

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

Round 13 2018 Edition

**"South Australian Register" –  
Saturday 12 May 1888**

"At last, after a month's wrangling and recrimination, peace reigns in the football world. The clouds have rolled away, and the season of 1888 begins with a clear sky. Each party to the unseemly dispute has given way, the one side by sacrificing the old Association on the altar of public opinion, and the other side by meeting the wishes of the Norwoods and the other clubs to a certain extent in the arrangement of the programme of matches.... At length the clubs who formed the new Association gave the Norwoods, North Adelaides, and Gawlers a last chance of joining them, and the meeting recommended the acceptance of the ultimatum.

"Seven teams were represented. The odd club was the Medindies, who had united with the Ports, Adelaides, and Souths in forming the Association.... Two subjects engrossed the attention of the members. The first was the rules, and these are now vitally different from those which controlled the old Association. The all important innovation is that the Association has full control to fix when and where all matches are to be played, besides arranging all monetary questions. Therefore in future no individual club will be able by acute negotiation to obtain an advantage over the other clubs.

"The only unsatisfactory part of the programme is that the Gawlers have ten matches at home. They might surely come to the metropolis oftener. Clubs journeying to Gawler on a Saturday have to pay £10 for a train, and they have to get several supporters to go unless they want to lose money.

"Not much is known of the Medindies. They are essentially a junior team. Some of the men are good, notably the two Browns, Fallon, Flight, Murray, Mosel, Stent, and others. They may not win matches at first, but let them take courage and train on. They will then do better next season."

**from The Quotebook**

"Hewit (sic.), an aboriginal, was a decided acquisition, and although he played barefooted was about the best man amongst them, his alacrity all through the game eliciting the applause of the spectators. He, too, appeared to have a thorough knowledge of the rules of the game, and he never had a mark given against him the whole of the afternoon" – Medindie v Port Adelaide, June 1889

1972



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14 March 1893

**Football Notices.**

**A**LL those INTERESTED in the FORMATION of a FOOTBALL CLUB at NORTH ADELAIDE are requested to attend a MEETING at the Temperance Hall on TUESDAY, March 14

Medindie Club members and supporters are requested to attend. Rally up, Dingoes.

67.78 C. H. NITSCHKE, Sec. Medindie F. Club.

**"Adelaide Now" MMC Rd 5 –  
Monday 23 April 2012**

**AWARDS**

"Midfielder of the week: James Bennett (North Adelaide). Bennett is one of North's barometers. When he fires they're always a chance and if he plays like he did on Saturday, they're tough to beat. Bennett finished with 34 disposals, seven clearances and six inside 50s in a complete performance. Team-mates James Allan (44 disposals, 13 clearances) and George Thring (37 disposals) had bigger numbers, but in the opinion of the Roosters' coaching staff, Bennett was the slightly more impressive player."

## "South Australian Football Budget" - Saturday 2 October 1982

"Quick action by two North Adelaide doctors saved the life of South Adelaide's Michael Bennett in a match at Football Park (Round 13). The doctors were treating Craig Stanbridge who collided with Bennett when they realised the latter had stopped breathing. Luckily the South trainers had an artificial air passage instrument which saved the doctors making an incision in Bennett's throat to allow him to breathe again."

## "SAFL News" - Wednesday 29 June 2016

"McDonald's SA Under-18 captain Jack Graham has been awarded the Larke Medal as the best Division One player at the 2016 AFL National Championships. The first Croweater to win the coveted individual award since West Adelaide product Byron Schammer in 2002, Graham was a standout performer in the midfield throughout the four-match carnival. Graham - 183cm and 85kg - was also named as the Croweaters' Most Valuable Player for the tournament, proving to be a dominant force with his mature physicality. The strongly-built North Adelaide on-baller combined well with vice-captain Jonty Scharenberg (Glenelg) and left-footed Jake Pitman (Norwood) in the centre square. Graham set the tone for his side early in the championship, racking up 28 disposals against the Allies in Game 1 followed by 34 touches, six marks and seven inside 50s against WA in Game 2. After a quiet Game 3 against Victoria Metro in which he was tagged heavily, Graham finished strongly to chalk up 25 disposals, seven tackles and nine clearances against Victoria Country in Game 4 at Etihad Stadium.

