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THE FOXTEL CUP FUSS

What is it about the Foxtel Cup that causes such a wide range of opinions, disagreements and derision?

Is it the mere thought of an AFL led incursion into state league territory that has some against the idea?

Is it concern that this distracts from the only prize that matters to them, the SANFL premier-ship?

Is it deep down jealousy that their club wasn't good enough to qualify?

Is it dismay that state league footy is being incorrectly branded nationwide as having no fans by playing at empty stadiums instead of at suburban grounds where there is often a great atmosphere?

Why is it that so many care enough to take the time on forums to say they "don't care"?

Tuesday Night's game between Norwood & East Fremantle at AAMI Stadium answered some of these questions but asked some new ones.

Firstly it is a TV event. With only about 650 enjoying free entry at the ground in wet conditions with a 10pm school night finish, the place to be would have certainly been at home.

**East Fremantle celebrating
their Foxtel Cup victory
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Secondly ALL teams still put winning their state league flag first and the Foxtel Cup second.

In three seasons I have yet to see a SANFL, VFL or WAFL side play their best 22.

The loser will be criticised for not taking it seriously enough, the winner lauded for effective list management.

But is Tuesday night the right time slot for these games and why do SANFL clubs struggle so much having now lost to VFL, QLD & WAFL clubs in home games played in Adelaide?

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FEATURE STORY



BEST TILLER HAS COACHED

By Peter Argent

The North Adelaide Under 16's are a special group of talents, and include many who have been through the development programs over the past couple of seasons at Prospect.

Their coach, former North Adelaide Premiership captain, David Tiller, a long term mentor of underage players at North Adelaide, called this side the best he has coached.

Dominant all season, this squad were hot favourites for the SANFL under 16's Macca's Shield and they delivered in emphatic style.

Running over the Double Blues from quarter time, North won by 95

points,

The final scores were
North 21.9 (135)

defeating Sturt 5.10 (40)
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The Roosters kicked the opening three goals of the match, all brilliant snaps. The first of which came from Ryan Burton, followed by goal kicking ace, Kieran Agius-Le Bois, and then Mid North talent Dylan Foulis.

North staked early claims, but Sturt rebounded snapping the next two. But from this point it was all one way traffic.

The North defence held the Double Blues goal-less in the second term, controlled the middle of the ground and gave their forwards plenty of opportunities.

"We had no weak links," North coach David Tiller said. "You could have thrown up 16 players in "our best player list to-day" .

"We had a pretty good group at under 17's level back in 2005, with 10 of them going on to League footy, but this is the best I've coached".

"Our defence was great all year and again today." Athletic aboriginal

"key forward Agius-Le Bois (57 in an eight game season) and Ryan Burton (on of North Adelaide premier-ship player Craig) both kicked five goals in the win, while Jed Castree (brother of Central District's Brock) kicked three in the final term.



Hayden Burge

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Among the best players for the victors were Jack Graham, skipper Maris Olekalns and Burton who took a dozen strong marks across half forward. Broughton Mundoora footballer, Cameron Hewett, and fellow Mid North lad, Will Combe, won plenty of the ball at the stoppages. Nick Rynne and

Stephen Tahana were strong in the backlines.

Sturt best was certainly Ben Lucas, being stoic against the odds, while Jack Revington, along with big men Tom Leggatt and Lucas Spiniello all were manful. North Adelaide Under 16's were undefeated, and had an average winning

margin over its season of upwards of 13 goals.

Their only close game was a one point victory against Norwood in the abridged minor round, without 10 key players, but they rebounded the next week to beat the Redlegs by over 19 goals on Semi Final Friday.



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THE PERFECT SEASON

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North 21.12 (138) d Glenelg 8.12 (60)

Round 3—Sat Apr 6 @ Prospect Oval
North 16.19 (115) d Central 10.7 (67)

Round 4—Sat Apr 13 @ Gliderol Stadium
North 11.18 (84) d Sturt 4.10 (34)

Round 5—Wed 17 Apr @ Prospect Oval
North 24.13 (157) d Port 6.8 (44)

Round 6—Sat Apr 20 @ Prospect Oval
North 13.16 (94) d West 4.3 (27)

