

SPORT

Round 18, 1990

That man, that team

JUST CALL 'EM BLUNDERDOGS

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Central District can almost certainly bid farewell to any hope of contesting this year's finals series after blowing a golden opportunity to beat Glenelg at Elizabeth Oval.

Ladder

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
PORT	15	3	0	2423	1683	59.01	30
GLENELG	14	3	1	2211	1647	57.31	29
NORTH	12	6	0	1927	1433	57.35	24
NORWOOD	12	6	0	2021	1520	57.07	24
CENTRAL	8	10	0	1852	1941	48.83	16
West	7	10	1	1788	2100	45.99	15
South	7	11	0	1692	2040	45.34	14
Woodville	6	12	0	1702	2006	45.90	12
Torrens	6	12	0	1497	1848	44.75	12
Sturt	2	16	0	1437	2332	38.13	4

Goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
S. Hodges (Port)	18	11	114
A. Jakovich (Woodville)	17	6	83
J. Fidge (Glenelg)	12	0	58
J. Weeding (Norwood)	15	7	50
R. Mandemaker (Central)	17	2	50
D. Jarman (North)	17	5	48
D. Stoeckel (South)	18	1	44
C. Lamb (Glenelg)	15	3	44
D. Hart (North)	15	5	42
G. Coffee (Central)	17	4	42
L. Schache (Torrens)	18	3	40

Elizabeth Oval

Glenelg	2.3	5.4	10.11	17.16	(118)
Central	4.2	8.8	10.10	14.11	(95)

BEST — GLENELG: Melican, Deane, Hallahan, Salisbury, Bow, Lamb, Mansell. **CENTRAL**: Hocking, Smith, McAdam, O'Sullivan, Girdham, Coffee, Schwerdt, Chaplin. **GOALS** — GLENELG: Murphy 5.0, Lamb 3.2, Mansell 3.1, Hallahan 2.1, Deane 2.0, Symonds 1.3, Salisbury 1.0, Bartlett 0.3, Liptak 0.2, Rouvray, Bow, Seeböhm 0.1; rushed 0.1. **CENTRAL**: Coffee 4.1, Lynn 3.1, Chaplin 2.3, Mandemaker 2.2, Ghazi, McAdam 1.1, Hocking 1.0, Schwerdt, Roe 0.1.

UMPIRES — Jeff Jeanes, Rick Kinnear.

Football Park

North	3.2	9.9	13.15	19.19	(133)
South	6.5	9.6	12.9	14.12	(96)

BEST — NORTH: Jarman, Hart, Klomp, Clisby, Tasker, Sanders, Parsons. **SOUTH**: McIntyre, Heath, Dewhurst, Smart, Trevena, Quinn. **GOALS** — NORTH: Jarman, Hart 5.5, Parsons 4.1, Bond 2.2, Lehmann 1.1, Dixon, Vanzetta 1.0, Bennett, Sanders, Tasker 0.1, rushed 0.2. **SOUTH**: McIntyre 3.4, Tatterson 3.1, Dewhurst 2.2, Grummet 2.1, Heath 2.0, Winton, Stoeckel 1.0, Smart, Trevena, Bennett, Bickley 0.1. **REPORT** — NORTH: Peter Bennett by field umpire John Hynton for allegedly kicking Simon Quinn (South) during the third term.

UMPIRES — John Hynton, Rod McGovern.

Adelaide Oval

Port	4.6	11.9	20.15	34.18	(222)
Sturt	1.6	4.10	5.14	10.14	(74)

BEST — PORT: Abernethy, Hodges, Wanganeen, Foster, S. Williams, Tregenza, M. Williams, Phillips, Brown. **STURT**: Lienert, Johns, Whittlesea. **GOALS** — PORT: Hodges 11.6, R. Boyd 4.2, Tregenza 4.1, Wanganeen 4.0, M. Williams, Ginever 3.1, D. Smith 1.1, Hynes, Phillips, Abernethy, Brown 1.0, Hutton, R. Smith 0.2, rushed 0.2. **STURT**: Field 3.1, Bonner 3.0, Turner 2.0, Radbone 1.3, Sutterby 1.1, Johns 0.4, O'Brien 0.3, Bastian 0.1, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES — David Elliott, Rick Williams.

