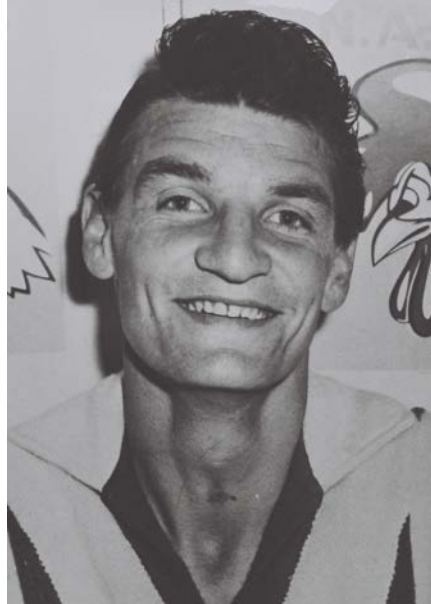


ROOSTER REMINISCES

A look back at a memorable match from each round

Round 5

Season 1960 (Saturday 21 May)



Don Lindner led the charge against Glenelg in Round 5, 1960

You can never keep a great player down for long. That is a tale that was again proven in 1960 when one of North's most mercurial players stood up when it mattered most to lead the club to victory. His last quarter carried the team to a victory that wasn't, while favourites to win before the game, looked anything but a disappointing loss at the last break. Location: Kensington Oval. Opponent: Glenelg. The man to guide the team to victory? **Don Lindner**.

Background

After finishing the 1950s with no further premierships since their 1952 flag North were itching for success. After finishing a disappointing 7th in 1959 the club appointed **Jack McCarthy** to coach the club and the experienced, respected and drop-kicker extraordinaire **Don Gilbourne** was appointed captain. These would prove telling and successful decisions.

Coming into Round 5 North had found themselves in top spot after three good wins while their opponent Glenelg was sitting second bottom and coming off a surprise victory the week before. It was to be a simple victory for North, but for the majority of the fluctuating game it was Glenelg that dictated and led the match.

The Match

Glenelg, bound by their previous weekend's victory, leapt out of the blocks on the small Kensington Oval ground. In the first term they completely outplayed North and it was only their inaccuracy at goal that kept North within daylight of them. Glenelg kicked three goals from 11 scoring shots, while North, with less scoring shots, was also inaccurate with a 1.3 scoreboard at the first break.

During the break North re-focussed and with a word or spray by their coach they stepped up the tempo to produce a constructive (yet inaccurate) six goals to two second quarter – the seven behinds also kicked being their only downfall in the performance. It provided a two goal half time

buffer, but this was quickly devoured by Glenelg in another twist to the match. The third term was all Glenelg as they returned the ascendancy in their favour with a six-goal term. North could only manage a solitary goal to leave them 19 points down at the last change and an unexpected loss truly on the cards.

North needed someone to step up to carry the team over the line. Welcome **Don Lindner**. The 'Don' had a great start to the season being named in the best players each week yet during the Glenelg encounter had struggled for the most part to have any impact on the match. Coach McCarthy, too, needed to make adjustments as well when centre half-forward **Graham Johnston** was injured and couldn't continue the game. His move of **Ray Trenorden** into the crucial position was also a telling part in North's final quarter. Like a wave in the ocean North seized Lindner's final quarter ascendancy and quickly and clinically removed any chance of a Glenelg victory. While their shooting for goal remained a concern their opportunities weren't as they fired 14 shots at goal with an 8.6 quarter – nearly doubling their score up to three quarter time. Glenelg could not keep up with the firing Cock 'o' the North brigade and could only muster two behinds.

North's final quarter explosion was “eloquently” described by Alan Killigrew when reporting for *The Advertiser*, “North came home like a sailor on leave to win at Kensington.”

The last quarter was also described in another report by *The Advertiser*:

- “The result was that North, aided by a spectacular last quarter from **Don Lindner** and **(Barry) Kent**, unwound a great burst of pace and system to kick 8.6 – only five points less than its total for three quarters – while Glenelg fell away and managed only two points.”

While Lindner's last quarter catapulted the team into the lead and towards a win, **Barrie Barbary** – who would be crowned the season's Magarey Medallist at the end of the year – was at his dynamic best. Playing on his customary wing he was everywhere and the Tigers opposition had no match to his dynamic impact. Don's younger brother, **Theo 'Hank' Lindner**, in his second season, was a vital cog in the team's defence. Whilst a talented footballer, his physical authority in contests was never, ever, questioned but regularly referenced:

- “**‘Hank' Lindner's** terrific physical strength was clearly demonstrated at Kensington Oval when he went through in a full-chested charge and, without laying a hand on any of them, bounced three fair-sized Glenelg players off his frame like table tennis balls” – *The Advertiser*.

Reliable last-line-of-defence cohorts **Bob Hammond** and **Don Gilbourne** resisted many forays that headed their way while nippy rover **'Billy' Thomas** sneaked forward to kick four critical goals.

The win wasn't one of North's finest. It isn't a highly memorable one that would be recorded in the Club records for any major statistical plaudits. But it was just one of many occasions that showcased the great Don Lindner's presence on a football ground and his ability to hoist his clubmates and the club to success when needed.

Stats Fact

- North's 16.17 is their 3rd highest score at Kensington, and their 2nd highest against Glenelg at the oval;
- Glenelg's 11.14 is the 2nd highest Losing Score Against North;
- North's 6.7 second quarter is their second highest against any club at Kensington while the 8.6 last quarter is the highest against all clubs at Kensington;
- 'Billy' Thomas' 4.1 is the 2nd highest goal tally against Glenelg at Kensington
- The 19-point deficit is the 4th biggest deficit North have come back against Glenelg from three-quarter time (in any match). The biggest comeback from this break is 25 points in 1968.
- The 19-point deficit is North greatest comeback from three quarter time at Kensington.

Round 5 Facts

- North's 8.6 in the last quarter equals their 2nd highest score for this quarter.

Match Details:

North	1.3	7.10	8.11	16.17	113
Glenelg	3.8	5.10	11.12	11.14	80
Ground:	Kensington Oval			Crowd:	7,000

Best Players: Barbary, Hammond, Gilbourne, D. Lindner, T. Lindner, Thomas

Scorers: Thomas 4.1, Sheppard 3.0, Hughes 2.3, Whitford 2.1, Trenorden 2.1, Hewett 1.3, Bubner 1.1, Codd 1.0, Kent 0.3, Johnston 0.2, rushed 0.2

The Team:

F: Peter Sheppard, Michael Codd, Barry Kent
HF: Malcolm Whitford, Graham Johnston, Trevor Hughes
C: Ron Hewett, Don Lindner, Barrie Barbary
HB: Malcolm Westley, Bob Pascoe, Ray Carroll
B: Don Gilbourne, Bob Hammond, Theo 'Hank' Lindner
1R: John Bubner, Brian Gambling, Billy Thomas
Res: Malcolm Montgomery, Ray Trenorden



*Three of North representatives in the match – Peter Sheppard,
Don Gilbourne and Barrie Barbary*

Do you remember the match? Or do you have copies of match or player photographs???

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