

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

Round 18 2018 Edition

"The Advertiser" – Friday 19 August 1938

"Few players in their first season of League football have created a finer impression than Geoff (sic.) Pash, the young North Adelaide centre man. Pash comes from a football family. His uncle, H. ("Araby") Pash was a well-known player with the same club years ago, and his elder brother, Ben Pash, played for North Adelaide on a centre wing for about three years, and is now umpiring junior matches. A younger brother, Bob, is showing promise with a junior team. Pash had his twenty-second birthday on Monday. He played with the Teachers' Training College for several years, and began with the North Adelaide team this season. He has been one of the most consistent players in League football this year, and at centre has not been beaten this season. The most attractive feature of his football is his clever ground play, and his turning ability is remarkable. He is a great team man, and is always looking for a man, when he is in possession himself, and when a team mate has the ball."

1983

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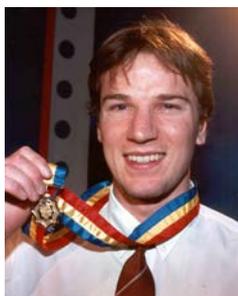


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Just for Interest - 1996

Josh Francou had an incredible season, polling in the Magarey Medal voting in 10 of his 18 games played. In seven matches he received the maximum three votes, including the first four matches of the season. But we



should have been prepared for the voting onslaught as he actually polled three votes (his total for the season) in the final minor round of 1995 against Sturt making it five consecutive 3-vote matches over the two seasons!!!

"South Australian Football Budget" – Saturday 11 August 1979

Determined Comeback By Robran

"Rodney Robran has made a determined comeback to league football this season after missing a whole of last year following a knee operation. On Saturday he played his 150th game for the Roosters.

He has been pleased with his form this year playing as a ruck-rover.

"It was like starting from scratch but the early wins helped both the side and myself." Rodney is now in his tenth league season.

"I have missed 55 games through injury so I suppose this should be my 200 game milestone."

Joining North in 1970 at the age of eighteen Rodney constantly found himself compared to brother, Barrie, who in three years had already built himself an awesome reputation.

"It never affected me though. I came here to build my own future. As a team-mate, Barrie helped me on the field. Patto (North coach, Mike Patterson) also encouraged me to do well in my own right."

At 27 Rodney is now a senior player – "I look after the youngsters. As far as my own game is concerned I am more of a ground player whereas I used to be a leaper before my knee injuries. I do more running. I think I'm a better team man."

Away from the football field Rodney is the successful

proprietor of Rodney Robran Sports at Tea Tree Gully and Rodney Robran's Sports and Toys at Gilles Plains."

My wife Liz and I have run the store in the Tea Tree Gully Shopping Centre since May this year."

Player Profile

FULL NAME: Rodney John Robran.
BIRTHDATE: April 26, 1952.
STARSIGN: Taurus.
HEIGHT: 6'1".
WEIGHT: 13 stone.
LEAGUE GAMES: 150.
OCCUPATION: Sports store proprietor.
MARITAL STATUS: Married to Liz.
CAR: Datsun 180B.
OTHER INTERESTS: Cricket (with Modbury), going to the beach in the summer, sleeping.
FAVORITE FOOD: Prawns, ice cream.
FAVORITE DRINK: Brandy & Coke.
FAVORITE SINGER: Leo Sayer.
PERSON I MOST ADMIRE: Farrah Fawcett Majors!
BIGGEST INFLUENCE
ON FOOTBALL CAREER: Mike Patterson, Barrie Robran.
BEST PLAYER SEEN: Barrie Robran.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Brenton Bills.
BIGGEST THRILL: Our win in the 1972 Grand Final, I missed the 1971 Final with injury.
AWARDS: State Under 21's in 1973, North best and fairest 1976, leading goalkicker for North 1976-1977.
AMBITIONS: To play 200 games if my legs permit, to coach a side when I retire. (Rodney coached North's Under 19's last year during his absence from the league scene). To succeed at everything I do and enjoy life!

Debut Flashbacks (players photos from their league debut year) – 1999



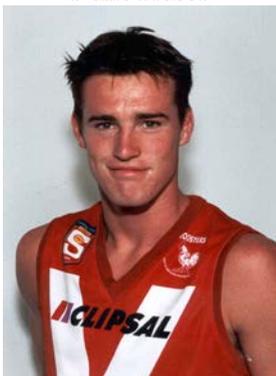
Jake Lynch



Gerald Cash



Kane Fraser



Lincoln Reynolds

From The Quotebook – Round 3, 1999

“This year was always going to be a test of character for them with so many guys abandoning the ship for one reason or another. We were always going to have our ups and downs ~ we’ve probably had more of them early than we’d anticipated” – Coach Chris McDermott

“The Advertiser” – Tuesday 30 April 1935

Amplifiers At Matches

“Following a complaint by Mr. H.G. Stock (North Adelaide) that results of races had been conveyed to the crowd by loud speakers at the Glenelg Oval on Saturday, a vigorous debate took place. Mr. Stock pointed out that the official football programme included a code by which race results posted on a board could be deciphered. To broadcast the results would detract from the value of the programme.

