

Stunning final term delivers victory for Tigers



DESPERATE: Central District's Jordan Furnell has a mark spoiled yesterday. Picture: SAM WUNDKE

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GLENELG produced a stunning final term to come-from-behind and beat Central District by five points at Glenelg Oval on Saturday.

The Tigers trailed by as much as 27 points midway through the third term, but a five-goal-to-one fourth quarter helped the home side claim a thrilling 12.9 (81) to 11.10 (76) victory.

Carl Nicholson became the last-quarter hero when he marked and put Glenelg in front at the 19th minute mark of the final quarter.

But it was the speedy Ian Milera who should be lauded for his ability to turn the game on its head when it hung in the balance. The younger Milera brother found plenty of space up forward and his three crucial majors during the final quarter gave the Tigers the edge.

Coach Matt Lokan praised his side for its fight.

"We have been working a lot on our defensive stuff for the past 12 months now and being able to do it consistently is something we have been trying to achieve," Lokan said.

"We talk about being confident in our own ability and being able to control the situation we are in and some of our guys produced fantastic efforts today."

Much of the first half was an arm-wrestle, as both sides went goal-for-goal, desperate to hold onto the momentum.

Matt Prior (25 disposals, 12 marks) and Luke Barmby (19

	GLENELG 2.3 4.5 7.7 12.9	81
	CENTRAL 2.1 7.3 10.9 11.10	76

BEST

Glenelg: I Milera, T Milera, Sawford, Snook, Barry, Curan.
Central: Goodrem, Hoskin, Prior, Barmby, Habel.

GOALS

Glenelg: I Milera 4, Howard 2, Barry, T Milera, Haarsma, McBean, Nicholson, Scott.
Central: Goodrem 4, Hoskin 3, Butcher 2, Barmby, Hannath.

UMPIRES

Hosking, Medlin, Lewis.

CROWD

2542 at Glenelg Oval.

SANFL ROUND 4



	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Eagles	3	3	0	282	161	63.66	6
Port Adelaide	4	3	1	379	295	56.23	6
Glenelg	4	3	1	387	309	55.6	6
South Adelaide	4	3	1	324	318	50.47	6
Norwood	4	2	2	340	281	54.75	4
North Adelaide	4	2	2	329	369	47.13	4
Adelaide	4	2	2	258	339	43.22	4
Central District	4	1	3	311	332	48.37	2
Sturt	3	0	3	182	259	41.27	0
West Adelaide	4	0	4	252	381	39.81	0

	SOUTH ADELAIDE	5.3	7.6	11.8	13.11	89
	NORWOOD	3.1	7.4	10.5	13.7	85

INJURIES N/A

VENUE Coopers Stadium, Norwood

	NORTH ADL. 3.2 7.6 10.10 15.14	104		PORT ADELAIDE 0.3 6.5 10.8 14.10	94
	WEST ADL. 3.4 5.5 9.8 12.10	82		ADELAIDE 4.4 5.5 7.7 8.11	59

BEST

North: Ryswyk, J. Craig, Motlop, Ramsey, Schwarz, Quinn.

West: Caire, Rankine, Turner, Bates, Hill, Keough.

GOALS

North: Harvey 3, Motlop, Barns, Hender, Ryswyk, Quinn 2, Smith, M. Thring.

West: Rankine 4, Turner 2, Stevens, Batley, Wasley-Black, Watchman, Bates, Karpany.

INJURIES

North: Schwarz (ribs), Wilkie (hip).

UMPIRES

Broadbent, Bowen, Galletly

CROWD

1756 at Prospect Oval

BEST

Port: Summerton, Eddy, Frampton, Krakouer, Monfries, Bonner, Howard.

Adelaide: Menzel, Greenwood, Murphy, O'Brien, Thompson, Gallucci, Jarman.

GOALS

Port: Eddy, Krakouer 5, Snelling, Ladhams, White, Neade.

Adelaide: Himmelberg, Hunter 2, Wigg, Beech, O'Brien, Jarman.

INJURIES

Crows: Dear (concussion).

UMPIRES

Harris, Crosby, Schramm.

CROWD

1348 at Woodville Oval.

disposals, six marks, one goal) were strong for the Dogs and moved the ball out of defence with pace and fluency and the forwards capitalised.

Although Glenelg continued to fight in the second and third terms, Central dug deep and showed desperation with ferocious tackling and hard running and kicked the next four goals to move 27 points ahead in the third. But it was Christian Howard's second goal late in the third quarter that gave the home side the momentum at the last change.

Central coach Roy Laird was left to rue a missed opportunity.

"We just didn't win the critical contest in the last quarter," Laird said. "We don't have enough blokes who can tough it out and fight through some struggling periods and come out on top."