

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

Round 11 Edition

The Advertiser – Monday 3 October 1960

“But in this, the season’s greatest and most exciting football show, North emerged as a worthy premier and one could not imagine it was almost the same set of players who finished seventh last season. For this magnificent resurgence one must pay tribute to North’s new non-playing coach Jack McCarthy, who transformed the players from a mild, uncoordinated band to a speedy, power-packed aggressive combination which asked for no quarter and gave none. Courage and a refusal to admit defeat has been North’s greatest attribute, and it was never more in evidence than on Saturday. It showed in the superb defence of Gilbourne, Hammond, Gambling, Montgomery and ‘Hank’ Lindner particularly after Norwood had hit the front to lead by eight points mid-way through the last quarter. It showed in Barbary’s ravaging run through the teeth of the rugged Norwood defence to boot a long goal which registered the lead for North with 20 minutes of the last quarter gone. It showed in the courage of North’s red-haired, bull-ant rover, Barry Potts, who after being flattened in the second quarter, got to his feet to become a match-winner by kicking seven goals”

“The Advertiser” – Saturday 12 September 1970

“Don Lindner, the ‘astronaut’ of SA football for 17 years, yesterday announced his retirement from league football. Characteristically, however, he has decided against hanging up his boots permanently. “I will play in some lower grade next year – maybe even do some coaching in a near-country area,” said Lindner yesterday. “I still want to play footy.” Lindner – often known as ‘Leaping Lindy’ or ‘Daredevil Don,’ but more commonly known as ‘Butch’ – is easily the most sensational high mark in league football since World War II.

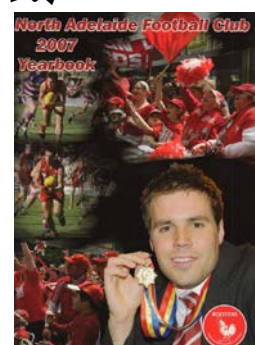
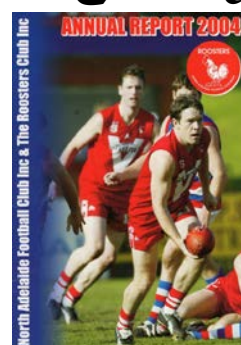
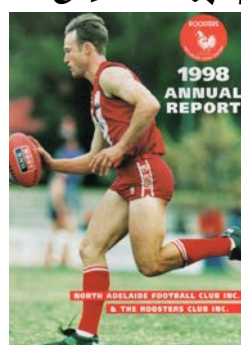
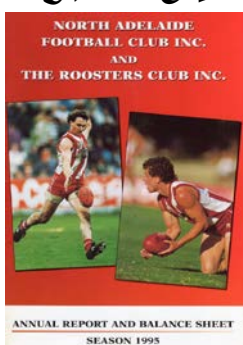


“Recorder” – Thursday 28 May 1936

LEAGUE “PIRATING” Mixed Feelings in Pirie

“Solomontown team is missing the services of C. Mount and F. Stigwood at present. These players are making their reputations on city grounds, and their absence from the local game is causing some comment. South Australian National Football League became flustered last year, and rent the heavens with cries against the practice of the other States in attracting star footballers over the border. Having raised its big protest, it sought to collect from struggling country associations. Men who were trained in athletics and who learned all their football in communities far distant from the city are now delighting the crowds on league ovals, and many country supporters are asking: “Is this good for country football?” The reply definitely is: “It is not.”

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"The Register" - Tuesday 27 June 1922

FOOTBALL UMPIRE ASSAULTED. Unruly Scene at Alberton.

