

Tigers fall short

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CENTRAL District kept its unbeaten run intact after four games and inflicted more insult on a sluggish Glenelg with an uninspiring 23-point win in heavy conditions at Elizabeth yesterday.

It was the Bulldogs' 14th successive win over Glenelg at Elizabeth, but Central had to scrap to hold top spot on the ladder.

The Tigers have not won at Hamra Homes Oval since April, 1992, and probably missed a chance to break the duck after controlling play for most of the game.

Central - more accomplished and with slightly better skills under the pressure of Glenelg's close checking and the glue-like mud - absorbed the Tigers' attacks and still came out on top.

But coach Roy Laird said it was Central's least impressive performance this year. If not for a defining and punishing 5.3 to 1.2 second quarter return, Central might have been lamenting its poor output on a day when heart had more currency than flair.

Starting without defender Adrian Wilson (finger) and losing key forward Luke Cowan (shoulder strain) within 10 minutes, Central couldn't get its usual system rolling and was tossed about too easily in the open quarter as Glenelg restricted the Dogs' play-makers and

crowded their forward 50m arc. It was the Tigers' attack on the ball that produced a 4.1 to 1.1 opening 20 minutes - then it all fell apart.

With irrepressible Jason Mackenzie pumping in ruck and power-marking Heath Lawry (3.2) dangerous at half-forward, Central worked its way out of the doldrums.

The Bays' tackle count plummeted and Central's class rose with Charles Slattery, Brad Symes, Paul Thomas, Scott Dutsche, Adam Switala and Matthew Slade doing enough to get nine points in front at half-time.

"The second quarter we controlled it with five goals to one, the first 10 minutes of the last quarter we kicked five goals to nothing," Laird said.

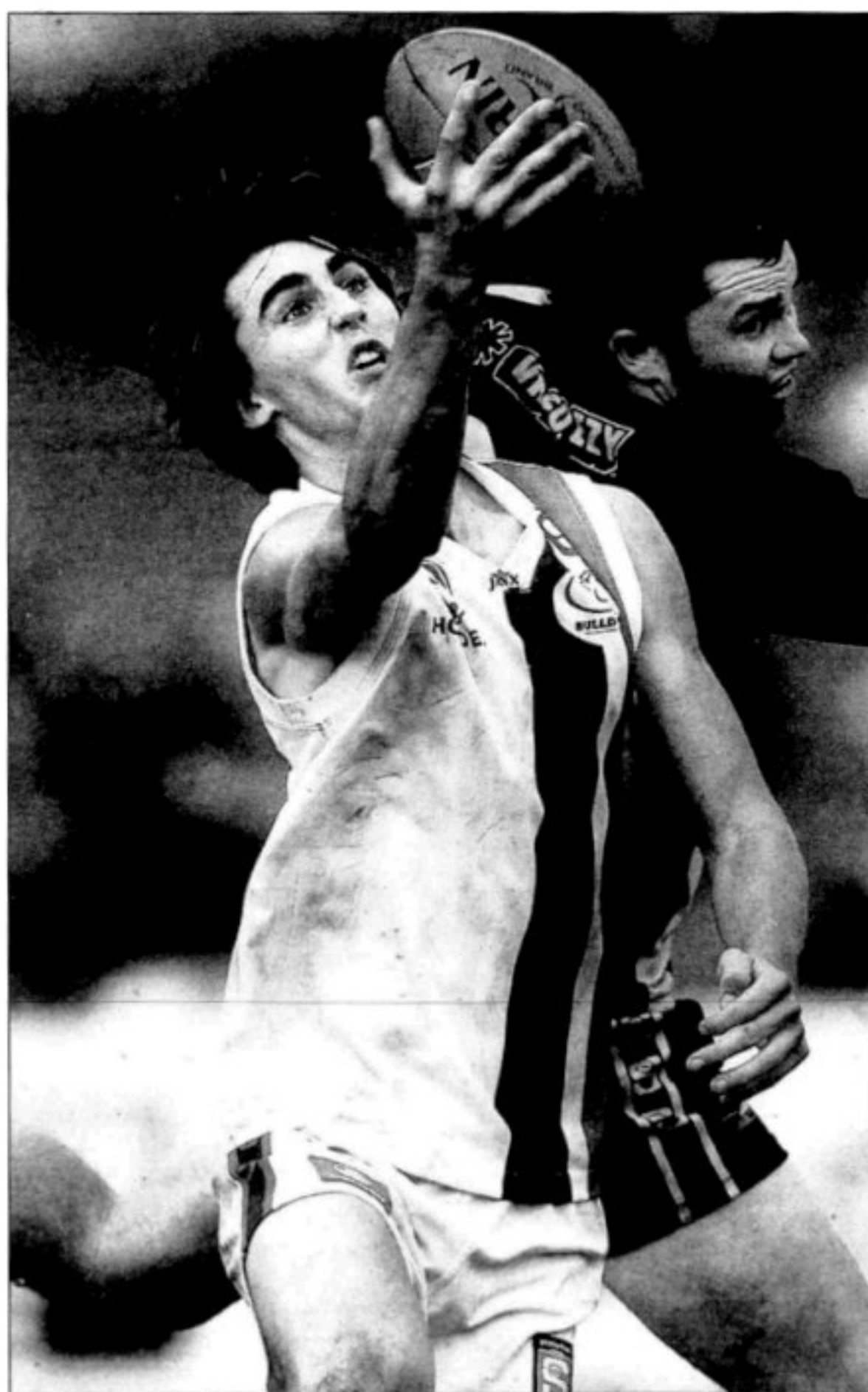
"So we've kicked 10 goals to one through the second quarter and last but for large periods, Glenelg controlled the game."

