

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

Round 7 Edition

"SANFL News" – Monday 29 July 2013

"North Adelaide's Nathan Gordon is among 20 SANFL players to receive invites to this year's AFL Draft Combine in Melbourne in October. Delisted by Sydney at the end of last season, the 23-year-old has starred for the Roosters at league level while chiefly playing through the midfield. The former Swan only managed two AFL matches in 2011 but has attracted the attention of at least five AFL clubs who are keen to see him tested before this year's AFL Draft in November. "The pleasing part about it is that you are never out of the picture," SANFL High Performance Manager Brenton Phillips said.

"You can get second opportunities (at AFL level) through your performances and that's obviously what Nathan has done.

"He's an accumulator of possessions and it's pretty hard to teach people how to accumulate possessions. He's been able to do that quite nicely over the course of the year." Standing at 188cm, Gordon has also shown an ability to play as a medium marking forward in attack, where he has scored 23 goals in 2013.

"He's a good size footballer that everyone is looking for," Phillips said.

"He can push through the midfield as well as playing at both ends of the ground."

SANFL AFL COMBINE INVITEES

(NAFC invitees)

(Name, Club, Height, Weight, Position)

Nathan Gordon (North), 188cm, 86kg, Medium Midfielder

Mitch Harvey (North), 195cm, 97kg, Tall Forward

George Hewett (North), 185cm, 78kg, Medium Midfielder

Alex Spina (North), 181cm, 74kg, Medium Forward

"South Australian Football Budget" – Saturday 21 September 1968

"Nine-years ago North Adelaide looked like losing an 11-year-old schoolboy to Woodville – so they worked a 'swiftie'. They sat him on the fence for the Colts, thereby ensuring that he was tied to North Adelaide. Their planning and their judgment have been vindicated for the boy, John Robinson, is now one of the most accomplished wingmen in the State.

In 1959 Robinson, who lived at Kilburn, had promise while attending primary school. But with the redistribution of boundaries, Kilburn became Woodville territory – and that's when North Adelaide signed Robinson.

Not that the lad needed much encouragement, for he was an ardent Rooster fan. And since 1963 when he began with North Adelaide Colts he has given the club great service.

In 1962 while playing for Kilburn Colts he won the Jim McDowall Medal for the best and fairest in the North Adelaide District Association.

In his second year with North Adelaide Colts in 1964 when he was captain, John won the McCallum Medal. He polled 38 votes to defeat current Woodville league wingman Rodney Allen by eight votes.

In 1965 he was eligible for the Thirds, but the North selectors named him in the Seconds for three matches and elevated him to the league side for 17 games."



"SAFL News" – Tuesday 31 May 2016

"North Adelaide midfielder Jack Graham has been named as the 2016 McDonald's SA Under-18 captain for this year's AFL National Championships.

A member of last year's McDonald's SA Under-18 team, Graham is a strongly-built on-baller who will be a key component of the Croweaters' engine room. The 18-year-old – who measures in at 182cm and 86kg – will be assisted by Glenelg midfielder Jonty Scharenberg, who has been named as vice-captain.

Both players are members of the AFL Academy and have also made their debuts at IGA League level, such is their physical maturity.

Graham played his first League match for the Roosters in Round 11 last year while Scharenberg – 185cm and 80kg - played his first League game for the Tigers as a 16-year-old in Round 5 of 2015. Restricted by a quad injury last year, Graham has been steadily building this year much to the satisfaction of McDonald's SA Under-18 coach Brenton Phillips.

"Jack is a tough inside midfielder who is a bit of a bull," Phillips said. 'He goes really hard and attacks the contest and the player with the ball with ferocity. When he wins the footy he is able to use it pretty well too."



1948

"Daily Herald" – Friday 10 September 1920

"A rather amusing incident occurred during the North-Torrens match at the Adelaide Oval last Saturday. The game had not been in progress more than several minutes when Pat (Victor) Maloney, a North player, received a serious tear in the leg of one of his knickers. That member became disjointed, and left the young fellow in an awkward predicament. A couple of trainers, however, came to his assistance and with the aid of an overcoat he was removed from the field, where new togs were supplied to him."

