

Reborn Dogs slog back

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Glenelg	4.1	10.2	13.3	13.6	(84)

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CENTRAL District is the new SANFL pacesetter after yesterday coming back from the dead to conquer Glenelg in a slogging contest at the Bay.

Central's hard-earned 14-point win in horrible conditions, saw it overhaul Port Adelaide, which it hosts at Elizabeth next Sunday, at the top of the premiership ladder.

But half-way through the third-quarter at wet, windswept Glenelg Oval, the Bulldogs looked destined for defeat, having gone more than 30 minutes without scoring a goal.

Glenelg, on top in midfield and boasting confident forwards in Jim West and Tony Hall, had surged to a three-goal lead after trailing by the same amount a quarter earlier.

But, in keeping with its infuriating tendency to fade in and out of matches this season, Glenelg added only one more goal for the match. Players such as Matthew Liptak, Simon Hele and Nick Chigwidden, who had been influential for the first three quarters, failed to make an impact in the concluding stages.

"It could be a concentration thing," Glenelg coach, Tony Symonds, said afterwards. "We're good enough. We just have to make sure we get back on track sooner rather than later. Maybe it's a lack of fitness, maybe it's tiredness. We're not sure whether to work them harder or ease up on them a bit. We'll make that decision in the next few days."

Central, through Jarrod Cotton, Steven Schwerdt and Peter Green, kicked three goals in two-and-a-half minutes of time-on in the third quarter to regain a two-point lead at three-quarter time.

It added another two in the opening five minutes of the final stanza and the issue was settled about 10 minutes later when driving rain made scoring all but

impossible for the rest of the match.

Central ultimately won the midfield with dogged Jim Wynd and composed Rick Macgowan directing traffic for most of the day. Glenelg won the centre square early but that Central pair, along with 200-game captain Roger Girdham, wingman Danial Healy and busy rover Tim Cook, eventually gained control of the midfield.

Simultaneously, Hugh Reimers and Scott Lee began to win important touches across half-back and Simon Luhrs, until he suffered concussion in a clash of heads with Simon Angove, gave Central plenty to aim for in attack.

Adelaide Crow Lee could be credited with sparking the Central revival. After 18 minutes of the third quarter he drifted upfield from his back pocket, grabbed the ball on a half-forward flank, broke three Glenelg tackles and kicked a 50m goal - Central's first since the middle of the second term.

Glenelg's Tony Hall, who Symonds swung from a forward pocket to centre half-forward after the injury-plagued spearhead began to grab some strong marks, replied, but Central had seized the momentum and struck three times in the decisive time-on period.

"When you're three goals up on your home ground you don't throw that lead away," said Symonds, whose team has now lost five straight games.

"But I thought we turned the corner today. There were a lot of positives to come out of it."

Central coach Alan Stewart made few positional moves despite the game appearing to slide away. "We didn't panic. We didn't make a heap of changes and I think that was probably the key," he said. "I was always confident we could win."

Stewart, however, interchanged with great effect.

SANFL SCOREBOARD

Glenelg Oval

CENTRAL	4.5	8.7	12.11	14.14	(98)
Glenelg	4.1	10.2	13.3	13.6	(84)

BEST - CENTRAL: Macgowan, Wynd, Reimers, Ingerson, Healy, Lee, Luhrs, Cook. **GLENELG**: Hele, Liptak, Hallahan, Hocking, West, McGuinness.
SCORERS - CENTRAL: P. Green 4.0, Schwerdt 3.3, Coffee 2.2, Cotter 1.2, Cotton, Cook 1.1, Ingerson, Lee 1.0, Wynd, Luhrs, Arnold 0.1, rushed 0.2. **GLENELG**: Hall 3.1, Dryden 3.0, Liptak, Moore 2.0, Symonds, Chigwidden, Angove 1.0, Scripps, West 0.1, rushed 0.3.
INJURIES - CENTRAL: Luhrs (concussion), Haraida (groin, withdrew before game). **GLENELG**: Waugh (knee), Angove (cut to head).
UMPIRES: Mark Bennett, Troy Burton, Greg Inge.

