

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

Round 7 Edition

"The Mail" – Saturday 11 February 1922

JUNIORS TO GET PREFERENCE

"Will Tom Leahy play again?" Before any thought is given to North's chances that is certain to be the first question asked by most followers of the game. Well, the State's great follower-captain has not definitely decided yet. The indications are, however, that he will not reappear as the team's skipper, but that if at any time his services are needed they will probably be forthcoming. Every consideration will be shown to the juniors in the district, who will be given preference to country payers whenever the best material is offering. This policy has been agreed to following conferences which have been held between the senior and junior clubs. Among the juniors the club has in mind are Shimmer, Rawson, and Duval from the seconds, and Stennett, Conrad, and Hector and "Bob" Dawe from Prospect.... The committee has decided to make "Tom" Leahy and "Tom" Hodges (head trainer) life members of the club. In the event of Leahy not offering himself for the captaincy it is probable that a skipper will be chosen from among Perry, Lewis, and Crawford."

From The Quotebook...

North Adelaide Annual Report - 1987

"Success, the euphoria and feeling that flows from achievement was most evident at North Adelaide in the final analysis for 1987. The reasons are simple. A struggling club of few resources had endured the development process and the misery of successive grand final losses to perform at a standard not seen in South Australia for many years" – Michael Nunan (Senior Coach)



*"Foot-e Times" website – Round 4
28 April 2014*

"MILES – IS HE THE SANFL BEST CAPTAIN

Todd Miles would have won the Jack Oatey medal in last year's SANFL Grand Final if North got closer on the day. On ANZAC day he was second best in the Roosters win. He has proved to be a great leader at North after starting at Woodville West Torrens. Not bad for a guy that was nicknamed "Fragile" early in his country career."

*"Foot-e Times" website – Round 18
25 August 2014*

Super Shillabeer:

"Darren Shillabeer. That is the name on the lips of every footy fan that was at Prospect on Saturday and saw Shillabeer's amazing seven goal performance. Playing at full forward in just his second game with the Roosters the imposing Shillabeer dominated proceedings in the first half against Central, kicking five goals and keeping the Roosters in the contest. After half time as North well and truly took control Shillabeer kicked

another two goals to stamp his mark on the day. If the Roosters can keep Shillabeer at the club they appear to have a ready made key forward for season 2015, and if his performance on the weekend is anything to go by a future star in the making."



"The Advertiser" – 30 March 2000

"North unearthed some likely types against Sturt on Saturday (Round 3) including defender Robbie Brodhurst. Brodhurst, 24, is a hard-at-it footballer with a colourful past as a 70-goal plus full forward at Jervois in the River Murray Football League. Seems Brodhurst turned up



last year sporting pink coloured hair, later changed it to green then blue. As legendary league secretary Peter Dalwood said: "To do that, you've got to be good."

"Daily Herald" - Friday 10 September 1920

"A rather amusing incident occurred during the North-Torrens match at the Adelaide Oval last Saturday. The game had not been in progress more than several minutes when Pat (Victor) Maloney, a North player, received a serious tear in the leg of one of his knickers. That member became disjointed, and left the young fellow in an awkward predicament. A couple of trainers, however, came to his assistance and with the aid of an overcoat he was removed from the field, where new togs were supplied to him."

"The Advertiser" - Tuesday 22 June 1909**A FOOTBALL INCIDENT. ATTEMPT TO BRIBE A PLAYER. A FORGERY SUSPECTED.**

When West Torrens easily accounted for North Adelaide in the match played on the Adelaide Oval on June 12 last, dark rumors (sic.) began to circulate to the effect that certain of the members of the northern team had played into the hands of the enemy. Names were mentioned, and ominous shakes of the head accompanied pessimistic remarks concerning the ultimate fate of South Australian football if such discreditable tactics as alleged were allowed to go unchallenged. From the official sources nothing could be learned that might indicate whether any weight should be given to the vague charges made by the man in the street. Yesterday, however, the secretary of the North Adelaide club (Mr. B.G. Lamprell) made a statement to a representative of 'The Advertiser.' Which, although tardy, seems to clear the matter up definitely. He said:- "The rumors were caused by the contemptible action of somebody whose name we would like to know. His object, apparently, was to undermine the prestige of our club. Just before our match against West Torrens one of our players received a letter by post in which it was stated that the writer would benefit largely should our team lose, and that should the recipient of the letter and two others in the team fail to play well they would each be given a couple of sovereigns after the match. It was mentioned that the money would be handed over at a certain spot. The letter was brought by the recipient to the committee, and he desired not to play if it was thought that there were doubts on the committee's part as to his integrity. On receiving as assurance that the committee trusted him he played in the match. The other two players, when the matter was mentioned to them by the committee, expressed their abhorrence of the attempt which had been made to compromise them in the eyes of the club. On the suggestion of the committee the recipient of the letter waited at the spot mentioned in the letter by nobody addressed him on the subject of North Adelaide's defeat or offered him money. We have made enquiries, and are satisfied that the letter is a forgery. It purported to be signed by a well-known hotelkeeper of the city, who is interested in sport. Naturally the league, who have been apprised of the facts, join with us in the wish that the offender may be discovered and properly dealt with."

"News" - Saturday 29 June 1946

"Middleweight boxer 'Sailor' Cameron has up the idea of a ring career and has decided to concentrate on his football with Sturt. On the other hand, North footballer Lisle Melvin is giving away his football togs and concentrating on boxing - he's the Billy Myers who has been matched with Hack Young for the State heavyweight boxing title next Wednesday night... Lisle played football for North in 1940, and in that year won the State amateur heavy boxing title. Most of his professional bouts were in the eastern States, but he has now returned to Adelaide to settle. He played a couple of games with North this year. He has also competed with success at cycling and swimming."

"Talking of the Melvins (Royce and Lisle) recalls the fact that Darrell (sic.) Conrad, whose spectacular marking and kicking for North Adelaide readily will be remembered by all but the callowest reader, is an uncle of the Melvin brothers. Bruce Dawe, another well-known name in North Adelaide boxing and football circles although not related to them, came from the Melvin stable."

"News" - Thursday 4 September 1924**NAMES OF (MAGAREY MEDAL) RUNNERS-UP - League Refuses Information**

"When asked this morning for the names of the runners-up in the (Magarey Medal) competition and the number of votes received Mr. Frank Marlow (Secretary of the Football League) intimated that he could not give them. The league, he said, had never done that."

"That was all they (the public) would need to know" - League Secretary, Mr. Frank Marlow, stated in another statement