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On Draught

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by car

All Sportsmen Meet at
"Tidswell's Northern"

"The Advertiser" – Saturday 30 June 1906

"A new feature in connection with the game was the introduction of boundary umpires, which it was thought would have had the effect of relieving the central umpire considerably, and of making the game faster and cleaner. Owing, however, to the want of activity on the part of the line referees, the public hardly got an idea of the many advantages which must accrue eventually from this innovation. The boundary men ... in their defence that they were out of training though it is difficult to understand why any special training should be necessary for positions of this sort."

1939

NORTH ADELAIDE FOOTBALLERS

As Seen By
Lionel Coventry



Players are (number links to number on picture): K. West (1), K. Farmer (2), L. Bennetts (3), M. McInnes (4), R. Melvin (5), Har. Hawke (6), Hed. Hawke (7), L.R. Lush (8), T. Kloze (9), B. Furler (10), C. Rix (11), D. Warhurst (12), K. Bowden (13), J. Pash (14), G. Hogan (5), J. Carosso (16), O. Martin (17), R. Hoskins (18)

From The Farmer Files (Round 12, 6 July 1940)

PROSPECT OVAL			
Boundary Umpires: W. G. Brunt and M. J. Lang.		Field Umpire: S. JACQUIER.	Goal Umpires: H. M. R. Kruss and A. A. Lynch.
NORTH ADELAIDE (Red and White) Goals Kicked		WEST TORRENS (Blue and Gold) Goals Kicked	
1—WEST, K. (Capt.)	.....	1—DINNISON, L. J. (Capt.)	.....
2—OATWAY, A. (Vice-Capt.)	.....	2—WAITE, D. (Vice-Capt.)	.....
3—FURLER, B.	.....	4—SEARLE, H. R.	.....
4—PHILLIPS, R.	.....	6—DALY, K. P.	.....
6—WEST, D.	.....	7—NICHOLLS, F. T.	.....
7—BURTON, A.	.....	9—BLIGHT, H. M.	.....
8—BENNETTS, L.	.....	10—FILSELL, B. R.	.....
9—MELVIN, L.	.....	11—MULLINS, R. W.	.....
10—HOGAN, G.	.....	12—STRAUSS, A. C.	.....
11—HOGAN, J.	.....	14—DEARING, G.	.....
12—SUMMERSIDES, J.	.....	15—HEWETT, J.	.....
13—BOWDEN, K.	.....	16—SCOTT, G. M.	.....
14—FARMER, K.	.....	17—THIELE, J. L.	.....
16—AAMODT, C.	.....	18—THOMAS, G. C.	.....
17—NEVILLE, R.	.....	19—COX, S. G.	.....
18—REILLY, J.	.....	20—TONKIN, W.	.....
19—MARTIN, O.	.....	21—ALLEN, W. J.	.....
20—PEARCE, F.	.....	23—KNIGHT, R.	(Res.)
21—VIRGIN, N.	.....	24—RICHARDS, A. D.	.....
22—MILLS, L.	.....	28—KENT, W.	(19th)
1st Qr. Goals..... Behinds.....	.....	1st Qr. Goals..... Behinds.....	.....
2nd Qr. Goals..... Behinds.....	.....	2nd Qr. Goals..... Behinds.....	.....
3rd Qr. Goals..... Behinds.....	.....	3rd Qr. Goals..... Behinds.....	.....
Final Goals..... Behinds.....	.....	Final Goals..... Behinds.....	.....

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Tot
North	4.2	10.6	16.7	26.11	167
Torrens	2.3	4.6	6.14	8.14	62

North Best : Farmer, Aamodt, K. West, A. Burton, Summersides, Furler, Martin

North Goalkickers : Farmer 23.6, Summersides 1, Neville 1, A. Burton 1

Ground : Prospect Oval **Crowd :** 4,700

The Team :

