

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

Round 2 Edition

*"Daily Herald" – Friday 10 September 1920*

### A SUPERB TACTICIAN

"Tom Leahy As Captain

Tom Leahy again showed his superlative qualities as a tactician in last Saturday's semi-final. The veteran captain of the red and whites probably had the hardest task ever set him when he had to reason out the moves he was to make with his men to checkmate the strong individual play pitted against them and to make each man fit in the place best suited to his style of play. It was anticipated that 'Loydie' Davies, the wonderfully tricky ruck scout, would have been well enough to play, and on Friday night Leahy made his arrangements accordingly. On Saturday morning Davies was found to be too unwell to play, and all arrangements had to be altered. The loss of Kinnear was the severest setback the club has sustained this season, and when the other rover, Davies, was forced also to take the role of spectator it looked the end of all things for the red and whites. It was the first game either had missed this season and it was a coincidence that both should be out of the team in the same engagement. Leahy made drastic alterations, but not enough to seriously hamper the system of the team or put men among strange company. Foale, whose luck in goal shooting has been bad, was given a trial in goals, and there were few better men on the ground. Trescowthick, who had suggested Foale for the position, went to the half forward wing on the right in the hope that some of his long drop kicks would be snapped through the goals. The usual spectacle of an interstate goalkeeper among the attacking units was worth comment. With two skilful rovers absent, Leahy fell back on Maloney and Haines, neither of whom had roved this season. Haines was a rover for part of last season, but in the second round made a name for himself as a stubborn defender. Maloney, who likes open play, has played loose for North B this season, but is not a recognised rover. Leahy excelled his previous best this season in hitting out, and it was unfortunate for him that two inexperienced rovers had to do the work of champions like Kinnear and Davies, probably the best pair of rovers in the State, though both are serving in their first season of league football."





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**GUERNSEYS WILL BE AUCTIONED NEXT WEEK, STAY TUNED.**

*"South Australia Football Budget" – Saturday 3 May 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 a 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'."

North Adelaide Football Club  
SEASON 1930



(left to right)

**Back row:** G. Ellis, R. Bailey, T. Hodges, J. Doody, H. Stock, H. Averay, C. Williamson, S. Sparshot, L. Roger

**Fourth row:** G. Woodhead, W. Dixon, D. McInnes, H. Mangelsdorf, C.R. Barrett, K. Shutter, C. Willshire, D. Phillis, H. Fleet, W. Averay, J. McKenzie

**Third row :** H. Whitehead, A.R. May, M. Hopgood, H. Hawke, R. Munn, S. Lock, S. Burton, C.R. Taylor, F. Tucker, S. Kays

**Second row :** P. Lewis (Coach), D. Conrad, C.F. Young (Hon. Secretary), M.J. McDowall (Captain), J.F. Bennett (Hon. Treasurer), P. Furler (Vice-Captain), T. Tymons, K. Farmer, R. Lewis

**Front row :** G. Storer, N. Drew, W. Thomas, G. Foulis, F. Hardwick, R. Burns, R. Bruce

*"The Advertiser" – Monday 13 august 1945*

### FOOTBALL ON VP HOLIDAY

#### North and Torrens To Play

"North Adelaide and West Torrens, down to play at Prospect Oval next Saturday, will meet at Adelaide Oval on one of the two days set apart as VP holidays. If the holidays are declared early in the week, the match will be played on the second day. If declared on Wednesday or later, the match will be played on the first of the two holidays.

The Football League held a special meeting yesterday afternoon to consider a request by the Premier (Mr. Playford) that the league should put on a match for the entertainment of the public on the holiday. After discussion, it was decided that one of next Saturday's series should be brought forward and the North Adelaide-West Torrens game was chosen, on both clubs volunteering to play. These teams met at Adelaide Oval on the King's Birthday holiday.

The finance committee of the league was appointed to approach the Prospect Council to co-operate in the transfer of the match from Prospect to Adelaide."

From The Farmer Files (Round 6, 2 June, 1934)

## 11-GOAL WIN FOR NORTH

### Norwood Overwhelmed

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Tot
North	7.7	13.10	22.13	26.16	172
Norwood	2.7	7.12	11.14	14.21	105

#### The Team :

**F :** D. Hayden, K. Farmer, R. Bowman  
**HF :** B. Burns, S. Burton, R. Melvin  
**C :** D. Forder, L.F. Knuckey, W.J. MacKay  
**HB :** E.J. Nettlefold, C.R. Taylor, F. Alexander  
**B :** T.P. McNamara, H. Fleet, C.R. Barrett  
**1st R :** R. Walter, D. McInnes, M. Hay  
**Res :** P.L. Wright

