

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

Round 15 Edition

"The Advertiser" - Monday 15 April 2013



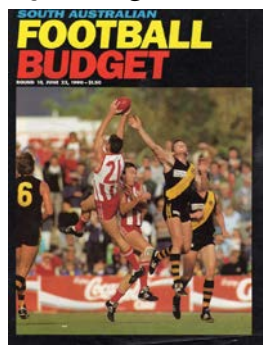
Nathan Gordon

"North Adelaide's season is only two games old but whoever is in charge of recruiting at Prospect could be in for a rise. Former Sydney Swan Nathan Gordon showed he will be a star at SANFL level with a standout performance in Saturday's win over Sturt. Gordon had 31 disposals and seven clearances, which showed he can win the hard ball. But, tellingly, he went forward where he played well beyond his 188cm to take 11 marks and kick a goal. "He's a very dynamic player," Roosters coach Josh Francou said. "If you looked at an opposition side's ability to match up on him, he's a guy who can play tall and he's also very quick and agile and kicks goals as well. Aerobically he's an elite runner, he's running 9 mins, 40secs for 3km and that's AFL standard and obviously he's just come off an AFL list. But the thing is he transfers that into the game so he continually works and gets around where the footy is." The other shining light for North was the performance of Norwood recruit Tom Langford. The key position player left The Parade after winning the reserves goalkicking last year and has made an instance impact at Prospect. On Saturday he switched between a key forward post and ruck and had 22 disposals, nine marks and kicked three goals. But it was his workrate around the ground which impressed the most because he seemed to be bobbing up everywhere. "I've said this throughout the pre-season, he's as good a runner as I've seen for someone his size," Francou said of 190cm Langford. "Like Nathan (Gordon) he transfers that into a game. Some people may have the ability to run but don't take it into games. He didn't finish off in front of goals as well as he would have liked but that will come and he kept presenting and kept working." Of the other new faces on the weekend, Matthew Campbell was quiet for a bloke who has played 82 AFL games but showed flashes of brilliance – including a goal when he ran from the wing to 50m and pulled the trigger. Chad O'Sullivan started well but went quiet after quarter-time, while Joe Anderson was superb against his old side with 23 disposals playing at both ends of the ground. North Adelaide are firming as a top-three side but one of its biggest weapons is an unknown quantity because they may not have it every week. Key forwards Lewis Johnston and Daniel Stewart are SANFL stars who marked everything in the air and combined for nine goals on Saturday. Until they transfer that talent to AFL level, it is North Adelaide's gain and the Roosters will have the most potent attack in the competition. It makes this Friday night's blockbuster against West Adelaide the match of the season."

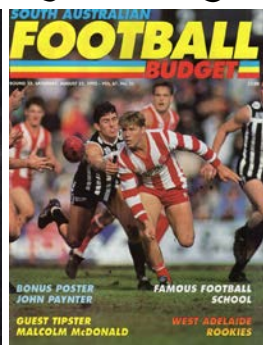


Tom Langford

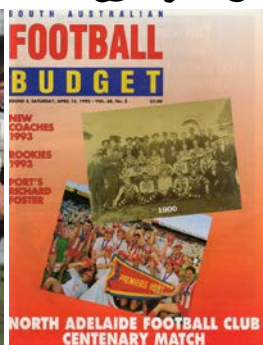
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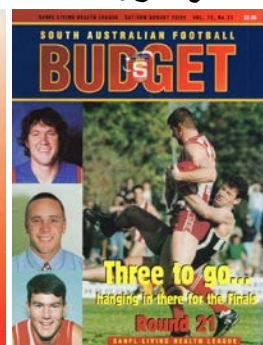
Rd 10, 1990



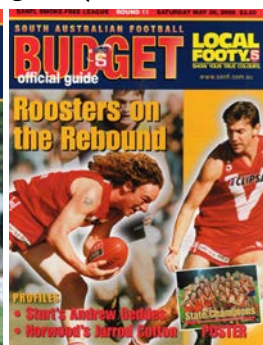
Rd 23, 1992



Rd 2, 1993



Rd 21, 1997



Rd 11, 2000

"SA Football Budget" May 3 1980

"Spare a thought for North Adelaide ruckman Mike Doszna who is getting married after the match against Central District on Saturday. As the ceremony will commence at Wayville at 6 p.m. Mike will need all the help he can get from football patrons at Football Park to get him to the church on time. His bride, Benita, will have few worries, however, as North Adelaide chairman Jack Sutter and general manager John Condon will ensure that he arrives and 'make sure he goes through with it'."

