6	3	2	16	4	10	4	3				
DUTHY	3	3	1		7	3	7		1				1
GIBBS	3	5	8	5	18	9	11		1	1			
MELICAN	1	4	2		7	5	10	1	1				21
McDERMOTT	9	4	5	5	23	8	23	2	3				
HODGEMAN	6	5	5	3	19	3	8		2				
JAMESON	2	4	2	3	11	6	5		3	1	2		
BARTLETT	2		1	2	5	2	7		3	1		3	
RUSHED													2
TOTAL	54	55	49	52									