

Old Scotch Football Club
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – 2000 TEAM OF THE CENTURY – FORWARDLINE

Welcome back to “**Crackers Chronicles**”. This week we trace some of the history of the *Old Scotch Football Club* by recounting the contributions made by some of our greatest players. We will continue with the *OSFC Team of the Century* announced in 2000.

On 5 August 2000, at a dinner to celebrate the club’s 80th anniversary, the club announced its “*Team of the Century*”:

FB:	Peter Brown	Jim Lillie	Rohan Price
HB:	Rob Fuller (VC)	Mike Perry	Richard Tindale
C:	Marten Bedford	Mike Fitchett	Ken Melville
HF:	Mick Eggleston	John Morgan	Peter Sherwen
FF:	Manson Russel (DVC)	David Hughes	Peter Harkness
Foll:	Michael Bates	John Anderson (Capt)	Ian Law
Int:	Andrew Smith	Simon Tallent	John Moir
Coach:	Laurie Aghan		

This week we focus on the forwardline players ...

A. J. M. “Mick” Eggleston

In 1948, Mick Eggleston was recruited from *Scotch College* debuting in our team on 24 April 1948 and went on to be the club’s Best & Fairest in 1949.

Later in 1958, he returned to the club from *University Blues* and played 68 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1948 - 1949 and 1958 – 1960, playing in the number “6” jumper. After retiring from playing, he coached our club in 1964. Mick was a Vice President of our club for four years from 1980 – 1983 and was awarded Life Membership of our club in 1985. Mick died in 1988.

J. R. John Morgan

In 1970, John Morgan was recruited from *Scotch College* and played 211 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1970 – 1972 & 1974 – 1985, playing in the number “2” jumper and debuting in our Seniors on 17 April 1970. He was our club’s leading goalkicker in 1971 & 1972. He then played four games for *Melbourne FC* in 1973 before returning to *Old Scotch* in 1974 and winning the VAFA B Section Best & Fairest in 1975. John played in our back-to-back premiership teams of 1977 (B section) & 1978 (A section).

He was awarded Life Membership of our club in 1984 upon playing 200 games for our club.

Dr. P. M. Peter Sherwen

In 1975, Peter Sherwen was recruited from *Scotch College* and played three games while still at school, debuting in our Seniors on 9 August 1975. He played 237 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1975 – 1978 & 1980 – 1990, playing in the number “29” jumper before changing to the number “18” jumper.

He also played in our back-to-back premiership teams of 1977 (B Section) & 1978 (A Section), and was a Victorian State Representative in 1977, 1978, 1981, 1982, 1983 & 1985, and an Australian Amateur Football Council Representative in 1983 & 1985. Peter was our club’s leading goalkicker in 1984, 1986 & 1987. He was awarded Life Membership of our club in 1988 upon playing 200 games for our club.

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After retiring from playing, Peter coached our club in 1991, 1993 & 1994. He then came out of retirement to play in our Club 18 premierships team of 1995.

In 2016 he was named a Champion of the Big V.

M. G. Manson Russel

In 1948, Manson Russel was recruited from *Scotch College* where he was Captain of Football in 1948, and played three senior games while still at school. He went on and played a then record 235 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1948 – 1962, playing in the number “4” jumper and debuting in our team on 14 August 1948. In 1950, he was the club’s Best & Fairest and the VAFA “A” Section Best & Fairest. Later he was named the club’s Best Team Player in 1953, 1955, 1956 & 1957. He was the club’s leading goalkicker from 1949 – 1954 & 1956 – 1959, totalling over 400 goals. Manson captained the club in 1953, 1954 & 1957 – 1960. He was a Victorian State Representative in 1952, 1953, 1956 & 1959.

During his playing career, he was also our tenth Secretary of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1955 & 1956. He coached our club for four years from 1958 – 1960 and again in 1963.

Manson also managed to play in our Reserves Premiership team in 1961.

He was awarded Life Membership of our Club in 1970, having also played 200 games for our club back in 1961. Our annual award to a senior player for “Most Sacrificial Acts” is named after Manson Russel.

In 2000, Manson was named as Deputy Vice-captain of our *OSCF C Team of the Century*.

He was made a VAFA Legend of the Big V in 2008 and Patron of our club in 2015.

D. J. David Hughes

In 1961, David Hughes was recruited from *Scotch College* and played 165 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1961 – 1976, playing in the number “1” jumper, debuting in our Seniors on 12 August 1961. He was our club’s leading goalkicker in 1962, 1964 (also VAFA leading goalkicker), 1968, 1969 & 1970. He was our club’s Best & Fairest in 1967 and captained our Club from 1969 – 1971. He was a Victorian State Representative in 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1969 & 1971, and captained Victoria in 1969. He was also an Australian Amateur Football Council Representative in 1964, 1965 & 1968, winning the AAFC Medal in 1964, and captaining the AAFC team in 1968. After retiring from playing, David served on the VAFA Independent Tribunal for 32 years from 1984 until today.

David returned to our club to manage our Under 19 Team for 6 years from 1998 – 2003. He was awarded Life Membership of our club in 2000.

The VAFA awarded David a Certificate of Merit in 2000. He was elected a Life Member of the VAFA in 2011 and named a VAFA Big V Champion in 2011.

P. K. Peter Harkness (“Pole”)

In 1956, Peter Harkness, an old boy of *Scotch College* was recruited from *University Blues* and played one season debuting in our team on 21 April 1956 to become our club’s Best & Fairest. He also played in a demonstration game of Australian Rules football at the Olympic Games between the VAFA and a team of amateur players drawn from the VFL and VFA. In 1959, he returned to the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* and played 73 games for our club in 1956 & from 1959 – 1962, playing in the number “19” jumper. He was our club’s Best & Fairest again in 1960 & 1962, a Victorian representative in 1956 & 1960, and an Australian Amateur Football Council representative in 1960. He captained our club in 1962. Peter died in 2016.

Next week we will look at the interchange players and coach ...

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