Round 2, 1954 – North 11.20 def Norwood 13.5

NORTH

	Kicks	Marks	Hand Passes	Frees
J. Blunden	10	4		2
Bunton	19	4	4	1
Carlson	7	4	5	2
Ducker	24	7	4	3
Fuller	6	4	4	1
Griffin	21	5	1	2
Hewett	14	4	1	4
Kennett	6	3	3	1
Mueller	13	1	1	1
McCann	16	4	2	2
McKay	16	4	1	1
W. McKenzie	13	4	1	2
Sheppard	9	1	1	1
Tanner	12	4	1	1
Trenorden	5	1	1	1
Walter	6	3	1	1
Waye	2	1	1	1
Weston	9	4	1	1
Yates	10	1	1	1
Total	218	61	29	23

"The Advertiser" - Monday 18 July 1932

"(Percy) Furler's capable leadership of North and his inspiring play in a variety of positions should have won him a trophy at Prospect. He got one, but it was not one of those usually presented in the dressing room after the match, with laudatory speeches. It was something more unique. After a clash near the centre Golding (West) tried to dash away with the ball, and Furler, in a despairing effort to stop him, grabbed the back of his knickers. Usually the shorts come off under such treatment. Golding's did not, but a piece Furler grasped came out as cleanly as if cut with scissors, and the North captain waved it above his head as if it were a trophy of the chase. The embarrassed Golding sank first on one knee, then on both knees, and finally sat down to cover his nakedness until trainers came to his aid with a new pair."

"The Sunday Mail"

Sunday 11 June 1978

"When Peter Cloke hit the ground in the second quarter yesterday stretchers came from everywhere. Clubs have often been criticised for not getting a stretcher out quick enough but not yesterday... It is the Jordon Lifting Frame stretcher. It consists of two stretcher poles and a piece of sheeting which can be slipped under the injured player without lifting him."

"The Advertiser"

Monday 30 September 1985

"Timothy Nunan, son of North coach Mike Nunan, was in a West Adelaide jumper yesterday. But it was not a case of a lack of support for his father. Timothy was a member of the West Adelaide mini-league squad which kicked plastic footballs into the crowd during the half-time break."

"From The Official Website

Thursday 9 April 2013

Aaron Young

"We wish to advise that AFL player Aaron Young has today been transferred to the Port Adelaide Magpies. This transfer was requested by the PAFC (AFL) after Aaron was selected to play in our Reserves team last Saturday against Centrals. This is very disappointing, and certainly not a desire of our club. Aaron would have certainly played in our League side this week after a solid performance in the Reserves and with the injury to Greg Gallman, hence our disappointment at the haste of this transfer. However, this is the system we are working with which makes these types of matters difficult for everyone. Aaron is a good lad and we wish him all the best in his AFL career."

From The Newspapers Match Report Quotebook

Daniel Hargraves (2000, Rd 20 v GI)

"In a game otherwise dominated by the mosquito fleet of both sides, Hargraves stood head and shoulders above the other players on the ground. Hargraves proved too tall and strong for a succession of Glenelg defenders... all trying in vain to stop the one shining light in the Roosters attack. The... forward booted three first-half goals to keep North in the game and then exploded after the break, kicking three goals in the first 10 minutes of the third quarter, the second from a superbly strong mark he took after camping underneath a high, floating ball" – *Sunday Mail*

Andrew Jarman (coach) and Jason Roe (2004, Rd 1 v GI)

"At three-quarter time it was typical Jarman when he told his players to do something to excite the coach – otherwise he was getting in his car and going home. Roe was among those who heeded the advice, being moved forward to kick two brilliant goals to blunt the Glenelg momentum it had gained early in the last term" – *The Advertiser*

