

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

Round 17 Edition

### "South Australian Register" Wednesday 14 October 1891

"A charge was laid by Mr. A.E. Birrell (field umpire) against Messrs. C. Fry and A.E. Bertram for fighting in the match (Port v Medindie on 20th September) ... Fry did not appear, but Bertram attended, and in his evidence accused Fry of having struck him and that he only put his hands up in self-defence. He also said Fry was intoxicated. The umpire was positive that blows were struck on both sides and the charge was deemed proven, and it was decided to fine Fry £2 2s. and to censure Bertram."

The dates are correct – the match was played on September 20<sup>th</sup> yet the hearing was heard on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

### From The Quotebook...

"I thought we played better footy than the other team. That game, we win nine out of 10 times. They were lucky, that's all. They were lucky today" – Norwood coach Nathan Bassett after their one-point loss to North in Round 11, 2012.

### "The Advertiser" – Thursday 27 April 2006

"Every column on Nick Gill's statistic sheet was overflowing except one on Friday night - handballs. While the high-flying Rooster forward tore Sturt's defence apart by booting 9.3 and taking a whopping 18 marks, he could only manage one disposal by hand.

"The guys (his team-mates) were saying I was going to do a (Daniel) Hargraves because I've only had about five handballs for the year," Gill said with a laugh.

"No, seriously, I don't mind handballing because I don't like to hog it, it's just that none of it was really on the ground."

That's because the 2005 Magarey Medal runner-up was terrorising the Double Blues in the air and during the second quarter, Gill was simply unstoppable. In a performance rarely seen at any level, Gill pulled in eight contested marks and booted six of his nine goals within a period of about eight minutes.

His second-term effort prompted at least one North fan to brand it the best individual display since legendary Barrie Robran graced Prospect. And it also left The Advertiser's football scribes no choice in selecting the Player of the Week Award for round four.

"I looked up at the time clock (during the second term) and thought it must have been nearing the end of the quarter," Gill, who was yesterday named in the SANFL state squad, said. "But it was only the 16-minute mark so I was really surprised.

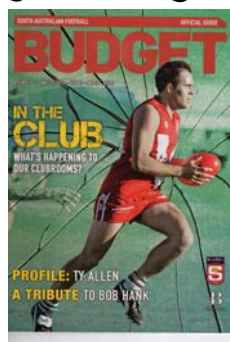
"The midfield was just bringing the ball out of the centre so fast and I was just finishing them off. But that can't happen all of the time."



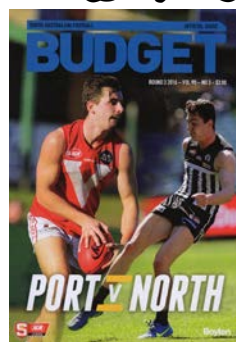
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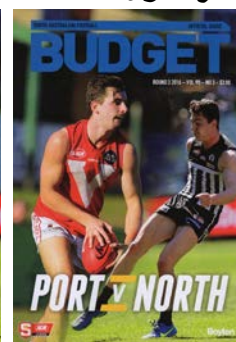
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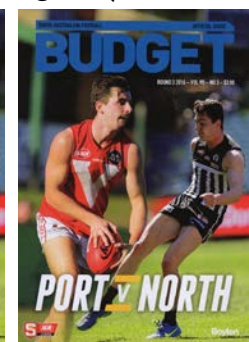
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*North Adelaide Football Club Official Website – Friday 11 July 2008*

### **North's Rising Stars Shine Bright**

"With the conclusion of the Under 18's Championships yesterday, it gives us time to reflect on North Adelaide's future stars. For the first time in many years, we find ourselves with up to six genuine chances to be drafted in December's AFL Draft. People ask how can that happen and the genuine reply has to be a mixture of good management and though Clubs hate to say it "luck". Once in a while, when all the stars align you will get a group of players come of age in the same year and at the same Club!

"Drafts are a lottery, maybe it can even be said a "Meat Market", where over 300 players are tested, prodded and heavily scrutinised all year just to be lucky enough to be one of that small percentage that makes it to one of those AFL clubs situated in all parts of Australia. Having said that, it is the fairest way for all Clubs to have the opportunity to pick the best kids for their Clubs, without it money would talk and the powerful clubs would get all the "gems", and the competition would not be as even as it is today!

Now to our chances this year, bearing in mind that no doubt someone will be picked that we haven't mentioned. How can that occur you may ask, well that is because in the end it comes down to a group of people (an AFL Club Recruiting Department) seeing that "something special" in a footballer, that maybe no one else has seen. The best example of this in regards to South Australians in recent years has to be Brian Lake (formally Harris) who was drafted in 2001 at pick 71. He has gone onto play many games for the Bulldogs, and will be an important member of their push for a premiership in 2008.

### **Rhys O'Keeffe**

Defender/Utility No 33 in Reserves, DOB 8.8.1990, 187cms, 80 kgs.

Rhys was not selected in the initial Under 18's squad, but after very good performances in our Reserves, he couldn't be ignored. His championships have been excellent, being named in SA's best nearly every game. His performances were so good that he was awarded South Australia's most valuable player award. He is a certainty to be named All Australian.