“Other delegates argued that by permitting the broadcasting of race results before and during the intervals of matches, better service could be given to football patrons, with a consequent beneficial effect on attendances.

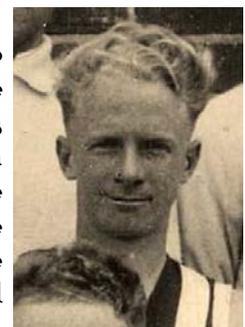
“A motion by Mr. Stock, seeking to prohibit the dissemination of race results through loud speakers at football matches, was defeated.”

Round 8, 1972 – North 15.18 def. West Torrens 11.7

NORTH ADELAIDE	GAMES Career	Year	PLAYERS	KICKS				Match Total	HIT OUTS	HAND- BALL	FREES For	MARKS	GOALS	POINTS
				1st Q.	2nd Q.	3rd Q.	Final Q.							
24	4	G.SPORN	1	2	1	3	7	15	9	2	6	—	—	
39	9	N.SACHSE	2	3	2	6	13	1	2	4	9	7	4	
58	3	B.BAMFORD	3	6	3	3	15	—	5	—	5	1	3	
50	8	B.HEARL (OFF LAST 4)	1	4	1	—	6	—	3	3	2	—	2	
105	8	B.ROBRAN	2	7	5	7	21	4	10	4	10	1	3	
7	6	J.BEVAN	5	2	4	1	12	—	4	—	7	3	1	
124	6	J.ROBINSON	6	2	3	3	14	—	6	1	2	1	—	
9	3	M.EICHNER	2	4	6	4	16	—	9	2	5	—	—	
28	8	B.STRINGER	5	3	3	5	17	—	3	—	5	—	1	
56	4	D.BURNS	5	3	3	3	14	—	2	—	4	—	—	
131	8	B.JAWORSKYT	7	4	5	4	20	—	9	2	6	—	1	
19	8	A.HOWARD	4	5	3	3	15	—	3	4	5	—	1	
154	8	G.PAULL	4	3	2	4	13	—	3	3	2	—	—	
205	8	R.HAMMOND	3	—	3	1	7	—	4	—	1	—	—	
90	8	K.BARR	4	4	1	3	12	1	2	1	3	—	—	
36*	8	M.PATTERSON (OFF 2ND ½)	2	2	—	—	4	6	1	—	2	—	—	
32	3	T.PLUMMER	2	5	3	5	15	—	3	—	5	1	—	
104	8	T.VON BERTOUGH	5	6	5	1	17	—	6	2	—	1	1	
119	7	K.LEHMANN (ON LAST ½)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
27	2	J.MAY (ON 2ND ¼)	—	—	1	2	3	4	2	—	3	—	—	
* GAMES WITH CURRENT CLUB ONLY														
TOTALS				64	45	54	58	241	31	94	29	82	15	18
UMPIRE: J. CAULFIELD				ATTENDANCE: 6,267				OVAL: THEBARTON		CONDITIONS: 0000				
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“Saturday Journal” – Saturday 25 September 1926

(Harry) Fleet is a comparative boy, and one can hardly expect him to be consistently brilliant when playing against men, but this year he has been the major scorer for Norths. Prior to last Saturday (1st Semi Final) he had secured 41 goals, and augmented his tally with five against Port. This 19-year-old lad has played some good games on the Adelaide Oval. He was a marked man on Saturday, but his masterful display will go down as an outstanding performance in North Adelaide football history. May he repeat it today. Prior to Fleet going on the field last Saturday, his coach did not hamper him with instructions. Steele held up his hand, “Five today,” he said. Fleet carried out his orders with five fine goals. Probably the reason he missed a couple of shots in the last quarter was on account of his not wishing to exceed definite directions.”



"South Australian Football Budget" - Thursday 10 July 1980

Rooster Family Day A Big Success

"North Adelaide's Family Day picnic last Sunday at the Prospect Oval was a big success with over 1,000 people attending.

Highlights of the day were a Past Players match against Channel 7; a Port Pirie versus North Adelaide mini-league match; a sponsored walkathon (10 laps of the oval) and an auction.

In the past players match former stars Don Lindner, Ray Trenorden, Barrie Barbary, Terry von Bertouch and Barry Hearl wore the old red and white while Ian Day and Craig McGahan were leading lights for Channel 7. At the auction three bottles of Dulcify brought top price of \$92 each. Don Lindner's first State jumper finished a close second."

1979

PLAY IT AGAIN SEVEN
 THE BIG REPLAY
 HOSTED BY MIKE COWARD
 with commentators Ian Day, Gerry Harrison, Sandy Roberts and Dennis Errey.
6.30 SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

1988

KIDNAPPED!

