

An abbreviated history of the Adelaide Baseball Club

1908: THE BEGINNING OF THE ADELAIDE BASEBALL CLUB

THE ADELAIDE REGISTER: Thursday the 9th April 1908 BASEBALL

ADELAIDE CLUB: A meeting was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Angas Street, on Tuesday evening, for the purpose of forming the Adelaide Baseball Club. There was a large attendance. Mr. P. Argill occupied the chair. It was proposed to nominate one team from the Adelaide Club. The team colours will be red, yellow and blue. Officers elected : President, Dr. Todd; Committee mesurs. J. F. Travers, E. H. Leak, A. Thornton, E. McCarron, J. Richardson, H. D. J. Sands, and K. J. Quist; Delegates to South Australian Baseball League, K. J. Quist and H. D. J. Sands; Secretary and Treasurer, H. D. J. Sands.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: A well attended meeting of baseballers was held at the Exchange Hotel on Wednesday evening, 8th April. Mr. P Argall presided. The Secretary of the Football League intimated that baseball would be permitted to use the league's grounds prior to football matches on the condition that the players would be off the grounds by 2.45pm.. A vote of thanks was given to the league for their courtesy. The new interstate colours of turquoise blue and brown were recommended and passed.

Following a motion by Mr. C. Sellers, seconded by Mr. A. T. Beatty, it was decided to form a baseball league. The secretary (Mr. A. S. Toms), stated that teams had been formed to represent Adelaide, Norwood, Sturt and Goodwood. The Clubs named were accepted as constituting the League

ADELAIDE ADVERTISER; Monday 18TH May 1908 BASEBALL LEAGUE MATCHES

The first round of matches played on Saturday 16th May 1908

STURT versus ADELAIDE:

On the Unley Oval Sturt defeated Adelaide by 14 runs to 6 after an interesting and at times exiting game. The large crowd who witnessed the match showing their appreciation by frequent applause. The following are the scores :- Adelaide team – McCarron 1, Kruss 1, Pretty 1, Jones 1, Dawkins 1, Quist 1; total 6. Sturt – Brown 4, R. Ewers 4, Daws 3, E. Ewers 2 and F Price 1 ; total 14.

The first Adelaide team to to play competition was as follows:

Carl Quist (pitcher), Alan Jones (from America, catcher), J. Woodforde (first base), A. H. Pretty (third base), C. Sands (shortstop), J. Keppell (second base) H. Hallifax, Harry Dawkins and E. McCarron (outfielders), and Kruss (reserve).

Of the four original clubs who commenced playing baseball in 1908, only three remain. Norwood disbanded at the end of the 1922 season. The other three, Goodwood, Adelaide and Sturt are still in the competition today. All three clubs celebrated their one hundred years in existence in season 2008/2009.

Charles James (Jim) Capps

Jim Capps was secretary of the Adelaide Baseball Club from 1936 to 1938

In his time as secretary of the club, Jim designed a coat of arms for them. He submitted his design to the club committee, and was met with a favorable response. The Adelaide Baseball Club colours were used in the design. Set out below is the original design of the coat of arms that came in to vogue in the mid 1930's.



A report from the:
1936 South Australian Baseball League Annual General Meeting.

Mr. C.J. Capps, secretary of the Adelaide Baseball Club, announced at the League meeting that he would present a medal to the fairest and most brilliant player in the A Grade competition for the coming season to be awarded on the votes of the umpires.

The first C. J. Capps Medal was awarded in 1936 to Prospect's Charlie Puckett, who had the unique distinction of winning baseball's top award in three States (S.A., Vic. and W.A.) in consecutive years. The medal has been awarded annually since, except in the war years from 1942-45.

Summer baseball was introduced in 1968, but the Capps Medal continues to feature in Division One Grade summer competition.

Additional information on the Capps Medal:

Jim personally created and designed the Capps Medal. He presented his medal to each of the winners from 1936 to season 1980/81. Since the 1981/82 season the medal has been presented by his son Dr. Roger Capps

Jim died in January 1985.

Jim was appointed a Vice President of the league in 1937 (now known as Vice Patron), and held that position for 44 years. For a man who never played baseball, he certainly gave a lot of his time to it.

The following is information on Adelaide's three A Grade premierships in seasons 1914, 1960 and 2000/2001

Adelaide Baseball Club's first A Grade premiership

Advertiser Monday September 21, 1914

BASEBALL

THE PREMIERSHIP CONTEST

ADELAIDE BEAT FREEMASON RAMBLERS IN FINAL.

The premiership match was played at the St. Peter's College Oval on Saturday afternoon 19th September, the competing teams being the Freemason Ramblers and the Adelaide Baseball Club.