Richmond Oval

WEST	4.3	8.4	11.5	14.7	(91)
Norwood	3.2	6.3	8.6	10.10	(70)

BEST - WEST: Kilpatrick, Wheildon, Patterson, Sporn, Carlson, McMahon, Godden, Banik. **NORWOOD**: McIntosh, Harvey, Schoell, R. James, McCormack, D'Antiochia.
SCORERS - WEST: Wheildon 7.1, Simister, Sporn 2.0, Symes, Fielke, Barrett 1.0, Godden 0.2, Kilpatrick, Morris 0.1, rushed 0.2. **NORWOOD**: Harvey 3.1, Schoell 3.0, Robran 2.1, Thiessen 1.4, Davey 1.0, McIntosh, Smart, McCormack 0.1, rushed 0.1.
INJURIES - WEST: Fielke (hamstring). **NORWOOD**: Davey (knee), Fleming (knee), Robran (ankle).
UMPIRES: Michael Abbott, Kevin Chambers, David Elliott.

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SOUTH	2.1	2.1	6.4	8.5	(53)
North	1.1	1.4	1.5	4.9	(33)

BEST - SOUTH: Cameron, Heath, Polkinghorne, Jackson, Lamb, Trevena, Harris. **NORTH**: Perkins, Nunan, Viney, Phillips, Mancini.
SCORERS - SOUTH: Del Re 3.0, Cameron 1.1, Stoekel, Lade, Byrne 1.0, T. Powell 0.2, Heath 0.1, rushed 0.1. **NORTH**: Atkinson 2.2, Bennett 1.1, Mancini 1.0, Bamford 0.2, Allen, Perkins, Squire, Sandford 0.1.
UMPIRES: Jeff Jeanes, Andrew Swaffer, Andrew Vickers.

Football Park

EAGLES	4.6	13.8	15.12	16.16	(112)
Sturt	1.3	3.5	5.8	7.11	(53)

BEST - EAGLES: Ugrinic, Thorne, Totham, Higgins, Cichowski, Hannam, Lukosuis, Neimann. **STURT**: Richter, Lennon, Thredgold, Johns, Nelson.
SCORERS - EAGLES: Cichowski 6.1, Robins 3.3, Higgins, Hannam 2.1, Totham 1.3, Lukosuis 1.1, Morphett 1.0, Axon 0.2, Payze 0.1, rushed 0.3. **STURT**: Lennon, Burton 2.1, D. Thomas 1.2, Sutherland, Johns 1.0, W. Thomas, Barker, Obst 0.1, rushed 0.4.
INJURIES - EAGLES: Taylor (ankle, omitted from chosen team), Neimann (ankle).
UMPIRES: Craig Doddridge, Tim Slaven, Richard Williams.

SANFL ladder

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
CENTRAL	12	8	3	1	1157	972	54.34	17
PORT*	11	8	3	0	1344	1038	56.42	16
NORWOOD	12	7	5	0	1207	1038	53.76	14
NORTH	12	7	5	0	1117	1025	52.15	14
WEST	11	6	4	1	1161	971	54.46	13
South	11	6	5	0	1017	1065	48.85	12
Glenelg	12	5	7	0	1170	1163	50.15	10
Eagles	12	4	8	0	1061	1205	46.82	8
Sturt	11	0	11	0	806	1563	34.02	0

