

Central cruises as Bays crumble

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CENTRAL District enhanced its claims for a vital top-three spot with a convincing 50-point victory over Glenelg at Elizabeth last night.

With ruckman Paul Scoullar igniting the action and a band of willing teammates feeding off his work, the Bulldogs climbed into third on the ladder with two rounds remaining.

The Tigers are now precariously placed in fifth with just one game left - South Adelaide in the last round.

They have the bye next week.

Glenelg was gifted a tremendous start when Mark Ruwoldt was awarded a free kick in the goalsquare only seconds after the opening bounce and the ball 80m from the infringement.

The Bulldogs took a few minutes to settle although their decision making often proved costly. An inclination to bomb away into attack also hampered their progress.

This was a game with rich incentives and it was played as such. There was plenty of scrappy action, but that was not surprising given the pressure and intensity.

Central dominated territory and spent much of the second term camped deep in its forward line. But this advantage was not reflected on the scoreboard with a string of opportunities being wasted. When Glenelg did go forward, it made the most of its forays with five goals

without a miss. Midfielder Brett Backwell, shadowed by Andrew Hayes, struggled to get involved in the contest but he still had a major influence with two superb goals so typical of his game.

The Gowans brothers, James and Chris, Chad O'Sullivan, Adam Switala and Matthew Slade were busy on the ball, while Richard Cochrane was outstanding in defence.

The fact the Bulldogs had 15 scoring shots to seven by half time was an indication of their domination, but an inability to finish kept Glenelg in the battle.

That problem appeared rectified after halftime when the Bulldogs nailed three goals in four minutes to stretch the advantage to 31 points and have the Tigers on the ropes.

But three goals in six minutes enabled Glenelg to climb back into the game.

The Tigers used the ball more efficiently, found teammates in space and caused Bulldog turnovers with desperate tackling.

"There was a frustration for the group at half-time when they felt they hadn't the reward on the scoreboard for what we had put out endeavour wise," Central coach Roy Laird said. "The first five minutes of the third quarter set us up a bit - the players took their frustration out on the footy and got the result."

Glenelg coach Mark Mickan said: "Our workrate was poor, inferior compared to Central. The attack on the ball was not good enough."



CENTRAL

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
OSULLIVAN	23	7	8	0	4	4	3	0	2
SCHELL	11	9	4	3	1	2	2	1	2
MCCABE	16	5	6	1	1	1	0	0	4
GOWANS.C	16	10	11	4	2	2	2	0	8
WESTHOFF.J	5	3	2	2	0	1	1	0	1
WARE	10	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
SWITALA	16	5	9	1	1	0	0	0	1
GOWANS.J	11	5	9	3	0	1	0	0	3
WESTHOFF.L	7	3	2	2	0	2	1	0	1
COCHRANE.R	8	4	10	0	1	0	0	0	3
MCKENZIE	8	3	5	1	1	3	0	6	2
HAYES	5	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
WILSON	7	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	2
SIBENHALER	3	3	5	0	1	0	0	0	1
CURRIE	4	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
SCOULLAR	5	2	3	2	1	0	0	19	4
THOMAS	19	12	6	0	3	0	0	0	2
SLADE	16	4	6	2	1	2	1	0	2
GRIFFIN	4	0	5	1	1	0	0	4	1
MUSOLINO	10	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	2
GRAHAM	5	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	209	93	102	27	21	18	12	30	49



GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
KIRK	6	3	1	1	1	0	0	5	0
DULDIG	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
RUWOLDT	10	3	3	1	3	1	0	0	2
GRAHAM	8	4	10	1	0	0	0	0	0
SMITH	13	7	5	2	1	3	0	0	2
KIRKBY	7	5	2	0	3	0	0	0	0
MCCONNELL	17	9	5	3	2	1	0	0	0
BACKWELL	8	1	5	2	2	3	0	0	3
MOORE	9	5	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
MITCHELL	11	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
AUSTIN	7	3	4	0	4	1	0	0	3
MULES	6	4	9	1	0	0	0	0	1
PANOZZO	15	3	13	3	2	0	0	0	1
SHERWOOD	7	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
HINGE	9	5	8	1	1	0	0	0	3
CRANSTON	4	1	7	1	3	0	0	11	4
GIBBS	13	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	3
ALLEN	4	2	8	1	2	0	0	0	6
ROGERS	9	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	1
YEOMANS	11	1	4	0	1	1	0	0	1
BURDETT	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	180	79	105	21	27	11	4	16	30

SCOREBOARD

Coopers Oval, 1912

NORWOOD	99	150	WEST
5.3	6.9	9.12	14.15
6.2	12.7	17.8	23.12

GOALS

Bartemucci 3; Hill, Pfeiffer, Gallagher 2; Carslake, Borlace, Culpitt, Meesen, Cockshell.

BEST

Bartemucci, Borlace, Nitschke, Duigan.

INJURIES/REPORTS

NORWOOD: Bartemucci (knee).

WEST: O'Sullivan (cut head); Hamblin (shoulder).

Umpires: B. May, D. Knepp, S. ...

SCOREBOARD

Hamra House Oval, 1436

CENTRAL	120	70	GLENELG
5.4	7.8	12.10	18.12
4.0	6.1	9.4	11.4

GOALS

O'Sullivan 4; McKenzie 3; C. Gowans, Schell, L. Westhoff, Slade 2; J. Westhoff, McCabe, J. Gowans.