THE PLAYERS

For Adelaide Keppel starred on second. Moyes handled first well, and handled some poor throws in a capable manner. Stirling, as usual, was a conspicuous performer in the country, while Rundell was the star batter. Lanyon and Howard exercised good control. Taken all round, the winners made few mistakes, and played a remarkably fine game. For Ramblers Ewers pitched well. He fanned nine, gave four free passages, and was hit nine times. Marshall caught at his best and cut off several at second, where James started with a bunch of errors, but later recovered form.

1914 PREMIERSHIP YEAR

The "Mail" newspaper Thursday September 24th, 1914

BASEBALL

By "Centre Field."

PREMIERSHIP MATCH

Adelaide beat Freemason Ramblers, 7 to 2.

Saturday saw the end of what has been an exceedingly interesting baseball season. As they deserve, Adelaide annexed the honours, and no one can deny that the position is rightly theirs. They were only once defeated, and that by Metropolitan in the first semi-final, when their side failed to show its best form. They thoroughly recovered for the final.

There is no doubt that when in their full stride the city men are a formidable nine, perhaps the best seen for some time as a club aggregation. Their fine infield, particularly second base (Keppell) and centre field (Stirling) having done great work in backing up a battery that has accomplished much over the season.

Game Statistics

BOX	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL
SCORES										
ADELAIDE	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	7
FREEMASON	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2

ADELAIDE

	AB	H	R	SB	PO	A	E
Moyes (1b)	3	-	1	1	8	-	-
Howard (c)	4	1	1	-	3	5	1
Rundell (ss)	5	3	1	1	1	1	-
Lanyon (p)	5	-	1	1	2	1	-
Keppell (2b)	4	2	2	1	6	2	-
Stirling (cf)	4	2	1	2	3	-	-
McCarron (rf)	4	1	-	1	-	-	1
Down (3b)	3	-	-	-	2	1	1
Dawkins (lf)	4	-	-	-	2	-	1
TOTAL	36	9	7	7	27	10	4

FREEMASON RAMBLERS

	AB	H	R	SB	PO	A	E
James (2b)	4	1	-	1	6	2	3
Head (ss)	4	1	-	2	-	2	2
Marshall (C)	4	-	-	-	10	4	-
Warburton (1b)	4	1	-	-	4	-	-
Ewers. E. (p)	4	-	-	-	1	2	-
White (lf)	3	-	-	-	1	-	-
Wigglesworth	4	2	1	1	2	-	1
Brideoake (3b)	4	1	1	-	2	1	1
Jerdin (cf)	3	1	-	-	1	1	-
TOTAL	34	7	2	4	27	12	7

Pitchers' Records

Lanyon (Adelaide) Struck out 3, bases on called balls 1.

E.Ewers (Ramblers) Struck out 9, bases on called balls 4.

1960 MAJOR "A" GRAND FINAL: KENSINGTON V ADELAIDE

Extract from the Sunday Mail, September 25, 1960

YOUNG ADELAIDE SIDE TAKES BASEBALL

By Arthur Radbone

First title since 1914

A four run second innings burst, plus good pitching by Ron Russ, were deciding factors in Adelaide's 8-4 baseball premiership win against Kensington today. It was Adelaide's first premiership since 1914.

The wet, boisterous conditions appeared to favor Adelaide more than Kensington, but the young, almost unknown city side fully deserved their victory. Their win was a credit to fine club administration and Coach George Neville.

Adelaide's second innings four run burst from four hits (Young, Richter, Noblett and Copley) plus an error by Langley and a base on balls, virtually won the game.

Russ was fast in the early innings and thrived on his team's solid start. Kensington did not reply until their fifth (one run) when for the first time pitcher Russ was astray with two walks. The Browns came back in heavy rain in the sixth to score two more when G. Harris, Glover and Gibbons hit safely.

However, Adelaide practically settled the issue in their sixth when Nowak walked, Richter smashed out his second three-bagger, and came home on Noblett's hit to add two runs.

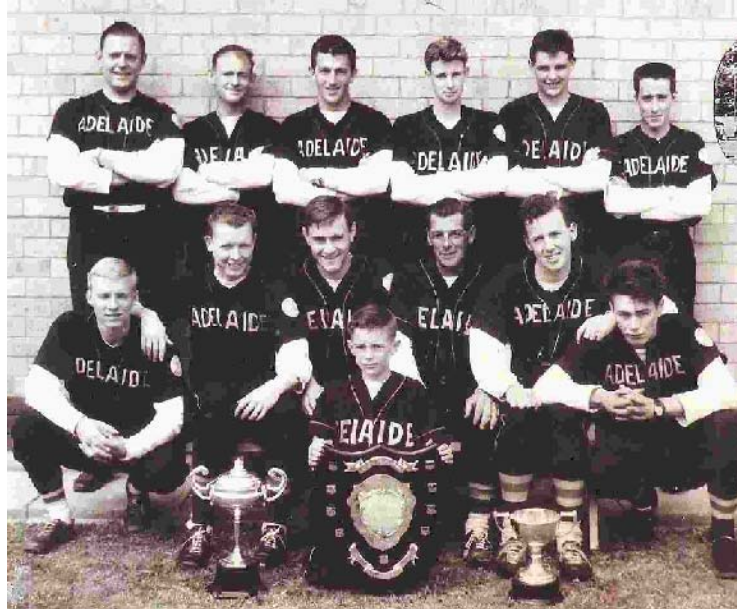
Kensington added one more on Glover's home run in the eighth, but their fielding fell apart. Bruce Harris's lone hit in the last innings was Kensington's only answer to the City team's fine premiership win - their first for 46 years.