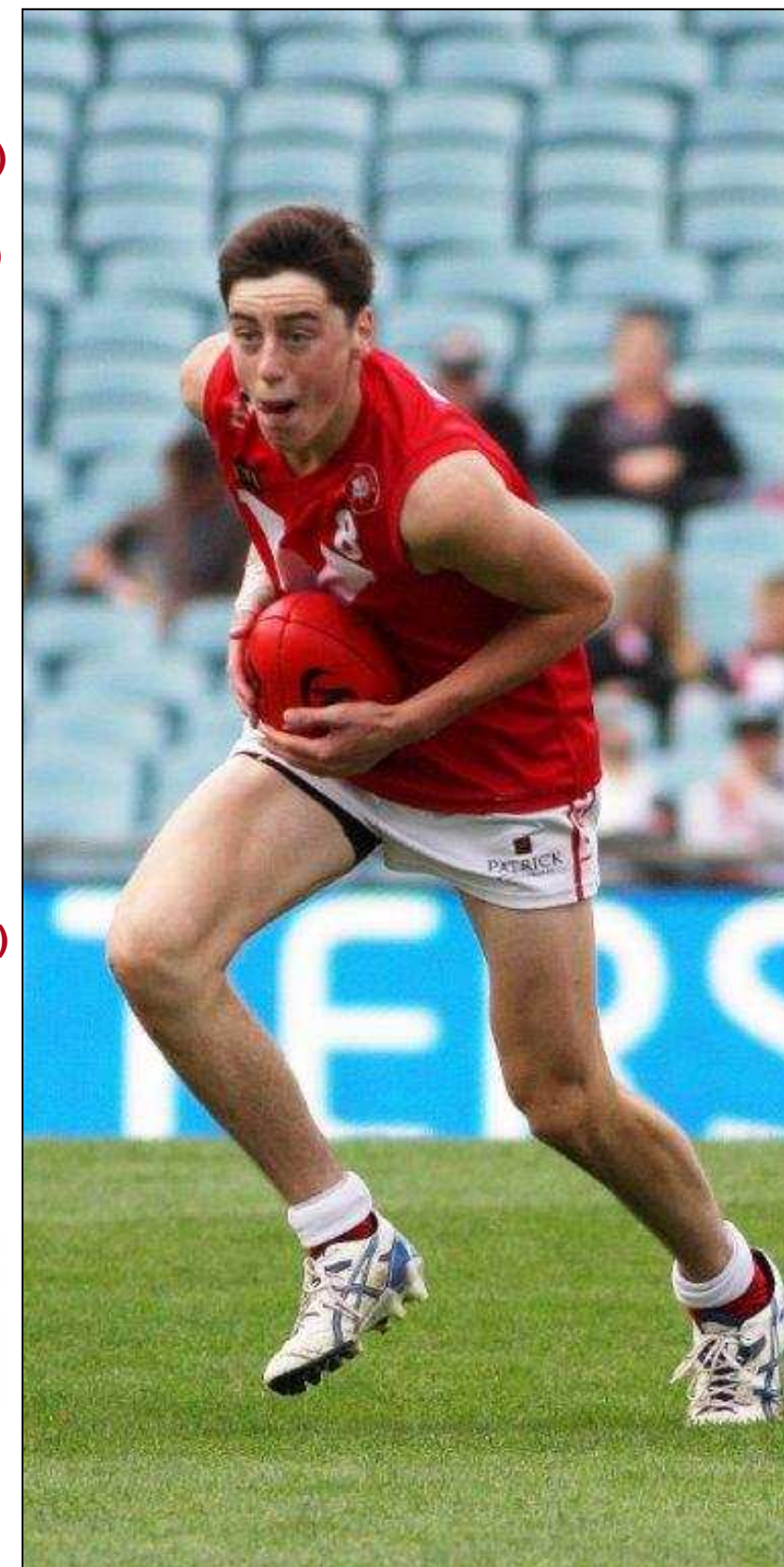
Round 7—Wed Apr 24 @ Maughan Thiem Hyundai
North 16.15 (111) d Eagles 5.5 (35)

Round 8—Sat April 27 @ Prospect
North 26.18 (174) d South 4.2 (26)

Round 9—Sat May 4 @ Coopers Stadium
North 10.9 (69) d Norwood 10.8 (68)

Semi Final—Fri 10 May @ Coopers Stadium
North 19.17 (131) d Norwood 2.1 (13)

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Cameron Hewett
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WHAT WE LEARNT FROM ROUND 7

Peter Argent

North Adelaide are Outright Favourites for the Flag.

Impressive in Round Seven against another expected Premiership contender, the Eagles. Josh Francou's North Adelaide Roosters are certainly now favourites for the 2013 flag.

