

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

Round 13 Edition

"Saturday Journal" Saturday 25 September 1926

"(Harry) Fleet is a comparative boy, and one can hardly expect him to be consistently brilliant when playing against men, but this year he has been the major scorer for Norths. Prior to last Saturday (1st Semi Final) he had secured 41 goals, and augmented his tally with five against Port. This 19-year-old lad has played some good games on the Adelaide Oval. He was a marked man on Saturday, but his masterful display will go down as an outstanding performance in North Adelaide football history. May he repeat it today. Prior to Fleet going on the field last Saturday, his coach did not hamper him with instructions. Steele held up his hand, "Five today," he said. Fleet carried out his orders with five fine goals. Probably the reason he missed a couple of shots in the last quarter was on account of his not wishing to exceed definite directions."

"Football Times" Thursday 7 July 1983

"When the final siren sounded at Prospect last Saturday, former North player Allan (sic.) Stringer, now with Glenelg, happened to pass in front of his former coach Mike Nunan. Judging by the way Stringer gestured Nunan it is safe to draw two conclusions. Stringer was very pleased to have won and there is certainly no love lost between him and his former coach."

"South Australian Football Budget" Saturday 30 September 1967

"North Adelaide's Barrie Robran and Dennis Sachse were the outstanding first-year players of 1967. Each won state selection in his first year of league football. Robran finished third in the Magarey Medal voting and Sachse headed the league goalkicking list. These were outstanding results for recruits. Tall, willowy, long-striding Robran, recruited from Whyalla, was signed by North last year against strong competition from other league clubs. His entry into league football this season was sensational. He was named as North's best player in the first three games and best afield in two of them... Robran has tons of natural ability, is a fine mark and kick and can cover an enormous amount of ground with his long loping strides. But he has been criticised for his neglect of checking when playing across centre... Experience, however, should correct this fault and Robran seems destined to become a big football name."

"Nothing so excites a football crowd's imagination as the spectacle of a top full-forward in full flight. They come all so rarely these days, that when one does arrive on the scene, he has the crowd with him as he goes about getting a big tally. This was how it was when 19-year-old Dennis Sachse... kicked 13 goals against Woodville in the sixteenth round this year. Sachse... is easily the best first year full forward of the past 20 years."

From The Quotebook - 1992

"It's a bit like Christmas. You don't want it to come around too often"
- Ruckman Michael Redden talking about training

South Australia National Football League Football Budget - A Recollection



Rd 13, 1928



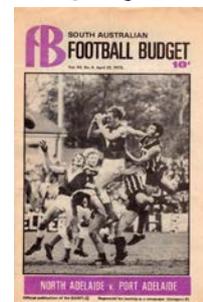
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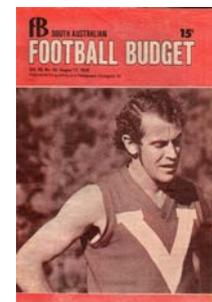
1st Semi, 1960



Rd 3, 1967



Rd 4, 1973



Rd 20, 1974

The Observer – Saturday 8 June 1929

LEAGUE FOOTBALL TEAMS. 4.—NORTH ADELAIDE.



Back Row (left to right)—D. Conrad, P. Leaky, J. Ramsay, C. Willshire, K. Farnes, S. Cook.

Middle Row—A. Williams, W. Tobin, C. B. Taylor, F. Tucker, F. Fowler, J. McDowall, R. Mann.

Front Row—D. McIntosh, H. Wickes, A. E. Hawkes, N. Dross, R. Barrett.

THE OBSERVER, ADELAIDE, SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1929.

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"The Advertiser"
Saturday 23 October 2006

"North Adelaide has made probably its toughest cut in a decade by ending Daniel Hargraves tenure at Prospect.

Other SANFL clubs have expressed interest in Hargraves, who joined North in 2000 after AFL stints at Footscray (38 games) and Fremantle (11). He will be 31 in December but it is believed persistent back and knee injuries - which kept him out for most of last season - conspired most against him being held at Prospect.

Hargraves topped North's goalkicking from 2000-05 and won the league's Ken Farmer Medal in 2002."

"Football Times" - August 28 1980

"North Adelaide officials must wince each time they hear about the goalkicking performance of St. Kilda full-forward Mark Scott. Scott, a former Hawthorn player, was all set to join the Roosters in May in exchange for ruckman Kenton Muller who wanted to play for the Hawks. A few days before he was set to leave for SA, Scott was involved in a ruthless "horse deal" between Hawthorn and St. Kilda and was exchanged for Saints star Russell Greene. Scott booted nine of St. Kilda's 13 goals against Carlton's Geoff Southby (considered to be the best full back in Australia) last week to take his tally for the season to 45 in 12 matches."