The 18-year-old will almost certainly be selected in the 2016 AFL Under-18 National Championship All-Australian team, which is expected to be announced by the end of the week.

1968

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## "News" - Friday 13 December 1946

"Frank O'Leary, 23-year-old ruckman, will be awarded the North Adelaide Football Club's trophy for the fairest and most brilliant player for the 1946 season at a Christmas social in the clubrooms on Tuesday night. Although he played with the Norwood-North combine during the war, this was O'Leary's first year as a regular member of the North team. He also takes the trophy for the best ruckman.

Darcy Cox won the Roberts Trophy for the best junior.

Other prizewinners are:- Best utility man, J. Beeching; best attention to training, O.M. Arbon; most improved, F. Bolton; most unselfish, A.G. Burton; best backman, I.L. McKay; best forward, R.O. Hoskins, most improved junior, B. Edwards; most effective, J. Pash; services rendered, C. Aamodt and D. West. The social will be attended by players and officials of the A, B and Colts teams."

## Debut Flashbacks (players photos from their league debut year)

2005



1984

## "Standard" – Wednesday April 9 1980

"North Adelaide Football Club is going all out this season to enlist the help of local business houses and residents for its 'Sponsor a Player' scheme. Interested people of businesses sponsor a player for \$250 for the season, and get a colour photo of their player. The photograph and details of the sponsor is prominently displayed in the Roosters clubrooms and the sponsor is always identified at all presentations, especially those in connection with the particular player. "Sponsors are finding they are getting a lot of free, effective advertising out of the scheme, and it's a great boost to the player to feel there's someone behind them," John Condon said. "Thirty-one players were sponsored this way last year and we're hoping many more will get backing this season."

## "South Australian Football Budget" – Saturday 7 September 1968

North Adelaide claim, and with strong justification, that (John) Phillips is the most versatile footballer in the league. In his 86 games he has filled every position except full-back – and there's no doubt that he could excel there if required.

Last year he won the Harold MacFarlane Trophy for North's best team and club man, displaying his attributes at centre, half-back, half-forward and centre wing. This season he has played on every line and his persistency was rewarded when he represented S.A. at centre against Victoria in Melbourne on June 1."



## SPONSOR-A-PLAYER

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David Wildy	Atlanta Refrigeration
Ian Willsmore	Cardorama (Wayne Gilbertson)
Paul Zoontjens	Valley View Foodland

## "The Advertiser" – Friday July 9 1937

"The action of Umpire M.F. Armstrong in allowing the tactics adopted by Port Adelaide backmen to disconcert North Adelaide's full forward, Ken Farmer, while he was kicking for goal in the match at the Alberton Oval last Saturday, has caused considerable comment in football circles. On several occasions Farmer's chances of kicking full points from what were to him quite easy positions, were probably foiled by what appeared to be illegal interference. Besides the man standing his mark Farmer was subjected to diversion caused by another player running in from the side or just to the rear and waving his arms, and in one instance practically touching Farmer as he was about to kick. The law governing this section of the games says that no player shall encroach within a semi-circle with a radius of ten yards back from the position where the player has received the mark."

From *The Farmer Files* (Grand Final, 4 October 1952)

28—THE MAIL, Saturday, October 4, 1952

# NORTH ANNIHILATE REDLEGS

## Premiers by 18-goal win

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Tot
North	3.1	11.3	17.10	23.15	153
Norwood	2.0	3.4	5.5	6.9	45

**North Best :** Griffin, Fuller, MacKenzie, Gilbourne, Kennett, Proud, Aldenhoven, Phillips, Cox

**North Scorers :** Phillips 4.6, MacKenzie 4.0, Kennett 4.0, Cox 3.0, Proud 2.2, Aldenhoven 1.2, Griffin 1.0, Fuller 1.0, Renner 1.0, Gilbourne 1.0, McKay 1.0, rushed 0.5