Norwood Oval

Norwood	4.3	17.9	22.15	25.19	(169)
Woodville	2.4	4.6	7.7	9.12	(66)

BEST — NORWOOD: Jarman, Scanlon, McIntosh, Weeding, Robran, Tanner, Rowe, Aish, Zimmerman. **WOODVILLE**: Jakovich, Sewer, Lunn. **GOALS** — NORWOOD: Weeding 7.1, Aish 3.2, Jarman 3.0, Tanner 2.1, Smart, Rowe 1.3, Zimmerman 1.2, Thomas, Robran, McIntosh, Maynard 1.1, Ducker, Warhurst, James 1.0, Scanlon, Visser 0.1, rushed 0.1. **WOODVILLE**: Jakovich 6.4, Klug 1.2, Negri, Harrison 1.0, Schwarz, Cox 0.1, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES — NORWOOD: Pittman (groin), Warhurst, Thomas, Smart, Kelly (all cork thighs). **WOODVILLE**: Dettmann (depressed fracture of cheekbone).

UMPIRES — Laurie Argent, David Weston.

Richmond Oval

West	3.5	7.8	12.14	15.17	(107)
Torrens	2.1	4.4	6.7	9.14	(68)

BEST — WEST: Bartsch, Fitzsimmons, Ravesi, Grosser, A. Fielke, Patterson, Baldwin, Ebert. **TORRENS**: Morphet, Weidemann, Wormald, Payze, Steve Geyer, Neave, Somerville. **GOALS** — WEST: Grosser 3.3, Fitzsimmons 3.2, G. Fielke 2.3, Byrne 2.2, Foot 2.1, Banfield 2.0, Wittwer 1.0, A. Fielke 0.1, rushed 0.5. **TORRENS**: Schache 3.3, Neave 2.1, McPhett 2.0, Weidemann 1.1, Bullus 1.0, Popplestone 0.2, Somerville 0.2, Meade 0.2, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES — WEST: Goss (broken finger on right hand). **REPORT** — TORRENS: Rob Popplestone by field umpire David Trembath for allegedly striking Paul Ravesi (West) in the last quarter.

UMPIRES — Mark Mackie, David Trembath.

Crowds

Football Park	3538
Adelaide	6334
Elizabeth	4846
Norwood	6585
Richmond	2702
Total	24,005

SA Draw

Round 19: Saturday — Double-header, 12:30 p.m., West Adelaide v. Sturt, 3:20 p.m., West Torrens v. Glenelg (Football Park); 2pm, South Adelaide v. Woodville (Adelaide); Norwood v. North Adelaide (Norwood); Port Adelaide v. Central District (Alberton).

As Woodville and West Torrens officially exited from the finals race, Central yesterday had the chance to turn the heat on fellow final-five rivals West Adelaide and South Adelaide.

After dominating the match for the first half, but squandering numerous opportunities, the Bulldogs went into the final quarter just one point down and kicking with the aid of a strong breeze.

But they capitulated, registering just five scoring shots to 11 against the fast-finishing boys from the Bay, losing 14.11 to 17.16.

State of play for fifth position is: Central eight wins, still to play competition leader Port (at Alberton) and North (Prospect). West Adelaide seven wins and a draw, to play Sturt (Football Park) and South (Richmond). South seven wins, to play Woodville (Adelaide) and West (Richmond).

If Central fails to win another game this season, West and South will do battle on September 8 with the winner to compete in the finals. But while coach Neil Kerley

had every right to be seething after the 23-point loss, he did not show it. "You're never out of it until your last chance is gone," he said.

He also did not appear fazed at the prospect of having to beat Port and North to guarantee fifth position and remain in the hunt for Central's debut league flag. "That's the beauty of sport. Whenever there is still a chance you still give it a go," he said.

West stayed in the front-running to take over from Central in the final five by soundly beating West Torrens at Richmond Oval. The Bloods scored a decisive 15.17 to 9.14 victory.

South lost to North by 37 points, but remained in the hunt for the premiership points until late in the final quarter at Football Park.

The other two games of round 18 resulted in walk-over victories for Port and Norwood. Port, with a 14-goal fourth quarter, blasted Sturt 34.18 to 10.14 while Norwood, with a 13-goal second term, outgunned Woodville 25.19 to 9.12.