### **Phil Davis**

Key Position No 34 in Reserves, DOB 30.8.1990, 192cms, 83 kgs.

Phil is a wanted man in terms of being drafted. Certain to be picked, his season is unfortunately over after injuring his shoulder. Will go early in the draft!

### **Lewis Johnston**

Key Forward No 19 in Reserves, DOB 03.03.1991, 192cms, 87 kgs.

Lewis is a country kid, who has travelled many kms this season. An AIS member, Lewis started in our Under 17's, and is now playing Reserves. Has played very well for SA, culminating in 4 goals against NSW yesterday. A key forward with a great mark, keep an eye on him in our upcoming Reserves games.

### **Kriston Thompson**

Defender/Wing No 56 in League, DOB 22.8.1989, 172cms, 64 kgs.

Kriston is finally over his injuries from last season, where he missed the majority of the year. Has class and speed, what all AFL clubs are after, if he continues his progression, has to be a real chance.

### **Wade Thompson**

Forward No 54 in League, DOB 28.8.1988, 176cms, 78 kgs.

Wade has been the surprise packet this season, has not come through the traditional paths, but with his excitement and speed will be a real chance to be picked up.

### **Matt Wright**

On Baller No 31 in League, DOB 14.12.1989, 179cms, 80 kgs.

Matt has dominated in League this year, to become one of our most important players. Averages over 22 touches a game at League level, and would at this stage be a certainty for the SANFL Rising Star award.

Our other chances include **Luke Tapscott** (On Baller/Forward, College Football), **Sam Baulderstone** (Ruck, No 50), **Jordan Dodman** (Ruck, No 27), **Johnny Boras** (Forward, No 59), **Josh Starke** (Defender, No 53) and **Charlie McAdam** (Wing No 39). Please note that **Dale Armstrong** (On Baller, No 28) is too young to be drafted in 08.

In closing, while you are watching our teams play keep a close eye out for these boys, you could quite possibly be watching a future AFL star!

### **James Moore**

Football Operations Manager

*From The Newspapers Match Report Quotebook***Oleg Markov (2015, Rd 17a v PM)**

“For North, Oleg Markov – the son of former pole vault champion Dmitri Markov – showed zip on debut” – *Sunday Mail*

**Danny Morton (2000, Rd 6 v Nw)**

“Norwood tried in vain to stem the influence of Morton. It rotated on-ballers Roger James and Jarrod Cotton – and while they were serviceable, Morton was unstoppable” – *Sunday Mail*

**Don Lindner (1963, Rd 3 v G1)**

“North Adelaide’s three-goal win... had ‘Don Lindner’ written all over it. The new North coach not only played the best game on the ground, but he left the imprint of his coaching methods on the way his side came home in the last term, with fast tackling, determined recovery after an awkward bounce and lightning speed when the ball got into the open... He showed a splendid example with determination in every situation, and breathed fire into the game with his acrobatic leaps for the knocks, lightning handball and electrifying punt kicks. In the last quarter he ‘made’ the game for young Sheridan, whose three goals from six scoring shots in that term ended Glenelg’s hopes” – *The Advertiser*

**Ray Trenorden (1964, Rd 13 v Wv)**

“Woodville... led by 22 points at the last change. The lead could have been greater had it not been for the strong and intelligent defence of Ray Trenorden at half-back. This player was the rock against which many Woodville drives foundered throughout the match” – *The Advertiser*

**Josh Francou (Coach) (2011, Rd 1 v WA)**

“Francou has brought a licence to take risks to Prospect and that was shown with his players’ willingness to switch play and attack through the corridor” – *City North Messenger*

**Bohdan Jaworskyj (1965, Rd 9 v WA)**

“It left the coolly confident North Adelaide full forward Bohdan (“Bugs”) Jaworskyj, playing in his second league game, to kick the deciding goal that put his side out of danger” – *The Advertiser*

**Fred Dickinson (1904, 1<sup>st</sup> Semi v Nw)**

“Dickinson was making himself very conspicuous by his roughness. To send a man a ‘purler’ and get penalised for it may be amusing to some people, but it does not improve the reputation of the player, or do much good to his side” – *The Advertiser*

**Clint Alleway (2007, Rd 9 v PA)**

“While Port closed the gap marginally during the second term, gun forward Clint Alleway almost singlehandedly ensured the Magpies wouldn’t edge back into the contest as he hauled in seven marks and kicked two goals for the quarter. Leading up through the corridor, the former Box Hill player was unstoppable as he took another seven grabs in the third term on his way to a staggering total of 18 for the match in a best-on-ground display. Alleway (6.5) could have had an even bigger influence on the contest had he kicked straighter...” – *Sunday Mail*

**Greg McAdam (1980, Rd 6 v WT)**

“Greg McAdam... proved he has what it takes to be a constructive centreman. His powerful frame burst away from would-be Torrens tacklers and this was one of the major reasons North had such an impressive first half” – *The Advertiser*

