

A reflection into the club and its players from a different perspective through snippets of yesteryear

Round 1 Edition

"News" - Thursday 1 September 1949

"Pompey (Albert) Oatway, former North league footballer, believed that Prospect RSL would win the RSL Association premiership this year. But since Prospect were playing their first season, he soon found a friend willing to bet him £100 to £3 that he was wrong. The bet was made six months ago. Prospect soon showed they were pretty good, and on Sunday afternoon they played Edwardstown in the grand final. With seconds to go, Prospect were four points down. The umpire's whistle went. A free - to Pompey Oatway! Right in front of goal, and only 15 yards out. It's not often a man has £100 hanging on his kick. Pompey took his time. There seemed plenty of room between the goalposts. Easy money, Pompey thought. He kicked - a drop kick. The ball went out of bounds, and the bell rang. Edwardstown, 14 goals 6; Prospect, 13 goals 8."

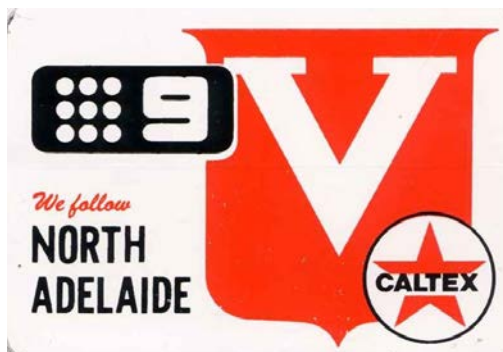
"The Mail" - Saturday 24 June 1939

Oval Picket Breaks In Football Battle

"The excitement was so intense during the last few minutes of the North-South football match at Adelaide Oval today that a picket of the fence round the boundary could not stand the strain. As the lead see-sawed to North, a red-and-white supporter gripped the fence with such gusto that the top of a picket snapped off in his hands. Rix, North rover, who was near, saw the incident, and the enthusiastic supporter shouted out to him, "Will you autograph this for me, Cappy?" Rix nodded to him before again dashing into the fray. The spectator and his young brother ran round to the dressing rooms as the final bell ran, with North winners by three goals, and, after a little difficulty, he managed to see Rix, who autographed the piece of wood. The younger boy then took it to all the players, who signed in turn. His only grievance was that the name of Oatway was missing from his souvenir. However, the lad is nothing if not thorough. He intends to go to the dressing rooms at Prospect Oval tomorrow morning and secure the missing signature."



North promotional sticker circa early 1970s



"Sunday Mail" - Sunday 22 April 1979



"There were stares and whispers in the Glenelg locker room and bathroom after Saturday's match with North Adelaide. As the shock waves subdued, the beaten Glenelg players discreetly sought to establish the identity of the North player who wore guernsey No. 17. They pride themselves on their professionalism and found it unthinkable that an opponent could have slipped under their strategic pre-match guard. The name of John Riley... is now firmly and indelibly imprinted on their minds. Riley... dispersed and anonymity that may have been attached to his name with a breathtakingly brilliant performance at full back (in holding state player Stephen Copping goal-less). His discipline, courage, intelligence and persistence was an object lesson and inspiration for those around him, and prompted a dramatic transformation in North Adelaide."

**"The Advertiser" – Monday 21st July
1947**

"Returning by tram to the city from Norwood Oval after the match there on Saturday, two North Adelaide supporters were discussing the team's performances. First supporter – "It's a pity Pedler couldn't play, because of that injury to his nose. He would have been a help". Second supporter – "Oh, I don't know. He's a good type, but he hasn't been playing as well as he should. Now if..." At this a tall fellow-strap-hanger leaned over, tapped one of the two on the shoulder and said – "Excuse me, I couldn't help overhearing your conversation. In case you're going to enlarge on the subject, you might as well know - I'm Pedler."

**"The Sunday Mail" – Sunday 23 May
1976**

"You know what happens to North Adelaide footballers when they leave the hurly-burly of league? They go to play with Two Wells in the Gawler and District League, that's what! Former Rooster 'Morrie' (Maurice) Francou is Two Wells captain-coach, and in his side are no fewer than six other former teammates – Ken Francou, Terry Collins, Bob O'Shannassey, John Payne, Brent Farquhar and Geoff Norton. Last season they went through the season undefeated, winning the premiership. And it is the same story this year... a succession of victories, once by the astonishing margin of 48 goals 9 behinds."

Paul Kennett's advice to football fans

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Paul Kennett
Has given North Adelaide years of notable success. This year he has been named on the game of his life in last year's Grand Final and was awarded a special trophy for the best player on the ground.

Paul Kennett will be playing his part this year to enable North Adelaide to repeat their 1932 Premiership form. You probably have different ideas for the 1933 flag if you're not a North supporter. But there's one thing everyone agrees, **HEINZ** is the best soup made in Australia. To make any match more enjoyable, take along a vacuum flask of Heinz world-famous soup. Enjoy it at half-time. Full of rich, nourishing goodness, Heinz is the answer to end winter winds. Try a different Heinz soup each Saturday—eight kinds—all perfect.

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**"South Australian
Chronicle" –
Saturday 11 May 1895**

"The North Adelaides have lost one of their leading players in H. Brown, who has given up football in favor (sic.) of gold digging, but in spite of this they claim to have a stronger contingent."
(Brown returned in 1896 and continued until after the 1898 season)



"The Advertiser" – Monday 12 May 2008

"North Adelaide coach Andrew Jarman will front the SANFL tribunal tomorrow night to face a charge of allegedly using abusive language. Jarman was reported by field umpires Colin Rowston, Sam Hay and Andrew Crosby after he approached them following the Roosters' 26-point loss to Glenelg at Brighton Rd on Saturday. The tribunal has the power to fine or suspend Jarman. Coaches can speak to the umpires as long as it is not in a confrontational manner."

Jarman was subsequently fined \$1000 for his indiscretion.

"The News" – Thursday 26 May 1932

"Under the supervision of the coach (Percy Lewis), the players practised at picking up the ball while on the run at Prospect Oval on Tuesday. Half a dozen balls were placed on the ground in a row about 30 yards away from 12 players. They raced to the ball in pairs, and afterwards ran singly and tried to gather it up at fast speed with one or two hands. The training was most successful. Some of the players showed remarkable dexterity in their handling of the ball. After every match a cash trophy is awarded to the best North player. Proud won the honour (sic.) against Norwood, Farmer and McNamara shared it in the Glenelg game, and Taylor and Burton were the winners against South and West respectively."