□ THAT man Scott Hodges, the Magpie goal-kicking machine, and the Port Adelaide team were at it again yesterday.

□ WHILE Port's administration has provided plenty of off-field drama in the past four weeks, Hodges and Co have set about reaching on-field perfection.

□ HODGES has booted 46 goals in the past four weekends. In the same time, Port has beaten West Adelaide 27.16 to 10.10, Woodville 22.14 to 16.14, South 24.20 to 8.11 and yesterday destroyed bottom side Sturt by a huge 34.18 to 10.14.

□ HODGES, who yesterday collected 23 kicks, 18 marks and booted 11 goals, now has 114 majors for the season.

□ PORT remains top of the table with 15 wins from 18 matches and its "us against them" policy in all things football could take a power of beating.

Bulldogs lose their bite

The Bulldogs blew it yesterday.

They blew the match and set themselves a gruelling two-week assignment to save a place in the five.

About 4000 long-suffering Central District supporters and a handful of adventurous Glenelg fans were perched on the edges of their seats out at Elizabeth as Central threatened to give Glenelg a hiding.

After three-quarters of inspired football, Centrals played a final quarter as soft as the cream puffs supplied to the press box by the Central District Ladies Social Committee, and meekly conceded defeat to the tune of 23 points after leading at the first two breaks and trailing by just one point at three-quarter time.

Centrals had failed to capitalise on a screaming final term tail wind and let slip the chance to shore up its hold on fifth spot with a respectable win over second-placed Glenelg, but coach Neil Kerley was optimistic and philosophical about his side's bumpy ride to the finals from here.

"You're never out of it until your last chance is gone," Kerley said when asked how he thought his Bulldogs would fare in their next two drawn matches against ladder-leader Port Adelaide next week and third-placed North Adelaide in the final round.

"That's the beauty of sport. Whenever there is still a chance you still give it a go," said Kerley.

Sounds great. But in reality, Central is now facing an uphill battle.

Fellow top five aspirants, South Adelaide and West Adelaide, are now well and truly breathing down the Bulldog's neck.

South is on seven wins (one behind Central) and is a sure thing to pick up an eighth win next week against lowly Woodville while West is on 7½ wins (half win for the drawn match against Glenelg in round 7) and can look forward to a big win over the competition's perennial easybeats, Sturt, on Saturday.

With Central unlikely to beat either Port or North away from home, and West playing South in the final minor round, the smart money would be on West to snatch the all-important fifth spot.

Graham Cornes, after spending



three anxious quarters in the coaches bunker as Central's running players dictated the terms and tactics of play before the final term collapse, was clearly relieved after the game.

"It's never easy to win out here (Glenelg last beat Central at home way back in 1985) and despite an indifferent first half the result was very, very, very pleasing," he said.

"We just let them get to the ball first (early in the game) — they were fierce and desperate and we succumbed to that pressure."

Fierce and desperate is right. Any side capable of maintaining the pressure poured on by the Dogs from the opening bounce for four quarters would never find itself making a sudden-death bid for a finals berth.

By half time, the stand-full of Centrals supporters would have been forgiven for feverishly pencilling finals engagements in their diaries as a band of running players led by the wizard-like Eddie Hocking cut a swathe through Glenelg's defences to build a 22-point lead over the competition's big gun at the long break.

With Hocking, spiriting the ball out of a crowded centre square the way only he can, Gilbert McAdam turning on some of the flair that earned him the State's most prestigious sporting medal, Greg Smith, Saade Ghazi, Gavin Chaplin and Roger Girdham (celebrating his 100th game) feeding the ball to the waiting arms of Grant Coffee up forward, Central was on track for a boil-over victory.

But sadly, the fears expressed by Kerley to reserves coach Dean Mobbs at half time that his men had not done enough work in the second quarter were realised.

The Tigers clawed their way back

into the game to steal a one point lead at the final break.

From there it was pretty much a slide downhill for the Bulldogs, who squandered what must have been a four-goal breeze and stood by as the Tigers, through Scott Salisbury, Darren Mansell and Clayton Lamb at full-forward, turned on a six-goal surge to give them something to smile about on the long drive back to the Bay.



HOLD that Tiger... Central District skipper Roger Girdham restrains Glenelg's Jason Bromilow as Tony Lynn watches from turf level.