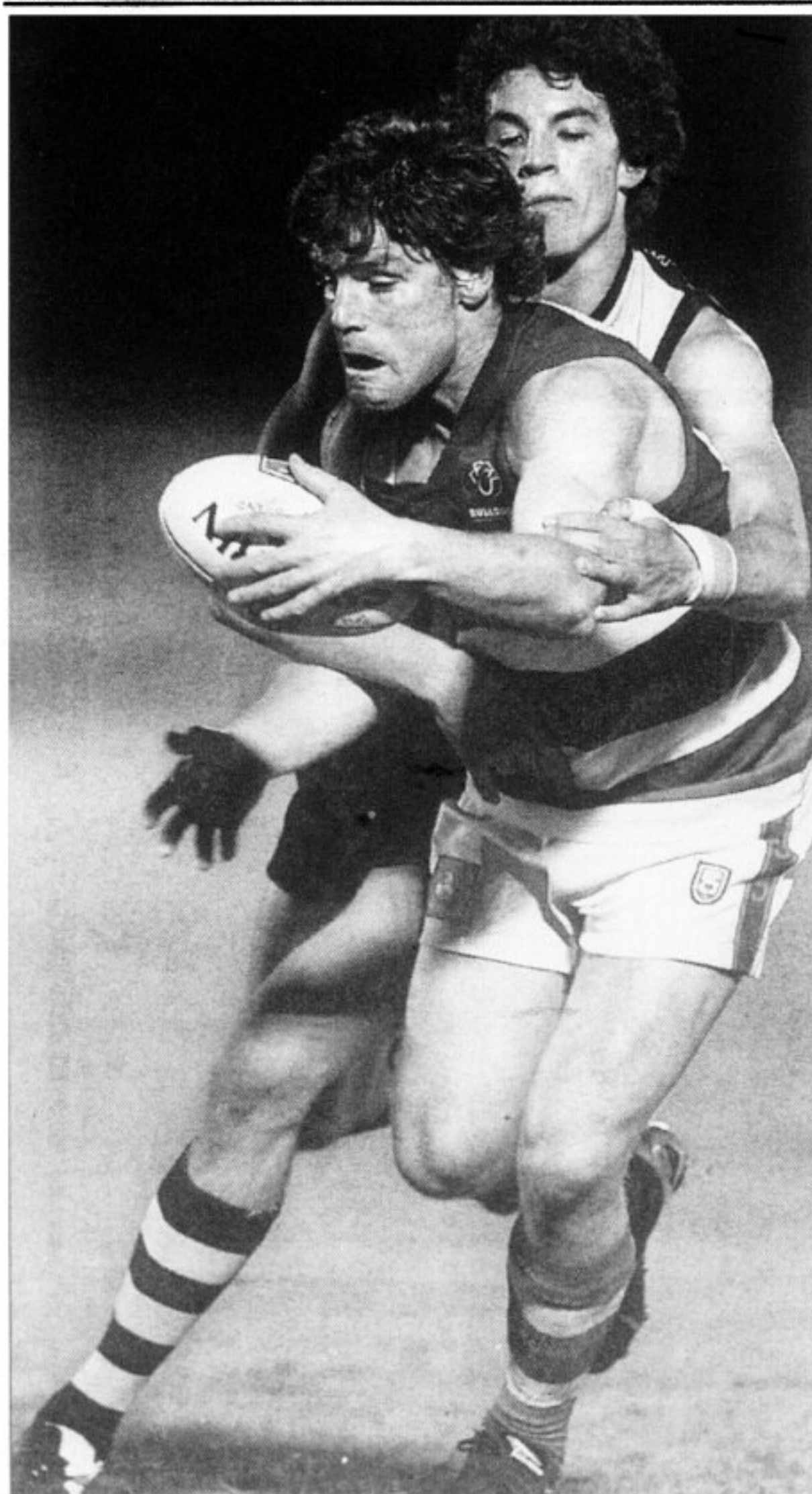
BEST

Scoullar, O'Sullivan, C. Gowans, Thomas, Hayes, Cochrane, MacKenzie.

INJURIES/REPORTS

CENTRAL: Nil. GLENELG: Nil.

Umpires: C. Bowen, T. Philp, R. Williams.



WRAPPED UP: Glenelg's Ruory Kirkby tackles Central District's Chris Gowans. Picture: Sam Wundke

LADDER

TEAM	P	W	L	For	Agst	Str	%	Pts
EAGLES**	18	14	4	2047	1597	W2	56.17	28
NORTH	18	14	4	2216	1792	W2	55.29	28
CENTRAL	18	11	7	1834	1549	W1	54.21	22
PORT	18	11	7	1915	1770	W3	51.97	22
GLENELG	19	10	9	2174	1822	L2	54.40	20

South	18	9	9	2122	1790	L1	54.24	18
Norwood	19	8	11	1725	2037	L4	45.85	16
Sturt	18	3	15	1517	2451	L5	38.23	6
West	18	2	16	1462	2204	W1	39.88	4

**Bye *Yet to play this round

SCOREBOARD

Alberton Oval, 2704

PORT	141	39	STURT
6.2	12.7	14.10	21.15
1.2	1.3	3.6	5.9

GOALS

Waterhouse 7; J Clayton 6; Stevens, 2; Jenner, Maric, Summerton, Davis, Thomas, Butcher.

BEST

J. Clayton, AhChee, Waterhouse, Stevens, M. Clayton, Lokan, Ilett, Baird.

INJURIES/REPORTS

PORT: Nil. STURT: Nil.

Umpires: C. Doddridge, A. Meade, R. Lindner.

SCOREBOARD

Prospect Oval, 2756

NORTH	141	102	SOUTH
6.2	14.7	18.9	21.15
3.0	7.1	11.2	16.6

GOALS

Hargraves 5; Gill 4; Gatto, Alleyway 3; Ladhams, Younie 2; Wintle, Bamford.

BEST

Bamford, Ladhams, Hudson, Coulter, D. Ebert, McIntyre, Howard, Schubert.

INJURIES/REPORTS

NORTH: Wintle (leg soreness).

SOUTH: Bennett (shoulder).

Umpires: D. Joyce, T. Pfeiffer, C. Reardon.