They have the depth to cover injuries and you'd expect at their best they will be hard to beat, especially later in the season when Lewis Johnston and Luke Ivens return.

The Roosters have covered their losses through the middle of the ground, and importantly, one of their strengths is their frugal defence. It may just be the year of the Rooster.

North's Macca's Shield side has many emerging talents.

When 1987 North Adelaide premiership captain, David Tiller, says the Roosters under 16's are the best he has coached, you stand up and take notice.

Watch a number of names in the years to come. In no particular order, names to keep in the memory banks include Kieran Agius-Le Bois, Hayden Burge, Cam Hewett, Nick Rynne, Steve Tahana, Ryan Burton, Will Combe, Jack Graham, Maris Olekalns and Sam Ciappina.

Can the SA under 18's gain the holy grail – a national title?

This hasn't been achieved over the last three years with the likes of Scott Lycett, Sam Day, Brodie Smith, Chad Wingard, Jared Polec, Sam Mayes, Brodie Murdoch, Sam Colquhoun and Tom O'Brien.

Can the class of 2013 go one better? While this year's side has plenty of midfield talent, the concerns are with the quality of the big men and the avenues to goal, through tall marking targets.

Are South's problems generational?

Hearing a comment in the crowd, "You have been delivering this **** for the last 40

years," suggests the problems at Noarlunga are endemic.

I'm not convinced basing a side at this ground will help their cause. Who would like Ron Fuller's job at the moment?

They may now be in a worse position than WAFL basket case, Peel Thunder. Memo to SANFL media Comments made on SA radio are incorrect! The gap is between the top FOUR sides and the rest – not the top five sides.

It is simple – North, West, Eagles and Norwood – are the only teams in contention at this moment. The rest can go on an early holiday – book your end of season trips in September!



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Phil Herden

Communication is key

The Bulldogs & SANFL made the TV news for all the wrong reasons this week, with video coverage of a supporter incorrectly evicted by Security and Police at Elizabeth for his No AFL Reserves in the SANFL protest.

In the modern social media world everything can be videoed, and seeing footage of the incident on YouTube certainly fired up many local supporters, especially as the fan involved appeared to be peacefully abiding by the rules agreed to with the League earlier in the week. Having the footage showing Police apparently evicting a second supporter merely for filming the incident didn't help either.

It has lead to some uncomfortable apologies from officials during the week. No doubt some lessons have been learned about fully confirming all the facts first before taking action, and the ability of mobile phones to take footage of an incident anywhere and then have it available for world wide viewing.

Hopefully **everyone** is on the same page now and this protest, provided it stays within the agreed League rules, will not suffer further incident.

Simon Phillips

Coming off the Foxtel Cup game with an injured shoulder

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Simon Phillips is an excitement machine.

His by the boundary goal in the final quarter against the Panthers not only turned a close encounter into a Redleg win, it was a great video highlight with the camera almost right behind the kick.

There have been plenty of great goals and marks around the League so far this season, almost all of which make the weekly **Recovery Session** highlights.

Hopefully it will be edited into an end of season montage of highlights that can help promote the League.

The Foxtel Cup was very underwhelming

I went along to West Lakes for a look at the Norwood v East Fremantle clash and left feeling flat.

I hope it looked better on TV because live at the ground it had all the feel of a Reserves game, with the constant rain not helping.

Given the crowd was all in the members' area undercover I took the time to do a count, and came up with approximately 650 (including staff & players) who made the effort to turn up.

Well done to the Sharks, given they should get the next game in Perth against Werribee or





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John Nankivell

Close but not quite.

The bottom three sides of the competition showed great fight on the weekend, but in the end their inability to play four quarters of football hurt them.

On Friday night the Magpies led the top of the table Bloods by a goal at quarter time. However, they couldn't sustain the effort and West recorded a hard fought 15 point win.

On Saturday afternoon Sturt conceded seven unanswered goals in the first quarter against Central. They then outscored the 'Dogs 15 goals to 13 over the next three terms, but still went down by 27 points.

On the Saturday night South Adelaide fought hard for the majority of the game, but just couldn't overrun a more skilled Norwood side.

These sides aren't as bad as their positions on the ladder indicate; what they need is more consistency and then the wins will come.

Peter Persinos
In Foxtel Cup
Action

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Bad kicking is bad football.

It's an oldy but a goody.

North Adelaide had the same amount of scoring shots in the first term as their Eagle opponents, but butchered the majority of them and thus trailed by 15 points at the first change, and as many as 27 points during the quarter.