POST-MATCH ANALYSIS

THE COACHES

MIKE NUNAN (North): "This game was highlighted by some of the worst umpiring and the most ridiculous report I've seen."

JOHN REID (South): "I'm a bit disappointed the end result was 37 points. After a competitive game it warranted a closer margin. North's hand-to-hand skills were the main difference."

NEIL BALME (Norwood): "That second quarter was our best football of the year. I was pleased. In the second half we had to improvise because of injuries."

RUSSELL EBERT (Woodville): "Inadequate in too many departments. One of the worst efforts in my three years at Woodville. You can't extend good teams with 10 minutes of tough, committed football."

GEOFF MORRIS (West assistant coach): "After a slow start in the first quarter I thought our attack on the ball was excellent."

ANDY BENNETT (Torrens): "I thought our first quarter was all right but our discipline wasn't what it should have been in the second term."

JOHN CAHILL (Port): "The bonus is we don't have any injuries and we have two hard games coming up and that should top us off for the finals."

KEVIN HIGGINS (Sturt): Unavailable

GRAHAM CORNES (Glenelg): "It's never easy to win out here and despite an indifferent first half the result was very, very, pleasing."

NEIL KERLEY (Central): "Our first quarter was superb. Our players have to realise that footy is a game played over four quarters."

REPORTS

Peter Bennett (North) reported by field umpire John Hynton for allegedly kicking Simon Quinn (South) during the third quarter at Football Park; Rob Popplestone (Torrens) reported by field umpire David Trembath for allegedly striking Paul Ravesi (West) in the last quarter at Richmond.

INJURIES

Woodville defender Ian Dettmann will undergo surgery today to repair a depressed fracture of the cheekbone.

Norwood will have to wait until later in the week to determine whether David Pittman (groin), Tom Warhurst, Doug Smart, Keith Thomas and Matthew Kelly (all cork thighs) have recovered.

West Adelaide forward Glenn Goss has a broken finger. Club officials believe Goss will need an operation and will almost certainly miss the rest of the season.

Glenelg's Tony Symonds suffered a slightly pulled hamstring which will be assessed later in the week.

GLENELG	KICKS					FREES				
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	M	H/B	FOR	AB	ELS
SALISBURY	1	3	4	8	16	2	11	3	6	1
BARTLETT				4	4	3	6	1	3	3
LIPTAK				5	4	1	7	2	4	2
SYMONDS	1	2	3		6	3	2		2	1
MURPHY	2	1	3	3	9	6	3	1	4	5
LAMB	1	2	3	6	12	6	10	1	1	3
ROUVRAY	4			3	7	3	4			1
DEANE	2	2	5	2	11	3	7		2	2
BOW	3	3	1	3	10	2	8			1
THOMPSON	3	3	3	3	12	1	3	2		
SEEBÖHM	1			1	2	4	1	1	3	2
JAMESON	1	1	4	5	11	4	10	1	1	
GIBBS	3	7	1		11	5	8	1	1	
DUTHY	2				2	1	1			
BROMILOW	3	1	2	4	10	3	4	3	1	
MELICAN	1	1		1	3	6	10	1	4	25
MCDERMOTT	2	3	2	3	10	1	16		2	1
HALLAHAN	2	4	6	5	17	4	11	2	3	2
CHRISTIE		2	1	3	6	2	2			
MANSSELL		3	2	5	10	7	5		2	3
RUSHED										1
TOTAL	32	38	49	62	181	64	129	21	39	17

CENTRAL	KICKS					FREES				
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	M	H/B	FOR	AB	ELS
CHAPLIN	3	8	3	2	17	4	9	3	2	2
COFFEE	4	4	1	1	10	9	2	1	2	4
GHAZI	1	2			3	1	3	1	1	1
LYNN	1	3	3	1	8	5	6		3	3
MANDEMAKER	3	4	2	2	11	7	2	3	3	2
GIRDHAM		3	2	2	7	3	16	2	1	
McADAM	2	6	2	3	13	4	8	1	1	1
HOLMES	5	4	1		10	3	12	3		
SCHWERDT	5	2	8	2	17	10	12	4		1
PRIOR	2	1	2	4	9	7	8	1		
HARAIDA	3	2	3	1	9	1	3	4	1	
HANDLEY	2	</								