Ernest Johns (1905, Rd 2 v PA)

"... the best man on the ground was (Ernest) Johns, whose remarkable dexterity and aerial flights won for him the enthusiastic applause of the onlookers. Through the instrumentality of this clever player Reedman was placed in possession" – *The Advertiser*

James Wardle (2003, Rd 14 v PA)

"North also witnessed a fine debut from James Wardle, who was promoted from the Under-19s. He booted a last-term goal and generally looked comfortable at league level" – *Sunday Mail*

Brenton Phillips (1998, Rd 1 v SA)

"While North has some exciting youth, the oldest player in the league sparked the game. Brenton Phillips has the guile of a veteran but still has the pace of a youngster, and, when put on the ball in the second quarter, he turned a game already tilting North's way" – *Sunday Mail*

Jack Fitzpatrick (1891, Rd 7 v Nw)

"Undoubtedly Fitzpatrick takes the lead among the upholders of the red-and-white flag. He is a sterling player, and on Saturday he generally managed to be where the ball was. After having his kick he would, in the event of a comrade marking it, be well down the ground waiting for his brother player to send the ball down to him. Time after time he saved his goal by his excellent marking, and a second or two later he would be beating an opponent in the ruck, probably halfway down the ground" – *Evening Journal*

David Tiller (1985, Prelim v WA)

"David Tiller fulfilled a captain's responsibility in every department. Rock solid all day and doing the hard things, he led his side in top fashion. His ability to be in the right place at the right time in the crucial last quarter was positional play at its best" – both from – *Football Times*

Tim Perkins (1994, Rd 22 v SA)

"Captain Tim Perkins has excelled at centre half-back, both physically and verbally" – *The Advertiser*

Rhys Archard (2009, Rd 11 v St)

"Rhys Archard was in scintillating form in defence, continually driving the Roosters forward with pinpoint passing" – *The Standard*

Michael Codd (1960, Rd 1 v SA)

"In his first... match, Codd kicked 3.4, was always on the move for a lead, handled the ball surely on the ground and showed above-average judgement in the air" – *The Advertiser*

5. Ron Phillips

"Phillips, either at half-forward or in ruck, was the driving force behind North's third quarter burst. He put system into a side which... had played like a team which had never heard of co-ordination. Phillips is the outstanding model of an unselfish player in league football today. He thinks always of the team, never of personal accomplishment, and he showed it today once more" – *The Advertiser* (1951, Rd 4 v WA)

"Phillips' magnificent game at centre half-forward must be assessed not only for the individual performance but also for the way in which he inspired teamwork in attack" – *The Advertiser* (1950, Rd 13 v SA)

"Best man on the ground was Ron. Phillips, North centre half-back, who was never beaten. His marking against taller opponents was superb and his position play and leading faultless" – *The Mail* (1948, Rd 3 v WA)

"Phillips was the best man on the ground with a devastating game at centre half-forward... He gave his side a safe avenue to goal all day. This player refuses defeat, and plays on intelligently" – *The Advertiser* (1949, Rd 10 v SA)

"Phillips, at centre half-forward, was the smoothest North man in attack. He was an object lesson to the rest of North in the way he disposed of the ball either by handpass or footpass" – *The Mail* (1950, Rd 10 v WA)

From The Newspapers Match Report Quotebook

Barrie Robran

"A footballer is not placed on a pinnacle by virtue of one outstanding gift. Barrie Robran is richly endowed in all that goes to make a champion. His attributes are far-reaching. It was chiefly through his superb control, creativeness with hand and foot and vast coverage of ground that North kept in the game during the torrid first half. He was, despite blocking attempts from (Peter) Woite, Trevor Sorrell and (Russell) Ebert, to continue in this mould throughout. – *The Advertiser* (1972, Grand Final v PA)