**George Thring (2013, Rd 5 v SA)**

“George Thring has been outstanding for the Roosters this season and he was again promising as the sweeper across half-back” – *The Advertiser*

**Barrie Barbary (1961, Rd 7 v G1)**

“One flash of play by North was the highlight of the game. A mark by T. Lindner in the back pocket started a move in which Barbary figured three times as the ball was carried from end to end without a Glenelg player touching it. Weaving in from centre using team-mates for handball as he went, Barbary eventually goaled from 45 yards” – *The Advertiser*

**Tim Perkins (1992, Rd 18 v Nw)**

“North Adelaide centre half-back Tim Perkins has tamed most opponents because he has the knack of sticking close and mostly keeping in front. He takes strong marks, bumps hard, reads the play cleverly and drives the ball well into attack. These facets were evident at Norwood... when he was close to best afield” – *SANFL Football Budget*

### From The Newspapers Match Report Quotebook

#### Grenville Dietrich (1984, Rd 22 v CD)

"Grenville Dietrich's feat of scoring more than 100 goals in successive seasons is creditable considering the limited opportunities forwarded to North's attacking personnel. Like a bumblebee, Dietrich defied gravity with his spectacular marking" – *The Advertiser*

#### Fred Le Messurier (1913, Rd 9 v St)

"The goal scored by F. Le Messurier in the second quarter was probably the finest individual bit of work seen during the afternoon, for it was preceded by a run around the wing such as is all too seldom witnessed nowadays" – *The Advertiser*

#### Nathan Gordon (2013, Rd 3 v St)

"Leading the way was Sydney Swans recruit Nathan Gordon who was outstanding with 31 disposals and posed a serious threat in the air when he went forward. He put an exclamation mark on his performance with a stunning leap and goal from 50m on the run in the final term" – *Sunday Mail*

#### Bohdan Jaworskyj (1976, Rd 19 v Wv)

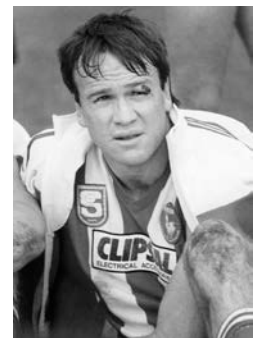
"Dwarfing all else during the afternoon was the dominance of North ruck-rover and half-forward Bohdan Jaworskyj. A seemingly nonchalant air and unruffled ease characterised his every movement as he bewitched his opponents for four quarters. Although there was nothing classical about his style, he was busy and persistent" – *The Advertiser*

### Michael Redden

Mick Redden was untouchable in ruck. He was omnipotent and the smaller, quicker players grabbed the chances he pushed their way to pile up an impressive lead" – *The Advertiser* (1984, Rd 1 v WA)

"Once again, Mike Redden was a powerhouse in ruck. His taps were palmed accurately, he marked strongly around the ground, and produced a valuable team effort with effective handballs. He is also playing like an enthusiastic youngster, and his commitment was exceptional" – *Sunday Mail* (1989, Rd 8 v Nw)

"Fanning the North fires was a comparatively new, lanky, and very exciting talent - Mick Redden. Redden, who took time off from the tractor during seeding operations at Orroroo for one quick run with the local team during the week, took Port apart with his leaping, strong marking, powerful knock rucking and straight kicking" – *The Advertiser* (1979, Rd 6 v PA)



"North Adelaide must have created some sort of record again. There's big ruckman Mike Redden, now the grand old man of South Australian footballers, galloping around the paddock, enjoying himself like a stud ball. He'll be 34 on May 17. And there are two slim, little rovers, Josh Mail and Tim Nunan, who barely look old enough to shave, darting here, there and everywhere like energetic calves. They're only 16 and 17 respectively, and Teal Cup team-mates from last season. Has any league club ever had two rovers just half the age of the No. 1 ruckman?" – *The Advertiser* (1991, Rd 1 v SA)

"Running around after sheep and pigs on his parent's farm at Pekina, in the Mid-North, keeps ruckman Mick Redden trim. So fit, in fact, that he rucked for three quarters at Prospect Oval on Saturday to be the driving force in North Adelaide's... win. The no-nonsense footballer who regards the game at league level as a challenge manfully accepted the responsibility of carrying the rucks in the absence of hospitalised Mike Doszna. Not only did he cut Woodville captain-coach Barry Goodingham down to size but he marked magnificently in the match-winning third quarter" – *The Advertiser* (1979, Rd 8 Wv)

"Just a few days short of his 36<sup>th</sup> birthday, Mike Redden refuses to regard age an enemy or a reason for closing his football book. Active but battle-scarred, he has never rested on field or on the family property at Pekina, consequently he has never rested. He works on the basis that you never stop learning. That's why he welcomed the opportunity to play permanent full forward at Prospect Oval on Saturday in his 364<sup>th</sup> (official) league appearance" – *The Advertiser* (1993, Rd 6 v St)  
(\*\* Redden kicked six goals for the match – the most in any match in his career)



"Once again, Mike Redden was the catalyst... In short, there is no-one within SANFL ranks to seriously challenge his influence" – *Sunday Mail* (1989, Rd 3 v PA)