By Alan Shiell

Glenelg and State halfback flanker Brian Colbey this may not play again seasón.

He is in hospital with a depressed cheekbone fracture.

North back pocket Kym Lehmann also will be struggling to play in any finals' matches. He has pulled hamstring muscles in both legs.

In yesterday's twenty-first and last minor round series, Colbey and Lehmann were the most serious casualties from the five teams engaged in the finals.

Colbey could be out for three weeks and faces a race against time to be fit for the grand final, if Glenelg make it.

Sturt had a triple dose of bad news at Unley

yesterday, even though they walloped South by 98 points.

State wingman Michael Graham, injured in a car accident last Tuesday week, is not expected to be available for the finals. Hhe has a cracked collarbone.

Rover Mick Nunan was carried off on a stretcher in the third quarter with slight concussion and centre half-forward Colin Casey was on crutches last night with a twisted ankle.

OFFICIALS HOPEFUL

However, Sturt officials were optimistic that Nunan and Casey would be available to play against North in the qualifying final at Adelaide Oval on Saturday.

North champion Barrie Robran twisted an ankle at Elizabeth yesterday. He did not resume after half-time but is expected to be fit to play against

North utility player Lance Morton was reported in the third quarter by field umpire Des Foster and goal umpire K. Axford for allegedly striking Centrals' Rod O'Connor with a clenched fist.

Port and Norwood had no real injury worries

after their match at the Parade yesterday. South's pathetic 1-4 against Sturt is the third

equal lowest score in league history. Lowest is Norwood's 0.5 aggainst Port (1-4) in 1969, and second lowest is Torrens' 0.8 against South

in 1913. South's previous lowest score was 2-0 against North (2-15) in 1909. The Panthers finished yester-

day's game with 16 men. Sturt full forward Ken Whelan's three goals took his season's total to 101 and equalled "Bo" Morton's club record from 1940.

Whelan is only the eighth South Australian teague player to kick 100 goals in a season.

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PREMIERSHIP TAB

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| Glenelg | | 20 | 1 | _ | 2847 | 1857 | 40 | 60.52 |
| Sturt | | 17 | 4 | _ | 2534 | 1612 | 34 | 61.11 |
| North | | 16 | 5 | _ | 2230 | 1945 | 32 | 53.41 |
| Port | | 11 | 10 | _ | 2191 | 2087 | 22 | 51.21 |
| Norwood | | 10 | 11 | _ | 2194 | 1987 | 20 | 52.47 |
| Centrals | | 10 | 11 | _ | 2076 | 2084 | 20 | 49.90 |
| Torrens | | 9 | 12 | - | 1967 | 2153 | 18 | 47.74 |
| Woodville | | 4 | 16 | 1 | 2024 | 2589 | 9 | 43.87 |
| South | | | | - | 1734 | 2840 | 8 | 37.90 |
| West | | 3 | 17 | 1 | 1780 | 2423 | 7. | 42.35 |
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LEADING GUALRICKERS

| | Today | Matches | Total |
|---------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| Whelan (Sturt) | 3.3 | 20 | 101.57 |
| D. Sachse (North) | 4.0 | 19 | 87.48 |
| Mulvihill (Torrens) | 0.3 | 17 | 68.62 |
| Dittmar (South) | _ | 21 | 61.49 |
| J. Cahill (Port) | 4.3 | 21 | 59.50 |
| Carey (Glenelg) | . — | 20 | 59.35 |
| Voigt (Glenelg) | - | 21 | 53.42 |
| James (Port) | _ | 20 | 52.30 |

3—12 Central 4—10 5—11

SCORERS-NORTH ADELAIDE: D. Sachse 4.0. Webb 1.2, Hearl 1.1, Marsh 1.1, R. Robran 0.3, Plummer 0.2, Phillips 0.2, Stringer 0.1, Morton 0.1, rushed 0.2. CENTRAL DISTRICTS: Wyley 3.1, Russell 1.2, Saywell 1.0, Norsworthy 0.4, Mulholland 0.1, Skinner 0.1, rushed 0.2:

BEST PLAYERS - NORTH ADELAIDE: Spry. Payne, Stringer, Hammond, Phillips, Howard, Von Bertouch, Marsh. CENTRAL DISTRICTS: Morey, W. Cochrane, Casserly, Norsworthy, Skinner, Johns, Jones.

REPLACEMENTS - NORTH ADELAIDE: Lehmann (pulled hamstring) by Robinson in the second term, B. Robran (twisted ankle) by Morton at half-time. CENTRAL DISTRICTS: Hunt by Vivian at three-quarter time.

REPORT-L. Morton (North) reported by field umpire D. Foster and goal umpire K. Axford for allegedly striking R. O'Connor (Centrals), UMPIRE—D. Foster.

