

Old Scotch Football Club
RESERVES GRAND FINALS

Welcome back to this week's edition of "**Crackers Chronicles**".

Each week in this column we will trace some of the history of the *Old Scotch Football Club* by recounting the contributions made by some of our players.

In **1958**, the club founded a second senior team to afford players who failed to attain selection in our senior team the chance to play football. Following a meeting between six interested clubs, Old Scotch, Ivanhoe, Old Caulfield Grammarians, Old Xaverians, Old Paradians and Old Melburnians, it was decided to institute a premiership 2nds competition with an organised draw. The matches would be curtain raisers to A Section matches and would be umpired by the Association umpires. They were determined to prove to the VAFA that a reserve grade competition was a necessity in the Association.

In **1958 & 1959**, the teams operated as an independent competition. The annual fixture consisted of games against other VAFA clubs who could field a second team. In the 1958 grand final, *Ivanhoe* 15.12.102 defeated *Old Scotch* 7.6.48 at Heidelberg Park on 13 August 1958. In 1959, *Old Paradians* 13.12.90 defeated *Old Scotch* 6.10.46 at the Old Scotch Ground on 5 September 1959. However, in **1960** the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* was a prime-mover, together with *Old Paradians*, in formalising a ten-team 2nds competition under the VAFA banner. In 1961 it blossomed into two sections of ten teams each and by 1965 into five Reserves grade sections aligned to the Senior sections.

In the 66 years from 1960 to 2025, our Reserves have appeared in 22 Reserves Section Grand Finals, winning 9 and losing 13:

- 1961** Captained by Don Vale and coached by John Gifford. Best & Fairest Neil Scott.
Old Scotch 9.9.63 defeated *University* 3.7.25 – **North Reserves Section Premiers**
Old Scotch 8.9.57 then defeated *Ormond* 2.6.18 (South Reserves Premiers) – **Champions of Reserves Sections**
- 1962** Captained by Bill Hughes and coached by John Gifford. Best & Fairest Chris Nixon.
Ivanhoe 8.12.60 defeated *Old Scotch* 6.5.41 – **North East Reserves Section Runners Up**
- 1964** Captained by Leigh McGregor and coached by Arthur Marshall. Best & Fairest Peter Cornish.
Old Scotch 6.5.41 defeated *Commonwealth Bank* 1.17.23 – **Reserves Section 2 Premiers**
- 1967** Captained and coached by Ray Sneddon. Best & Fairest David Temple.
Old Scotch 7.14.56 defeated *Collegians* 6.7.43 – **A Reserves Section Premiers**
- 1969** Captained by John Beaurepaire and coached by Leigh McGregor. Best & Fairest Alan Harwood.
Old Scotch 9.4.58 defeated *St Bernards* 6.12.48 – **B Reserves Section Premiers**
- 1973** Captained by Gregor Evans and coached by Leigh McGregor. Best & Fairest Bob Welch.
Old Scotch 10.11.71 defeated *University Blacks* 6.9.45 – **B Reserves Section Premiers**
- 1976** Captained by Bob Welch and coached by Laurie Aghan. Best & Fairest Bob Welch.
Ivanhoe 8.12.60 defeated *Old Scotch* 4.10.34 – **B Reserves Section Runners Up**
- 1977** Captained by Peter Clarke and coached by Laurie Aghan. Best & Fairest John Nickless.
Ivanhoe 14.13.97 defeated *Old Scotch* 10.8.68 – **B Reserves Section Runners Up**
- 1980** Captained by Ross McLean and coached by Laurie Aghan. Best & Fairest Phil Treyvaud.
Old Scotch 17.12.114 defeated *Old Xaverians* 8.9.57 – **B Reserves Section Premiers**
- 1991** Captained by Brad Crump and coached by John Coldham. Best & Fairest Jon Kerr.
De La Salle 11.7.73 defeated *Old Scotch* 9.10.64 – **A Reserves Section Runners Up**
- 1993** Captained by Gary Jackson and coached by David Kay. Best & Fairest Marty Newnham.
Old Scotch 5.12.42 defeated *De La Salle* 5.6.36 – **A Reserves Section Premiers**
- 1997** Captained by Nick Hooper and coached by Simon Illingworth. Best & Fairest Nick Hooper.
Old Xaverians 14.18.102 defeated *Old Scotch* 4.3.27 – **A Reserves Section Runners Up**
- 1998** Captained by Nick Hooper and coached by David McComack. Best & Fairest Stuart Gibbs.
Old Xaverians 27.16.178 defeated *Old Scotch* 8.11.59 – **A Reserves Section Runners Up**
- 2004** Captained by Lachlan Freeman & Scott Lillingston and coached by Serge D'Angelo. Best & Fairest Simon Dumaresq.

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University Blues 22.22.154 defeated Old Scotch 9.5.59 – A Reserves Section Runners Up

- 2005** Captained by Tyson Beattie & Glenn Carroll and coached by Serge D'Angelo.
Best & Fairest Jeremy Sutcliffe.
Old Scotch 17.15.117 defeated Old Melburnians 10.9.69 – A Reserves Section Premiers
- 2006** Captained Tyson Beattie and coached by Serge D'Angelo. Best & Fairest Nich Hildebrandt.
Old Xaverians 9.9.63 defeated Old Scotch 2.7.19 – A Reserves Section Runners Up
- 2013** Captained by Sean Leith and coached by Christian Neeson. Best & Fairest Rupert Wills.
Old Xaverians 11.11.77 defeated Old Scotch 5.7.37 – Premier Reserves Section Runners Up
- 2016** Captained by Henry Dick and coached by Tristan Foenander. Best & Fairest Charlie Dixon.
Beaumaris 11.13.79 defeated Old Scotch 4.6.30 – Premier B Reserves Section Runners Up
- 2017** Captained by Henry Dick and coached by George Dick & Jason Previti. Best & Fairest Sam Neil.
Old Brighton Grammarians 9.16.70 defeated Old Scotch 5.6.36 – Premier B Reserves Section Runners Up
- 2019** Captained by Callum McDonough and coached by Rob Paterson. Best & Fairest Sam Neil.
Old Scotch 9.8.62 defeated University Blacks 5.11.41 – Premier B Section Premiers
- 2022** Captained by Henry Dick and coached by Andrew Toop. Best & Fairest Henry Dick.
Old Xaverians 8.14.62 defeated Old Scotch 5.4.34 – Premier Reserves Section Runners Up
- 2023** Captained by Cam Melville (injured) with Charlie Schilling acting captain and coached by Andrew Toop. Best & Fairest Charlie Schilling.
Old Xaverians 15.11.101 defeated Old Scotch 11.9.75 – Premier Reserves Section Runner Up
- 2024** Captained by Cam Melville and coached by Rhett Wilshire. Best & Fairest Charlie Schilling.
Old Xaverians 13.6.84 defeated Old Scotch 4.7.31 – Premier Reserves Section Runners Up

Next week we will look at our Thirds grand finals ...

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