"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."

From The Newspapers Match Report Quotebook

Ian McKay



“McKay, while on the ball, provided the thrill of the match with the highest mark in the memory of most who saw it. A perfectly-judged approach behind the Norwood ruckman Hall, enabled the North captain to get the utmost height from his leap. At the top of his bound, with his knees in the region of Hall’s shoulder-blades, McKay obtained another jet-propelled upward surge and he clamped the ball above the head of the 6’ 3” opponent. To cap a brilliant effort McKay, from a long way out on the left half-forward flank, sent a perfect screw punt through the goal” – *The Advertiser* (1952, Grand Final v Nw)

“It often has been said, if not written, that Ian McKay, as North Adelaide’s captain, has but one shot in his locker - to put himself on the ball. He fired his one shot twice against West Adelaide... and holed the opposition below the Plimsoll each time... McKay went on the ball again (in the final quarter) and was an inspiring factor in his team’s feat in scoring 2.3 while keeping West Adelaide down to a solitary point... All of which makes McKay out to be a very good player, which is not news to post-war football followers”. – *The Advertiser* (1952, Rd 11 v WA)

”As a defender McKay has few peers, and he gave his usual rock-like display today. McKay’s judgment is excellent. An outstanding mark, he is not afraid to go for the knock. When he does use these spoiling tactics, he does so in fine determined style” – *The Advertiser* (1949, Rd 10 v SA)

“McKay for North stood out with his spectacular high marking at full-back. One of his clearing runs finished at centre wings. His kicking off was first class” – *The Mail* (1953, Rd 14 v SA)

“Ian McKay outshone the many Port Adelaide stars, but his brilliance was as fluorescent lighting to match light in comparison with his team mates. Whether at full-back in the first half and most of the last quarter, or in ruck, he was always outstanding” – *The Advertiser* (1950, Rd 12 v PA)

Daniel Motlop (2006, Rd 12 v St)

“A Daniel Motlop-inspired North Adelaide pulled off a remarkable escape act to condemn Sturt to also-ran status this season... The amazing Motlop conjured a brilliant sleight-of-hand – and foot – performance in the third quarter that made a mockery of human movement. After just seven unremarkable disposals in the first half, Motlop moved into another sphere to pick up eight kicks, take three classy marks, give a handball that resulted in a goal to Matthew Campbell and kick 4.2 off his own boot in about 30 minutes. It was simply magical. He rotated from the goalsquare to the midfield in the second half to menace the Blues with bursts of weaving turns and blissful skills to pick up one more goal to end with 5.5 for the night in a game-breaking display” – *Sunday Mail*

Peter Koerner (1958, Rd 7 v Nw)

“In an inspiring return to peak form, captain-coach Peter Koerner was the driving force behind North Adelaide’s 23 point win over Norwood. Almost as if he had been saving his best form to unleash against his former club, Koerner was in unbeatable mood from start to finish, giving North his first match-winning performance this season. Although his uncertain kicking took the edge off the avalanche of attacks initiated by him, Koerner’s relentless domination of the centre, where he gathered almost twice as many kicks as any other player afield drove North to victory” – *The Advertiser*

Glenn Sandford (1995, Rd 19 v WWT)

“Strong centre half-back Glenn Sandford led the way for the Roosters with a faultless display at centre half-back. He took eight marks in conditions where the ball spent most of the time on the ground. Sandford also kicked a crucial goal in the third term when he ran almost the length of the oval and earned a free kick 20m from goal” – *The Advertiser*

Leslie Sneyd (1915, Rd 4 v WT)

“Norths backs were very solid, and among them the palm must be given to young Sneyd. His high marking was a treat to witness. Time and again he took the ball over the heads of a crowd of players, and he was never beaten, always finishing his work with a fine kick” – *The Mail*

Daniel Hargraves (2002, Rd 20 v SA)

“Every now and again in the life of a footballer, a day comes along where nothing, just nothing, can go wrong. For North Adelaide full forward Daniel Hargraves, Saturday afternoon was one of those special times ... It took him 10 minutes to make an impact... But when he did make his presence felt, it was to kick-start one of the most satisfying games of his career... While most players dropped in and out of the game, Hargraves’ supremacy continued” – *The Advertiser* (Hargraves kicked 13.0 for the match)