**North Best :** MacKay, Farmer, Hay, Knuckey, Burton, Walter, Melvin

**North Goalkickers :** Farmer 13.3, Hay 5, Burton 4, McInnes 2, Bowman 1, Hayden 1

**Ground :** Adelaide Oval

**Crowd :** 10,687

**Comments :** Nettlefold's debut; Farmer kicked four goals in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters; "Farmer gave a phenomenal display... Three Norwood players opposed him in turn, but each failed to check his high marking and clever leading out" – *The Mail*; "Farmer played in brilliant form and made scoring easy from almost impossible position. His marking and general play was excellent" – *The Advertiser*; "Brilliant marking and phenomenal kicking by the forwards enabled North to outclass Norwood" – *The Mail*; "Aimless and unmethodical attempts by Norwood to compete with the systematic play of North Adelaide left it far in arrears" – *The Advertiser*; "MacKay gave a remarkable exhibition on the wing. Robust dashes and brilliantly handling of the ball in the crushes characterised his play. Ending his work with effective kicking, his performance was outstanding" – *The Advertiser*



DORA'S DIARY.—Jack Quale, "The News" cartoonist, gives Dora's impressions of the North-Norwood football match at Adelaide Oval on Saturday.

### From The Newspapers Match Report Quotebook

#### Grenville Dietrich (1983, Rd 6 v Nw)

"Leading the North assault... was burly full-forward Grenville Dietrich who... in a faultless display completely bewildered the Norwood defence" – *The Advertiser*

#### Theo 'Hank' Lindner (right) (1960, Rd 5 v GI)

"'Hank' Lindner's terrific physical strength was clearly demonstrated at Kensington Oval when he went through in a full-chested charge and, without laying a hand on any of them, bounced three fair-sized Glenelg players off his frame like table tennis balls" – *The Advertiser*



#### Fred Le Messurier (1914, Rd 6 v PA)

"(F) Le Messurier, with a tricky run, screwed a shot with the wrong leg, and the grand effort was capped with a well-deserved major – the hardest-earned and the cleverest of the match" – *The Register*

#### Nick Gill (2006, Rd 4 v St)

"Amazing Nick Gill inspired North... to fully open the throttle for one quarter and blast shell-shocked Sturt off Adelaide Oval, setting up a 92-point win last night. The lanky, high-flying half-forward almost single-handedly tore apart Sturt's defence in the second term when the rocket-charged Roosters kicked nine goals without a miss to just one point at the 22-minute mark. That devastating turbo blast belted the Blues into almost total submission in a scintillating brand of fast, open running football that is bringing the fans back to the SANFL... "North was simply sensational and Gill a joy to watch as he dominated the packs with his ample 193 cm, 91 kg frame to take repeated contested marks in genuine aerial contests. He grabbed everything that came within reach – including two juggling one-handers for the night – to please the football purists and remind Rooster fans of... Don Lindner" – *The Advertiser*

#### Don Gilbourne (1956, Rd 6 v St)

"Gilbourne gave a dazzling display in the back pocket, his great marking, excellent ball handling, robust clearing dashes and powerful kicks stamped him as the best afield" – *The Advertiser*

#### Geoff Paull (1969, Rd 18 v Wv)

"... Geoff Paull turned in another of his near errorless displays in the pocket" – *The Advertiser*



#### Charles Fullarton (left) (1915, Rd 3 v WA)

"Their (North) best player was Fullarton in the centre. Though he had Head (West) as his immediate opponent, this boy played cleverly and well. He never failed to put in a good long kick straight into goal" – *The Mail*

#### Cohen Thiele (2013, Rd 15 v GI)

"... the shining light was half-forward Cohen Thiele whose skill level remained high despite the muddy conditions" – *Sunday Mail*

#### Norman Lemon (1901, Rd 10 v Nw)

"On a side where each man shone out conspicuously... Lemon forward was prominent all day. Perseverance has once more scored, for Lemon is undoubtedly one of the best forwards in the state, and his performance was wonderful. Dashing and skilful, he took the ball from either side, and like a flash always passed it into goal" – *The Register*

#### Les Thomas (1912, Rd 8 v SA)

"L. Thomas was the most conspicuous man for the losers. He did magnificent work. He is very fast, can get the ball in the hottest competition, know how to bolt with it and get the boot in at the proper moment, is a fine kick, and is seldom worsted in a tussle. A run by him was the finest of the afternoon" – *Evening Journal*

#### Lucas Herbert (right, looking on)(2000, Rd 9 v CD)

"Big man Lucas Herbert alone stood out for the Roosters, dominating the ruck and making his presence felt around the ground, particularly in defence. But apart from his effort the North cupboard was virtually bare" – *The Advertiser*



#### Tim Nunan (left, kicking) (1998, Rd 19 v GI)

"In the first half Nunan almost single-handedly kept North in the game and in the third quarter his drive took them into the lead" – *Sunday Mail*