"Memo to uncommitted football fans: Give yourselves a treat and follow North centreman Barrie Robran as he lopes around the league circuit for the rest of the season. On Saturday's form... (Robran) is now of super-star magnitude. Robran is the stamp of player you see perhaps twice or thrice in a decade... North, of course, still has the great Don Lindner to compare with Robran. But Robran comes by his football magnificence easier than the freakish Lindner. Lindner is an out-of-this-world mark, but Robran can do the freakish in all football departments. At Woodville Oval, for instance, he: Three times tapped or pushed the ball skilfully across to team-mates when running at full pace; Twice brought off giant ruck knocks, one going to Robert Koehne, who goaled...; Took a juggled, one-handed mark in a sitting position – after he had been pushed from behind..." – *The Advertiser* (1969, Rd 5 v Wv)

"North had many players who pulled their weight, but none more so than Barrie Robran and Terry von Bertouch. Robran! The man is a freak. He controlled centre half-forward in the first half, then dominated centre after half-time. Without him, North probably would have been struggling" – *Inside Football* (1972, Rd 5 v Wv)

"North... at times scored with ridiculous ease, Barrie Robran – with both foot and hand, particularly hand – setting up opportunities with devastating effect. Robran rather fell out of the game (on Robran standards) in the second half... but 20 kicks, 13 marks and 21 handballs would be a 'collector's item' for most players" – *The Advertiser* (1972, Rd 11 v St)

"An electrifying six-goal second quarter from Barrie Robran rocketed North Adelaide into an unbeatable position at half-time against Central District at Adelaide Oval. Robran so bewildered and mesmerised the Central defence with his brilliance that the whole North attack was able to run riot and boot 12 goals for the term. Robran kicked goals without a miss with his right foot, left foot, on the run, from set shots and from both sides of the goalline in a dazzling burst that sent North supporters hysterical with joy" – *The Advertiser* (1970, Rd 5 v CD)

"For the third time in as many games young centreman Barry (sic) Robran was the brightest of several North Adelaide stars on Saturday... His marking, kicking, evasiveness and ball control stamped him a likely State player in his first season" – *The Advertiser* (1967, Rd 3 v Wv)

"Statistically, the duel between Magarey Medallists Barrie Robran and Russell Ebert would probably show an equal result. But the irrepressible Robran's magic counts for more than just kicks and marks. His presence, coupled with the quicksilver dashes of flanker Adrian Rebbeck and the unobtrusive support of Rodney Robran, assured North of the right method in attack – *The Advertiser* (1972, Rd 13 v PA)

"Barrie Robran covers so much ground that it is difficult to know just where he does play. He was for the record, at centre, and after a quiet opening someone made the mistake of twice dumping him, rather unceremoniously. In doing so Glenelg tripped a switch which set off Robran to his explosive best. In a superb display of marking and ball-control, during which he and his brother Rodney showed great understanding, he tore the defence to shreds" – *The Advertiser* (1973, Rd 7 v GI)

"B. Robran roamed from one end of the ground to the other - rucking, marking, handballing and kicking in a great display; at one stage being pursued by one and confronted by another Central player, he side-stepped magnificently, forcing the bulldog players to meet head-on" – *Sunday Mail* (1973, Rd 18 v CD)

"Barrie Robran was irrepressible in the centre. His almost miraculous ball handling and kicking dumbfounded the opposition and he constantly seeped into attack to set up chances;" "Mike Patterson played an inspiring game in his SA debut" – *The Advertiser* (1970, Rd 1 v WT)

"Then came Robran. He ranged all over the ground between half-back and half-forward. It was almost as if the ball had eyes as it continually found its way into his hands" – *The Advertiser* (1975, Rd 4 v WT)

"North's sole source of drive was centreman Barrie Robran, who handled the (wet and windy) conditions, and the opposition, with nonchalant but consummate ease" – *The Advertiser* (1968, Rd 19 v WT)

"Everyone loves a champion. And how true that is when he has the modesty and brilliance of Barrie Robran. Even the most one-eyed Double Blue supporter must have felt a touch of emotion as this great South Australian player led the Roosters through the line-up of players... before charging on to the Prospect Oval for his 200th game" – *The Advertiser* (1980, Rd 10 v St)