BOX SCORE:

INNINGS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL
ADELAIDE	0	4	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	8
KENSINGTON	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	4

ADELAIDE	B	H	O	A	E	KENSINGTON	B	H	O	A	E
Russ (p)	3	-	-	4	-	Garrett (lf)	5	-	3	-	-
Nelson (cf)	3	1	-	-	-	Roberts (ss)	5	2	2	1	1
Nowak (3b)	3	-	2	1	-	B. Harris (3b)	4	1	1	1	-
Young (c)	4	1	1	2	1	Langley (2b)	4	-	2	2	1
Richter (rf)	3	2	-	-	-	Glover (p)	4	3	-	7	-
Noblett (1b)	4	2	1	-	-	Brock (c)	2	-	3	-	2
Moody (lf)	4	1	1	-	1	Gibbons (1b)	4	2	9	-	-
Chandler (ss)	3	-	1	1	-	Buttery (rf)	1	-	-	-	-
Copley (2b)	4	1	2	3	-	Simmons (cf)	2	-	2	1	-

ADELAIDE PREMIERSHIP TEAM 1960



Back Row: Peter Noblett, Ray Nowak, Ron Russ, Alan Sharman, Ron Chandler and Dennis Copley.

Front row: Ken Richter, Norm Nelson, Murray Young (Capt.), George Neville (Coach), Barry Young, Barry Yates and Geoffrey Neville (Bat Boy).

Missing from photo: Laurie Moody.



Left: Coach George Neville, holding Grand Final trophies. By the look of photo, he is not about to give them up.

Right: Celebrating their Grand Final win, left to right, Ron Chandler in back ground, Ron Russ (winning pitcher), Murray Young and Dennis Copley

**Extract from the Adelaide Advertiser, Monday Sept. 26, 1960
1960 MAJOR "A" GRAND FINAL: KENSINGTON V ADELAIDE
PREMIER, AFTER 46 YEARS.**

By Bill Radbone

Adelaide won its first baseball premiership in 46 years by defeating Kensington in Saturday's grand final at Alberton Oval. Jubilant scenes took place as catcher Young held Langley's fly hit to give Adelaide a well earned 8-4 victory.

Kensington was the outstanding team of the 1960 season, but under the showery and windy conditions, which prevailed on Saturday, Adelaide was the better side. If the game had been played in ideal conditions then Adelaide's win would have been classed as a major upset.

Following top displays by pitcher Ron Russ in similar conditions in recent weeks, Adelaide faced Saturday's game full of confidence. This new found confidence in the ability of Russ, an unmatched will to win and the strong spectator support were important factors in Adelaide's win. Russ virtually threw his arm off in a fighting one-man campaign against the powerful Kensington batting side.

Adelaide adapted itself better to the conditions and as a result, its defense was good. Kensington's all round play was haphazard and the inclusion of catcher Brock was a mistake, as he was obviously not fit.

Adelaide never looked back from its second innings when bunched hitting by Young, Richter and Noblett paved the way for a 4-0 lead. Excitement mounted when hits by Gibbons, Roberts, G. Harris and Glover scored three runs for Kensington in the fifth and sixth. Undismayed, Adelaide fought back through Richter and Noblett, who's batting, resulted in Adelaide grabbing a 6-3 lead.

A last fling by a dispirited Kensington saw Glover convert a long hit into a home run when Russ, faced with an easy out, could not release the ball from the webbing of his glove. Richter with two three-baggers and Noblett 2 hits each batted in two runs to be Adelaide's best batters. Glover, who pitched well, headed the Kensington batting with three hits, while Gibbons with two hits and two runs batted in and Roberts (2) were others who did well.

At 21, Murray Young, captain of Adelaide, is probably the youngest A grade baseball captain in South Australia. Murray led Adelaide to its first premiership for 46 years on Saturday when it defeated Kensington, 8-4. In 1957, while Captain of the Adelaide Boys' High School first team he won the Pomeroy Cup for the outstanding schoolboy baseballer of the year.

**Article from the Messenger Newspaper reporting on 2001/02 Grand Final
ADELAIDE ANGELS PREMIERSHIP WINNERS SEASON 2001/02**

Angels cap rapid rise. After finishing bottom of the league two seasons ago and facing demotion, Adelaide Baseball Club has fought back to win its first premiership since 1960 with a two games to one victory over Goodwood at the weekend. The Indians won game one on Saturday 4-3 behind the pitching of Darren Fidge, Goodwood scoring the winning run in the eighth innings.