The last few minutes of the league football match between the Port Adelaide and North Adelaide teams at the Alberton Oval on Monday afternoon were marked by a regrettable scene. A demonstration was made against Umpire Quigley, and for a while it seemed as though he was in danger of receiving bodily harm. The trouble began about five minutes before the end of the match, following upon occasional derisive hooting by unruly partisans at some of the umpire's decisions. Fuss, of North Adelaide, marked the ball a few yards out of goal, and kicked it between the central posts. The umpire stood nearby to receive the ball in order to run back with it to the centre, and had just received it, and had turned toward the middle of the ground, when Mucklow, a Port wing man, was observed rushing toward him. Why he did so it is hard to state. Keal (PA) made a dash for Mucklow, and grabbed him, stopping him. The damage had been done, however, although Mucklow did not strike the umpire. As soon as Mucklow made his rush a number of the spectators jumped the pickets at the north-west corner of the oval, and made toward Umpire Quigley. Then spectators from every other portion of the ground also leapt into the arena, and a general rush was made for the umpire. Had the mob been allowed to get to him serious consequences might have followed. The players of both clubs, however, banded around him and kept most of the attackers off. By this time the police on duty at the oval had reached the scene. One of the onlookers managed to evade the body guard and grabbed at Mr. Quigley, but he was hauled off by the police. The crowd dallied round the centre of the ground for a considerable time, and it was not until Lewis (NA) and Howie (PA), the respective captains, after a consultation with the timekeepers, agreed to finish the game that the spectators went back over the pickets. Everything was then quiet until the final bell rang. As soon as the players heard the bell they surrounded the umpire, and the police, making a path for them, they rushed him into a dressing room without mishap. A portion of the crowd, however, remained in the vicinity for nearly an hour. Women among the onlookers seemed to be the worst offenders in yelling out uncomplimentary terms regarding the umpire. Some of the people adjourned to the oval proper and settled their own little argument in a free fight. Mr. Tyler (Secretary of the Port Adelaide Club) and Mr. J. J. Quinn (a well-known umpire) tried to address the crowd, but were howled down and refused a hearing. Mucklow, who was accompanied by Mr. A. Raven (another leading umpire), subsequently went to Mr. Quigley and apologised to him. Mucklow and Umpire Quigley then went across the bowling green, and the latter was driven away from the oval in a motor car. By this means the throng, who were still waiting in front of the dressing rooms, were evaded. It was not until after 6 o'clock, on the arrival of a number of police constables, that the crowd at length dispersed."

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"Obituary: Junior Football lost one of its most loyal supporters during the season, and I refer to the passing of Mr. Harold Woolford. With the consent of Harold's family, our Association has proudly founded 'The Harold Woolford Memorial Medal', which is to be presented to the Fairest and Most Brilliant Player in the 'Under 11' grade each season. We congratulate the initial winner Andrew Jarman, of the Gaza club."

Daily Herald" - Friday 3 September 1920

North Adelaide On Tour

"Kinnear is one of North's best finds for many years, and with Davies had come to be recognized as indispensable to the team. The Broken Hill boy is immensely popular with clubmates and supporters but is quiet and unassuming, just the sort to keep a level head when success comes his way. His steady living will enable him to keep going when many other players of his age are looking on. He is only in the early twenties, and this, with his splendid constitution and good living, ought to make for an early and complete recovery. Tom Leahy heard the bones break and warned Kinnear and those around him of the danger of moving. Kinnear's leg was put in splints on the ground, and in 10 minutes after the accident he was in hospital. A benefit is being organised by his club, and tickets will be on sale during the finals."

"The goals and behind posts in Ballarat were padded, as a local player was killed some years ago through colliding with a bare post. Some years ago Bruce, A West back man, broke his leg through falling against a behind post on the Adelaide Oval, and the Ballarat idea seems a good one."

