

# Tigers KO'd by Central

By KAREN PHILLIPS

Glenelg reduced its chances of playing in this year's finals series to almost nought when it was beaten by a superior Central District at Football Park last night.

The Bulldogs had deserved the 47-point lead they had gathered by three-quarter time, and it was only a last-ditch effort by the Bays that prevented them winning by a more comfortable margin than the 19 points on the scoreboard as the final siren sounded.

Last night's match against the second-bottom side should have provided the opportunity for Glenelg to not only continue its fight for survival in the battle for fifth spot, but earn the significant boost in percentage that may have been almost as important in the battle for a finals berth as two premierships points.

As it was, Glenelg did not even look remotely like a finals candidate as it was dominated for three quarters.

Of course, the fat lady hasn't started singing yet. Theoretically the race is not over for Glenelg and rookie coach Kym Hodgeman. But to return to fifth place at West Adelaide's expense, the Tigers must beat North and Port in the next two weeks while West loses to both the Eagles and bottom side Sturt — and beat the third and fourth teams convincingly enough to make up the percentage difference.

West Adelaide has 10 wins and 10 losses for 20 points (and a percentage of 49.41), while Glenelg has nine wins and 11 losses for 18 points (and a percentage of 48.20).

On last night's effort, Glenelg's required results definitely look beyond it.

A Glenelg without John Fidge — a late withdrawal due to his still-suspect injury — was never going to be as physically overpowering or psychologically threatening as a Glenelg with the bulky full forward. So the voice that told the crowd that Adrian Battiston would be replacing Fidge in the Tigers' 20 automatically gave the Bulldogs a welcome gift that helped compensate for the earlier loss of Central focus Rudi Mandemaker to a back injury.

Not that the Bulldogs appeared to be missing big Rudi too seriously in the first term. With Phillip Lounder controlling the rucks, Central capitalised on the work of Dean Jenkinson and Grant Coffee to kick five goals with the breeze in the opening term.

<b>CENTRAL</b>	5.3	8.6	14.9	14.9	(93)
<b>GLENELG</b>	3.3	5.9	6.10	10.14	(74)

**SCORERS — Central:** Chaplin 4.1, Smith 3.0, Coffee 2.4, Lynn 2.2, Jenkinson 2.0, Roe 1.0, Ingerson 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Glenelg:** Russell 3.1, Murphy 2.4, Gibbs 2.0, Mansell 1.1, Thornborrow, Chigwidden 1.0, Hele 0.2, Hallahan, Symonds, Stuart, Seebohm 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**BEST — Central:** Chaplin, Lounder, Jenkinson, Smith, Ingerson, Holmes. **Glenelg:** Mansell, Hallahan, Chigwidden.

**UMPIRES —** Michael Abbott, Rick Kinnear. **CROWD —** 1824.

Yet if time had stopped at the 25-minute mark, Central coach Alan Stewart would have been very disappointed at his team's inability to use the breeze efficiently, going into the break trailing the unassisted Tigers by a straight kick. It was within the time-on period that his side gained ascendancy on the scoreboard, with Coffee booting a goal from more than 40m out and captain Greg Smith squeezing in two in the last two minutes before the bell.

Glenelg, meanwhile, had garnered 3.3 from six shots, an effort that — at least until the four-minute burst that closed the first quarter for the Bulldogs — appeared to demonstrate it would surge forward both on the ground and the scoreboard in the next term.

It did gather more scoring shots in the second quarter, thanks primarily to Darren Mansell and Paul Hallahan, who seemed to be here, there and everywhere in collecting 22 possessions between them for the quarter. But the eight scoring attempts gave the Tigers only 2.6, while six attempts from the Bulldogs helped considerably by Jenkinson and Anthony Ingerson earned them 3.3 — identical to Glenelg's contribution at that end — of which 1.2 came from the boot of half-forward Tony Lynn.

The Bays' struggle continued after half-time, when everything they tried seemed to be just too hard. Michael Murphy, who had started in the forward line-up switched to centre half-back in an attempt to curb the Bulldogs' drive forward, but there were just too many avenues open toward Lounder — resting at full forward while Ingerson took on the rucking duties — for the addition of one man to be totally effective. The third quarter gave Central 6.3, with goals shared between Gavin Chaplin, Smith, Lynn and Trevor Roe, while the would-be finalists miserably recorded a mere 1.1.

So the Tigers returned for the last quarter needing 47 points to catch up — not quite the 51 point deficit they erased when the sides met in round 16, but pretty close to it.

