

True Bulldog spirit

Central ends losing slump

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Central District fans can breathe a little easier.

An 18-point win against Glenelg at Football Park yesterday ended a three-game losing slump and returned the Bulldogs to second position. Importantly, with the finals in mind, the win was achieved in difficult circumstances.

With five players carrying injuries by half-time and up against a Glenelg side fighting for its immediate future, the Bulldogs had to call on all their resources to win.

Central always appeared in control and yet came perilously close to losing when Glenelg staged a last-quarter revival and midway through the term had reduced a three-quarter time deficit of 24 points to just five.

But, in the end, Glenelg was made to pay dearly for wasting first use of a strong breeze after looking menacing in the opening minutes with goals to full forward Dean Caldwell and Phil McGuinness.

But then Brian Haraida, Central's powerful centre half-back who was back in the side after three weeks on the sidelines, took control. It is no coincidence Central lost each of the games Haraida missed. His presence lifts those around him and it was only a matter of time before his co-defenders tightened up to restrict Glenelg's road to goal.

Haraida was best-afield, finishing with 18 kicks, seven marks and five handpasses. He tired later as was to be expected, but if he remains fit Central has every chance of winning its first finals match since 1972.

Haraida was well-supported by

CENTRAL	2.2	5.6	10.10	13.13	(91)
GLENELG	3.2	4.3	7.6	11.7	(73)

BEST - Central: Haraida, Schwerdt, Stevens, Potter, Reimers, Cotter, Wakelin. Glenelg: McGuinness, Stuart, Chigwidden, Rubenicht, Barton.

GOALS - Central: Reimers, Roberson 3.1, Macgowan 2.0, Richardson 1.3, Luhrs, Arnold, Cook, Cotton 1.0, Ellis, Healy, Handley 0.2, rushed 0.2. Glenelg: Barton 3.2, Chigwidden 2.3, Caldwell, McGuinness 2.0, Roehrich, West 1.0, McRae 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - Central: Cotter (ankle and corked thigh), Balkwill, Potter (corked thigh).

UMPIRES - G. Inge, J. Jeanes.

BEST ON GROUND - Haraida (Central).

TOP TEAM PLAYER - Potter (Central).

Scott Stevens (17 kicks, six marks, 10 handpasses), who alternated between wing and defence, follower Craig Potter (17, 3, 10) and Stephen Schwerdt (15, 6, 13) who created havoc as a rover and later as a defender.

Central coach Alan Stewart was pleased with the result.

"We had some problems at half time with injuries but the boys found a bit in the third term when they were kicking into the breeze," he said.

"Considering the circumstances of the day when it was a must win for Glenelg we were able to find something after half-time and then in the final term. It was satisfying but there is still a lot of room for improvement. That's the important thing, we can improve."

Stewart was concerned in the last quarter when Glenelg got to within five points but impressed with the way his side fought back.

He reserved special mention for full forward Adam Richardson who had no impact on the game until the final stages when he blocked a kick from a Glenelg

defender that resulted in a goal to Jarrod Cotton.

Moments later he marked and goaled to make the game safe for Central.

"It goes to show if you keep at it you'll get something out of it," Stuart said.

