

ROOSTER REMINISCES

A look back at a memorable match from each round

Round 14

Season 1964 (Saturday 25 July)

PROSPECT OVAL (NORTH ADELAIDE v. NORWOOD)		
FARRELL VICKERS	HAMMOND HARRISON	ANDERSON OAKY
TRENORDEN KOCH	BYERS KNEEBONE	COPPINS MARTIN
BARBARY HILLMAN	CEARNS WOODCOCK	PAULL VERTUDACHES
DIXON JOHNSON	D. LINDNER LAWTON	BUSSENSCHUTT CURTIS
TAYLOR ASHBY	MITCHELL NYGAARD	RYAN HARRIS

Norwood kicking up, names underneath. Broadcast 5 AD.

NORWOOD—First ruck — Wedding, Gurney, French. Second—Oakley, Vickers. 19th—McMahon. 20th—Bone. Emerg.—Wiesner, love. Out—Oatoy, Turbill (in.), McMahon. In—Wedding, Kneebone (from State team), John- son.	NORTH. — First ruck— May, T. Lindner, Gilmour. Second—Taylor, Anderson, Ryan. 19th—Stringer. 20th—Sutter. Emerg.—Martin. Out—Thomas (ill), Stringer, Martin, Barr. In—Hammond (from State team), D. Lindner (recov.), Ryan, Bussenschutt.
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The line-up of the match between North and Norwood in Round 14, 1964. The name D. Lindner as an “in” was a breath of fresh air for the Rooster supporters

Supporters love seeing a forward kicking a bag of goals and North can lay claim to some of the best in the business: **Ken Farmer, Grenville Dietrich, John Roberts, Bill McKenzie** and **Daniel Hargraves** provided fans of their era wonderful moments of extraordinary goalkicking feats and memorable marking. But occasionally it is not one player, but two or three, that may have a goalkicking day out. There's been 71 occasions where two or more North players had kicked five goals or more in the same match and one of those was in 1964 when two completely different type of players shared the goalkicking limelight.

Background

North were Grand Finalists in 1963 and were keen on going one step further in a significant 1964 season as Woodville and Central District joined the SANFL for the first time. However the season had not started as planned. Departures of 1963 greats in **Barry Potts, Trevor Hughes, Peter Sheppard** and **Bob Pascoe** were replaced by juniors who, despite many would become house-hold names, were still learning their craft at league level. More dramatically, however, was captain-coach **Don Lindner's** injured wrist in Round 2 keeping him out for the first half of the season. He was a welcome return in North's clash with Norwood to bring experience to a team that had already inducted 10 debutants over the first 13 rounds. For any chance of moving from 7th and into finals contention a win was necessary against fellow finals-fighting club Norwood.

The Match

After an initial arm-wrestle period to start proceedings North began to hit the scoreboard by grabbing the initial ascendancy and never looked back. The fact the great **Don Lindner** was again roaming the forward lines provided a trusting avenue to direct their forward advances through. A first quarter two-goal lead quickly broke into a 34-point half-time lead that Norwood were never able to reign in. A feature of the first half was the goalkicking of 25 year-old **Robert Mitchell**. In his 18th game and

playing full forward the tall, safe marking gun kicked five goals for the half including four of North's five second-quarter goals. Norwood were so concerned with him they moved their premier player Ron Kneebone on him for the second half. Although he kicked his 6th goal before being restricted for the remainder of the game the scoring frequency continued – this time it was shifted to North's 22 year-old rover **Mal Gilmour**. In only his 7th match he took the leading role in the goalkicking stakes as *The Advertiser* described:

- “North's nonchalant reply to this (Kneebone restricting **Mitchell**) came from rover **Gilmour** who kicked the last four of his six goals in the second half.”

During the third term one passage of play was singled out to clearly display North's efficiency and control all over the ground when:

- “Once in the third quarter the ball was passed from full back to full forward (via **Hammond-Trenorden-Barbary-Bussenschutt-Mitchell-May** without a Norwood player touching it.”



Bob Bussenschutt (No. 22) looks on as North's Bob Taylor attempts a mark during the match

North, 61 points clear at the last change, drifted off in the last quarter when they allowed Norwood to win the quarter – though by only two points. It was a comprehensive victory with the ruthless North regaining their formidable game. *The Advertiser* conveyed North's match supremacy:

- “North's power was so sustained that for all but the first and last 10 minutes Norwood was outpaced, out-buffed and outmanoeuvred in almost every position. While North developed its pacy position play as the game progressed, Norwood swapped players to plug the gaps”

It was the old reliables that led the victors towards match glory and *The Advertiser* was also keen on telling who the instigators were in Norwood's demise:

- “There was nothing sentimental about the way North Adelaide cut Norwood to pieces... But it was good to romance a bit about the loose-hipped North centre half-forward... pulling down those extraordinary marks again after 3 ½ months and unwinding the low-slung dropkick. **Don Lindner** was not his team's best player but suddenly after weeks of moping, North was back at its best. Suddenly **Barbary** was a Magarey Medallist again – scudding through the helpless Norwood backlines, stealing the rover's work at the centre bounces... And **Hank Lindner** and **Trenorden** could have been in another grand final while down in the ranks **Gilmour, Farrell, Mitchell, Cearns, Paull** and **Taylor** played like men inspired.”

The *North Adelaide Annual 1964 Report* summary of the match also indicated the positive effect the return of “The Don” had on the team and their performance:

- “July 25 against Norwood at Prospect, and the team gave **Don Lindner** a very nice present by winning by 59 points. After 12 weeks' absence Don really played well, **Barrie Barbary** was right back to his Magarey Medal form, and in fact the whole team reacted to Don's presence. The visit by our Port Lincoln Branch officials gave the boys a further boost.”

Robert Mitchell and **Mal Gilmour** both finished with six goals apiece with another inexperienced gamer in **Bob Taylor** kicking three goals in only his 6th appearance.



Malcolm Gilmour and Bob Mitchell – six goal heroes against Norwood

The Aftermath

The win and the return of **Don Lindner** did not keep the winning streak lasting too long as North won one more game for the season to finish a disappointing 8th – finishing only above the two new formatted clubs.



Robert Mitchell (left) and Barrie Barbary (tackling)– two of the best player in North’s win – in action the following weekend in 1964 against Glenelg.

Match Details:

North	4.3	9.7	14.10	17.11	113
Norwood	2.3	4.3	5.3	8.6	54
Ground:	Prospect Oval			Crowd:	8,332

Best Players: Barbary, Trenorden, T. Lindner, Taylor, Mitchell, D. Lindner, Gilmour, Paull, Farrell, Cearns

Scorers: Gilmour 6.0, Mitchell 6.0, Taylor 3.1, Barbary 2.3, Dixon 0.3, May 0.1, rushed 0.3

The Team:

- F: Garry Ryan, Robert Mitchell, Robert Taylor
- HF: Bob Bussenschutt, Don Lindner, Malcolm Dixon
- C: Geoff Paull, David Cearns, Barrie Barbary
- HB: Jamie Coppins, Alan Byers, Ray Trenorden
- B: Peter Anderson, Bob Hammond, Graeme Farrell
- 1R: Peter May, Theo ‘Hank’ Lindner, Malcolm Gilmour
- Res: Kelly Stringer, Adrian Sutter

Stats Fact

- North's 59 point winning margin – 7th highest against Norwood at Prospect;
- North's 5.4 (34 points) 3rd quarter – 7th highest against Norwood at Prospect;
- M. Gilmour and R. Mitchell's six goals - =8th highest goals kicked against Norwood at Prospect.

Round 14 Stats Fact

Nil

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