

AFL clubs to circle Milera as Dogs march on

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THERE were two key facts to emerge from Central District's 40-point triumph over Glenelg in Elizabeth yesterday.

The victory has kept the Bulldogs alive in the race for a finals berth, climbing to within a game of fifth-placed South Adelaide after the Panthers' loss to Port Adelaide yesterday. The two clubs will meet in Noarlunga on Saturday in the final minor round.

And Bulldogs' Wayne Mile-ra will be lost to the club when the names are announced at the AFL draft. The skilful Mile-ra capped a brilliant game with five goals to add further currency to his draft hopes.

"We all know how Wayne can play," Bulldogs coach Roy Laird said. "He is still finding his way at this level but this week he was a lot sharper and intense."

Laird praised his players for their work ethic and positive approach after losing gun forward Bryce Retzlaff early in the contest because of a hamstring injury, while key defender Murray Stephenson left the game in the first quarter after hurting his ankle, only to return in the final term.

"There would be times when clubs would turn their toes up thinking it was a little too hard after being two players down early, but they dug in," Laird said. "Clearly we made a lot of errors but I'm happy with the effort although I should not be surprised - we set ourselves as fighters."

The opening quarter was a scrappy affair with mistakes galore from both sides. The Bulldogs constantly missed targets, mostly under little pressure, to squander possession while the Tigers failed to take advantage.

After the home side built a 25-point lead midway through the second quarter, the Tigers kept the Bulldogs pinned in their defensive zone and they were able to eat into the deficit.

Matthew Snook got his hands to plenty of ball for the Tigers while Aaron Joseph was active across half-back.

Midway through the third quarter the Tigers, wasteful in front of goals, were within

CENTRAL DISTRICT V GLENELG

	BULLDOGS	2.2 6.4 9.6 14.8	92
	TIGERS	2.2 4.6 5.10 7.10	52

BEST

Bulldogs: Milera, Thomas, Hoskin, Mabon, T. Schiller, Goodrem.

Tigers: Snook, Joseph, Scott, Nicholson, McGinty.

GOALS

Bulldogs: Milera 5, Mabon 3, Hoskin 2, Edmead, Jenner, Thomas, T. Schiller.

Tigers: Snook, Alleyway, Bailey, Johansen, Trembath, McGinty, Hill.

INJURIES

Bulldogs: Retzlaff (hamstring), Stephenson (ankle)

Tigers: Nil.

UMPIRES

Philp, Schramm, Lally.

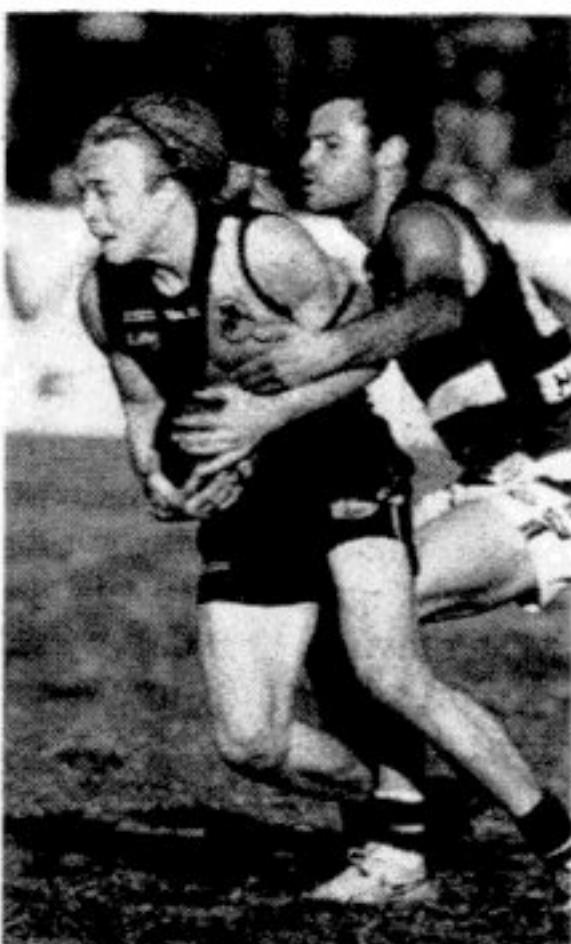
CROWD

~1950 at Elizabeth Oval.

eight points and testing the home side's resolve. Turnovers hurt the Bulldogs and enabled the Tigers to keep attacking.

