

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

Round 11 2018 Edition

"South Australian Football Budget" – Saturday 10 September 1983

Malcolm Ellis

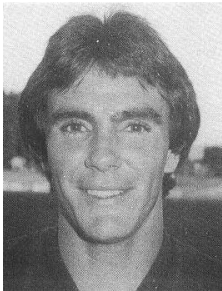
"Malcolm Ellis grew up in the Robran era but he had a more intimate view of the North champion than any other small boys of the time.

That was because he lived next door to Ivy and Harley Hammond (Parents of Bob Hammond) in Enfield. Barrie Robran boarded with the Hammonds for four years when he came to Adelaide from Whyalla.

"I was only a little tackler," Malcolm says, "But Barrie used to have a kick with my brother and me on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. It was because of the close contact with him that my real interest in football developed."

Malcolm went to all North's games and counted Robran's Magarey Medal votes at home, pen in hand, but what was even more important was what rubbed off on him through watching his hero. "The amount of time he devoted to practice was incredible, always seeking perfection and then Friday nights he was often in bed by eight or nine o'clock (probably even before I was). I learnt, then, the importance of dedication."

Malcolm's own involvement began with North Adelaide as a player in 1976 when he first appeared in the Under 17s and he then progressed through the ranks until making his league debut in 1978. Malcolm enjoys playing on the half-back flank, too, liking the run through game towards goal. He also appreciates the changing role of the defender who opens the game up more with handball and creates run from defence into attack.



"In the game against Port Adelaide, Mike Armfield on the other flank kicked two goals, Stephen Hay at centre half back one goal and I got a point. I received a lot of ribbing for being off line."

Last Saturday Malcolm had 20 kicks and nine handpasses against Woodville and is pleased to be in top form for the finals.

"It's something I have been waiting for for a long time," he added.

PERSONALITY PROFILE

FULL NAME: Malcolm John Ellis.

NICKNAME: Alby.

HEIGHT: 182cm (6'0").

WEIGHT: 76kg (12.0).

POSITION PLAYED: Half back flank.

LEAGUE GAMES: 62.

OCCUPATION: Internal audit, SA Housing Trust.

MARITAL STATUS: Married to Chris.

CAR: Datsun 200B.

OTHER INTERESTS: Golf, squash.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Kellogg's Sultana Bran — I eat it any time.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Bundaberg and Coke.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The Winners, Two Ronnies, comedies.

FAVOURITE FILM: Monty Python movies.

FAVOURITE ACTORS: John Cleese, Spike Milligan.

FAVOURITE ACTRESS: Jane Fonda.

SPORTSMEN I MOST ADMIRE: Bruce Doull — his calm in a crisis, Ian Botham.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON FOOTBALL

CAREER: Bob Bussenschutt who coached me in Under 17s and Reserves, Mike

Nunan, my family for their support.

BEST FOOTBALLERS SEEN: Barrie Robran,

John Riley.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Kevin Hill,

Craig Fielke.

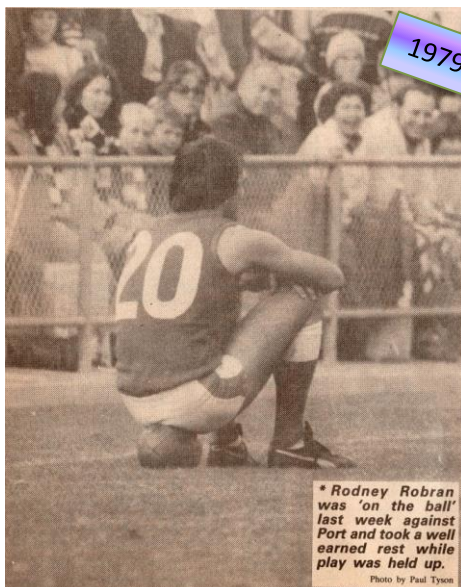
AWARDS: North Under 17s best and fairest

(1977), Reserves best and fairest (1981).

BEST PLACE VISITED: Surfers Paradise.

AMBITION: To be part of a successful North

Adelaide team this year.



* Rodney Robran was 'on the ball' last week against Port and took a well earned rest while play was held up.
Photo by Paul Tyson

"Football Times" – Thursday 21 June 1990

"As many as 50 league players will be random drug tested in SA football this season. Drug testing in SA has been introduced to abide by world-wise sporting standards. There is nothing to suggest the sport has a drug-related problem. The State Government will pick up the annual \$20,000 bill and it won't be until next year when players will be penalized for refusing a random test."

From The Quotebook

"If a racehorse exhibited the inconsistency of form displayed by the North Adelaide Football Club this season, its owners would be subjected to a searching examination by the stewards" – Gadfly (Rd 5, 1907) Monday 3 June 1907

"The Advertiser" – Monday 9 May 1921

Round 1, 1921

"The Advertiser" Monday 9 May 1921
North Adelaide (premiers 1920) and Sturt (fifth on the list) provided the football attraction on the Adelaide Oval on the holiday, and the match was of such importance that the attendance swelled to 15,300 and the 'gate' was £156...

