



## ***"News" – Tuesday 7 September 1948***

"Magarey Medal winner Ron Phillips had to be talked into playing football this season. He had practically decided to give up league football for many reasons. One was he felt he was too old to re-enter the game – he is 27 now. Another was that his spare time was taken up with looking after a small vine-growing property he and his brothers bought near Hope Valley. So last year he played for Modbury district team. Further, he had been so dogged by injuries the year before (1946) in league games that he thought his luck was out. The North secretary (Mr. Jack Forrester), however, was convinced Ron was not only not too old, but would be a big asset to North. "He talked me into coming out this season" – said Ron today, and smilingly added, "So he actually won the medal for me."

"Phillips is married with two children, Allan (sic.) (2 ½) and Lynette (16 months). Last night there was a surprise party at his home – his three brothers, Les, Eric (with their wives), and Ken, and two sisters, Sylvia... and Nancy... with their husbands. Mrs. Les Phillips made the iced cake which Ron cut at supper. It had small colored (sic.) candles representing goalposts, with two miniature footballs set between them. Last night and this morning many people rang to congratulate him. One was Jim Deane, South centreman, second for the medal with 21 points. First caller, though, was the man who induced him to play again – Jack Forrester."

## ***"South Australian Register"***

***Friday 30 August 1889***

"The Medindies have never been exceedingly fortunate in the way of attracting big audiences at their matches, but they established a record last Saturday at Kensington. At the time of starting there were no less than six people present, and this number gradually increased as now and then another admirer strolled in, until at the finish there were quite thirty people present. Only those who possessed tickets thought it worthwhile to go, for we doubt if the match promised to be exciting enough to tempt any daring small boy to jump over (the fence), yet the sellers of tickets for the grounds went, not to the ticket-box in vain, for one solitary person sometime during the game bravely placed sixpence on the box and purchased his admission ticket, and this sum represents the whole of the takings which go towards playing the expenses amounting to quite £2 or £3. What a marked contrast to the other match, where the eyes of the authorities were gladdened with the sight of overflowing coffers"

*The above match was Medindie versus Adelaide whilst the "other match" was Norwood vs Port for top position which attracted a crowd of 10,000.*

## ***North Adelaide Football Club Annual Report - 1967***

### **Honor (sic.) Board**

"Our deepest appreciation is extended to Mr. W. H. Blunden, who so graciously donated the magnificent Honor (sic.) Board to this Club. This is –erected in the foyer of the Memorial Hall and is well worth the time to study the data of past and present officials and players mentioned thereon. The Committee is most grateful for this fine gesture by this gentleman, he being closely associated with the North Adelaide Club for many years."

**"The Mail" - Saturday 17 April 1937**

## Unusual Member of Football Club

"North Adelaide Football Club has a most unusual member on its membership list this season. He is Ringer, four-year-old dog of Mr. Clarrie Willshire, a former North player. And, if any doubt exists as to Ringer's membership, one has only to look at his collar, where the North Adelaide medallion has been securely fastened. Ringer is Mr. Willshire's constant companion, and rarely misses a football training night or league match. Ringer is as well known in the North clubroom as some of the pictures of club champions adorning the walls. He passes from one player to another, acknowledging friendly patting, but never stays with them,



one eye being constantly on his master. Ringer was the centre of an amusing unrehearsed incident on the Adelaide Oval a few years back, when Mr. Willshire was playing with North. The dog was taken to the oval, but during the match slipped from his leash. He easily picked out his master in the centre of the ground, and made a straight line for him, ignoring the other players, thousands of spectators, and the general excitement of the game."

## From The Quotebook...



"How any man could stand up to the treatment Tom Leahy received I don't know. After the game Tom's legs were like lumps of raw meat, and from his thighs to his shoulders was a mass of bruises. Nobody knows the pain he suffered" - Percy Lewis about Tom Leahy after a State Match in Perth (1921)

## "Football Times"

**Thursday 29 August 1985**

"Footypunt, SA's newest form of betting, exceeded the \$1m turnover mark during this week's round of matches. The TAB said that turnover on Footypunt and Footytremble amounted to \$1,001,235.50 after 18 rounds."

## "Football Times"

**Thursday 19 July 1984**

"Matthew Peter Campbell has the potential to become the perfect wingman. The 20-year-old, 6'3", 13 stone, perfectly built athlete is a bank officer and the vault door is open for him to collect the rewards due to a star of the future.

Campbell, like all young players who are going places has perfect balance. His effortless running style and disposal while flat to the boars is copybook centreline play. His height allows him to take the big grab overhead and he has the capacity to take sensational marks. Both he and his coach are to be commended on the fact that he does not sacrifice other attributes of his game in endeavours to make this



pace, a creative ground game and he reads the play well. Campbell's weight makes him hard to shift once in position or on line to the ball and his positive handball is always to team advantage.

If Matthew does have a department in which to improve it could be his tackling. Maybe he is not yet fully committed in this aspect of his play but his completely fair, fast and exciting style is what the game is all about.

His performance against South Adelaide last Saturday over four quarters made him best-on-ground as he short changed the opposition with a near faultless display."

## North Adelaide Football Club Annual Report - 1921

### Prospect Oval

"Your Committee are pleased to report that after negotiations with the Prospect District Council a satisfactory agreement has been entered into, whereby for a term of five years, with the right of renewal for a further five years, your Club is to have the use of the newly-formed Oval at Prospect. Home and home matches are to be played, and your Club is to have a training room, which it can call its own. Provision is to be made for the accommodation of the B Club, and we are looking forward to a happy time in our new quarters."