Vics swoop on North star, 16

VFL club North Melbourne has stooped to a new low by poaching one of SA's most talented youngsters, 16-year-old North Adelaide forward Wayne Carey.

Rooster officials are furious the VFL club tempted Carey to Melbourne without telling North.

North Adelaide general manager Mr John Condon said today: "Because he is only 16, he was on our youth list but wasn't on a contract.

"That puts us in a no win situation with the VFL - there is nothing we can do at all."

Carey, who played in North's under-17 premiership side last year and made seven reserves appearances, was quickly heading to league level as a very talented centre half forward or half back.

He was sheltered from other SA clubs by being on North's youth list.

North Melbourne in-

vited Carey to have a look around the club five weeks ago. He has not been seen since at Prospect and is living in Melbourne.

Mr Condon said: "His status to a VFL club is similar to an uncontracted senior player of our State.

"It means if they apply for a clearance, which they haven't done yet, the most we could get is \$22,500 on the drip system. That's \$4500 when he is registered and the same amount after his first, 25th, 50th and 100th league games - and it

could be three or four years before he gains a regular league place.

"Naturally we are very disappointed, but that's the way the game is going.

"You can't contract everyone at the club.

"But it's a bit much when they come over here and take our 16-year-olds.

"It's something North will be looking at. We will have to join the race and start looking more closely at the Victorian country areas for some of their young players."

Carey originally is from Wagga, which means the Sydney Swans also have become involved.

Despite living in Adelaide for the past two years and playing for North all that time, Carey is zoned to the Swans. He would have to live away from NSW for three years to counter that rule.

North Melbourne football manager Greg Miller said: "The situation is that as far as the VFL is concerned, he (Carey) is zoned to the Swans.

"We could wait 12 months and he would go



● John Condon: Nothing we can do

into the draft, but we will apply for a clearance from North and the Swans.

"We originally looked at Wayne as a possible draft choice but found we couldn't draft him.

"He wants to join us and he's done well in a couple of practice games.

He said he didn't want to be in the draft so he's come across as a kid."

Mr Miller agreed it was unusual for someone so young to go to Melbourne, but he made no apology.

"It's no worse than what SA clubs are doing to WA," he said.



From The Farmer Files (Round 17, 5 September 1936)

THE ADVERTISER, ADELAIDE, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1936

Sensational End To Football Minor Round

Conducted by ROVER

NORTH SCRAPES INTO FOUR AFTER REMARKABLE SERIES OF UNEXPECTED RESULTS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tot
North	9.1	13.3	21.12	31.16	202
Glenelg	1.4	5.11	6.13	7.14	56

North Best : Farmer, Bottroff, Phillis, Stigwood, Har. Hawke, Martin

North Scorers : Farmer 15.3, Phillis 4.4, Stigwood 4.2, Har. Hawke 3.3, Oatway 2.1, S. Burton 1.2, Foulis 1.0, Warhurst 1.0

Ground : Adelaide Oval

Crowd : 4,457

The Team :

- F: D. Hayden, K. Farmer, F. Stigwood
- HF: S. Burton, Har. Hawke, D. Phillis
- C: A. O'Donnell, C. Mount, A. Burton
- HB: L.A. Smart, A.A. Bottroff, R. Melvin
- B: G. Foulis, H. Fleet, O. Martin
- 1st R: A. Oatway, D. McInnes, D. Warhurst
- Res: E. O'Halloran

Comments : North are amazingly into the final four after looking at no chance after last week's loss. It's win and Norwood's loss allowed North to sneak into the four by 0.39% (North made up 1.85% in the final round and Norwood lost 0.51%);

Overpowering Win By North

Farmer Kicks 15 Goals Against Glenelg

North Adelaide achieved the seemingly impossible at the Adelaide Oval in defeating Glenelg, and also scored the highest tally for the season, 202 points. Playing with a dash which amounted almost to desperation, North Adelaide completely dominated the game, except, perhaps, for the second quarter. The only question was whether North Adelaide could win by a sufficiently wide margin to ensure a place in the final four. Glenelg had nothing to gain, while North Adelaide had everything, and this spurred the men on to play with daring and astounding vigor. Farmer played grandly to kick 15 goals 3 behinds.

Farmer's 15 Goals

Farmer played brilliantly to defy the close checking and vigorous spoiling methods of the opposing backmen. Two of his goals were gained from shots which needed to be seen to be believed. The accuracy of his kicking might be judged from the fact that in this huge tally of goals he scored only three behinds. Bottroff made full use of whatever

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.	C.	Pts.
Port Adelaide	14	3	2186	1722	53.9	28	
Sturt	12	5	1962	1653	53.9	24	
South Adelaide	11	6	1888	1507	55.6	22	
North Adelaide	10	7	1979	1715	53.5	20	
Excluded From Major Round							
Norwood	10	7	1832	1657	53.1	20	
West Torrens	5	12	1666	1795	47.8	10	
Glenelg	4	13	1704	2220	43.4	8	
West Adelaide	2	15	1163	2161	34.9	4	