Adelaide evened the ledger in Sundays first game, winning 17-4 with Darren White hitting a three-run home run in the first frame and another homer late in the game. Terry Millwood also connected for two home runs, while Jimmy Summers pitched the complete game for the Angels.

Game three was evenly poised after three inning sat 3-2 to Adelaide. The Angels then broke the game open in the fourth frame with six runs, with Dan Phelans three run triple the big hit.

Adelaide ran out 11-6 victors. Anthony Coxon pitched into the fifth innings for the Angels, with Summers finishing the game, and taking out the MVP award for the series.

Game 1: Goodwood 4 d Adelaide 3.

Hits: Goodwood - Price 2, Wigmore 2, Bushell 2, Fidge, Pratt. **Adelaide** - Simunsen 3, Smith 2, White (HR), Pace, seeley.

Game 2: Adelaide 17 d Goodwood 4.

Hits: Adelaide -White 3 (2HRs), Simunsen 3, Millswood 3 (2HRs), Pace 2, seeley2, Watts 2, Smith 2, Phelan, Whibley. **Goodwood** - Price 2, Pratt 2, Dunn 2, Galpin, Bushell, Fidge.

Game 3: Adelaide 11 d Goodwood 6.

Hits - Adelaide - Pace 4, Phelan 3, Smith 2, Seeley 2, White 2, Millwood 2, Trimboli, Simunsen. **Goodwood** - Pratt 2, Dunn 2, Wigmore 2 (HR), Fidge 2, Bushell, Galpin, Challinor, Fielder, Morrow.

Adelaide Baseball Club Capps Medal Winners

1950: Barry Wiles,
1969: Ron Chandler
2002: Ryan Simunsen

Report from Messenger Newspaper regards Ryan's Capps Medal win.

Adelaide Baseball Club's Ryan Simunsen knows too well the ups and downs of sport. Simunsen took out this season's Capps Medal, after losing a heartbreaking count two seasons ago.

Since picking up Simunsen, the recruit of the decade two seasons ago, the Angels have made an impressive rise up the ladder, and played in the club's first grand final since their 1960 premiership team.

Playing most of his career with Henley and Grange, Simunsen was pipped for the Capps Medal on the last round by Craig Watts two years ago. But this time he made sure there was no repeat by receiving 29 votes for a comfortable five vote victory

Besides leading Adelaide from the mound, Simunsen has been on fire with the bat, hitting eight home runs and batting at a .431 clip.

Adelaide Baseball Club Baseball Australia Hall of Fame members

	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>YEAR INDUCTED</u>
Neil Page:	1968 – 1988	2005
Norman White:	1947 – 1967	2011

ADELAIDE BASEBALL CLUB TEAM OF THE CENTURY: 1908-2008.

COACHES.

1 George Neville: Coach,

George played "A" grade with Adelaide from 1939 to 1947 except for 3 years in the RAAF. Retired from senior baseball and coached lower grade Adelaide teams 1948 to 1951. Season 1952 accepted the position of Adelaide Club coach plus coaching their "A" Grade team.

George was "A" grade coach from 1952 to 1960 a total of 9 seasons. In that time Adelaide played in two major rounds finishing third in season 1956 and premiers in 1960, defeating Kensington 8 runs to 4 in the Grand Final.

2 Kingsley Wellington. Coach

Kingsley was appointed head coach of Adelaide in season 1968/69 and spent five seasons there helping the players to be more competitive than they had been in previous seasons.

Whilst with Adelaide he also coached the South Australian Claxton Shield team. Under Kingsley's leadership South Australia won the shield in 1969, 1970 and 1971.

During that time Kingsley had five Adelaide players with him in the Shield team. They were: Ron Chandler 1969, 70 and 71, Neil Page 1969 and 70, Ross Brown 1970 and 71, Brian Vaughton 1971 and Dean Forbes 1972. This was testimony of his coaching skills in bringing the best out of these Adelaide players under his control.

3 Darren White. Playing Coach (Infield)

Darren has coached Adelaide's senior team a total of 7 seasons since 2001. His style of play and experience gained in playing overseas helped Darren immensely in his leadership of the team. Through his coaching the players have become very competitive on the field.

The highlight of his coaching career was helping Adelaide win the 2001/02 Division One premiership and Ryan Simunsen winning the Capps Medallion in the same season.

SCORER.

4 Ellen Davidson. Ellen is an excellent scorer of the game of baseball and has been keeping Adelaide's Division one team's score book up to date through good times and bad over the past seasons. The highlight of her Scoring career was calculating the score sheet for Adelaide's premiership victory in 2000/02.

