

Old Scotch Football Club
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – 2000 TEAM OF THE CENTURY – INTERCHANGE & COACH

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 *OSCFC 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 interchange players and coach ...

A. C. Andrew Smith

In 1982, Andrew Smith was recruited by Trevor Read and Bill Pinner from the *Richmond Football Club Under 19s*. He went on and played a then record 299 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1982 – 1998, playing in the number “16” jumper but later changing to the number “31” jumper in 1989 and debuting in our Seniors on 1 May 1982. He was our club’s Best & Fairest in 1984 & 1989, and VAFA A Section Best & Fairest in 1985. Andrew was also a Victorian State Representative in 1985, 1986, 1988 & 1989. With those games included, he played well over 300 games of amateur football.

He was awarded Life Membership of our club in 1993 upon playing 200 games for our club. He coached the club in 2001 and was assistant coach for four years from 2002 – 2005.

S. L. Simon Tallent

In 1971, Simon Tallent was recruited from *Scotch College* and played three games for our club in 1971 & 1972 while still at school, and where he was captain of Football in 1972. He played 221 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1971 – 1991 and was our club’s Best & Fairest in 1973 wearing the number “16” jumper and debuting in our Seniors on 12 August 1972. However, when Bryan Steele returned to captain our club in 1973 and resumed his old number “16” jumper, Simon then played in the number “17” jumper until 1980 when he became club captain and switched to the number “1” jumper taking over from John Anderson. He also played in our back-to-back premierships teams of 1977 (B section) & 1978 (A section), and was a Victorian State Representative in 1978 & 1979. Simon captained the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for five years from 1980 – 1984.

He was awarded Life Membership of our club in 1984 upon playing 200 games for our club. After retiring from playing, in 1987 Simon went on to be the twenty-fifth Secretary of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club*. He also coached our club in 1988 & 1989, and coached our Reserves in 1989 & 1996.

J. R. John Moir

In 1981, John Moir was recruited from *Scotch College* and played 151 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1981 – 1990 & 1992 – 1993, starting off playing in the number “15” jumper, then the number “53” jumper, then the number “42” jumper and finally the number “3” jumper, and debuting in our Seniors on 11 April 1981. He was a Victorian State Representative in 1981 (Under 18), 1982 (Under 19), 1988 & 1989, and our club's Best & Fairest in 1986 & 1988. He was also VAFA A Section Best & Fairest in 1988, and an Australian Amateur Football Council Representative in 1989. John played in our Reserves premiership team of 1993.

L. A. Laurie Aghan

In 1976, Laurie Aghan was recruited by John Anderson from *Reservoir Old Boys* to coach our club after coaching John in Victorian State Representative teams. He coached both the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* Seniors and Reserves teams for six years from 1976 – 1981, and our Seniors again in 1990. He was a premiership coach in 1977 (B Section) and 1978 (A Section), plus Reserves premiership coach in 1980. Later in 1988 he also coached our Under 19s. He was awarded Life Membership of our club in 1988. In 2002, he was awarded a VAFA Certificate of Merit.

Well that completes our look at our *Team of the Century*. Next week we will look at our great players from before the War – the 1920s & 1930s ...

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