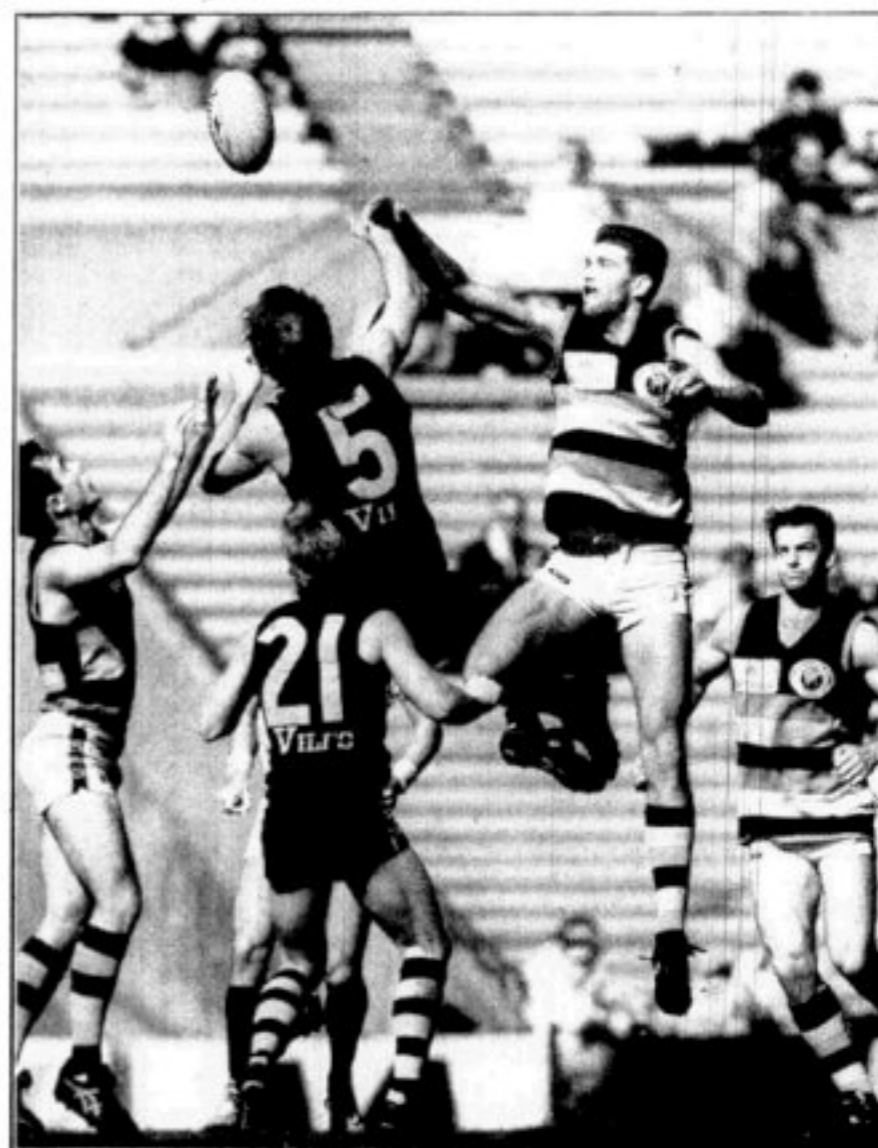
"While the game may not have looked very impressive from outside the fence we were glad to get the two points."

Coach Mark Williams said Glenelg drifted in and out of the game but he was pleased with the way his side battled in the last quarter to get back into the game.

He thought poor use of the ball in the third term probably cost his side the points.

"We battled pretty well but, unfortunately, we turned the ball over too many times when there was no pressure on us at all," Williams said.

Glenelg now is sixth and with games against West Adelaide (at Glenelg) and Port Adelaide (Alberton) to come, it faces a tough test to regain a finals spot.



AERIAL DUEL ... Ruckmen Stewart McCully of Glenelg and Central's Damien Arnold contest a bounce up.

NORTH	4.5	9.9	14.12	18.18	(126)
SOUTH	3.6	5.9	10.14	13.19	(97)

BEST - North: Bamford, Mancini, Atkinson, Perkins, Nunan, Lounder, Sanders. South: Wittman, Polkinghorne, Heath, Battams, McIntyre, Quinn.

GOALS - North: Mancini 3.2, Turner 2.4, Bamford 2.2, Bennett 2.2, Soderstrom 2.0, Rosenboom 2.0, Jeffries 1.2, Sanders 1.2, Atkinson 1.1, Allen 1.0, Squire 1.0, Lounder 0.1, rushed 0.3. South: Groom 3.2, Keam 2.3, McIntyre 2.0, Polkinghorne 1.3, Mitton 1.2, Aulich 1.1, Trevana 1.0, Lamb 1.0, Cameron 1.0, Heath 0.1, Wittman 0.1, McGuinness 0.1, rushed 0.5.

INJURIES - South: McIntyre (dislocated left knee), Wittman (right driver muscle).

UMPIRES - R. Bettridge, T. Pfeiffer.

CROWD - 2501.

BEST ON GROUND - Wittman (South).

TOP TEAM PLAYER - Perkins (North).