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	Games	Rd 13	Total
G. Coffee (Central)	11	2	49
D. Del-Re (South)	11	3	44
D. Woosnam (West)	9	0	37
M. Tylor (Port)	10	0	36
S. Simister (West)	11	2	29
C. Waterhouse (Port)	11	0	29
A. Pierri (Norwood)	9	0	28
J. Thiesson (Norwood)	10	1	28
B. Parker (North)	12	0	27
T. Olsen (Port)	10	0	25
D. Wheildon (West)	7	7	23
D. Squire (North)	12	0	21
D. Caldwell (Glenelg)	7	0	20
S. Sutherland (Sturt)	10	0	18
B. Atkinson (North)	12	2	17
B. Mancini (North)	10	1	17
J. West (Glenelg)	11	0	17
J. Burton (Sturt)	9	2	17
A. Taylor (Eagles)	8	0	16

Central	Kicks				Marks	Hballs	Frees	Scores				Hit	Tackles
	1	2	3	4				F	A	G	B		
A. INGERSON	3	1	1	3	8	6	8	3	1	1	0	15	0
G. COFFEE	1	2	1	1	5	4	1	0	2	2	2	0	1
T. COOK	4	3	2	1	10	1	7	3	1	1	1	0	0
P. GREEN	1	4	1	0	6	3	2	0	1	4	0	0	1
S. LUHRS	3	3	3	1	10	3	7	2	3	0	1	0	0
S. SCHWERDT	6	0	5	0	11	1	6	0	2	3	3	0	1
D. HEALY	5	3	5	2	15	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
R. MACGOWAN	3	4	5	5	17	4	17	1	1	0	0	0	2
S. STEVENS	3	3	1	0	7	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	2
C. PYMAN	1	5	1	1	8	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	3
R. WINDSOR	0	2	0	1	3	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
C. POTTER	2	0	1	2	5	2	8	2	3	0	0	0	5
S. LEE	4	1	2	4	11	3	10	0	0	1	0	0	4
M. WAKELIN	0	0	2	3	5	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
H. REIMERS	1	3	3	0	7	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
D. ARNOLD	1	1	0	1	3	1	5	0	0	0	1	6	0
R. GIRDHAM	4	0	3	3	10	1	9	3	4	0	0	0	3
J. WYND	8	3	3	5	19	4	6	2	4	0	1	0	3
J. COTTON	0	0	3	3	6	2	4	1	1	1	1	0	0
C. COTTER	0	0	2	6	8	1	5	2	0	1	2	0	1
TOTALS	50	38	44	42	174	43	115	26	29	14	14	21	26

Glenelg	Kicks				Marks	Hballs	Frees	Scores				Hit	Tackles
	1	2	3	4				F	A	G	B		
T. HALL	1	2	3	0	6	4	1	1	1	3	1	0	1
S. DRYDEN	3	3	2	2	10	5	3	1	1	3	0	0	0
P. HALLAHAN	5	3	2	6	16	2	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
J. SYMONDS	4	2	4	4	14	2	8	1	3	1	0	0	4
J. WEST	1	2	2	1	6	6	2	1	1	0	1	4	1
J. SCRIPPS	2	1	3	4	10	4	3	2	0	0	1	0	1
S. HELE	4	8	4	2	18	2	10	4	0	0	0	0	0
M. LIPTAK	2	8	5	1	16	0	9	2	3	2	0	0	4
R. WAUGH	2	0	0	0	2	1	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. ANGOVE	1	4	2	0	7	4	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
A. BARTLETT	1	3	3	3	10	3	10	2	3	0	0	1	1
D. KRIETSCHMER	4	2	3	1	10	3	19	1	1	0	0	0	1
G. REUBENICHT	3	1	1	3	8	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
J. HOCKING	2	0	2	1	5	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0
B. ROEHRICH	0	1	0	4	5	5	3	1	3	0	0	4	1
S. MCCULLY	1	5	1	0	7	3	4	0	2	0	0	19	0
P. MCGUINNESS	8	6	9	5	26	3	7	2	3	0	0	0	2
N. CHIGWIDDEN	2	1	0	3	6	0	16	3	1	1	0	0	3
B. MOORE	0	1	2	2	5	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	0
J. SPIVEY	0	0	0	4	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	46	53	48	46	193	53	115	29	26	13	6	29	20