Ellen is a worthy representative for all scorers who have kept score book records over the past one hundred years of the Adelaide club.

PLAYERS

5 Norm White. Outfield.

Norm played 11 seasons of "A" grade baseball with Adelaide from 1946 to 1956.

Played in 11 State and Claxton Shield teams for South Australia 1946 to 1956.

Played in five Chrysler Cup Night Ball State teams 1952/53 to 1956/57.

Played in Adelaide's 1947 Grand Final team which they lost to West Torrens.

Selected in three Australian teams. 1952, 1953 and the 1956 Olympic Games team.

Won two SABL: A Grade batting titles in 1954 and 1955.

Third in batting averages for season 1950.

Second in batting averages for season 1951.

Played with North Adelaide in Night Baseball from 1952/53 to 1959/60, eight seasons.

Selected In 5 Chrysler Cup Night Ball teams from 1952/53 to 1956/57.

Won 2 Night Ball batting titles in seasons 1953/54 and 1956/57.

Was excellent to watch in the outfield, as he covered extra ground to take catches most players would not reach.

NORM (CAHLKY) WHITE IN 1956 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM



BACK ROW: Barry Wappet Qld, Max Lord Vic, Peter Box S.A,
Peter McDade Qld,
CENTRE ROW: Colin Payne S.A., Ken Morrison Vic, Reg Darling Manager,
Bob Teasdale W.A., Max Puckett W.A
FRONT ROW: Eddie Moule Qld, Norm Tyshing Vic, Ken Smith Vic,
Ross Straw Vic, (Capt Coach,) John Langley S.A., Neville Pratt W.A.,
Norm White S.A.
ABSENT: Neil Turl Vic.

At the conclusion of the demonstration game at the 1956 Olympics, Chalky spoke of the home run he hit, and said it was the highlight of his baseball career up to that stage of his life

Chalky's last series for the State was selection in the South Australian 1956/57 Chrysler Cup team. He had an average series, but did enough to help South Australia retain the Chrysler Cup Trophy. Norm was selected in every Claxton Shield and Chrysler Cup State team from 1946 up to and including 1956/57 night team.

Norm White's "A" Grade career batting averages.

WINTER BASEBALL AVERAGES

1944	.360	Goodwood	
1945	.225	Goodwood	
1946	.353	Adelaide	
1947	.303	Adelaide	
1948	.333	Adelaide	
1949	.284	Adelaide	
1950	.367	Adelaide	Third
1951	.372	Adelaide	Second
1952	.439	Adelaide	
1953	.464	Adelaide	
1954	.454	Adelaide	SABL Title
1955	.521	Adelaide	SABL Title
1956	.374	Adelaide	Norm retired

NIGHT BASEBALL BATTING AVERAGES

1952/53	.234	North Adelaide	
1953/54	.484	North Adelaide	Night ball Batting Title
1954/55	.174	North Adelaide	
1955/56	.452	North Adelaide	Night ball Batting Title
1956/57	.351	North Adelaide	
1957/58	?	North Adelaide	
1958/59	?	North Adelaide	
1959/60	.258	North Adelaide	Last season played night baseball

Norm Played in the following summer Night Baseball State teams:

Night Baseball series against Victoria	Norwood Oval	1952/53
Chrysler Cup, Todd Shield night ball carnivals	Norwood Oval	1953/54
	Norwood Oval	1954/55
	Perth	1955/56
	Norwood Oval	1956/57

Played in the following winter State teams:

Two match series against WA:	Perth	1946
Claxton Shield Series:	Adelaide	1947
	Perth	1948
	Melbourne	1949
	Sydney	1950
	Adelaide	1951
	Perth	1952
	Brisbane	1953
	Melbourne	1954
	Sydney	1955
	Adelaide	1956

6 Geoff Jolley Infield.

Geoff first played "A" Grade with Adelaide in 1929 aged 18.

He played a total of 20 seasons with Adelaide between 1929 and 1949.

During the early years Geoff played in the outfield and at the latter part of his career he was their regular first baseman. Geoff was an excellent player with the bat and an inspiration to other players around him.

Was selected in Two State teams in 1930, v Victoria and v visiting Japanese team.

Selected to play in South Australia's first two Claxton Shield teams in 1934 and 1935.

His motto was, "You have to keep trying until the last ball is pitched".

7 Barry Wiles. Utility.

Barry played 9 seasons with Adelaide between 1947 and 1957.

While playing with Adelaide was selected in four Claxton Shield teams, 1947-53-55 and 56 Played night ball with North Adelaide from 1952/53 to 1956/57, 5 seasons.

Selected in Chrysler Cup night ball State team 1952/53, 53/54, 54/55 and 55/56.

Played in 1956 South Australian team versus USA Services team at Norwood Oval.

Was a consistent hitter of the ball and was noted for his home run hitting in night ball competition. Was an excellent third baseman and a good relieving pitcher.

