McDermott destroys Dogs

Football Park

Port 5.2 11.10 17.20 21.23 (149) Sturt 2.7 5.8 7.9 9.10 (64)

BEST — PORT: Hodges, Abemethy, M. Williams, Tregenza, S. Williams, Hynes, Hutton, Phillips, Mahney, STURT: Paynter, Johns, Richter, Wark, Lienert, Russell, McCarthy.

GOALS — PORT: Hodges 10.9, M. Williams 3.0, R. Smith 2.1, Settre 2.0, Wanganeen 1.3, Hynes, Tregenza 1.2, S. Williams 1.1, D. Smith 0.2, Hutton, Mahney 0.1, rushed 0.1: STURT: O'Brien 2.0, Radbone 1.1, Schoell, O'Keefe, Paynter, Chaplin, McWilliam, Wark 1.0, Johns 0.3, Renfrey 0.1, rushed 0.5.

INJURIES — PORT: Brown (knock to head), Rizonico (slight hamstring strain).

UMPIRES — Mark Mackle, Kevin Chambers.

Adelaide Oval

North 6.1 8.3 11.7 15.11 (101) South 3.2 5.4 6.9 7.10 (52)

BEST — NORTH: Jarman, Hart, Klomp, Redden, Saliba, Barratt, Tasker. SOUTH: Bennett, Hewitt, McCarty, Smart, Bickley.

GOALS: NORTH: Jarman 9.5, Hart 3.1, Stone 2.0, Atkinson 1.0, Lehmann 0.2, Sanders, Sims 0.1, rushed 0.1. SOUTH: Bickley, Schmid, Bennett 2.0, Stoeckel 1.2, Winton 0.3, Trevena, Hewitt, McIntyre 0.1, rushed 0.2. UMPIRES: Stephen Semmler, David Weston.

Glenela Oval

Glenelg 4.7 8.11 10.17 14.21 (105) Central 7.0 9.3 9.5 10.6 (66)

BEST — GLENELG: McDermott, Marshall, Christie, Melican, Lamb, Seebohm, Symonds, Gibbs, Thompson. CENTRAL: Lee, Schwerdt, Girdham, Chaplin, Lounder, Handley

GOALS — GLENELG: Lamb 4.3, Rouvray 2.2, Mansell 1.3, Christie, McDermott 1.2, Fidge 1.1, Chigwidden, Symonds, Jameson, Marshall 1.0, Hallahan 0.2, Liptak, Thompson, Bow 0.1, rushed 0.3, CENTRAL: Lynn 4.0, Mandemaker 2.1, Bubner 2.0, Chaplin 1.1, McAdam 1.0,

Smith 0.2, Hocking, Ghazi 0.1.

INJURIES — GLENELG: Fidge (hamstring), Liptak (shoulder). CENTRAL: Haraida (shoulder), McAdam (ankle), Girdham (ribs).

UMPIRES: Laurie Argent, Tony Checker.

Woodville Oval

Norwood 3.3 5.6 9.12 11.16 (82) Woodville 2.5 5.8 8.9 9.9 (63)

BEST — NORWOOD: Tanner, Jarman, Rowe, Maynard, Pittman, Robran, Warhurst, Hall. WOODVILLE: Jakovich,

Champion, Negri, Dettman, Klug.
GOALS — NORWOOD: Jarman 2.1, Rowe 1.2, Payne, Pittman, Tanner, Maynard, James 1.1, Scanlon, Robran, McIntosh 1.0, Nicholls 0.3, Thomas 0.2, D'Antiochia 0.1, rushed 0.2, WOODVILLE: Jakovich 4.4, Klug 3.2, Negri, Fuller 1.0, Newton, Jacquier 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — NORWOOD: Weeding (groin), Aish (bruised hip), Hall (knee), Pittman (groin), Smart (concussion), WOODVILLE: McDonald (stitches to eye), UNPIRES — Mark Barnett, Rick Kinnear.

Ladder

	w	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
GLENELG	7	1	1	1153	821	58.41	15
PORT	7	2	0	1108	890	55.46	14
NORWOOD	6	3	0	1016	814	55.52	12
NORTH	6	3	0	939	772	54.88	12
TORRENS'	4	4	0	675	763	46.94	
West*	3	4	1	811	961	45.77	7
Woodville	3	6	Ó	847	922	47.88	•
South	3	6	0	871	1001	46.53	
Central	3	6	0	857	1031	45.39	•
Sturt	1	8	0	756	1058	41.68	2

* To play today.

Goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
J. Fidge (Gleneig)	9	1	50
S. Hodges (Port)	9	10	45
A. Jakovich (Woodville)	9	4	42
J. Weeding (Norwood)	9	. 0	32
D. Stoeckel(South)	9	1	30
R. Mandemaker (Central)	9	2	29
S. Schmid (South)	9	2	22
J. Klug (Woodville)	9	3	20
D. Jarman (North)	9	9	20
R. Smith (Port)	9	2	19



One man destroyed Central District at Glenelg Oval yesterday.

Sure, he had help from 19 Bay teammates — but captain Chris McDermott was the architect behind Glenelg's convincing 14.21 to 10.6 victory.

McDermott was battered from pillar to post as he flung his battle-weary body into the bottom of packs.

But he never faltered on the way to picking up 31 kicks and 19 handballs.

The performance oozed class. It was the difference between the two sides.

McDermott, as skipper, was called on to produce something special when it first appeared that Central was trying to make a game of it.

Central stunned Glenelg in the

opening term and by midway through the second led 9.0 to 7.8.

Until that point Central had been deadly accurate in front of goal, ruthless in its attack on the ball and particularly methodical in its approach to the forward area.

After that point Central lost all direction and couldn't find a winner across half-back, centre or half-forward.

Glenelg just steadily plodded along, gradually gaining in confidence and poise and continually winning the ball out of the packs and out of centre.

Central had two glaring deficiencies. The first was painfully obvious — any side that can kick just one goal in two and a half quarters of football is in desperate need of quality forwards.

The second was the alarming lack of drive out of defence. Players like Brian Haraida, David Buckley, Mark Prior and John O'Sullivan defended stoutly but forgot to attack.

They barely made any worthwhile contribution to setting-up attacking drives — and that proved very costly.

However Scott Lee and Robert Handley attacked at every chance from their defensive posts.

THE COACHES





"Our boys responded well to the initial pressure they were under. While the last half wasn't pretty or attractive, the result was pleasing."

□ NEIL KERLEY (Central): "Their work in and around the packs was too strong for us, especially with McDermott leading the way. And their delivery was better than ours."

JOHN CAHILL (Port): "I was pleased with our desperation. If we were going to win we had to bulldoze Sturt off the ball and I thought we did that very well."

□ KEVIN HIGGINS (Sturt): "We were beaten by a much better side."

Handley got caught out when opponent Clayton Lamb booted four telling goals in the second and third terms. But Lee did not put a foot wrong to be by far Central's most effective player (again).

The Bulldog forward line looked lively in the early stages when Tony Lynn kicked four goals with his first four kicks — but Glenelg coach Graham Cornes switched State squad member Robbie Thompson on to Lynn to all but shut him out of the game.

No other Central forward took up the challenge. They all appeared to fall under the Glenelg spell.

That obviously is becoming something of a habit for opposition teams. Woodville and West will testify to that.

But it didn't come easy for the Bays. They had to win the hard way.

McDermott led the charge but he was well supported by wingman David Marshall and the ruck duo of Gary Christie and Chris Melican, who just shaded a hard-working Phil Lounder.

Lamb's four-goal burst caught Central off-guard at a time when the game was evenly poised.

Tony Symonds found touch on his wing and the defence was inspired by John Seebohm, Ross Gibbs and Thompson.

But not all was rosy for the Tigers. Full forward John Fidge suffered a hamstring strain in the opening minutes of the match and brilliant young rover Matthew Liptak suffered a shoulder injury.

Trainers last night believed they had "popped the shoulder back" which means Liptak may miss just one or two games.

Haraida (shoulder), Gilbert McAdam (ankle) and acting Central captain Roger Girdham (ribs) suffered slight injuries.

Girdham led the side after Peter Krieg was dropped to the reserves, in the hope he could regain some lost form.

In fact, the reserves clash yesterday saw a number of players battling to regain their spot in top company.

Richard Lounder, who is yet to make his comeback after his sojourn to Richmond, booted six goals for the Dogs. Craig Elias kicked seven for Glenelg and had teammates like club vice-captain Scott Salisbury, Allan Bartlett and Peter Maynard alongside him.

UP THERE PETER ... Central's Peter Bubner foils Chris Duthy's attempt to spoil as he takes a towering mark in the goal square.

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SA Draw

Today — West Torrens v. West Adelaide (Football Park).
Round 10: Saturday — South Adelaide v. Woodville (Football Park); Central District v. Port Adelaide (Adelaide); Glenelg v. West Torrens (Glenelg); West Adelaide v. Sturt (Richmond); North Adelaide v. Norwood (Prospect).