From The Newspapers Match Report Quotebook

Dean Stringer (1956, Prelim v WA)

Stringer's wife gave birth the Friday night before the game allowing Stringer to get only two hours sleep

"It was a far from rested goal-keeper who arrived at Adelaide Oval for the big match. Dean tried to snatch forty winks in North's dressing room, but it wasn't long before the noise of his team-mates brought him back to harsh reality. So he blinked, got up, put on his togs, went out - and played the best game of his career" – *The Advertiser*

Scott Bamford (2005, Rd 20 v WA)

"The 31-year-old Scott Bamford, while looking too young to shave, produced another sterling effort out of the centre" – *Standard*

Brett Mancini (1993, Rd 3 v WA)

"While West desperately required a spark to lift itself from the ordinary event staged at Prospect, North found one in Brett Mancini. Playing with the deft touch of the composer who shares his name, the brilliant Mancini inspired his team-mates with four goals created by his ability to find space around the 50-metre circles" – *The Advertiser*

Sid Burton (1936, Rd 2 v GI)

"The best man on the ground was unquestionably Sid Burton, who showed that whether leading the ruck, as a full back or goalsneak, he can rise to the occasion. His sound, attractive football enables him to set an example to his men" – *The Advertiser*

Harold Thredgold (1911, Rd 8 v SA)

"They (South) were assisted for a minute by (Harold) Threadgold (sic)..., who, with the leather, made a brilliant run down the wing which would have been greatly applauded by the red-and-whites spectators had it not been made in just the opposite direction to which it should have been. The player, in the excitement of the moment, had mistaken the ends!" – *Evening Journal*

Fred Le Messurier (1913, Rd 2 v Nw)

"(F.) Le Messurier was roving as he used to rove. Nothing could have been smarter, quicker, and cleverer than the way he handled the ball and passed it on to a clubmate with one of his beautiful 50 yards stab kicks. He seemed ubiquitous, and all through the game he was one of the dominant factors of the match" – *The Advertiser*

Peter Sheppard (1957, Rd 3 v WA)

"Although a one-way turner, North rover Peter Sheppard showed the West trio a clean pair of heels and his three successive goals in the second quarter started North on the way to its match-winning break" – *The Advertiser*

Hector Kilpatrick (1910, R3 v St)

"Kirkpatrick, playing centre wing, for North, was the only play to who practices running with any success. He has the knack of bouncing the ball, and on a dry day should be able to get over the ground like a hare" – *The Advertiser*

Tony Antrobus

"Antrobus is such an exciting player to watch. It is worth going to the football just to see him play. He is the fastest footballer over the first 10 metres in Australia. His ball handling skills are superb and he gives the impression he loves kicking goals, but at the same time he is not selfish because he presented three goals to full forward Grenville Dietrich during the course of the game. But his seven goals were the result of magnificent anticipation, blinding speed and one felt sorry for the Eagles' defenders, who, on most occasions were grabbing at fresh air as he left them looking bewildered" – *Sunday Mail* (1985, Rd 11 v WT)

"The magic of impish North Adelaide rover Tony Antrobus sparkled on the Adelaide Oval turf on Saturday. Courage and character were apparent in his light frame. So was audacity as he took a sensational high mark in the third quarter" – *The Advertiser* (1986, Rd 4 v CD)

"One of the great success stories at North is Tony Antrobus, who has responded to a pre-season full of innuendo and smear with silent brilliance. Many opponents claim they have scores to settle with the wriggling model of efficient football. To their punching, bruising, pushing and swearing, Antrobus now responds by killing teams with his undoubted skills" – *The Advertiser* (1986, Rd 14 v St)

"North Adelaide will play in the league football finals – if Tony Antrobus stays fit. Quite simply, North has as talented a collection of players as any team in the league. And, in Antrobus, it has a rare pearl who is establishing himself quickly as SA's most influential rover. With Antrobus in full flight, all that North needs to become a major force is consistency" – *The Advertiser* (1985, Rd 2 v WT)

"He (Antrobus) is obviously afraid of nothing, including the dark, because he is repeatedly smothered underneath the pack. Even so, he invariably comes out with the ball" – *Football Times* (1985, Rd 8 v St)

"No one tried harder for North in the final term than its dynamic rover Tony Antrobus.. The slightly built speedster gave his all to ensure a Rooster victory after an unusually quiet third term" – *Sunday Mail* (1983, Rd 18 v St)