

Dogs go for high 5

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CENTRAL District has primed itself for a fifth flag in six years after claiming the minor premiership with a grinding 26-point win against Glenelg at NAP Oval yesterday.

While finishing top is yet another accolade for the all-conquering Bulldogs, more importantly they have earned a week off in the lead-up to their title defence, giving senior players a chance to recharge their batteries.

With a tough slog in the wet against the Tigers, the Dogs became even more desperate for the two points to allow players such as Simon Arnott, twins James and Chris Gowans and Nathan Steinberner (ankle) who was a late withdrawal yesterday, an opportunity to rest their battle-weary bodies.

And the victory provides injured trio Daniel Healy (hamstring), Luke Cowan (hamstring) and Tyson Hay (calf) with extra time to be fit for the second semi-final in a fortnight.

"The week off will come in very handy for our blokes now," Central coach Roy Laird said.

"With the conditions, you had to play finals-type footy so it was also good preparation leading in (to finals).

"They (senior players) are the guys who identified a while ago that they were the ones who weren't where they'd like to be form-wise.

"When you've been up for

that long, that break will freshen us up nicely."

Despite holding the Tigers scoreless in the first term while managing to play a dry-weather style of football, the Bulldogs never killed off the visitors after letting them back into the contest after being outscored 1.0 to 4.1 in the second quarter.

"We started really well and almost too well in a sense, because I think our blokes just relaxed a little bit at that stage," Laird said.

"We played the conditions really well early but we got a little bit cute after that and gradually let Glenelg back into the game."

But with Power-listed wingman Brad Symes in top form, together with prolific ball-winner Simon Arnott, the Bulldogs always seemed to have the game in hand by kicking long on most occasions. Backmen Yves Sibenaler, Richard Cochrane and Heath Hopwood, in his first game back from a calf injury, all provided valuable run from defence which also dragged Glenelg's forwards out a long way from goal.

His men outclassed in the first 25 minutes, interim Glenelg coach Tony Burgess made his presence felt in his quarter-time address. "They (Central) got on top early but to the boys' credit, they got back and made a game of it," Burgess said.

"That's what I said to them after the game: 'You could have done one of two things - you could have just let it go being the end of the season, or you put your hand up and give everything you can'."

GOALS

1 Daniel SCHELL	Central	(3)	76
2 Waterhouse (P)	(-)		71
3 Warren (SA)	(0)		60
4 Hargraves (NA)	(0)		49
5 Mitchell (G)	(2)		46

SCOREBOARD

CENTRAL		62				36				GLENELG	
4.5	5.5	7.10	8.14	0.0	4.1	5.2	5.6				

GOALS
Schell 3, Arnott, McKenzie, Graham, J. Gowans, Symes

BEST
Symes, Arnott, R. Cochrane, Siade, Sibenaler, McKenzie, Bello

GOALS
Mitchell 2, M. Reavill, Krueger, Backwell

BEST
M. Reavill, Burdett, Neely, Backwell

INJURIES/REPORTS
CENTRAL: Steinberner (ankle) withdrew from selected side, Aufderheide (thigh)
GLENELG: Cranston (knee) replaced in selected side by Allison, Bennett (calf) withdrew from selected squad, Allison (groin), Butcher (knock to head)

Umpires: G. Fife, C. Donbridge, S. Hay

LADDER

TEAM	P	W	L	For	Agst	Strk	%	Pts
CENTRAL	20	15	5	2083	1483	W12	58.41	30
EAGLES	20	15	5	2117	1587	W2	57.15	30
PORT (BYE)	20	12	8	2060	1835	W6	52.89	24
NORTH	20	12	8	1904	1732	L2	52.36	24
STURT	20	11	9	1732	1748	W2	49.77	22
Norwood	20	9	11	1625	1804	W1	47.39	18
South	20	7	13	1706	1913	L9	47.14	14
Glenelg	20	6	14	1822	2077	L5	46.73	12
West	20	3	17	1379	2249	L5	38.01	6

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH		19				100				EAGLES	
0.2	1.3	1.3	2.7	3.2	7.4	12.7	15.10				

GOALS
Smith, Davis

BEST
Kruger, Fleming, Torney, Webb.

