

Old Scotch Football Club
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – CLUB PROFILE 1921 - 2016

Welcome back to **“Crackers Chronicles”**. Approaching the end of the 2016 season, this week I have compiled a potted history of the *Old Scotch Football Club*.

Founded:	1921
Home grounds:	1921 – 1992 <i>Yarra Park</i> , Swan Street, Melbourne 1993 – Currently <i>Camberwell Sportsground</i> , Camberwell Road Camberwell (1999 <i>Glenferrie Oval</i> , Linda Crescent, Hawthorn while the Camberwell Sportsground was being top-dressed)
Club playing uniform & colours:	Cardinal with gold & navy blue trim – white numbers; navy blue shorts; navy blue socks with red & gold bands
Senior premierships:	9 “A” Section premierships – 1923, 1924, 1926, 1927, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1978 3 “B” Section premierships – 1965, 1970, 1977
Reserves premierships:	8 premierships – 1961, 1964, 1967, 1969, 1973, 1980, 1993, 2005
Thirds premierships:	Nil
Club 18 premierships:	2 premierships – 1971, 1995
Under 19 premierships:	3 premierships – 1952, 1984, 1989
Senior sections played in:	“A” Section: 1921 – 1953, 1956 – 1960, 1966 – 1968, 1971, 1978, 1979, 1981 – 2015 (74 years) [Club disbanded 1941 – 1945 during WWII (5 years)] “B” Section: 1954, 1955, 1961 – 1965, 1969, 1970, 1972 – 1977, 1980, 2016 (17 years)
Current number of VAFA teams:	5 teams – <i>Seniors, Reserves, Thirds</i> & two <i>Under 19s</i> teams
VAFA <i>Legends of the Big V</i> and <i>Big V Champions</i> :	Rob Fuller – 2007 <i>Legend of the Big V</i> (OSFC Life Member) Manson Russel – 2008 <i>Legend of the Big V</i> (OSFC Life Member) David Hughes – 2011 <i>Big V Champion</i> (OSFC Life Member) John Anderson – 2013 <i>Big V Champion</i> (OSFC Life Member) Peter Sherwen – 2016 <i>Big V Champion</i> (OSFC Life Member)
10 great club players (Pre WWII):	Ben Barnett Ewen “Ginner” Davidson (OSFC Life Member) Clive Fergie Robert “Cocky” Heatley (OSFC Life Member) Gordon Law (OSFC Life Member) Neil Law (OSFC Life Member) Jack McLorinan Gavin Paterson Bill Pearson Allan Staley
10 great club players (Post WWII):	John Anderson (OSFC Life Member) Michael Fitchett Rob Fuller (OSFC Life Member) David Hughes (OSFC Life Member) Ian Law Ken Melville Michael Perry Manson Russel (OSFC Life Member) Peter Sherwen (OSFC Life Member) Andrew Smith (OSFC Life Member)
Most club games played:	Nick Hooper – 316 games (OSFC Life Member)
Most senior games played:	Andrew Smith – 276 games in “A” Section (OSFC Life Member)
Most VAFA/AAFC senior representative games played:	Rob Fuller – 24 games (OSFC Life Member)
VAFA senior representative team captains:	Allan Staley (1925, 1926 & 1927) Ben Barnett (1929) David Hughes (1969) (OSFC Life Member) John Anderson (1977) (OSFC Life Member) Rob Fuller (1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994) [AAFC Capt 1989,1994] (OSFC Life Member)

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Leading club goalkicker:	Bill Pearson 1023 goals from 1931 - 1937
Most goals in a match:	Bill Pearson – 30 goals v Brunswick in 1934 & 24 goals v University Blacks in 1934.
VAFA Leading senior goalkickers:	1932 – Bill Pearson (126 goals) 1934 – Bill Pearson (220 goals) 1935 – Bill Pearson (138 goals) 1936 – Bill Pearson (121 goals) 1937 – Bill Pearson (155 goals) 1964 – David Hughes (75 goals) (OSFC Life Member) 1967 – Graeme McLean (50 goals) 1983 – Paul Meadows (73 goals) 1991 – Andrew Millar (64 goals) 2000 – Luke Hawkins (86 goals) 2004 – James Gerstman (64 goals) 2005 – James Gerstman (83 goals)
VAFA Best & Fairest:	Manson Russel – 1950 A Section (OSFC Life Member) Ian Law – 1959 A Section John Wilson – 1960 Reserve Section John Morgan – 1975 B Section (OSFC Life Member) Tom Mason – 1982 A Section Andrew Smith – 1985 A Section (OSFC Life Member) Rohan Aujard – Under 19 Section 2 (OSFC Life Member) John Moir – A Section Nick Hooper – Under 19 Section 2 (OSFC Life Member) Tom Keipert – A Section Luke Hawkins – 1997 Under 19 Section 2 Andrew Crow – 2003 A Section Lachie Thompson – Under 19 Section 1 Ashley Lim – Under 19 Premier Section David Logan – Club 18 (South) Section Max van den Broek – Under 19 Premier Section
Most successful club coach:	Laurie Aghan (1976 – 1981 & 1990) – coached club to two premierships in 1977 & 1978, and in 2002 named as coach of our “ <i>Team of the Century</i> ” (OSFC Life Member)
Notable club officials:	Hon Bill Everard – second club president for 17 years from 1927 – 1940 & 1946 – 1948. Five “A” section premierships during his term and then helped re-establish the club after World War II. (OSFC Life Member) Vern Tilley – fourth club secretary for 12 years from 1932 – 1940 & 1946 – 1948. Three “A” Section premierships during his term and then helped re-establish the club after World War II. (OSFC Life Member)
Notable VAFA officials:	Manson Russel – 1978 VAFA President & Life Member (1984 VAFA Patron) Bruce McTaggart – 2004 VAFA President (2007 VAFA Life Member) John Bell – 2009 VAFA Life Member David Hughes – 2011 VAFA Life Member
Significant club events: e.g. Starting year of teams	The club first started playing in 1921. During World War II, it disbanded from 1940 – 1945. The club then re-formed in 1946 and club has never played below “B” Section: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Seniors</i> started playing in 1921 • <i>Under 19s</i> started playing in 1952 • <i>Reserves</i> started playing in 1958 • <i>Club 18/Thirds</i> started playing in 1961 • <i>Under 19 Reserves</i> started playing in 2005, then resumed in 2016
Name changes	In 2003, the club changed its name from <i>Old Scotch Collegians Football Club</i> to <i>Old Scotch Football Club</i> to acknowledge the open nature of the club
Uniform changes, etc.	In the early years up to 1975, the club played in <i>Scotch College</i> school football jumpers with an <i>Old Scotch Collegians Association</i> badge. From 1976 on, the club has played in a distinctive Old Boys designed jumper reminiscent of the old South Australian state jumper
Australian Test cricketers:	Ben Barnett (1938)