

ROOSTER REMINISCES

A look back at a memorable match from each round

Round 15

Season 2005 (Saturday 9 July)



The helmeted Luke Ivens (against the Eagles in Rd 7, 2005) was at his best against Glenelg in Round 15

The definition “looks can be deceiving” applies in so many facets in our day to day lifestyles but can certainly be included when placed in scores of football matches. This is the case back in 2005 when North, a strong, competitive unit and sitting 2nd on the premiership ladder defeated lowly and under-performing Glenelg in a comfortable 51-point margin. What is doesn't picture is the courage and adversity the team used when early-game injuries pushed the team's fitness and determination to great depths... and a highly treasured and important victory was the final result.

The Background

The season was alive and well by the time North and Glenelg met in their Round 15 clash at Glenelg in a match not built up with any real enthusiasm. It was a clash between two teams with their seasons heading in different directions as each sat at different ends of the premiership table. The Roosters – reeling from a thunderous 123-point loss the previous week that knocked them from 2nd to 4th position – were still expected to easily account for Glenelg and get back into the winner circle.

The Match

The match was even in the early stages of the game with both teams scoring three goals in a tight first quarter however as the quarter progressed North were dealt blow after blow as one, two and then three serious injuries occurred to leave them with no interchange before the half-time siren sounded. The dashing half-back line was split in two when the dazzling **Jason Roe** suffered a broken collarbone and the no-nonsense **Josh Coulter** copped a knee which had him hobbling off the ground. North's prominent ruckman, **Daniel Wakelin**, also left the ground early with a knee injury with all to miss not just the second half but many games. Thrust into rearranging his side coach **Andrew Jarman** made a number of adjustments to counter the losses. The most obvious was the young and stick-insect figured ruckman **Nicholas Heath** who was suddenly thrown from a supporting role into the prime first ruck division. While not a dominating performer he certainly completed the job of negating any Glenelg dominance they deemed accessible with

Wakelin's loss. Also significant was Jarman's offensive, attacking attitude that would continue to pressure the opposition despite no bench and a reshuffle of his defensive unit.

Trailing by a single point at half-time it was North who broke away and appeared fitter and stronger as the match continued in a 12 goals to four powerful and convincing second half. A number of cameos were featured as part of the win including the dynamic **Chris Ladhams**. The left-footer burst the game open during a blistering third quarter when he used his experience, crafty skills and goal sense to kick four or his five goals during this term. The *Sunday Mail* pointed out the important third quarter stars:

- "In the third quarter alone best-afield **Matthew Krieg** had 12 disposals, (**Chris Ladhams** 11 and **Scott Bamford** eight, who must be the most fearsome player in the league judging by the Tigers' reluctance to stand anywhere near him."

The *Sunday Mail* was clear about the performance of North and how they dug deep to earn the two points:

- "Resilient North Adelaide dragged itself from the malaise of a dismal first half to smack Glenelg by 51 points with ample doses of heart and uncomplicated football;"
- "North's cohesive win... must have injected a spark of level-headed confidence for the Rooster's future. However, injuries before half-time to Jason Roe (broken collarbone, six weeks), Josh Coulter (knee) and lead ruckman Daniel Wakelin (knee), out for probably two each, puts further pressure on North's player depth and resolve. But yesterday it was sweet system that so effortlessly gave North the upper hand after half-time."

As mentioned **Matthew Krieg** was sublime in the centre and gave the Tigers no opportunity to get first use as he roamed about collecting a massive 18 kicks, six marks and 21 handballs as he cleared packs and allowed North's running brigade vast chances to threaten the goals. Surprisingly Krieg failed to collect any Magarey Medal votes, but one of the outside players who appreciated his performance was **Scott Bamford**, who picked up 19 kicks, eight marks, 13 handballs and one vote. **Chris Ladhams'** five goals and 25 possessions earned him two Magarey Medal votes and defender **Luke Ivens**, who held the defence together superbly despite missing his usual teammates beside him during the majority of the game, was deserving of his three votes as he collected 16 kicks, seven marks and 11 handballs in a prodigious performance.

Up forward **Damon White** was second to none in the air plucking 11 marks with an inaccurate 1.3 his only downfall while full-forward **Daniel Hargraves** kicked five goals from eight shots at goal.

Andrew Jarman was gleaming after the game and praised his players like a father praising his children:

- "When you go in 10 minutes into the first quarter with nothing left on the bench, you ask your players to dig deep, so it's a special win and most satisfying for me as coach."

It is not a win that will be looked back on in the history books as holding any relevance, but for the players that win helped bond the club to push towards greater things.

Stats Fact

- North's 8.6 (54) points in the third term is its 3rd highest score for the quarter against Glenelg in any match and highest for the term at Glenelg Oval.

There were no Statistical records recorded by this match for Round 15

Match Details:

North	3.2	6.6	14.12	18.15	123
Glenelg	3.1	7.1	9.2	11.6	72
Ground:	Glenelg Oval			Crowd:	2,053

Best Players: Ladhams, Krieg, Bamford, Wise, Ivens, Heath, Hargraves, D. White

Scorers: Hargraves 5.3, Ladhams 5.0, J. Campbell 3.1, D. White 1.3, Younie 1.2, Gatto 1.1, Wise 1.0, Gill 1.0, Bamford 0.1, rushed 0.4

The Team:

F: Damon White, Daniel Hargraves, Mark Jeffries
HF: Heath Younie, Nick Gill, Joel Campbell
C: Shaun Gatto, Nick Kurzel, Daniel Wise
HB: Luke Ivens, Jason Roe, Josh Coulter
B: Brett White, Michael Haseldine, Stephen Gilham
1R: Daniel Wakelin, Chris Ladhams, Matthew Krieg
Res: Nick Heath, Scott Bamford, Daniel Ebert



Youngster Nick Heath, reliable Scott Bamford, workman-like Matthew Krieg and dependable Luke Ivens were all important in North's gutsy victory

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