Glenelg's top ruckman, Trevor Cranston, strained a knee ligament on Thursday, leaving debutant Tom Treloar in ruck and experienced Ben Moore (hamstring) pulled out late. It left the Tigers' midfield fragile.

Personnel is one thing but the stop-start way they went about the game was puzzling to onlookers and frustrating to coach Mark Mickan.

"Our pressure and the opportunities that created dropped away," Mickan said.

"Our efficiency needs to improve but we can't afford that drop off in pressure."



GOOD CATCH: Central District's Justin Westhoff takes a one-handed mark against Glenelg's Justin McConnell. **Picture:** Sam Wundke

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CENTRAL V GLENELG

Hamra Homes Oval - 3273



Central	2.3	7.6	9.10	15.12	102
Glenelg	5.1	6.3	9.4	12.7	79

BEST PLAYERS: CENTRAL - Lawry, Symes, Mackenzie, Slattery, Schell, Thomas, Switala. **GLENELG** - Boak, Fisher, Backwell, Kane, Mules, Willoughby. **GOALS:** CENTRAL - Lawry, J Gowans 3; Goodrem, Ware, Switala 2; J Westhoff, Callinan, Slade.

GLENELG - Mitchell 4; McConnell, Fisher, Kane 2; Button, Willoughby. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** Glenelg - Moore (hamstring).

UMPIRES: G Fila, C Doddridge, D Joyce.

SANFL LADDER - ROUND 5

TEAM	P	W	L	D	FOR.	AGST	PTS	%
Central	4	4	-	-	469	263	8	64.07
Port	5	3	2	-	498	413	6	54.67
Sturt*	4	3	1	-	347	353	6	49.57
North	4	2	1	1	361	316	5	53.32
West	4	2	2	-	310	383	4	44.73
South	5	1	3	1	391	524	3	42.73
Norwood	4	1	3	-	360	386	2	48.26
Eagles	4	1	3	-	380	432	2	46.80
Glenelg	4	1	3	-	295	341	2	46.38

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PORT ADELAIDE V SOUTH ADELAIDE

Alberton Oval - 2585



Port	2.4	6.8	9.16	12.18	90
South	3.3	6.4	8.7	10.10	70

BEST PLAYERS: PORT - Summerton, Waterhouse, Biacsi, Greenwood. **SOUTH** - Thewlis, Williams, McGrath, Clarke.

GOALS: PORT - Waterhouse 4; Hargraves 3; Summerton 2; M Clayton, Dolling, LeCras. **SOUTH** - Kenna 3; Maddox, Williams 2; Prendergast, Twomey, Jacques. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** Jared Poulton (PA) reported for high contact on David Clarke (SA).

