

# Bulldogs still in hunt for top-three finish

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CENTRAL District is still in the hunt for a top three spot and the crucial double chance in the finals after conquering Glenelg by 63 points at Elizabeth Oval yesterday.



The Bulldogs climbed to equal third on the ladder with West Adelaide and North Adelaide although they have played one more match and have inferior percentage.

The Bloods will move a game clear of the Bulldogs and Roosters if they beat Port Adelaide at Alberton today.

This was a solid workout in warm conditions for the Bulldogs on the eve of the finals and the margin was deceiving given the Tigers trailed by only seven points two minutes into the final term.

The Bulldogs bagged the final nine goals in an explosive final quarter to further fuel to coach Roy Laird's confidence in his team's fitness.

## CENTRAL DISTRICT V GLENELG

	<b>CENTRAL</b> 4.2 9.6 13.7 22.10	<b>142</b>
	<b>GLENELG</b> 3.1 5.4 11.6 12.7	<b>79</b>

**BEST**  
**Central:** O'Hara, Guilhaus, Habel, Collier, Goodrem, S. Milne, Symes.  
**Glenelg:** Curran, Bradley, Jolly, Lyons, Proud, Davenport.

**GOALS**

"We finished with a bit of a flurry and that is probably the most free scoring quarter we have had for a long time," Laird said.

"Importantly it started in the first five minutes (of the final term) from a defensive sense.

"We tackled well and holes opened up from there.

"If we do the simple things well we are pretty good but when we go against that we look average.

"Glenelg were at us in those

**Central:** Hardy, Habel 4; S. Milne 3; Goodrem, O'Hara 2; Guilhaus, Boyd, Jenner, Dutschke, Thomas, Glenn, J. Schiller.  
**Glenelg:** Proud, Hitchcock, Nicholson 2; McFarlane, Jolly, Curran, Kirkby, Pitt, Gamble.

**INJURIES**  
Nil

**UMPIRES:**  
T. Philp, M. Avon, T. Dey.

**CROWD**  
2206 at Elizabeth Oval.

middle two quarters when the game was too open."

Despite kicking against the breeze in the opening quarter, the Bulldogs nailed the first three goals - all from free kicks - before the Tigers, led by Chris Curran, settled to cut the deficit to just seven at the first change.

There were those moments of inspiration, such as the desperate chase by Bulldog Jackson Potter on the outer wing midway through the second quarter when he refused to

give up on the pursuit. His efforts were rewarded with a Glenelg turnover and the ball being swept downfield by the home side for a goal. That put the Bulldogs 24 points up and with the accendency.

But the Tigers, playing with renewed confidence in recent weeks, would not lie down and they punished Bulldog mistakes to trim a 31-point deficit 15 minutes into the third term to seven early in the last.

The Bulldogs turned up the heat, lifted the intensity and workrate and fed off plenty of ball from the stoppages.

"For three quarters we were very, very competitive," Tigers coach Kris Massie said.

"As a group, that is unacceptable what occurred in the last term - we are really disappointed.

"Forget who we were playing. We let ourselves down for the good work and investment that we put into that performance as a group."



HOLD ON: Central's Trent Goodrem tackles Glenelg's Chris Curran at Elizabeth yesterday.  
Picture: CALUM ROBERTSON

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Team	P	W	L	FOR	AG	PTS	%
Norwood	18	15	3	1576	964	62.05	30
Eagles	18	12	6	1603	1331	54.64	24
West Adelaide	18	11	7	1546	1103	58.36	22
North Adelaide	19	11	8	1779	1434	55.37	22
Central District	19	11	8	1601	1408	53.21	22
Sturt	18	7	11	1370	1617	45.87	14
Port Adelaide	18	7	11	1262	1549	44.9	14
South Adelaide	19	5	14	1118	1843	37.76	10
Glenelg	19	4	15	1317	1968	40.09	8

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	K	M	H	F	A	G	P	HO	T		K	M	H	F	A	G	P	HO	T
Guilhaus	6	4	5	0	0	1	0	28	4	Clurey	11	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Waldhuter	4	3	8	1	1	0	0	0	1	McInerney	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1
Symes	17	10	16	0	1	0	0	1	5	McFarlane	9	4	9	0	0	1	2	0	0
Potter	14	7	4	0	2	0	1	0	2	Bradley	13	4	12	2	0	0	0	1	3
Hardy	8	2	0	2	0	4	1	0	1	Allen	4	2	8	1	1	0	0	0	3
Boyd	17	5	10	2	0	1	2	0	1	Jolly	22	7	11	0	0	1	2	0	2
Jenner	10	9	7	0	0	1	0	0	2	Proud	9	7	5	1	0	2	0	0	1
Goodrem	11	3	7	0	2	2	0	1	5	Curran	17	12	13	3	1	1	1	0	1
Dutschke	7	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	Hitchcock	10	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Milne	10	5	6	2	0	3	1	0	1	McGinty	4	3	5	0	1	0	0	2	3
Thomas	15	6	11	0	0	1	0	0	1	Kirkby	6	2	1	2	1	1	0	2	0
Habel	15	10	7	0	0	4	2	0	0	Lyons	15	5	15	0	0	0	0	0	5
Collier	11	7	4	0	2	0	0	0	1	Pitt	8	6	11	2	0	1	0	0	5
Osborn	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	23	0	Mules	3	2	12	0	2	0	0	0	1
Glenn	14	8	4	1	0	1	1	0	1	Tapp	8	7	2	2	2	0	0	0	3
Williams	21	12	5	1	3	0	0	0	2	Gamble	6	4	3	0	1	1	0	0	3
Schiller	10	7	14	1	0	1	0	0	3	Underwood	6	2	8	0	1	0	0	0	4
Reichert	4	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	Davenport	20	7	9	0	0	0	1	0	1
Barnaby	15	9	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	Button	4	3	8	0	2	0	0	20	0
Prior	11	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	Nicholson	9	6	5	0	0	2	0	0	3
O'Hara	15	3	7	1	0	2	0	1	4	Gill	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	2
TOTALS	235	119	131	14	13	22	10	54	42	TOTALS	189	94	148	13	14	12	7	31	45

K Kicks, M Marks, H Handballs, F Frees For, A Frees Against, G Goals, P Points, HO Hitouts, T Tackles