GOALS
Passador, Knights 3, Watts 2, Cicolella, Treeby, P. Fiacchi, Inkster, Lindsay, Rugolo, Colville.

BEST
Knights, Treeby, P. Fiacchi, Inkster, O'Hara, Lindsay, Colville, Powell, Passador.

INJURIES/REPORTS
NIL.

Umpires: C. Rowston, S. Thompson, R. Williams.

SCOREBOARD

NORWOOD		40				33				NORTH	
2.3	3.5	4.9	5.10	0.3	2.4	2.8	4.9				

GOALS
Patfull 2, Bailey, Gallagher, Neill

BEST
B James, Gallagher, Bailey, Borlace, Clement, Zorzi, Pfeiffer, Patfull

GOALS
D White, B White, Nye, M Campbell

BEST
Wintle, Ivens, Krieg, Wise, Coulter

INJURIES/REPORTS
NORWOOD: Norwood: Campbell (cut eye)
NORTH: Younie (calf) and J Campbell (omitted) from selected side; Nye (shoulder)

Umpires: T Dey, D Joyce, T Philp

SCOREBOARD

STURT		74				38				WEST	
5.2	5.4	8.6	11.8	1.1	2.3	3.5	5.8				

GOALS
Colreavy 3, Chambers, Squire 2, Klun, Coad, Weatherald, Smith

BEST
Beveridge, Colreavy, Squire, Jarjoura, Whiteman, Weatherald

GOALS
Prokopec, Ezard, Dragicevic, Malinovski, Lewis

BEST
Slattery, Dragicevic, Malinovski, Wiggins, Munn

INJURIES/REPORTS
STURT: Nil
WEST: Dabrowski (corked thigh)

Umpires: P Williams, D Kowal, T Pfeiffer



CENTRALS

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
SLADE	14	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	4
SHELL	4	2	0	0	0	3	1	0	3
MCCABE	11	2	4	2	2	0	1	0	0
GOWANS.J	7	3	6	0	2	1	0	0	4
MCKENZIE	9	3	8	2	0	1	1	3	2
SYMES	28	8	2	1	0	1	0	0	1
OFFICER	4	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	1
GOWANS.C	15	5	6	3	3	0	3	0	3
COCHRANE.S	12	2	2	3	0	0	0	7	2
HOPWOOD	12	10	9	0	0	0	1	0	1
SIBENALER	11	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	1
COCHRANE.R	18	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
CURRIE	7	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
AUFDERHEIDE	8	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
GRAHAM	10	7	1	0	1	1	1	1	2
SCOLLAR	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	10	2
ARNOTT	21	12	11	1	0	1	1	0	1
BELLO	15	1	4	3	1	0	1	2	3
HURN	13	4	5	2	3	0	1	0	0
GRIFFIN	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	1
TAYLOR	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	225	78	76	28	18	8	14	26	32



GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
DOSWELL	5	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
KIRK	7	2	4	1	3	0	0	12	2
MITCHELL	8	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	1
GIBBS	9	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	2
DULDIG	8	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
CULPITT	15	5	8	0	5	0	0	1	3
BACKWELL	21	4	7	1	0	1	0	0	1
REAVILL.M	9	6	9	1	0	1	1	0	1
BUTCHER	9	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
MULES	10	8	9	1	1	0	0	0	2
KRUEGER	6	3	2	2	2	1	1	0	0
HINGE	7	1	8	0	1	0	0	0	0
BURDETT	18	5	3	1	2	0	0	0	0
STATHAM	10	2	4	0	4	0	0	0	1
ROGERS	8	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
ALLISON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALLEN	12	1	9	2	1	0	0	0	1
NEELY	19	6	12	1	3	0	0	0	2
COOK	6	0	12	3	1	0	0	0	1
GAMBLE	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
WILLITS	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	191	58	108	18	28	5	6	13	20