Murphy gave Glenelg two goals

## FOOTBALL



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in the first four minutes of the quarter to justify his return to the forward line, where he was soon joined by acting captain John Seebohm, who ran the length of the field from full back on the runner's instruction as play resumed after Murphy's second goal.

However, those moves, while somewhat effective, could not undo the total damage of the preceding quarters. While Glenelg increasingly asserted its authority during the last term, preventing Central from scoring in the quarter, it did not have the momentum nor the skill to perform the miracle under the dark frosty West Lakes skies that had been possible on the same turf in daylight early last month.

Hodgeman, locked up with his henchmen after the match, was unavailable for comment on what amounted to the end of his first year as coach. However Stewart was "very pleased" for his players and satisfied with their four-quarter commitment.

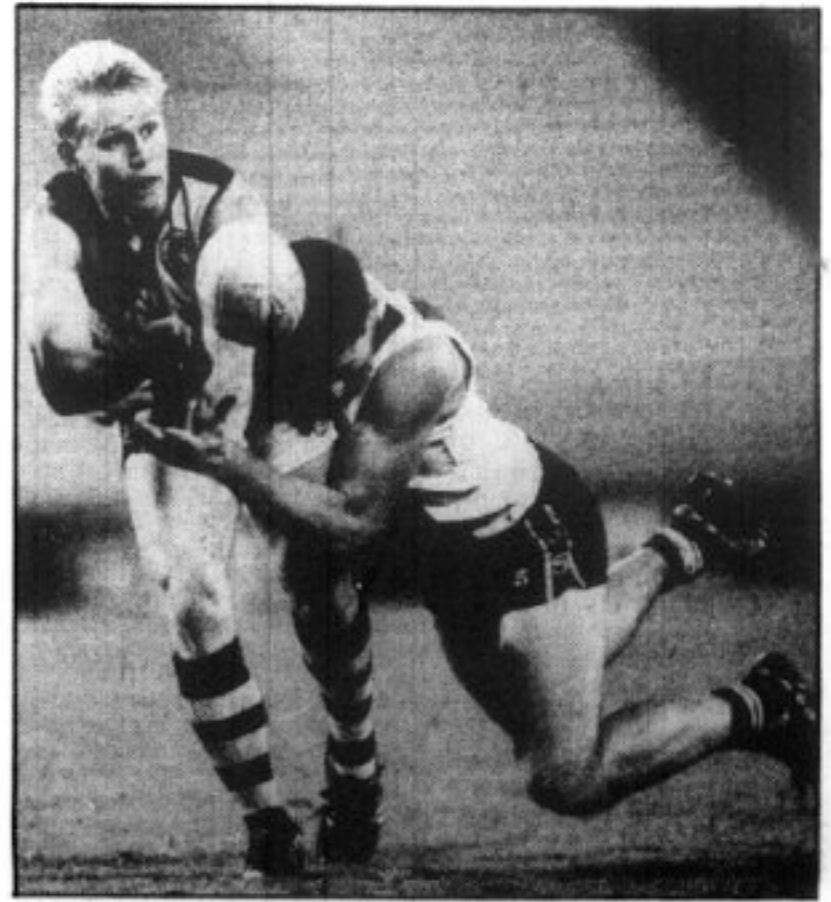
"We've had a bit of criticism over the year but our commitment over four quarters was very good — they sustained the effort," Stewart said.

"They showed a lot of resolve in that last quarter. When you are trying to go in a certain direction, a win like that is very good for the club."

## SA draw

### ROUND 24

Saturday —  
FOOTBALL PARK: Glenelg v North  
ADELAIDE OVAL: Port v Central  
RICHMOND OVAL: West v Eagles  
Monday —  
FOOTBALL PARK: Sturt v South  
Norwood, bye.



Glenelg's Nick Chigwidden gets away a quick handpass during the match against Central District last night.

CENTRAL	KICKS					FREES						
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	M	NB	FOR	AG	BLK	MS	NO
ROE	3	3	5	4	15	2	8	2	2	2	4	
COFFEE	5	3	2	2	12	9	4					
JENKINSON	7	5	5		17	4	8	2		2		
WORDEN	1		1		2	1	1					
INGERSON	4	3	2	4	13	9	2	1	4		1	7
LYNN	1	5	2	1	9	4	2			2	2	
PLATTEN	2	4	4	2	12	2	6	1				
HOLMES	3	3	4	10	6	16	1					
GABELL							1	1				
PYMAN	2	3	7	2	14	2	8	1	2			
HARAIDA	1	1	1	1	4	1	3		3			
HANDLEY	6	3	4	13	2	6	1					
FIELKE		2	1		3		9					
ALLAN	2	1	2	2	7	4	6	2				1
GREEN		2	3		5	1	6	3	1			
LOUNDER	2	2		4	8	10	9	1				21
SMITH	5	4	3	4	16	8	5		1	3		
CHAPLIN	6	4	4	5	19	4	11	1		4	1	
VAN DOMMELE		3	2		5	3	8		1			
REIMERS	2	5	7	2	16	4	8	1	2			
TOTAL	49	53	57	41	200	74	127	16	18	14	9	29