Won night ball batting title in season 1956/57.

Won Capps Medallion in 1950 playing with Adelaide.

8 Ron Chandler. Infield.

Ron played "A" Grade with Adelaide from 1960 to 1970/71, except for three years while living in Port Lincoln, a total of 9 seasons

Was a member of Adelaide's 1960 premiership team.

Later in his career Ron became an excellent pitcher and gained State selection in that position.

Played in 4 Claxton Shield teams while with Adelaide, 1963- 68- 69 and 70.

Was selected to play for Australia in 1969 and 1970.

Won the News Ltd Trophy (Best and fairest) in season 1968/69.

Won Capps Medallion in season 1969/70 while playing with Adelaide,

9 Ryan Simunsen. Pitcher.

Ryan played "A" Grade with Adelaide from 2000/01 to 07/08 a total of 8 seasons.

Played and was a strong contributor in Adelaide's 2001/02 Premiership team. This was Adelaide's third premiership in one hundred years of "A" Grade competition.

Coached Adelaide's division One team for two seasons in 2005/06 and 06/07.

Played Claxton Shield for South Australia in season 2002.

Selected in SABL All-Star team in season 2006/07.

Won the Capps Medallion in season 2001/02, becoming the third Adelaide player to win the award in the Club's one hundred-year history.

10 Wally Buchanan. Utility

Wally played "A" Grade with Adelaide from 1911 to 1931, a total of 20 seasons. A majority of that time he was their team captain.

Wally was a very versatile player and in his career with Adelaide. He played just about every position on the field for them.

During his career Wally was selected to represent South Australia 9 times. The teams were: 1912 second base, 1913 outfield, 1914 outfield, 1919 pitcher, 1921 outfield, 1922 short stop, 1923 outfield (team Capt), 1924 outfield (team Capt.) and 1927 outfield (team Capt.).

He was Club President in 1934, 1937 and 1938.

Wally was one of the original life members of the Adelaide Baseball Club.

He was also made a life member of the South Australian baseball League in 1932

3) Darren White. Infield. (Coach)

Darren played with Adelaide between 1990/91 and 2007/08 a total of 11 seasons

In his first "A" grade game in 1990 Darren was only 15 years old.

In season 1990/91 was selected for Australian U/19 Team in tour of USA.

1992/93 Competed for Australian in U/19 team at World Series in Canada.

In same year was awarded SABL Golden Glove infielder of the year.

Darren was Adelaide's Division One playing/coach in season 2001/02 when they won the club's third senior premiership in 100 years.

Darren won Adelaide's Division one batting trophy on three occasions in his time with them.

11 Danny Phelan. Catcher.

Danny has played in Adelaide's Division One team from 1996/97 to 2007/08 a total of 12 seasons. Prior to the commencement of his senior career, Danny was selected to play for Australia's U/17 team in the world Championship series in 1995

Because of his excellent glove work Danny gained selection in the World All Star Team that year. During his time with Adelaide Danny has won 4 best and fairest awards and 2 batting trophies for Adelaide's Division One team.

Played Claxton Shield for South Australia in season 2002.

Was awarded SABL "A" Grade golden glove infielder of the year in season 2007/08.

12 Neil Page. Pitcher.

Neil played senior baseball with Adelaide from 1964 to 1969/70 a total of 8 seasons.

Played Night Ball with North Adelaide 1964/65 to 1967/68 a total of 4 seasons.

While playing with Adelaide, selected in Claxton Shield Teams for 1964, 65, 67, and 69.

While playing with North Adelaide, selected in Chrysler Cup teams in 1964/65 and 67/68.

Was the winning pitcher in North Adelaide's only premiership in season 1964/65.

In the same year Neil won the Shipway Medal for the best and fairest in the competition.

In his 8 seasons with Adelaide, the team was competitive without being outstanding. In that

time they played 140 games won 70 lost 57 and 13 draws. The average runs per game were, 3.68 for and 2.91 against.

At his peak Neil was classed as the best left handed pitcher in Australia.

Won the Helms Award in the 1969 Claxton Shield series for the best player in the carnival.

13 Rolly Vaughton Snr. Catcher.

Rolly played "A" Grade with Adelaide from 1934 to 1938, five seasons. Rolly would have played more but he badly injured his shoulder in late 1938 and retired from playing. He continued his association with baseball through coaching. When Night Baseball started in 1952 Rolly became North Adelaide's first Captain/Coach.

The period that Rolly played in there was a 10 team "A" Grade competition. In 1934 the team was third, in 1935 – sixth, 1936 - third and 1937 – third. Rolly played in the first official Claxton Shield series in 1934.

He also played Caxton Shield in

1935- 36- and 37. He was assistant coach in the 1938 series.

Rolly was regarded, at the time of his injury, to be the most outstanding

14 Murray Young. Catcher.

Murray played 7 seasons with Adelaide's senior team from 1956 to 1962.

