

Old Scotch Football Club  
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – GORDON LAW

Welcome back to **“Crackers Chronicles”**. This week we trace some of the history of the *Old Scotch Football Club* by recounting feedback I have received from the daughter of one of our greatest Life Members from the highly successful 1920s, **Pamela Green (nee Law)**, sister of **Ian Law**.

But first, let's recount Gordon's contribution:

### **J. G. Gordon Law**

Gordon Law was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1922 and went on to play 15 seasons (267 games) for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1922 – 1936. He played in the eight pre-war A Section premierships teams of 1923, 1924, 1926, 1927, 1931, 1932, 1933 & 1934. He represented Victorian in 1928. Gordon was the club's Best & Fairest in the premiership year of 1932 and captained the club in 1935. He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1959, having already played 200 games back in 1930. He died in 1966.

Gordon is father of OSCFC player Max Law (1953), champion OSCFC & Hawthorn FC player Ian Law (1956 – 1960) and daughter Pamela Green (nee Law).

On 18 & 20 August 2016, Pamela wrote ... “Dear Geoff,

To introduce myself, I am Ian Law's sister and thus Gordon Law's daughter. Being four years older than Ian, I have some memories of Dad's involvement with footy, and Ian encouraged me to relate these to you. On 19 May 1934, Dad and Mum - Aileen, known also as 'Doubes', ran a 'Pie Night' at their Hunter Road, Camberwell home. No doubt Dad had arranged this, though it happened to be close to the expected date of my arrival in this world! With the house full of footballers plus, plus after the game, Dad had to take Mum into Epworth Hospital where I was delivered before midnight! Those 'Pie Nights' must have become a regular thing, as I can remember several being held at our home over my growing years.

My parents bought a new 1939 Chevrolet and 'footy season' Saturdays became quite a ritual for many years. The picnic basket was packed with sandwiches, two hot-water bags filled and rugs packed in the car. My paternal grandparents lived in Riversdale Road and would be standing outside on the pavement waiting to be picked up. Off to the Old Scotch Oval we would drive, parking nose in to the fence to watch the game. There were no hot-water showers for players after the game – only cold ones, and I never came to terms with the men having freezing cold beers after them! We would freeze in the car, in the dark, waiting for Dad to drive us home in time to listen to the results of the other amateur competition games on the wireless.

When I was about 12 years old, I made goal umpire flags for Dad as he became a goal umpire for his old team, the Old Scotch Collegians Football Club. Dad did the carpentry for them.

In 1954, I met my first husband at an OSCFC game in which he was playing. It was a 'blind date'!

I still am involved in playing sport – my children and grandchildren all being involved in some way, teaching, playing or organizing sport. Friends and their families met along the way are still in touch. Our parents set us the example and for that I am extremely grateful. Good work with your 'Chronicles'.”

“I am very pleased you received the email re my father, Gordon Law, and am happy for you to publish it in a future 'Chronicles'. Thankyou for sending copies to me, I read them with pride. One memory came to me after doing so. I think Gavin Paterson was captain when he had a terrible accident while riding his bicycle. A pointy car bonnet ornament speared through his skull and I think Dad filled in as captain for the 1935 season, the year he was recovering. Gavin was a very lucky man!

If you write up Ian, I may think of a couple of incidents during his time as Hawk's rover. I was overseas for most of his time at OSCFC so saw little of him playing.”

If you have memories of any of our Life Members and would care to share them, please contact me at [gmcracken@oldscotchfc.com.au](mailto:gmcracken@oldscotchfc.com.au)

Next week we may look at the career of recently drafted OSFC player, Rupert Wills ...