GLENELG	KICKS					FREES						
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	M	NB	FOR	AG	BLK	MS	NO
THORNBORROW	1		3	3	7	8	9	1	2	1		9
BATTISTON												
HALLAHAN	5	7	3	5	20	1	9					1
RUSSELL	1	2	1	5	9	4	6	3	3	3	1	
MURPHY	1	2	2	3	8	7	5		3	2	4	3
GIBBS	2	2	5	3	12	5	3		1	2		
HELE	5	4	2	5	16	4	4	1				2
DEANE	4	3	4	1	12	2	8	3				
SYMONDS	4	1	2	5	12	7					1	1
BROMILOW	3		4	1	8	5	5					
STUART	3	1	2	1	7	2	7					1
VISKA	4	2	2	2	10	2	4	2	1			
ROUVRAY	2	4	3	3	12	4	2	2				
SEEBOHM				1	2	3	4					1
THOMPSON	5	1	5	2	13	2	5	1				
MCCULLY	1	1			2	1	6	3	1			9
MANSELL	6	6	5	3	20	8	16		2	1	1	
CHIGWIDDEN	2	3	2	4	11	1	12					1
BOW		3	2	5	10	2	4	1				
KRETSCHMER	1		2	4	7		7	1	1			
TOTAL	50	42	50	57	199	82	125	16	16	10	14	22

NORWOOD	9.4	17.8	21.18	29.23	(197)
STURT	2.1	5.1	6.1	8.3	(51)

**SCORERS — Norwood:** Ducker 14.5, Payne 6.3, Aish 4.2, Pittman, Thomas 1.1, Jones, James, Thompson 1.0, Scanlon, McIntosh, Murdoch 0.2, Pike, L. Ross 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Sturt:** Obst 4.0, Stevenson 1.2, Sanderson, Robinson, Graham 1.0, rushed 0.1.

**BEST — Norwood:** Aish, Ducker, McIntosh, James, Pike, Tanner, Ross, Thomas, Payne. **Sturt:** Robinson, Schaeffer, Obst.

**REPORT — Sturt:** Graham for allegedly spitting by field umpire Richard Williams during the second quarter.

**UMPIRES —** R. Williams, D. Elliott.

**CROWD —** 3953.

<b>NORTH</b>	3.6	6.10	9.14	13.17	(95)
<b>EAGLES</b>	2.3	10.5	12.10	14.10	(94)

**SCORERS — North:** Parsons 4.4, Hamilton 3.2, Nunan 2.1, D. Hart 1.2, Burton, Klomp 1.1, Turner 1.0, Alkinson, Barratt 0.1, rushed 0.4. **Eagles:** Morphett 4.2, Niemann, Neave, Klemm 2.1, James, Totham, Schwarz, Lukosius 1.0, Graham 0.1, rushed 0.4.

**BEST — North:** Perkins, Krieg, Saunders, Redden, Barratt, Sanders, Hamilton. **Eagles:** Klemm, Pyman, Meade, Neave, Totham.

**UMPIRES —** Kevin Chambers, Tim Pfeiffer.

**CROWD —** 6978.

## SANFL PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Eagles	15	5	-	2114	1779	54.30	30
North Adelaide	14	6	1	2362	1777	57.01	29
South Adelaide	14	6	-	2247	1770	55.94	28
Port Adelaide	12	8	-	1896	1752	51.97	24
West Adelaide	10	10	-	1876	1921	49.41	20
Glenelg*	9	10	-	1962	2095	48.36	18
Norwood	7	13	1	1932	2045	48.58	15
Central District*	5	14	-	1676	2021	45.33	10
Sturt	3	17	-	1551	2456	38.71	6

\*To play today.

## Top goalkickers

player (club)	Rd 22	Total
S. Morphett (Eagles)	4	86
J. Stevenson (Sturt)	1	71
D. Payne (Norwood)	6	50
R. Mandemaker (Central)*	-	46
M. Dittmar (North)	-	40
M. Parsons (North)	4	40
S. Schmid (South)	-	39
G. Cameron (South)	-	37
S. Sims (North)	-	37
M. Russell (Glenelg)*	-	36

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# Final hope for Tigers

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If Glenelg coach Kym Hodgeman had wanted something to take his mind off the upcoming match against Central District during the last few days, he certainly got it.