UMPIRES: R Williams, S Hay, D Kowal.

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WEST ADELAIDE V EAGLES

Broadspectrum Oval - 1914



West	4.3	6.5	8.6	12.10	82
Eagles	0.3	4.10	8.14	10.18	78

BEST PLAYERS: WEST - Gray, Hollands, Vanderloo, McCormick, Barber, Willits, Walsh. **EAGLES** - Jarrad, Pedler, McGregor, Powell, P. Stewart. **GOALS:** WEST - Cupido, Gray 4; Willits 3; Dragicevic. **EAGLES** - Passador 4; McGregor 2; Grocke, Fitzgerald, Lindsay, Klun. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** West - Barling (hip) withdrew from selected squad. **UMPIRES:** T Dey, B Duff, D Woodcock.



CENTRAL

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
SLADE	18	7	11	2	1	1	0	0	5
COWAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COCHRANE	9	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	1
GOWANS.C	8	5	8	1	1	0	0	0	2
LAWRY	12	9	3	2	2	3	2	4	1
DUTSCHKE	6	1	5	2	2	0	1	0	3
SWITALA	14	4	6	0	0	2	0	0	2
GOWANS.J	8	2	7	1	1	3	0	0	3
WARE	11	5	2	0	0	2	1	0	1
THOMAS	6	4	6	0	5	0	0	0	3
SHELL	13	8	3	3	0	0	0	0	2
GOODREM	9	4	1	1	1	2	1	0	2
SYMES	15	11	8	0	1	0	0	0	1
GRIMA	7	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	2
CURRIE	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	2
MACKENZIE	10	6	5	0	1	0	0	12	3
SLATTERY	15	8	8	3	1	0	0	1	1
CALLINAN	12	3	7	0	0	1	2	0	2
WESTHOFF	8	5	3	3	3	1	4	8	2
HAYES	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	2
MUSOLINO	11	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	199	96	104	19	19	15	12	28	42



GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
WILLOUGHBY	14	5	4	2	1	1	0	0	0
LEWIS	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
FISHER	13	5	9	1	1	2	1	0	3
KANE.B	11	13	10	0	1	2	0	0	0
SMITH	6	4	1	1	3	0	0	4	2
ALLEN	5	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
MURPHY	15	7	10	2	1	0	0	0	0
BACKWELL	13	8	9	4	2	0	0	0	1
MCCONNELL	11	7	1	1	1	2	2	0	0
MULES	13	6	13	1	0	0	0	0	1
KIRKBY	2	3	7	0	1	0	0	1	0
MITCHELL	5	4	0	0	0	4	1	0	0
RUDOLPH	3	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
SHERWOOD	7	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
PANOZZO	6	5	3	3	2	0	0	0	0
DAY	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BOAK	7	7	15	0	1	0	0	0	2
BUTTON	4	3	1	0	1	1	0	9	0
TIELOAR	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	8	1
RUWOLDT	7	3	3	2	0	0	1	0	2
BLOCK	5	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	148	91	100	19	19	12	7	22	13

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NORTH V NORWOOD

The Parade - 4281



North	7.2	10.5	11.8	14.11	95
Norwood	6.3	7.10	10.13	11.14	80

BEST PLAYERS: NORTH - Alleway, Ladhams, Wakelin, J.Campbell, Ryswyk, Ivens, Cubillo. **NORWOOD** - Gallagher, McGuinness, Bartemucci, Culpitt, Bailey, Lower, DeJongh.

GOALS: NORTH - Ladhams 6; Alleway Weatherley, J.Campbell 2; Allan, Howard. **NORWOOD** - Vlatko, DeJongh 3; Cockshell 2; Puopolo, Borlace, McGuinness. **INJURIES/REPORTS:** North - nil. Norwood - Bown (heart palpitations) Nitschke (knee).

UMPIRES: T Pfeiffer, C Carey, S Mackie.

STATS LEADERS

GOALS

Brant Chambers (Sturt)	(*)	22
Mark Passador (Eagles)	(4)	17