When the Bulldogs, led superbly by co-captain Paul Thomas, did start to consistently hit targets they were able to punish the Tigers and continually stretch their lead.

In the final quarter, the Tigers appeared tired and they wilted under the Bulldogs' pressure. The visitors gave the home side too much latitude and the game was as good as over seven minutes into the final term when Milera rammed home his second goal for the quarter and the side's third.



CONTEST: Glenelg's Ben Nason attempts to shake a tackle yesterday.

SANFL ROUND 18

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Stk	%	Pts
Eagles	17	15	0	2	1331	951	4W	58.33	30
Port Adelaide	17	12	0	5	1381	1107	4W	55.51	24
West Adelaide	17	11	0	6	1563	1234	1W	55.88	22
Norwood	17	11	0	6	1226	1160	1L	51.38	22
South Adelaide	17	9	1	7	1147	1094	1L	51.18	19
Central District	17	8	1	8	1253	1178	2W	51.54	17
Adelaide	17	7	1	9	1508	1320	1W	53.32	15
Sturt	17	5	0	12	1226	1446	3L	45.88	10
Glenelg	17	4	1	12	1298	1581	2L	45.09	9
North Adelaide	17	1	0	16	896	1758	16L	33.76	2

WEST ADELAIDE V NORWOOD

	BLOODS	2.0 9.3 10.10 18.14	122
	REDLEGS	4.2 5.3 5.4 8.5	53

BEST

Bloods: Schmidt, Porplyzia, Beech, Caire, Schiller, Keough, Willits, Snelling.

Redlegs: Suckling, Levicki, Chippendale.

GOALS

Bloods: Fielke, Green, Middleton 3, Stevens 2, Snelling, Porplyzia, Hartlett, Silverlock, Schiller.

Redlegs: Allan, Bartlett, Levicki, Smart, Rander, Reinbrecht, Rooke, Suckling.

INJURIES

Redlegs: Boulderstone (back/internal)

UMPIRES

Hundertmark, Haussen, Hosking

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2215 at Richmond Oval.

ADELAIDE V STURT

	CROWS	8.3 10.6 16.10 24.12	156
	DOUBLE BLUES	0.2 5.5 7.6 7.7	49

BEST

Crows: Podsiadly, Grigg, Kerridge, Wright, Callinan, Mackay, A. Wilson, Kelly.

Sturt: Kirkwood, Taggart, Kurtze, Calabrese, Battersby.

GOALS

Crows: Podsiadly 9, Dear 3, Spencely, Mackay, McGovern, Callinan 2, Grigg, Osborn, Kelly, Lowden.

Sturt: Duldig 3, Calabrese, M. Evans, Dawson, Taggart.

INJURIES

Crows: Nil

Sturt: Duldig (calf).

UMPIRES

A. Crosby, G. Lewis, T. Medlin.

CROWD

2287 at Unley Oval

EAGLES V NORTH ADELAIDE

	EAGLES	5.1 7.3 8.4 10.8	68
	ROOSTERS	1.2 2.2 3.4 4.5	29

BEST

Eagles: Von Bertoch, Hayse, Allmond, Raymond, Ellis, Ainger.

Roosters: M. Motlop, Virgin, J. Craig, Amarto, Shannon, Gregg.

GOALS

Eagles: Ainger 3, Wundke, Petrenko, Goldsworthy, Lewis, Borholm, Appelton, Lloyd.

Roosters: Tahana 2, Amarto, Grove.

INJURIES

Eagles: Nil.

Roosters: Nil.

UMPIRES

Gallety, Sboro, Fleer.

CROWD

1487 at Woodville Oval.

PORT ADELAIDE V SOUTH ADELAIDE

	MAGPIES	1.1 7.4 10.8 14.10	94
	PANTHERS	2.4 6.6 6.7 9.9	63

BEST

Magpies: Moore, Summerton, Colquhoun, Lobbe, Redden, Amon, Sharrad.

Panthers: Cross, Bass, Crabb, Irra, Gotch, Rose, Seccull.

GOALS

Magpies: Amon, Moore, Stewart 3, Redden 2, Frampton, T. Gray, Logan.

Panthers: Eddy 4, McMahon 2, Bass, Gotch, Seccull.

INJURIES

Magpies: Nil.

Panthers: Nil.

UMPIRES

Cook, Sobieraj, Bowen.

CROWD

2396 at Alberton Oval.