

Old Scotch Football Club
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – PRE-WAR TEAM – 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 from before World War II.

Before he died in 1998, Hec Ingram shared with me his team of the greatest players to play for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in the 1920s and 1930s:

FB:	Henry Francis	Rob Coutts	Neil Corke
HB:	Neil Law	Alec Sloan	Charles Chapman
C:	Alex Guild	Cocky Heatley (Capt)	Gavin Paterson (VC)
HF:	Clive Fergie (DVC)	Ewen Davidson	Gordon Law
FF:	Frank Scott	Bill Pearson	Jock McLorinan
Foll:	Allan Staley	Wally Morris	Ben Barnett
19 th & 20 th :	Billy Vickers	Dave Swan	
Coach:	Cocky Heatley		

This week we focus on the forwardline players ...

C. A. Clive Fergie

An old boy of *Scotch College* where he had been in the School 1st XVIII in 1912 – 1914, Captain of Football in 1914, Clive Fergie joined the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1926 from *Fitzroy FC* at the age of 30 after having played 50 games for *Fitzroy FC* and kicking 37 goals in five seasons from 1920 – 1924. He then played with our club for another five seasons from 1926 – 1930 playing in the number “1” jumper. He played in our 1926 & 1927 premierships teams. He was our club’s Best & Fairest in 1926. Clive both captained and coached our club for four years from 1926 – 1929, winning the A Section premierships in 1926 & 1927, and then coached the club in 1930. Clive died in 1960.

E. M. Ewen “Ginner” Davidson

Ewen “Ginner” Davidson was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1927 and played six seasons for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1927 and from 1932 – 1937, playing first in the number “25” jumper and later in the number “8” jumper. He played in our 1932 A Section premiership team and captained the club in 1936 & 1937. He was also a Victorian State Representative in 1933. Ewen was awarded a Life Member in 1972. Ginner died in 1989.

J. G. Gordon Law

Gordon Law was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1922 and went on to play 15 seasons (267 games – a then club record) 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 was also a Victorian State Representative in 1927 & 1928.

Gordon was the club’s Best & Fairest in the premiership year of 1932 and captained the club in 1935. He started his career in the number “12” jumper, then changed to the number “2” jumper and finished his career in the number “9” jumper.

Gordon was awarded Life Membership of our club in 1959, having already played 200 games back in 1930. Gordon died in 1966.

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

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F. W. W. Frank Scott

An old boy of *Scotch College* where he had been Captain of Football in 1932 & 1933, Frank Scott joined the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1936 and went on to play four seasons from 1936 - 1939 in the number "5" jumper, rejoining the club after the War in 1946 for one more season. He was our club's Best & Fairest in 1936. He was also a Victorian State Representative in 1936 & 1937. At *Scotch College*, Frank played in the 1st XVIII from 1929 – 1933, and was Captain of Football in 1932 and in his final year of 1933. In 1932, he won the 100 and 200 yards at the Combined Sports, setting a record in the 200 yards which would stand for 35 years. Frank was also a member of the 1st XI. In 1938, he represented *Australia* at the Empire Games. In 1952, Frank coached our newly formed Juniors to a premiership in their first season. Frank died in 1994. After his death, *Scotch College* established the *FWW Scott Endowment Prize* for excellence in sport. In 2012, our Lachlan Byrne-Jones, as a Year 9 student, won the prize. Frank Scott is arguably the finest athlete *Scotch College* has ever produced.

W. E. William "Bill" Pearson

Bill Pearson was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1931 and played eight seasons for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1931 – 1937, and again after the War in 1946 for only three games, debuting in our Seniors in 1931 and playing in the number "3" jumper. He was an A Section premiership player in 1931, 1932, 1933 & 1934, our club's Best & Fairest in 1934, 1935 & 1937, and our club's leading goalkicker from 1931 – 1937, kicking 1,023 goals in just seven seasons:

- 1931 95 goals
- 1932 126 goals
- 1933 168 goals
- 1934 220 goals
- 1935 138 goals
- 1936 121 goals
- 1937 155 goals
- 1,023 goals

During his time with our club, Bill played in 101 wins (kicking 845 goals for an average of 8.36 per game), 33 losses (kicking 164 goals for an average of 4.96 per game) and 2 draws (kicking 13 goals for an average of 6.5 per game). At one stage during 1932 and 1933, Bill played in sixteen successive wins to which he contributed 132 goals at an average of 8.25 per game. From Round 14 to Round 18 in 1934, Bill kicked bags of 15, 30, 10, 11 & 17 goals.

He was also a Victorian State Representative in 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936 & 1937. Bill also kicked 57 goals in interstate games with a highest total of 16 against Tasmania. Later in 1939 & 1940, he coached our club.

Bill was also a Victorian District cricketer with the *St Kilda Cricket Club* (190 matches) and the *Camberwell Cricket Club* (1 match) scoring 4,947 runs at an average of 30.16 and taking 189 wickets at an average of 20.53. He also played 14 matches for *Victoria* scoring 467 runs and taking 26 wickets. Bill died in 1987.

J. John "Jock" McLorinan

Jock McLorinan was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1924 where he had been Captain of Football in 1923 and played seven seasons with *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1924 – 1930 playing in the number "8" jumper. He played in our 1924, 1926 & 1927 premiership teams. He was also a Victorian State Representative in 1925. Jock died in 1953.

Next week we will look at our reserve bench players and coach from before the War – the 1920s & 1930s ...

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