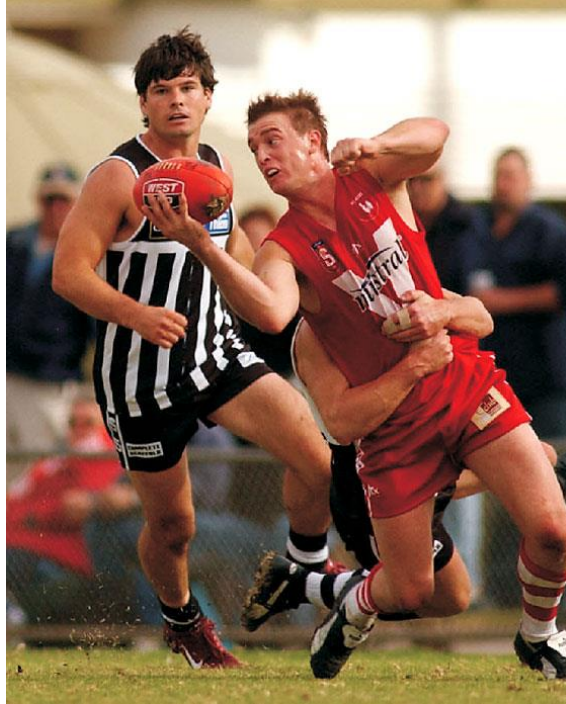


ROOSTER REMINISCES

A look back at a memorable match from each round

Round 19

Season 2004 (Saturday 7 August)



Heath Younie slips a handpass out during the clash against Port Adelaide in 2004

In recent “Blast From The Past” editions the come-from-behind victory seems to provide a good match to reflect upon. And 2004 there was another of these performances to recollect when North ventured to the dreaded Alberton Oval in an important contest for both parties. And what a great example of SANFL football was witnessed including a last quarter ascendancy that was not foreseen at the final break – and led North towards a long-awaited Finals series.

The Background

2004 was a line-in-the-sand year for North. For years in the doldrums and with very little success the pre-season was filled with optimism and a new resurgence under newly appointed coach and North’s club-favourite **Andrew Jarman**. And the optimism was warranted with some fresh, competitive and entertaining victories throughout the first half of the season. Entering Round 19 North, sitting 4th and pushing for their first finals appearance since 1997, met Port who, sitting a spot behind North in 5th position, wanted a win to help establish their own position in the finals. The match was held at Alberton and North was ready to battle a freshened Port outfit who had a bye the previous weekend.

The Match

The match was a tough and highly-skilled contest all day as both team battled hard with neither side wanting to give an inch. The first quarter saw Port establish a small break but a sensational eight-goal second term by North squared the match by half time to narrow the Magpies lead to only three points. Despite no wind towards the southern end it still proved the scoring end for the third successive quarter when Port began to win the 50-50 contests and hit the scoreboard with more regularity (albeit inaccurately) to lead by 20 points at the final break. Port’s inaccurate

kicking for goal (3.9) left the door ajar for any small possibility for a North resurgence in the last quarter.

And did the Roosters take advantage! In a mesmerising term North counter-attacked with precision and domination with charismatic full-forward **Daniel Hargraves** leading the charge. After kicking three goals up to the last quarter 'Hargy' was influential in the final term to kick three further goals. Meanwhile the fluent, silky **Jason Roe** – playing in defence for the majority of the game – was shifted to the forward lines and caused mayhem for the Port defence with deftly clean disposal with bursts of speed and flair to help set up scoring options. Before anyone could believe absorb the change in the match North had caught up to Port's score and was now skipping away. By the final bell North were 19-point victors and the red-and-white faithful on the outer were in raptors.

The *Sunday Mail* described the final quarter scenarios:

- “The creative genius of ... **Andrew Jarman** and the enigmatic flair of goal-ace **Daniel Hargraves** manufactured a thrilling 19-point come-from-behind win which pushed Port Adelaide out of the top five...;”
- “Jarman threw cation to the wind at the last break and his rapidly maturing Roosters responded in scintillating fashion to overhaul a 20-point three-quarter time deficit like it was nothing with an invigorating 7.4 to 1.1 last term, which had all the style, flair and excitement to please any football purist;”
- “But all would have been lost if not for the goalkicking qualities of Hargraves who gave everything in a desperate last term, kicking three goals of his six goals with a dominate strong-body marking performance within 25 metres of goal. He also handed out one to whippet-like **Scott Bamford** with a quick reflex which put a seal on the confidence-building contest in a similar fashion of North's champion teams of the 1980s.”



Jubilant coach Andrew Jarman congratulating players after the match (l-r): Heath Younie, Shannon Motlop, Daniel Hargraves and Tristan Gum (photo SA Football Budget)

Hargraves finished the match with 6.1 from his eight kicks while the pencil-thin **Scott Bamford**, with 19 kicks, eight marks and 3.2 on the scoring sheet, deservedly collected three Magarey Medal votes as well as kudos from the media. **Jason Roe** finished with four goals while the crafty left-footer **Chris Ladhams** (24 touches), half-bank rebounders **Scott Sutherland** (24 touches, nine marks) and **Adam Heuskes** (21 disposals and six marks) and **Heath Younie** (19 possessions) all contributed to the win. The no-nonsense **Daniel Wakelin** was impressive in ruck and was awarded two Magarey Medal votes for his performance.

The victory was even more poignant (if not coming from behind to defeat Port at Alberton isn't enough) as it guaranteed the Roosters would remain in the top five at the end of the minor round and thus playing finals in September– the first time since 1997! North did win their first final (against West) before finishing 4th after losing to Sturt in the 1st Semi Final.

Stats Fact

- Port's 14.17 (101) was their 3rd Highest Losing score against North at Alberton;
- North's 8.3 in the 2nd quarter was their best against Port in any match while their 7.4 last quarter equalled their best final quarter at Alberton Oval;
- North's win was the first of five successive victories at Alberton – a club record;
- North deficit of 20 points at the last break was their second best at Alberton – the highest was 30 points in 1996.

Round 19 Stats Fact

- North's 18.12 (120) was their 7th highest kicked for this round;
- Port's 14.17 (101) is the highest losing score by any team against North in this round;
- North's eight-goal second term matches the eight goals kicked in 1996;
- Daniel Hargraves' six goals is the equal second highest individual performance in Round 19.

Match Details:

North	2.1	10.4	11.8	18.12	120
Port	4.5	10.7	13.16	14.17	101
Ground:	Alberton Oval			Crowd:	2,879

Best Players: Bamford, Sutherland, Hargraves, Ladhams, Cook, Heuskes, Roe, Wakelin, Wintle

Scorers: Hargraves 6.1, Roe 4.0, Bamford 3.2, McEntee 1.1, Ladhams 1.1, Wintle 1.0, Jeffries 1.0, Gum 1.0, Motlop 0.2, Younie 0.1, Sutherland 0.1, rushed 0.3

The Team:

F: Shaun Gatto, Daniel Hargraves, Heath Younie
HF: Mark Jeffries, James McEntee, Shannon Motlop
C: Tristan Gum, Chris Ladhams, Scott Bamford
HB: Scott Sutherland, Adam Heuskes, Graeme Kellett
B: Cameron Staples, Jason Roe, Tyson Radetti
1R: Daniel Wakelin, Darryl Wintle, Luke Ivens
Res: Tim Cook, Ricki Macgowan, Ryan McGahey



A picture paints a thousand words... is there anything sweeter?