By naming former captain Chris McDermott in his line-up for the game the Tigers must win to keep their finals hopes alive, Hodgeman ensured the football public would not be examining the possibility of Glenelg missing the finals for the first time since 1983; rather, it would be questioning his ethics — and the SANFL rules that permitted him to legitimately name the Adelaide captain who had not played in a Bay guernsey all year.

Hodgeman yesterday admitted he had been "testing" the system by including McDermott, and conceded it was "probably morally wrong" to do so. But with the Crows management forbidding its skipper to perhaps return prematurely from injury, the question of McDermott's influence on tonight's match can be overlooked — except in terms of an example of how the rules should be investigated before next April.

Hodgeman, and Glenelg, can concentrate on winning tonight and reaching the finals with the line-up they do have — a side that even looking past the Crows' insistent demands has been seriously depleted by injury to key players

such as captain Scott Salisbury, chief ruckman Gary Christie, forward Clayton Lamb and, most recently, centre half-forward Craig Ellas. Add these names to those of Crows who have bounced back and forth and the shorter-term injured, and it is little wonder that Hodgeman says that if he could have had one wish granted this season, it would have been for cohesion.

"That's just the way football has been this year — very, very frustrating. And for every coach, not just me," Hodgeman said.

"In hindsight, I would have preferred to have cohesion, and to have been able to find some balance — it can not work with players who get together once a week. It's just the way the system's worked this year."

So, how about those Tigers? With two rounds remaining after tonight, the Tigers must face North and Port Adelaide. If they win tonight, they embark on that difficult home stretch on equal points with West, the team that must be ditched out of the five if Glenelg is to make it.

West, with a superior percentage at this stage, has had the bye this week to assist in preparing to face the Eagles at Richmond on Saturday, after which it has the easier last-round task of Sturt at Adelaide Oval.

Hodgeman is confident that with the return of Michael Murphy

## CENTRAL v GLENELG (Football Park, 8pm)

**Central District**  
**F:** Roe, Coffee, Jenkinson.  
**HF:** Worden, Ingerson, Lynn.  
**C:** Platten, Holmes, Gabell.  
**HB:** Pyman, Haraida, Handley.  
**B:** Fielke, Allan, Green.  
**1R:** Lounder, Smith, Chaplin.  
**Inter:** van Dommele, Reimers.  
**In:** van Dommele, Gabell.  
**Out:** Mandemaker (inj.), Stevens.

**Glenelg**  
**F:** Thornborrow, Fidge, Hallahan.  
**HF:** Russell, Murphy, Gibbs.  
**C:** Hele, Deane, Symonds.  
**HB:** Bromilow, Stuart, Viska.  
**B:** Rouvray, Seebohm, Thompson.  
**1R:** McCully, Mansell, Chigwidden.  
**Inter:** Bow, Kretschmer.  
**In:** Fidge, Thompson (recov.), Murphy (from Crows' susp.).  
**Out:** Elias (inj.), Bartlett (Crows), Battiston.

from AFL suspension, and Rob Thompson and John Fidge back from injury, he has "a pretty good team" to combat Central District, the side that may lie in eighth place on the ladder now but defeated Glenelg at Elizabeth in round seven.

Early last month, in their round 16 encounter at Football Park, the Bulldogs led by five goals at half-time and 51 points midway through the third term before the Tigers — and Fidge in particular — went on a rampage to eventually win by six points.

The Tigers realise, therefore, it will not be a mere matter of "turning up" at Football Park by eight tonight.

"We do play well at night," Hodgeman said yesterday. "If we beat Central District, things get back to an even keel."

"The beauty about the whole thing is that to make the finals — after this match — we've got to get past North and Port. If we can do that, we can go all the way."

The unavailability of McDermott gave Ross Gibbs a place in the side, after he had been named as an emergency on Thursday. Gibbs has been slotted into the half-forward flank alongside Murphy, with Brett Deane moving from the flank into the centre.

Central District will start without Rudi Mandemaker, the victim of a back injury, a loss that has given 17-year-old Lee Gabell his first opportunity to play league football.

Gabell has been named on a wing, with Grant Coffee and would-be Crow Anthony Ingerson occupying the prime forward positions.

Scott Stevens, one of three named as possible interchange players on Thursday, played in Central's reserves on Saturday, signalling that Hugh Reimers and the promoted Rene van Dommele would be warming the bench in the early minutes of tonight's match.