AT UNLEY

9-10 12-14 14-24 108 Sturt 1-2 South

SCORERS-STURT: Whelan 3.3, Bagshaw 3.3, Ottens 2.1, Miels 2.0, Greenslade 1.5, Chessell 1.3, Burgan 1.3, Adcock 1.0, Cramey 0.2, Casey 0.1, Barton 0.1, Rushed 0.2. SOUTH: Palmer 1.0, Bennett 0.1, Young 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS - STURT: Davies, Bagshaw, Greenslade, Adcock, Howard, Barton, Whelan, Miels, Chessell, SOUTH: Coombe, Darcy, Bennett, REPLACEMENTS-STURT: Nunan (concussion)

by Cramey in the third term. Casey (twisted ankle) by Mader in the third term. SOUTH: McGowan (knee) by Parsons in the second quarter. Hately (ribs) by Waldron in the third quarter. Bracegirdle (concussion) final term. Coombs (groin) in the final term.

UMPIRE—Ric Charlesworth.

AT THEBARTON

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SCORERS-GLENELG: D. Phillis 6.2, Wickens 2.2, Hamilton 1.2, Bennett 1.2, Marker 1.1, Caldwell 1.1, Cornes 1.1, Marriott 1.0, Sandlands 0.2, rushed 0.3. TORRENS: Kluzec 1.2, McKenzie 1.1, Shallow 1.1, Pill 1.1, Homan 1.0, F. Bills 1.0, Mulvihill 0.3, Barrot 0.2, Watson 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Bennett, D. Phillis, Hamilton, Wickens, Marker, Millard. TOR-RENS: Pill, White, McKenzie, Floreani, Graham, Pavlich.

REPLACEMENTS - GLENELG: Colbey (fractured cheekbone) at quarter by Hywood and Cornes by Voigt in last quarter TORRENS: Shallow by Foote in last quarter.

UMPIRE-R. Bennet. AT ADELAIDE

58 West 58 W'ville

SCORERS-WEST: Gurney 2.1, Davoren 1.2, Loveday 1.1, Kellett 1.1, Wheaton 1.1, Drzal 1.0, Hollick 1.0, Hamilton 0.1, Hunt 0.1, Noonan 0.1, rushed 0.1. WOODVILLE: Huppatz 4.1, Cummings 1.4. Ruth 1.1. Sewer 1.1. Page 1.0. Stemper 0.1. Coudray 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS-WEST: Keddie, Burns, Miller, Oliver, Noonan, Hunt, Loveday. WOODVILLE: Huppatz, Ruth, Holland, Sewer, Blight, Cox, Abra-

REPLACEMENTS - WEST: Hollick (ribs) by Wheaton in second quarter. Hamilton (exhaustion) by Day in last quarter. WOODVILLE: Nil.

AT NORWOOD

UMPIRE—Peter Mead.

79 Norwood 3—3 Port

SCORERS-NORWOOD: Button 3.1, Woodcock 2.2, Dillon 2.0, White 1.2, Olsen 1.1, Oatey 1.0, Carman 1.0, Schlein 0.3, Gallagher 0.2, Wynne 0.1, rushed 0.1. PORT: J. Cahill 4.3, Northcott 1.2, Gerlach 1.0, Cunningham 0.1, Light 0.1, rushed 0.1. REPLACEMENTS - NORWOOD: Nil. PORT:

Grimm and Natt by O'Brien and Fragomeni last quarter. BEST PLAYERS-NORWOOD: Oatey, Button,

Gallagher, Pettingill, Rosser, Porritt, Wynne, Butchart. PORT: Beswick, J. Cahill, Cunningham, Woite, Hynes, Tredrea. UMPIRE - Murray Ducker.

Despite a determined effort by Torrens for three quarters, Glenelg paved the way for a comfortable win in the last term with powerhouse football at Thebarton.

Fred Phillis was a dynamo at full forward with six

Torrens fell out of the loose term when Barrot was met had no answer. heavily. He could not get this had an effect on the they added 7-4. side.

Torrens kept in touch played because of the ruck domin- centre, ance of McKenzie.

snared the ball away from the centre bounces, together, with Hamilton. These two fed the Bay's goalsneak with passes.

The Eagles could not match the Tigers' flow-on style and it was only the individual efforts of Pill, White and Barrot in the second and third terms that brought goals.



BILL HENDERSON

As told to Frank Pangallo

3rd 2nd Fina! Pts. Glen. 7---12 14---16 100 6 - 8Torr. 6-11 Torrens looked a dan-

goals and was the inspira- ger in the third term and tion the Tigers needed with managed to get within the finals round coming four points at one stage. Then the Tigers broke with systematic game late in the third football to which Torrens In the last term Glenelg

his game going again and held Torrens goalless while

Although the Bays well their But it was Glenelg and, with the loss of Col- Glenelg rover Bennett who often bey this must give them against him.

some worry for the finals.

