

Bulldogs take box seat in fight for finals spot

WARREN PARTLAND

CENTRAL District has the keys to the SANFL finals door and now just needs to push it open.

Only a total disaster can prevent the Bulldogs from extending the season beyond the minor round after a convincing 40-point victory over Glenelg in Elizabeth.

The victory climbed the Bulldogs three games plus percentage clear of sixth-placed Port Adelaide and the Tigers. The Bulldogs have just two games remaining while Port and the Tigers have three.

"That was a big game for us and the boys handled it well," Bulldogs coach Roy Laird said. "Our intention is to plan for finals, we have been looking forward and not behind, and we are growing at the moment."

"We got beaten by Glenelg last time in the ruck and tackles so we came with some real goals in mind. Our pressure was really good and overall we defended well."

The lack of big man targets in attack prompted the Bulldogs to move defender Fraser Evans forward and he had an immediate impact, nailing a goal four minutes into the contest.

The Tigers responded with a goal to Ziggy Vitkunas, only for the home side to take control with five unanswered goals building a 29-point buffer.

The Bulldogs smashed the Tigers around the stoppages with their outstanding work in tight and were able to find loose players deep in the forward zone. Chris Jansen, Elliott Kavanagh, Travis Schiller and Nick Holman got their hands

CENTRAL DISTRICT V GLENELG

 BULLDOGS	6.0 11.1 12.8 16.8	104
 TIGERS	2.1 4.1 6.2 10.4	64

BEST

Bulldogs: Goodrem, J. Schiller, Holman, Jansen, Kavanagh, McLean, Jenner.

Tigers: Scott, Howard, Haarsma, Woodall, Snook.

GOALS

Central: Jenner, Hoskin 3, Edmead, Presbury 2, F. Fort, Dew, T. Schiller, D. Fort, J. Schiller, McLean.

Glenelg: Scott 6, Vitkunas 3, Nicholson.

UMPIRES

Crosby, Medlin, Lewis.

CROWD

1987 at My Money House Oval.

to plenty of ball and Jarrod Schiller was his dogged best.

Bulldogs skipper Trent Goodrem has needed to stamp his leadership on a battle and he did it superbly with his relentless workrate and fierce desire to set the example.

The Tigers lacked potency deep in attack and they relied heavily on the marking power of Josh Scott, who bagged six goals to further emphasise his emergence as a class act.

"They outworked us today," Tigers coach Matthew Lokan said. "That is what we have based our game on, outworking the opposition and putting them under pressure, and Central did that to us. Their ability to spread from the stoppages and get clear exits was the difference."

SANFL LADDER ROUND 19



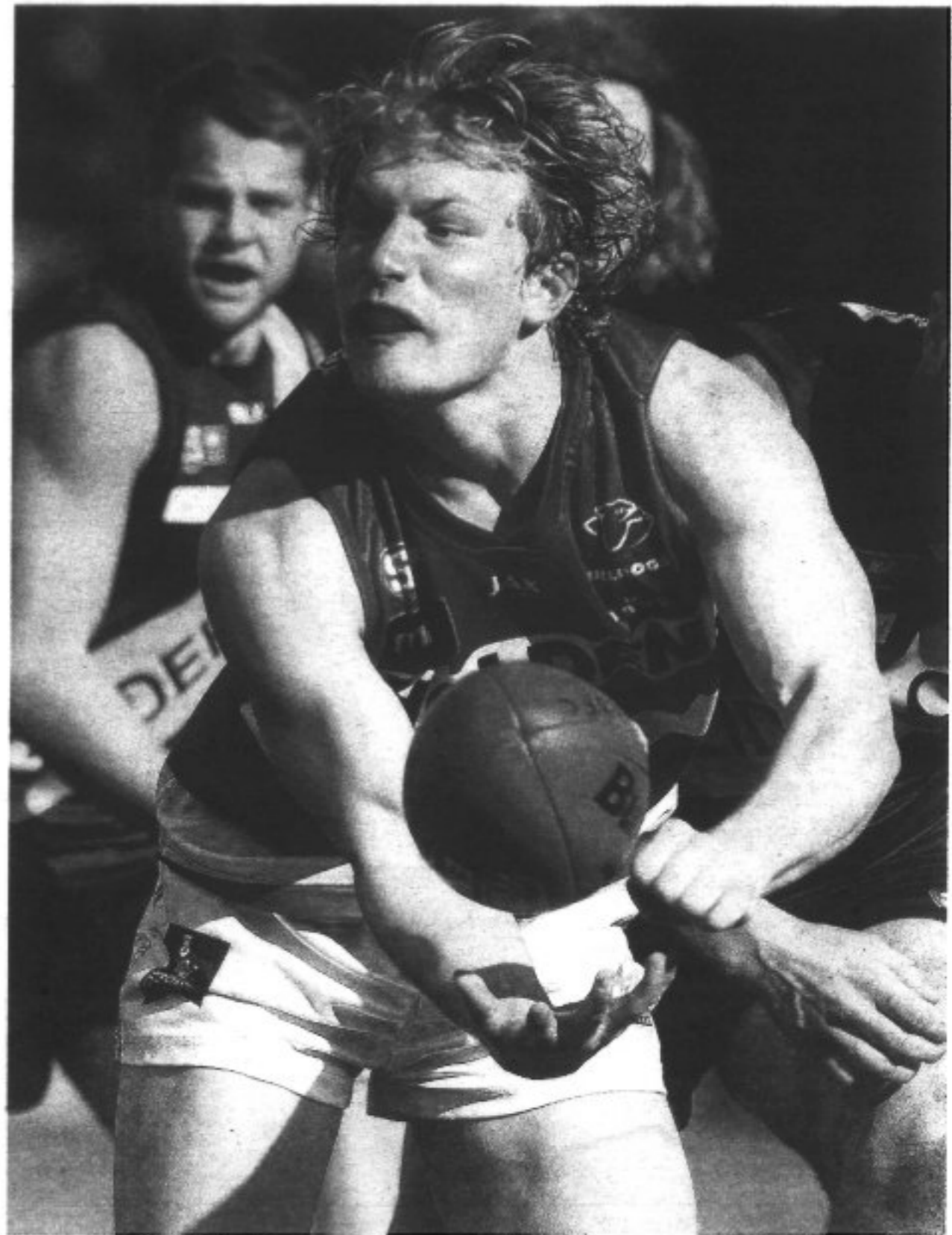
	P	W	L	For	Agst	Stk	%	Pts
Eagles	15	12	3	1263	886	3W	58.77	24
Sturt	15	12	3	1240	951	1L	56.6	24
South Adelaide	15	11	4	1367	1108	2W	55.23	22
Adelaide	15	9	6	1292	1140	1W	53.12	18
Central District	16	9	7	1404	1245	2W	53	18
Port Adelaide	15	6	9	1292	1317	1L	49.52	12
Glenelg	15	6	9	1262	1340	1L	48.5	12
North Adelaide	15	4	11	1242	1342	5L	48.07	8
Norwood	14	4	10	949	1189	1L	44.39	8
West Adelaide	15	2	13	852	1645	4L	34.12	4

YESTERDAY

 CENTRAL DISTRICT	6.0 11.1 12.8 16.8	104	
GLENELG	2.1 4.1 6.2 10.4	64	

INJURIES Nil.

CROWD 1987 at My Money House Oval, Elizabeth.



BALL MAGNET: Central's Travis Schiller gets a handball clear yesterday. Picture: ROGER WYMAN