

Old Scotch Football Club  
THIRDS 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 **1961**, the club at the instigation of Allen Morris and Lou Arthur, *Old Paradians*, founded a third senior team to afford players that failed to attain selection in either our Reserves or Under 19s teams the chance to play football and to also fully use both adjoining grounds each Saturday.

From **1961 – 1970**, the team operated on a predominantly informal social basis. The annual fixture consisted of games against APS and other school teams, plus other VAFA clubs. However, in **1971** the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club*, and Peter Wood in particular, were prime-movers in formalising this competition under the banner "Club XVIII". In 1987, the Club XVIII Football Association voted to merge with the recently formed Club XVIII Grade in the VAFA.

1961 – 1964 our third senior team was known as the OSCFC "Socials"

1965 – 1970 the team was re-named the OSCFC "Warriors"

1971 – 1979 the team played in the newly formed *Club XVIII Football Association* as the OSCFC "Warriors"

1980 – 1982 the team was re-badged as the OSCFC "Cardinals" in the *Club XVIII Football Association*

1983 – 1986 the team reverted to its original OSCFC "Warriors" name in the *Club XVIII Football Association*

1987 – 2009 the team played as "Old Scotch" in the newly formed *VAFA Club XVIII* competition in "Club XVIII Section 1"

2010 – today the team is known "Old Scotch" in the VAFA's new *Third XVIII* competition, in "Premier Thirds" 2010 – 2016, "Premier B Thirds" in 2017 and back in "Premier Thirds" in 2018.

In the 55 years from 1971 to 2025, our Thirds have appeared in 9 Grand Finals, winning 3 and losing 6:

- 1971** Captained and coached by Peter Wood. Best & Fairest Geoff McCracken.  
*Old Scotch* 8.8.56 defeated *Power House/Old Haileybury* 6.1.37 – **Club XVIII Premiers**
- 1972** Captained and coached by John Head. Best & Fairest Jim Morrison.  
*Old Haileybury* 14.15.99 defeated *Old Scotch* 4.7.31 – **Club XVIII Runners Up**
- 1977** Captained and coached by Roger Kenna. Best & Fairest Rod Griffiths.  
*Old Haileybury* 13.10.88 defeated *Old Scotch* 7.5.47 – **Club XVIII Runners Up**
- 1991** Captained by Matthew Clunies-Ross and coached by David Kay. Best & Fairest Tony Greenaway.  
*St Bernards* 8.10.58 defeated *Old Scotch* 6.8.44 – **G Section North Runners Up**
- 1993** Captained by Matthew Clunies-Ross and coached by Stephen Hawkins. Best & Fairest Stephen Hawkins.  
*Old Xaverians* 4.6.30 defeated *Old Scotch* 4.5.29 – **Club XVIII South Section Runners Up**
- 1994** Captained by Matthew Clunies-Ross and coached by Stephen Hawkins & Simon Illingworth. Best & Fairest Nick Tribe  
*Old Xaverians* 11.10.76 defeated *Old Scotch* 6.8.44 – **Club XVIII South Section Runners Up**
- 1995** Captained by Scott Montgomery and coached by Simon Illingworth. Best & Fairest Nick Tribe.  
*Old Scotch* 8.12.60 defeated *Old Xaverians* 8.9.57 – **Club XVIII South Section Premiers**
- 1996** Captained by Scott Montgomery and coached by Simon Illingworth. Best & Fairest Brett Simpson.  
*Old Xaverians* 8.7.55 defeated *Old Scotch* 5.4.34 – **Club XVIII South Section Runners Up**
- 2017** Captained by John Stavris and coached by Paul Gregor. Best & Fairest in Grand Final Jack Otter.  
*Old Scotch* 10.16.76 defeated *De La Salle* 2.6.18 – **Premier B Thirds Section Premiers**
- 2023** Captained by James Broderick & Nick Stockdale and coached by Alex van Ryn. Best & Fairest James Broderick.  
*Old Xaverians* 9.12.66 defeated *Old Scotch* 6.15.51 – **Premier Thirds Section Runners Up**

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Next week we will look at our Under 19s grand finals ...

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