

ROOSTER REMINISCES

A look back at a memorable match from each round

Round 16

Season 1967 (Saturday 5 August)



*Dennis Sachse during his day out in this Round
In 1967 against Woodville*

As a Rooster supporter in the late 1960s **Barrie Robran** was undoubtedly the most popular player in the team and a crowd pleaser in so many ways. But for a period of time he was challenged by a full forward who became big in size but also big in goalkicking performances as well. **Dennis Sachse** debuted with Robran in Round 1, 1967 and both were playing two of the best debut seasons witnessed at North or the SANFL. But in Round 16 Sachse's season went to its greatest heights when he put on a goalkicking performance those in the crowd would still recall today.

The Background

North's 1967 season was in full flight and on the pursuit of another finals challenge. Sitting 2nd behind Sturt they met a Woodville team that was carrying the table as it sat at the bottom of the ladder with only one win. North was set for a big victory and a percentage boosting-game.

The Match

From the commencement North were in command as they unleashed their exhilarating brand of football that featured direct, fast, high-marking and handball – all components that were both successful and enjoyable to watch. This football was also gleefully accepted for forwards and in particular those in the class of **Dennis Sachse** who was strong above his head and quick on a lead. North kicked six goals in the first term to open the game early to lead by 26 points at the first break before Sachse stepped up to the plate. After a brief fightback by Woodville (who kicked the first three goals of the quarter) North produced six goals for the term and it was Sachse, taking North supporters back to the days of **Ken Farmer**, who kicked five of those six in a devastating display of marking and goalkicking. With **Barrie Robran** at centre half-forward also in stirring form the two were supreme and it was not surprising that the Roosters' instructions to kick high into their forward line was proving an effective plan.

During the match there were periods where Woodville were able to stem the goalkicking of North but were suddenly broken by "spasmodic bursts" where North were able to hit the scoreboard with a thud as they piled on five or six goals in quick succession.

As the match progressed the margin and Sachse's goal tally was all that remained of interest. North won by 94 points and Sachse went on to kick 13.5. The individual feat was the greatest tally at that time in the post-war period.

The Advertiser was keen on announcing how talented the team was in their victory, with some notable standouts:

- "After half-time Woodville still went into the fight vigorously, but the speed, smooth field play and brilliant field marking of North became more evident and 10 goals flowed from its all-round supremacy..."
- "The placing of Robran at centre half-forward has given North a splendid avenue of attack, making opportunities for Sachse that have previously been denied."
- "With **Dennis Sachse** emulating past North champion **Ken Farmer**, and with **Don Lindner** and **Barrie Robran** marking brilliantly all day, North Adelaide crushed Woodville..." – T.A.

Sachse's afternoon included an incredible 23 kicks and 16 marks while also dishing out a handpass to go along with his 13.5. His forward counterpart Robran collected 26 kicks, seven marks and five handballs to wreak havoc for the Pecker's defenders.

At the other end of the ground the experienced yet never aging **Don Lindner** was enjoying another customary resounding football performance between his roles in defence and the midfield. His 28 kicks, 13 marks and four handballs caused as much heartache for the opposition as the two forwards. *The Advertiser* could not miss printing his influence in the game:

- "Lindner kept bobbing up in unexpected places, driving the ball out or into attack with consistently long drop kicks;"
- "A winning centre line and a strong defence, bolstered up by Lindner's high marking, cut off Woodville's life line and gave North tremendous rebound. With the ball sent in high, Woodville could find no answer to either Sachse or Robran in the main forward positions."

The blend of the newcomers (Robran and Sachse) with the cagey experienced ones (Lindner) seemed to be blending in well as *The Advertiser* continued:

- "These two first-year players have not only proved the find of the season but make North the form team of the moment. This pair, plus the sustained form of Lindner, offer many headaches to future opponents and are lifting the confidence of the team all over the ground."

Ruck-rover **Bob Geisler** also performed admirably with 23 possessions and a sloppy 2.4, **Peter May** won the ruck duals, **Kelly Stringer** was elusive with 22 kicks and one handball and **John 'Sticks' Phillips** produced a solid match with 24 possessions.

The match was a historic moment for Dennis Sachse etched into North's goalkicking history. And for that era it was a typical performance by Robran, a typical performance by Lindner, and a typical performance for **Maurie Francou**, who was reported for striking during the last quarter when the match was over (and copped three weeks).

Stats Fact

- North's 94-point margin is their 4th highest against Woodville (all ironically at Prospect Oval);
- Woodville's 9.4 is their 8th lowest score against North.

Dennis Sachse Round 15 1967 Stats Fact

Sachse's 13.5 is:

- equal 7th highest individual performance ever for North Adelaide. Only **Ken Farmer** and **H. Ross Lehmann** have kicked as many or more than his performance;
- equal 6th highest individual performance ever for North Adelaide at Prospect Oval;
- the highest individual score kicked against Woodville

- the second highest kicked by a North player in Round 16 behind Ken Farmer's 15 goals in 1930.

Round 16 Stats Fact

- North's 22.20 (152) is their equal 4th highest score for this round;
- North's 94-point winning margin is their 2nd highest for this round;
- North's 20 behinds is the most kicked in any match for this round
- The win was their first of six consecutive Round 16 victories – the best run for this round;

Match Details:

North 6.4 12.9 17.17 **22.20 152**
 Woodville 2.2 6.2 7.2 **9.4 58**
Ground: Prospect Oval **Crowd:** 4,800

Best Players: Sachse, Robran, Geisler, D. Lindner, May, Stringer, Anderson, Phillips, Robinson

Scorers: Sachse 13.5, Geisler 2.4, Robran 2.1, Lehmann 2.1, May 1.3, von Bertouch 1.3, Anderson 1.1, Phillips 0.1, rushed 0.1

The Team:

F: Peter Anderson, Dennis Sachse, Terry von Bertouch
 HF: Arch Wilkey, Barrie Robran, Kym Lehmann
 C: Kelly Stringer, John Phillips, John Robinson
 HB: Alan Byers, Jamie Coppins, Bohdan Jaworskyj
 B: David Cearns (50th game), Adrian Sutter, Don Lindner
 1R: Peter May, Maurie Francou, Bob Geisler
 Res: Michael Sheridan, Robert Smith (debut)

PROSPECT OVAL		
NORTH ABELAIDE V. WOODVILLE		
LINDNER	SUTTER	CEARNS
McKELLAR	ROACHE	HUPPATZ
JAWORSKYJ	COPPINS	BYERS
O'CONNOR	OBST	KELLY
ROBINSON	PHILLIPS	STRINGER
JACKSON	SIMUNSEN	ALLEN
LEHMANN	ROBRAN	WILKEY
KNEEBONE	WEST	PEACH
von BERTOUCH	SACHSE	ANDERSON
STONE	PETERSON	HOFFMANN

Woodville kicking up, names underneath
 WOODVILLE — First ruck—Hansch, Riley, Christie, Second—McKellar, Hoffmann, Huppertz, Reserves—Wilson, Boscence, Out—Boscence, In—Hoffmann (recov.).
 NORTH — First ruck—May, Francou, Geisler, Second—Anderson, Lindner, von Bertouch, Reserves—Sheridan, Smith, Out—Dixon (inj.), In—Lehmann.
 No Broadcast.

The line up from The Advertiser for the clash



Sachse being chaired of Prospect Oval after his 13-goal performance (in only his 15th league match).

*** Are you one of the supporters in the above picture? If so let us know ***

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