From that point on the Roosters found their kicking boots and went on to record a comfortable 38 point win, and in the process show that they are arguably the inform team of the SANFL.

They also reminded us that,

yes, bad kicking is indeed bad football.

So that's what happened to the Mustard!!

If by chance you purchase a hot dog with sauce and mustard at one of our SANFL venues this week and can't find the mustard, don't whatever you do squeeze the bottom of the bag when you have finished eating.

I did just that on the weekend, and needless to say I found out where the mustard was.

Sadly, at this point it had moved from the bottom of the bag to the front of my shirt! All I will say is thank god for scarves.



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Imagine that, one day you're South Australian, the next, you're Victorian. It's just not right. It's outright un-South Australian. Just think of all the people who've missed out on everything that makes our state great.

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IT PAYS TO BE A LOCAL.



Phil Aspinall

1. Bloods win ugly

Good sides always find a way to win. This is what West Adelaide did last Friday night, after a switched on Magpies outfit came out of the blocks early. In a dour, scrappy affair, the top-of-the-table Bloods withstood the challenge from Port, grinding out another solid win, played in tricky, greasy conditions. Good sides win ugly and West Adelaide is a good side, obviously.

However the Bloods were caught off guard by Ken McGregor's side in the opening term, but were let off the hook by the Magpie's inability to put the score on the board. Leading by just the one goal at the first break, despite the dominance in possession and control, the visitors were overcome by the home side, who finished out the game stronger to hang on for the 15 point win.

2. Passion & persistence pays off.

For Blood's midfielder, Simon Dean, last Friday night's win over Port, at League level, was a long time coming.

Simon previously made his senior debut back in 2004, some nine years earlier, and ironically

against the same opponents, in the Magpies.

Dean's passion for the game waivered, for a period of time, particularly after the sad passing of his father, due to a battle with cancer.

After a nine season interlude, the courageous on baller found his football journey brought him back to the club he loved and had junior success with.

After typifying his courage and desire for the 50/50 ball in the dying stages of the game, Simon was certainly one very popular player in the West Adelaide rooms post game, also receiving praise from coach Andy Collins.

3. Roosters Cock-a-hoop

North are currently mounting a pretty good case for being the form team of the competition, despite sitting in third position on the ladder. With just 0.31 per cent separating the Roosters and Redlegs from second and third spot, Josh Francou's side was lauded the best opposition team that Eagles and SA coach, Michael Godden, has played against, so far in season 2013.

After conceding a 6 goal to 3 opening term against Woodville West Torrens last week, the

home side managed to power home after the first change. Outscoring their opposition 15 goals to 7, the Roosters not only showed they can react when challenged, they also proved they are more than capable of kicking a winning score, even without Lewis Johnston.

4. Dogs not barking

Despite notching up their second consecutive win, keeping them just one more win outside the top five, the Bulldogs still haven't got all their bite back, yet.

After blowing the Double Blues out of the water in the first term on Saturday, kicking 7 goals to nil, Central were actually outscored for the remainder of the match, 13 goals to Sturt's 15, frustrating coach Roy Laird.

Reflecting on his side's performance post game, Laird labelled his charges 'mentally soft', also stating he is frustrated at the lack of killer instinct in his players.

This has been an issue for the 'Dogs in almost all of the games so far this year, unable to put four quarters together. Central are going through a real changing of the guard in season 2013 and this has shown, so far.

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WHAT WE LEARNT

Don Cooper

1 - It's not so much a case of what I learnt, but more what I had re-affirmed at Hickinbotham Oval on Saturday night.

Rather than becoming a feared fortress which teams dread travelling to, the Panther's den is now officially a haunted house of horrors for the local side!

Ron Fuller's men are yet to have a home ground victory from four attempts this season, with the last win on their sacred southern soil notched up against the Roosters on Sunday, September 2nd, 2012 in Round 23.

That was one of only two wins for South Adelaide at home last season, and with the drought continuing into 2013, fans must be looking forward to their next away match!

2 - But having said that....let me say this!

Pitted against the reigning premier who had more than a few points to prove – and desperate to take the two points away - the Panthers showed they certainly have the ability to stand toe to toe with the competition heavyweights, but they currently lack the sustainability to wield that over four quarters of football.

In a case of déjà vu on Saturday night, South Adelaide played patches of brilliance to not only keep them in the match but give themselves a “silly chance” of an upset victory early in the last quarter.