Torrens were best served by Glen Pill at centrehalf forward. He created many openings with clever handball but was let down by Torrens' last line of attack, where Mulvihill had another poor day.

McKenzie gave a tireless ahead . of effort in ruck and outbackline knocked, out-positioned, failed to look complete, and outplayed all that could throw



• THE mighty fall . . . West Torrens iron man, Fred Bills, pushes a teammate away from trouble while three Glenelg players lie dazed on the ground.

"Was I ever wrong?" I have been known to ask from time to time.

Well, at this stage of my career as football expert and major contributor to the peaks of Australian literature, the figures in the Embarrassment Poll seem to suggest there's a reply to that.-

Still, what have I to lose? There's only one way to go from my position. So I have donned my gipsy gear, looked into the crystal ball, and come up with the winners of the major

round games. Here they are: STURT d. North; PORT d. Norwood. GLENELG d. Sturt; NORTH d. Port. NORTH d. Sturt

GLENELG d. North.

Next Saturday it should be a close, hard game between Sturt and North. Both teams are strong at full forward (Whelan and Dennis Sachse) and centre (Howard and Neil Sachse). The Messrs. Magic. Bagshaw and Barrie Robran, are classy run-on ruckmen with the Blues skipper countering some of the North champion's skill.

But North's Spry and Sporn could tire in trying to jump all day over the Sturt giants Wild and Ottens plus the Miracle of Spring, Rick Davies.

I'll not be surprised if we see Casey at centre half-back against Rodney Robran. Sandy Nelson hasn't had a good season and could be kept on the bench.

PORT to beat Norwood at the Parade? You might say I'm a contender for the nut factory after the way the Redlegs annihilated the Magpies out there yesterday.

But you can get odds with me that Port Adelaide Mayor's roars about the Alberton Oval lease last week will be like a gentle murmur compared with the emotional outbursts from Fos Williams this week about bleeding for the jumper, being proud of the past and confident (??) of the future.

And the mayor will have something to scream about when he sees the electric light bills for Alberton Oval for this week's training. The only time players will be seeing home is if they have photographs in their pockets. They're going to spend a mighty lot of time at Alberton.

Port must be better than they showed yesterday, they are big-time players, with every chance of it being drier under foot, they will teach the Redlegs the real meaning of pressure football.

The only things Norwood won't be hit with next Saturday are the grandstands-and if it is possible to get those stands into the field for

this game, look out, Norwood.

But North should be too good for Port, a week later, and Glenelg will continue their winning sequence by beating Sturt.

Then it's North and Sturt again. I had earlier tipped a Glenelg-Sturt grand final, but North will be further improved, coming good at the right time with men back from injury striking form. And the Blues will go

So it's Glenelg to meet North for the premiership and the result proving it really is the year of the Tiger.

IF there's a possible weakness in' Glenelg, the hot premiership favorites, it could be in the rucking division, judged on the way they were taken apart there by Torrens at Thebarton Oval yesterday.

Earlier in the season it was the Tiger rucks which gave them drive from the diamond, but yesterday Tardiff and Cornes had poor games, Marker's best came on a half-forward flank, and but for the lion-hearted effort by Tregenza after half-time they would have been like the man

who fell out of the boat. McKenzie, who was a borderline player from Victoria, proved he can be a top ruckman here. And Miller, under instructions to belt the ball away from the packs at every opportunity, must have thought he was George Foreman swatting a challenger for the heavyweight title as he punched the leather further than

Mulvihill kicked yesterday. Miller was socking the ball but someone else from the Eagle camp had a less bouncy target and hung one on the button of Colbey, who departed from the scene after copping it.

CLENELG are going to need Carey back. He will strengthen the rucks against the skyscraping Spry and Sporn of North, Wild and Ottens of Sturt.

And the Tigers won't need Carey at full forward now that Fred Phillis has proved that a change is as good as a holiday and the spell at centre half-back has needled him into finding the goals again.

His 6-3 yesterday, under very adverse conditions, must have brought a broader grin to the ever-smiling face of Donald Neil (Knuckles) Kerley. They tell me that after the game Kerls took the shilling he saved from his Grade III. lunch money and bought Fred a drink.

And what a good position for the Tigers to be in, to have Rex Voigt on the bench and to find that the other rovers, Bennett and Marriott, fully deserved their places. Rex had a run in the last quarter when Kerls plucked Cornes off after having had only seven kicks for the day.