He also played 6 seasons of Night Baseball with North Adelaide 1956/57 to 1961/62.

Was a good all-round catcher and consistent batter in his time with Adelaide.

Murray was Captain of Adelaide's Major "A" 1960 premiership team.

Was selected in South Australian Claxton Shield team in 1963.

15 Peter Vaughton. Infield.

Peter played a total of 9 seasons with Adelaide's "A" Grade team from 1961 to 1969.

Played 10 seasons of Night Baseball with North Adelaide from 1959/60 to 1968/69.

Was selected to play in South Australia's Chrysler Cup team in season 1964/65.

Peter played in North Adelaide's premiership team in 1964/65 when they defeated Goodwood 3-1

Peter was an accomplished fielder at shortstop and a batter who was always handy in a tight spot.

16 Barry Jolley. Utility.

Barry played 4 seasons with Adelaide from 1961 to 1964. He transferred to West Torrens in 1965.

Played in three Claxton Shield Teams while with Adelaide. They were in 1961, 63 and 64.

Played night ball with North Adelaide 1961/62, 62/63, 63/64 and 65/66, a total of 4 seasons.

Was selected in two Chrysler Cup teams, while with Adelaide, in 1963/64 and 64/65.

Won three Adelaide Club Shipway medals (combined bat and field average) 1961, 63 and 64.

Was runner up in Capps Medal count for season 1964.

Barry was an outstanding player who could play in most positions on the field.

17 Matthew Pace. Outfield.

Matthew played in Adelaide's senior team between 1995/96 and 2007/08 a total of 11 seasons.

In his first year Matthew was awarded SABL rookie of the year.

Won Adelaide's best and fairest award in season 1996/97.

Was team captain when Adelaide won their third premiership of the century in 2001/02.

Matthew was presented with the SABL outfielder of the year award in season 2007/08.

18 Sep Trimboli. Outfield.

Sep is one of the longest serving "A" Grade players in the history of the club. He played continually with the "A" team from 1977/78 to 2001/02 a total of 24 seasons.

In his first year of senior baseball Sep won the SABL Rookie of the year award.

Won Adelaide's best and fairest award in season 1999/00

Won 3 Adelaide batting awards in 1981/82, 1987/88 and 1999/00.

Sep coached Adelaide's Division one team in season 1993/94 and 1997/98.

Sep's biggest thrill in baseball was playing in Adelaide's 2001/02 premiership team.

Sep was an excellent all round player who was inspirational to all his teammates over the years.

19 Ron Russ Pitcher.

Ron played four seasons of "A" Grade with Adelaide from 1959 to 1962.
He also played with North Adelaide from 1959/60 to 1961/62, three seasons.
Winning pitcher in Adelaide's "A" Grade 1960 premiership team.
Played in two Claxton Shield teams while with Adelaide, in 1960 and 1962.
Played in one Chrysler Cup team playing while with Adelaide in 1959/60.
Won two-night ball Shipway medallions for best and fairest in 1959/60 and 1961/62.
Ron was an outstanding pitcher with a variety of pitches and very good ball control.

20 Bruce Southwell. Pitcher.

Played "A" Grade with Adelaide from 1947 to 1955, a total of 9 seasons.
Bruce was only 17 years old when he pitched in his first "A" Grade game.
Pitched Adelaide to the 1947 Prelim Final win v Sturt, but lost Grand final to West Torrens.
In the 9 seasons with Adelaide he was their number one pitcher.
Bruce played one season with North Adelaide in season 1952/53.
Bruce's pitching was very consistent and he was excellent in the batting box.

21 Ken Richter Utility.

Ken played "A" Grade with Adelaide from 1958 to 1966 a total of 9 seasons. Played night ball with North Adelaide between 1958/59 and 1965/66 a total of 7 seasons.
Played outfield in Adelaide's 1960 premiership team, collecting two hits from three times at bat and batted in two runs.
Ken was a good catcher and above average outfielder who gave 100% on the field.
He was also a very dependable batter in a crisis over the years.

22 Ross Brown. Catcher.

Ross played Claxton Shield baseball as a catcher with Queensland before he came to Adelaide.
Ross transferred to South Australia and joined Adelaide in 1966 and played 6 seasons to 1970/71.
Played two seasons with North Adelaide in 1966/67 and 67/68.
Played in two Claxton Shield teams while with Adelaide. They were 1970 and 1971.
Had a good knowledge of his position and a strong throw to second. Was also an excellent batter.

23 Craig Harkin. Pitcher.

Craig played "A" Grade with Adelaide from 1979/80 to 1996/97, a total of 17 seasons.
Craig was an above average pitcher who, no matter how good or bad the situation was, never gave up.
He was Adelaide's number one pitcher and was also very handy with the bat in the 17 years he played.
During his career, Craig won Adelaide's best and fairest award twice, batting trophy three times and team man award four times.