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	After round 22				P.c.	Pts
	W	L	F	A		
Eagles	17	3	2449	1651	59.73	34
Central District	13	7	2121	1710	55.36	26
Port Adelaide	12	7	2222	1746	56.00	24
Norwood	9	11	1789	1794	49.93	18
North Adelaide	9	10	1967	2049	48.98	18
Glenelg	9	11	1830	2145	46.04	18
West Adelaide	8	11	1682	1949	46.32	16
South Adelaide	7	13	1816	2226	44.93	14
Sturt	4	15	1696	2302	42.42	8

SANFL LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Club	Rd 22	Total
S. Hodges	(Port)	—	92.35
A. Richardson	(Central)	1	72.36
S. Simister	(West)	3	65.31
A. Taylor	(Eagles)	2	57.40
C. Prime	(Norwood)	3	52.33
R. Rosenboom	(North)	2	44.14
S. Phillipou	(Eagles)	2	42.35
D. Squire	(North)	1	41.26

Round 23 - Saturday: North Adelaide v Port Adelaide (Football Park), Sturt v Central District (Adelaide), Glenelg v West Adelaide (Glenelg).

Bye: South Adelaide, Norwood, Eagles.

EAGLES	0.2	7.9	12.17	21.23	(149)
STURT	2.4	2.4	4.7	4.9	(33)

BEST - Eagles: J. Sziller, Camporeale, Walker, Nicol, Kluzek, Payze, Taylor, M. Hannam, S. Sziller, Rogers. Sturt: Kitchke, Lennon, Wigney, Nelson, Johns, Gray, Ahchee.

GOALS - Eagles: Nicol 4.3, Schache 4.1, S. Sziller 3.2, Taylor 2.3, M. Hannam 2.1, Phillipou 2.0, Walker 1.2, Camporeale 1.1, J. Sziller, Negri 1.0, Payze 0.3, Kluzek 0.2, Morphet, Freeborn 0.1, rushed 0.3. South: Wigney 1.1, Gray, Williams, White 1.0, Richter 0.3, Johns 0.2, Sutherland 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - Eagles: Kennedy (back). Sturt: Sutherland (hamstring strain).

UMPIRES - K. Chambers, R. Williams. **CROWD** - 2495.

BEST ON GROUND - J. Sziller (Eagles).

TOP TEAM PLAYER - Camporeale (Eagles).

WEST	1.4	2.5	4.12	7.14	(56)
NORWOOD	2.3	3.7	5.8	7.12	(54)

BEST - West: Simister, Loving, Fielke, Green, Barrett, Symes. Norwood: McIntosh, Loffler, Russell, Burns, Patterson, D'Antiochia.

GOALS - West: Simister 3.2, Hamilton 2.1, Woosnam 1.1, Bagnan 1.0, Andriske 0.3, Pope 0.2, Loving, Morris, Barrett, Fogden 0.1, rushed 0.1. Norwood: Prime 3.1, McIntosh 2.0, Primus 1.1, Bowman 1.0, Cowham, D'Antiochia 0.2, Patterson, Smart, Russell, Hart 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES - Norwood: Russell (shoulder).

REPORTS - West: Ravesi by field umpire Abbott for allegedly striking Norwood's Patterson in the second quarter.

UMPIRES - M. Abbott, T. Burton.

BEST ON GROUND - McIntosh (Norwood).

TOP TEAM PLAYER - McIntosh (Norwood).

Haraida takes lead in prestige award

Eagle Jason Sziller, on fire with successive best-on-ground performances, has leapt to third on *The Advertiser* Player of the Year leader board.

But his rapid rise has been overshadowed by Central's Brian Haraida, who with three votes yesterday, is the first to take the lead from teammate

Rick Macgowan since the pair shared it with Port's Tim Ginever after round 10.

Eagles v Sturt	
Jason Sziller (Eagles)	3
Scott Camporeale (Eagles)	2
Greg Walker (Eagles)	1
North Adelaide v South Adelaide	
Chris Wittman (South)	3
Scott Bamford (North)	2
Brett Mancini (North)	1

West Adelaide v Norwood	
Garry McIntosh (Norwood)	3
Scott Simister (West)	2
Scott Loving (West)	1
Central District v Glenelg	
Brian Haraida (Central)	3
Steven Schwerdt (Central)	2
Phil McGuinness (Glenelg)	1

LEADERS - 17: B. Haraida (Central); 16: R. Macgowan (Central); 15: T. Ginever (Port), J. Sziller (Eagles); 13: B. Phillips (North), C. Wittman (South); 11: S. Loving, J. Andriske (West); 10: S. Phillipou (Eagles), P. McGuinness, S. McCully (Glenelg), G. McIntosh (Norwood); 9: S. Nicol (Eagles), R. Girdham (Central), B. Atkinson (North), S. Williams (Port); 8: S. Totham (Eagles), T. Nunan, D. Sanders (North), B. Lienert, J. Brooks (Sturt).