F : K. West, K. Farmer, A. Burton

HF : R. Neville, J. Reilly, F. Pearce

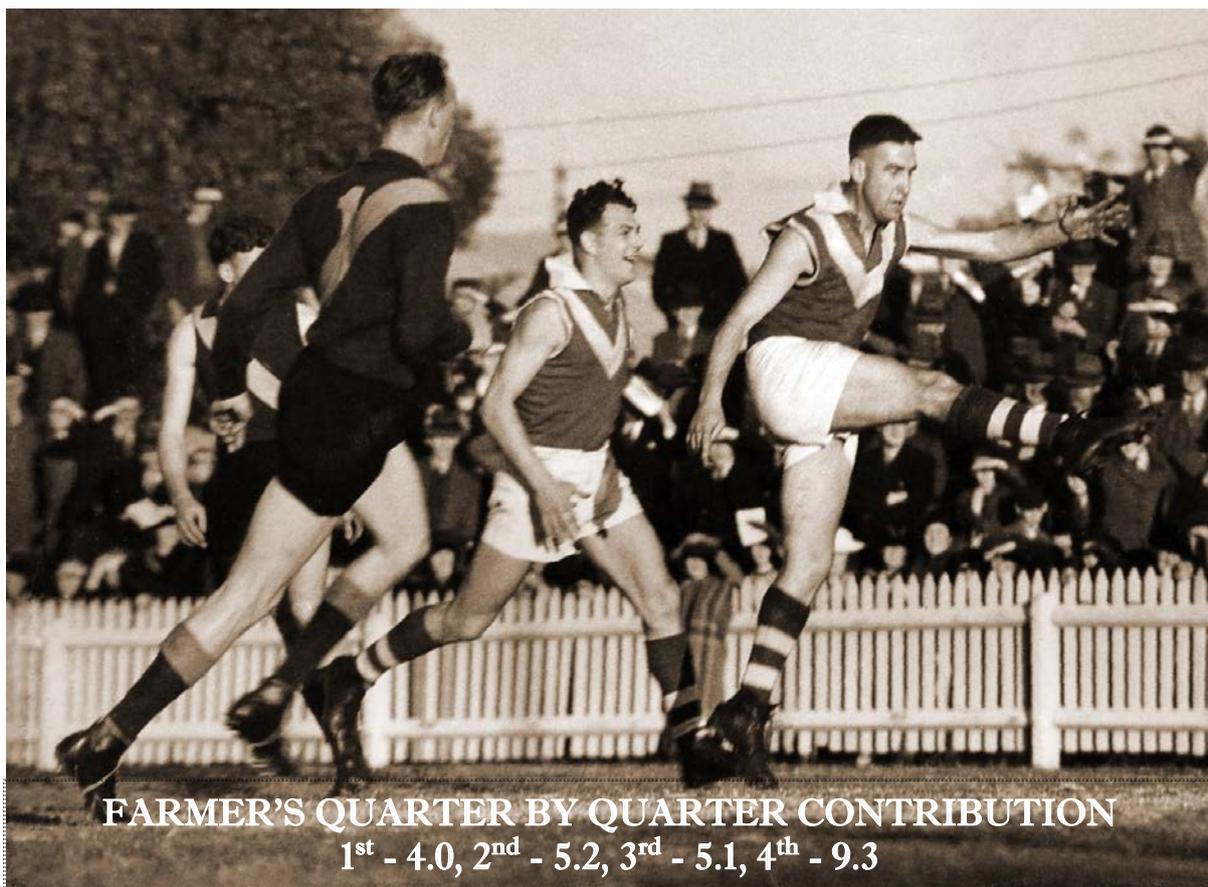
C : C. Aamodt, B. Furler, L. Mills

HB : N. Virgin, G. Hogan, J. Hogan

B : L. Melvin, O. Martin, K. Bowden

1st R : L. Bennetts, H.R. Phillips, J. Summersides

Res : A. Oatway



FARMER'S QUARTER BY QUARTER CONTRIBUTION

1st - 4.0, 2nd - 5.2, 3rd - 5.1, 4th - 9.3

Farmer snapping for one of his 23 goals at Prospect in Round 12, 1940 (Ken West watching on)

Comments :

Reilly's debut; Farmer's 23 goals included his 1300th goal while breaking his SANFL record for most goals in a match - his 22nd broke Coventry's Australian aggregate record; "With Farmer... making position to receive the ball or outmarking two and sometimes more opponents in straight-out competition in the air, North Adelaide had a definite objective.... it went confidently to the ball, picked it up cleanly and dispatched it Farmer-wards with the minimum of hesitation" *The Advertiser*, "Aamodt, at centre wing was brilliant today. This young recruit improves with every game, and today he covered himself in glory, his pace and foot passing being a big factor in North's success" - *The Mail*