24 Norm Nelson. Outfield

Norm played 12 seasons with Adelaide from 1957 to 1968.
Played 3 seasons of night baseball with North Adelaide 1958/59 to 1960/61
Was selected to play for South Australia in the 1960 Claxton Shield series. Played centre field in Adelaide's 1960 premiership team.
Norm played the outfield very well in his time with Adelaide and was always in the top three or four in the batting order.

25 Brian Vaughton. Outfield.

Brian played 8 seasons of baseball with Adelaide from 1965 to 1972.
Played with North Adelaide from 1965/66 to 1967/68, three seasons.
Played in Chrysler Cup night ball State team in season 1967/68.
Played in Claxton Shield State team in 1971.
Brian was very good in the outfield, covering a lot of ground in chasing down fly balls.
Some of his catches were a joy to watch.
His batting was above average and he had a good eye for picking the right ball to hit.

26 Jack Reece. Pitcher.

Jack played "A" Grade with Adelaide from 1933 to 1937, a total of 5 seasons.
In those 5 seasons Jack was Adelaide's number one pitcher.
His catcher was Rolly Vaughton Snr. and in that period of time they were one of the strongest combinations in the League. His pitching helped Adelaide finish third three times in five seasons.
Jack played in the 1936 Claxton Shield team.

27 Dean Forbes. Utility

Dean commenced playing "A" Grade in 1968, the last season of winter baseball and continued with them until 1973/77, a total of 7 seasons
Started his career in "A" Grade as a catcher then moved to pitching and utility.
While with Adelaide played in 4 Claxton Shield teams: 1968/69-69/70-70/71 and 71/72.
Dean was a very versatile player and the only position he didn't play in those seven seasons with Adelaide was second base.
Dean was also a strong consistent hitter of the ball.

28 Peter Noblett. Infield.

Peter joined Adelaide's "A" team in 1951 and played until the end of 1960, a total of 9 seasons.
Played as catcher early in his career, but then played first base and outfield.
Won Adelaide's Shipway medal for best-combined average in 1956 and 1957.
Played night ball with North Adelaide from 1952/53 to 1959/60 a total of 8 seasons.
Peter was a member of Adelaide's 1960 Grand Final winning team in 1960. He collected two safe hits in the game batting in two runs.

29 Allen Sharman.

Infield.

Alan played first base for Adelaide's "A" Grade team from 1957 to 1967, eleven seasons
Played with North Adelaide from 1959/60 to 1962/63, four seasons.

Was a member of Adelaide's 1960 premiership team, but could not play in grand final because of injury to his wrist.

Was an excellent glove man at first base and handy with the bat.

Coached Adelaide's division one team in 1968 and 1973/74.

Club Secretary in 1966 and 1967. Club President for four years, 1971/72 to 1974/75.

30 Dennis Copley.

Infield.

Dennis played 12 seasons with Adelaide from 1958 to 1968/69.

Played 7 seasons with North Adelaide between 1959/60 and 1967/68.

Dennis was an excellent team player and a very good fielder in his position at second base.

His glove work was a joy to watch and he rarely made an error on the field.

His batting was average but he was always working hard to improve it.

Dennis was selected in two Claxton Shield squads but did not make the cut in either.

He played second base in Adelaide's 1960 premiership team making two outs and three assists and collected one safe hit.

catcher The State had produced.

COACHES: 3

George Neville
Kingsley Wellington
Darren White

INFIELD: 6

Geoff Jolley
Darren White
Peter Vaughton
Peter Noblett
Dennis Copley
Alan Sharman

OUTFIELD: 5

Norm White
Matthew Pace
Sep Trimboli
Norm Nelson
Brian Vaughton

PITCHERS: 6

Ryan Simunsen
Neil Page
Ron Russ
Bruce Southwell
Craig Harkin
Jack Reece

CATCHES: 4

Danny Phelan
Rolly Vaughton
Murray Young
Ross Brown

UTILITYS: 6

Barry Wiles
Wally Buchanan
Barry Jolley
Ken Richter
Dean Forbes
Ron Chandler

SCORER

Ellen Davidson



L to R, Standing: Rolly Vaughton (Jnr) on behalf of his brother Peter Vaughton, Alan Sharman, Ron Russ, Ellen Davidson, Ron Chandler, Matthew Pace, Danny Phelan, Craig Harkin, Neil Page, Sep Trimboli. Ryan Simunsen, Darren White.

Sitting: Ken Richter, Murray Young, Kingsley Wellington, Norm White, Brian Vaughton.

Absent members: Barry Jolley, Ross Brown, Norm Nelson, Dean Forbes, Dennis Copley.

Deceased members: George Neville, Geoff Jolley, Barry Wiles, Wally Buchanan, Rolly Vaughton (snr), Bruce Southwell, Jack Reece, Peter Noblett.