"The honor (sic.) roll of North Adelaide was unveiled by Alderman L. Cohen (patron of the club) prior to the match. It contained the following names of men who played with the club in the seasons 1913, 1914 and 1915:- J. Ashurst*, R.G. McKail*, L. Sneyd*, W. Barnes, C. Dayman, J. Earle, R. Foale, F.N. Le Messurier, R. Perryman, G.P. Pratten, L. Thomas, H. Nixon, F. Crossman, T. Sadlier and W. Hamilton (* indicates those who made the supreme sacrifice). The 'Last Port' was sounded... and the officials and players of the North Adelaide club were present."

The Pennant Presented

During the half-time interval Mr. A.J. McLachlan (chairman of the league) presented to T. Leahy (captain of North Adelaide) the premiership pennant won in 1920. It was in chocolate and blue colors (sic.), with "North Adelaide, 1920" in white letters. The pennant was flown from the pavilion."

"South Australian Football Budget" – Saturday 31 July 1982

"An inspirational run around the western flank at Prospect Oval by Trevor Clisby ended with the powerful half-forward booting an incredible angled goal before falling prostrate on the ground. The response from the North Adelaide cheer squad, however, was phenomenal as members waved their floggers, cheered and clapped in a burst of excitement which was sustained much longer than normal. Indeed, it seemed as though the Roosters had won a premiership instead of kicking a goal."

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FOOTBALL REVIEW

Dear valued Members and Supporters,

In an increasingly challenging environment, our Club strives to ensure we position ourselves as the leading SANFL club, on and off the field. Whilst we develop strategies and actions to achieve the successful outcomes we all want, our core business goal (winning SANFL premierships) requires best practice modelling and philosophies to ensure we are positioned to achieve that goal. As we know, we haven't achieved Premiership success since 1991 despite some strong seasons since then.

With this objective foremost in our minds your Board and Management is pleased to inform you that it has agreed to a recommendation to the Board from our Football Executive to undertake an external independent in-season review (the Review) of the Football Department and related activities of the North Adelaide Football Club.

The Review is planned to commence in the next three to four weeks and to be completed by mid-September 2017 and the Reviewer will be overseen by the Football Executive.

It is also a priority of the Board that the Review has minimal disruption and impact on our playing group, and we will ensure everything is done to enable us to focus on winning football games for our club for the remainder of the season.

This an exciting and positive move for our Club that is supported by our management and staff.

We look forward to the outcomes and to maximising the performance of our club in the future.

Regards,

Lee Virgin

President – NAFC Board of Directors

From The Farmer Files (Round 9, 18 June 1938)

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Tot
North	3.2	8.9	16.17	21.21	147
West	4.4	9.8	10.9	14.11	95

North Best : Farmer, J. Pash, Martin, Rix, S. Burton, Bennetts, Neville

North Scorers : Farmer 13.5, Rix 3.0, Neville 2.2, Alexander 1.7, Bottroff 1.2, S. Burton 1.0, Warhurst 0.2, A. Burton 0.2, rushed 0.1

Ground : Prospect Oval

Crowd : 3,282

The Team :

F : R. Neville, K. Farmer, D. Warhurst
HF : A.A. Bottroff, A. Burton, F. Alexander
C : C. Shepherdson, J. Pash, D. West
HB : L.R. Lush, A.G. Power, K. Bowden
B : R. Dyson, O. Martin, L. Clarke
1st R : S. Burton, L. Bennetts, C. Rix
Res : A. Howard

Comments:

Farmer's 1050th goal; *The Mail* pointed out that "Some of Farmer's 13 goals were brilliantly earned, others were lucky", and "North supporters treasure every goal by Farmer. Although they had a seven-goal lead with five minutes to go, they cheered wildly as the ball which he had kicked off the ground trickled through the goals while a team-mate shepherded off a West defender." Farmer kicked eight goals in the second half.

Farmer And Pash Star
 The resurrection of North Adelaide's hopes in the third quarter was directly attributable to the efforts of two players. Farmer and Pash. Farmer was prepared to move well out for his goals and the stimulating effect of his play seemed to extend past centre. North Adelaide had a tremendous advantage at centre. With Pash in form He frequently sent his team into attack from the bounce, and his football was always fast and clean. Martin was in fine form in the air, and made some spectacular saves in the goal mouth.



K. FARMER, who by kicking 13 goals for North Adelaide against West Adelaide on Saturday, gained a lead of 21 goals in the goalkicking list.



LEADING GOALKICKERS

K. Farmer, North Adelaide (13)	74
C. R. Rosewarne, Sth. Adelaide (4)	53
B. Schultz, Norwood (—)	51
W. L. Hann, West Torrens (3)	44
K. P. Hardiman, Sth. Adelaide (6)	42
R. Brown, Norwood (3)	37
W. E. Isaac, West Adelaide (—)	37
P. T. Morton, Sturt (6)	35
A. Hollingworth, Port Adelaide (5)	33
L. W. Lush, Gleneg (—)	32
L. F. Rusby, South Adelaide (4)	30