However, the ‘Legs were able to steady the ship and draw away

to a 25 point win. And for those who were at the corresponding match last year that plot, along with the exact result and final margin, are of spooky similarity! (There's the haunted house theory again!?)

3 - With the winter months nigh upon us, it is becoming clear that good sides can weather a storm.

Take for example last weekend, when each of the round's winning quartet was forced to survive stern challenges at different stages of the match. On Friday night at City Mazda Stadium, the Port Adelaide Magpies got out to an 18 point lead 10 minutes into the second term before the Bloods machine clicked into gear and reeled in their opposition

The ensuing arm wrestle went on for nearly a quarter, until finally West Adelaide's class crushed the hopes of the Magpie faithful.

At Prospect, the Roosters gave up a 27 point head start to the Eagles before wearing down their potential finals foe, using “red time” to demonstrate the need - and benefit - of remaining switched on for the entirety of a quarter.

North Adelaide scored 7.3(45) of their final tally 18.14 (122) – over a third of their total score for the match – in time on, and made the Eagles pay heavily for not being as attentive in the closing minutes of the quarter.

The Bulldogs got off to a flyer against the drowsy Double Blues out at the Ponderosa, but

while the visitors were caught napping in the first term they awoke with conviction in the second. of milk all you like, but given time the cream will always rise to the top!

4 - While the 1940 film Fantasia, produced by esteemed film maker Walt Disney did not really become the hit it was intended, the Redlegs' release of their 2013 version is sure to spark plenty of interest and publicity!

Seventeen year old Orazio Fantasia made his League debut against the Panthers on Saturday night and from what he displayed – along with his scintillating form in last year's Macca's Cup competition – will develop into yet another success story for Norwood's development program.

The 175cm and 66kg flyweight had no problems stepping into the heavyweight division at Hickinbotham Oval, and given further time to mature physically looks as though he has all the makings of a consistent League – or beyond – footballer.

It was a real confidence boosting performance for the teenager, and the reaction of his Redleg team mates to get around him after scoring his first goal in League football at the 22minute and 11 second mark of the final quarter was as inspiring a feeling as they could have given him.

5 - Stop, Start, Go!

That was the way the match was played at Hickinbotham Oval on Saturday night as the Panthers desperately tried to nullify the run and carry of the Redlegs, with the crowd witnessing more stoppages than a troubled construction site.

To be precise, the 20 centre bounce contests were complemented with 27 throw-ins and a

staggering 28 around the ground ball ups, with the 75 restarts making for a laborious night for both umpires and spectators alike.

But while it may not have been the most attractive brand of football seen this season, it did underline the desperate lengths each and every side will go to in order to extract the two points from a regular season contest!



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Orazio Fantasia in the Foxtel Cup
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Ben Macreadie (West)

One of the form midfielders in the SANFL currently, Ben Macreadie is a pivotal part of the West Adelaide on-ball rotations, yet seems to be unheralded in many circles.

A clean handler of the ball, Macreadie, now 25, came to Milner Avenue back in 2011 and has been a consistent player ever since.

He debuted for the Bloods in Round One, 2011, playing 18 games in his debut year with West and showed his durability playing all 24 games including the 2012 Grand Final last season.

At 180 cms, 85 kgs, Macreadie came to the Bloods from the Casey Scorpions in the VFL.

Interestingly he was in West Adelaide's best four players in each of the opening six games of the 2013 campaign, but wasn't mentioned as a candidate for State selection.

For a midfielder he can also impact the scoreboard on occasions, having kicked 31 goals in his first 49 games in black and red.

In his final season at the Scorpions, 2010, Macreadie played 20 games, many alongside Liam Jurrah, Addam Maric and Brad Miller.

- Peter Argent



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Toby Stribling (South)

An outstanding junior prodigy, Toby Stribling was drafted basically out of the national under 16's championships, going to Fremantle as a 17-year-old.

While he debuted with North under Andrew Jarman in his mid teens, after his senior SANFL debut in 2003 at 16 years and 3 months, Stribling did tread water for a couple of years at Prospect.

The hard running on-baller had a couple of years at the Dockers, firstly on the senior list and then in 2005 as a rookie.

He joined Ron Fuller and the Panthers at the start of the 2011 season after 51 senior games with North Adelaide, and this his 49th game with the Panthers, will be his 100th at SANFL.

Stribling also played 23 senior WAFL games with East Fremantle during his time in the West.

Equally strong as an offensive running player or a defensive minded centrelined player, the 180cm, super fit midfielder has been consistent for the Panthers in the past couple of seasons.

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