**Ground :** Adelaide Oval

**Crowd :** 50,105

### The Team :

**F :** H.R. Phillips, R. Proud, H. MacKenzie

**HF :** D. Gilbourne, G. Fuller, P. Kennett

**C :** M. Way, L. Griffin, J. Renner

**HB :** L. Cunningham, A. Galloway, J. Blunden

**B :** L. Weston, I. McKay, J. Tidswell

**1st R :** A. Aldenhoven, A.D. Stringer, D. Cox

**Res :** K. Carroll, A. Odgers

### Comments:

Kennett's 100<sup>th</sup> goal and MacKenzie's 50<sup>th</sup> goal for North; 2<sup>nd</sup> premiership in four seasons, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Final in four seasons; Biggest Winning Margin in a Grand Final at that time;

"No team could have stayed with North this afternoon. They had called the tune so decisively they were ahead by 77 points when the last quarter begun" — *The Mail*;

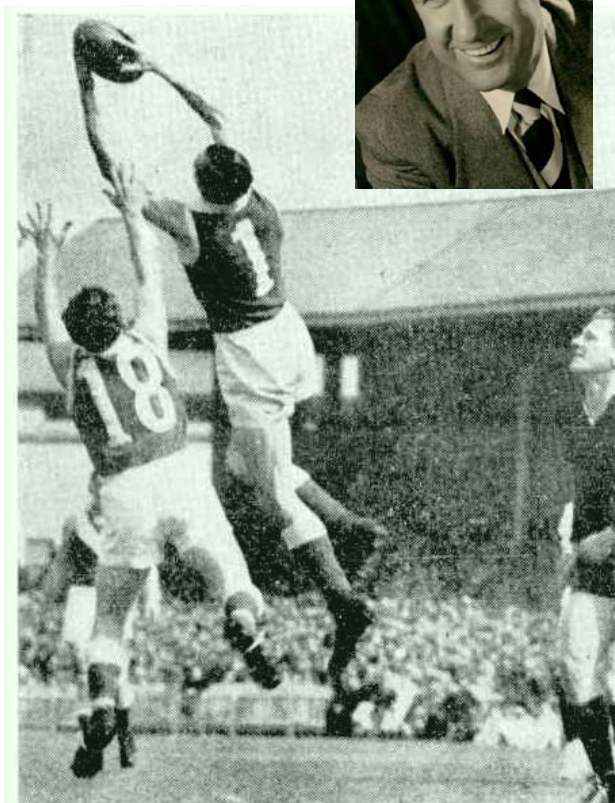
"It was slaughter - almost surgical in the calm, confident efficiency of its accomplishment - and the most overwhelming title win in South Australian league football history" — *The Advertiser*

"North won because of their far superior team-work, particularly in the forwards, where they rarely failed to capitalise on their opportunities" — *The Mail*;

"In the North dressing rooms, there were scenes of unprecedented enthusiasm and team supporters collected £150 for the players" — *The Advertiser*;

"I badly wanted to win this game, but in my wildest dreams I didn't expect such an outstanding result. A coach could not have a finer skipper than Ian McKay. I also wish to thank his deputy, Ron Phillips, who always plays a brainy game, and every other member of the side for marvellous team-work" - Ken Farmer (coach);

"McKay, while on the ball, provided the thrill of the match with the highest mark in the memory of most who saw it. A perfectly-judged approach behind the Norwood ruckman Hall, enabled the North captain to get the utmost height from his leap. At the top of his bound, with his knees in the region of Hall's shoulder-blades, McKay obtained another jet-propelled upward surge and he clamped the ball above the head of the 6' 3" opponent. To cap a brilliant effort McKay, from a long way out on the left half-forward flank, sent a perfect screw punt through the goal" - *The Advertiser*



NORTH CAPTAIN Ian McKay flies high to mark well over his team-mate rover Hubert MacKenzie. At right, a Norwood player arrives on the scene too late to oppose them. An incident from today's grand final at Adelaide Oval