

Old Scotch Football Club  
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – MANSON RUSSEL'S BEST EVER OSFC TEAM - BACKLINE

Welcome back to **“Crackers Chronicles”**. This week we will trace some of the history of the *Old Scotch Football Club* by recounting the contributions made by some of our greatest players.

On 3 May 1994, in the weekly OSCFC *Drumsheet* newsletter, Manson Russel published his best ever Old Scotch side based on the players that he actually saw play. On 22 June 2017, I interviewed Manson to confirm his selections. (The era they played is in brackets underneath):

<b>FB:</b>	<b>Brian Barkway</b> (50-60's)	<b>Jim Lillie</b> (40-50's)	<b>Don Morone</b> (40-50's)
<b>HB:</b>	<b>Rob Fuller</b> (80-90's)	<b>Mike Perry</b> (60's)	<b>Dick Tindale</b> (50-60's)
<b>C:</b>	Marten Bedford (40-50's)	Ken Melville (50-60's)	Peter Brown (80-90's)
<b>HF:</b>	Mick Eggleston (40-50's)	Lionel King (50's)	Peter Sherwen (70-90's)
<b>FF:</b>	Mike Fitchett (40's)	David Hughes (60-70's)	Graeme McLean (60's)
<b>Foll:</b>	Peter Harkness (50-60's)	John Anderson (60-80's)	Ian Law (50-60's)
<b>Int:</b>	John Moir (80-90's)	Rod Olsson (60's)	Andrew Smith (80-90's)

This week we focus on the backline players ...

### **B. Brian Barkway (“Digger”)**

In 1955, Brian “Digger” Barkway was recruited from *Scotch College* and played 157 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for nine connective years from 1955 – 1963, playing in the number “14” jumper. He was our Under 19s Best & Fairest in 1955 and debuted in our Seniors on 7 May 1955 playing 16 games. The next season, while still Under 19, he played seven more games in our Seniors. Of his 157 games, all bar 25 Under 19 and seven Reserves games were played in our Seniors – a total of 125 Seniors games.

Brian's father Ralph, also known as “Digger”, played six seasons for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1926 – 1931.

Manson described Digger as a tough, rugged defender.

### **J. M. Jim Lillie**

In 1948, Jim Lillie was recruited from *Scotch College* and played 59 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1948 – 1953, playing in the number “15” jumper and debuting in our Seniors on 24 April 1948. He was a Victorian State Representative in 1951 and an Australian Amateur Football Council Representative in 1951. He captained our club in 1952.

In 2000, Jim was named at full back in our *OSFC Team of the Century*. Jim died in 2009.

Manson described Jim as a hard concentrated defender with a good kick out.

### **A. D. Don Morone**

In 1947, Don Morone was recruited from *Scotch College* and played 61 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1947 - 1951, playing in the number “1” jumper and debuting in our Seniors on 12 July 1947. All Don's games were played in our Seniors. He was a Victorian State Representative in 1950 & 1951 and also an Australian Amateur Football Council Representative in 1950 & 1951. Don died in 1993.

Manson described Don as a hard defensive player capable of closing down any player.

### **R. W. Rob Fuller (“Frosty”)**

In 1982, Rob Fuller was recruited from *Scotch College*, where he was captain of football in 1982 & 1983, and played five games while still at school. He debuted in our Seniors on 10 July 1982. He then played four games for the *Richmond FC* in 1984. He returned to our club in 1985 and played 157 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1982 and from 1985 – 1995. He was a Victorian representative in 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994 & 1995. He captained Victoria in 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993 & 1994. He was also an Australian Amateur Football Council representative in 1986, 1988, 1989 & 1994, and captained Australia in 1989 & 1994. Rob captained our club for nine years from 1987 – 1995. He was named VAFA Personality of the Year in 1993 and awarded a VAFA Certificate of Merit in 1994. In 2000, he was named as vice-captain on the half back flank of our *OSFC Team of the Century*. He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 2001, and named a Legend of the Big V in 2007. Manson described Frosty as a very skilful defensive team player and team leader with an attacking flair.

### **M. W. Mick Perry (“Big Red”)**

In 1962, Michael Perry was recruited from *Scotch College* and played 59 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1962 – 1964, before being recruited by the *Richmond FC*. He debuted in our Seniors on 18 August 1962. He was our club's Best & Fairest in 1963 & 1964, and a Victorian representative in 1964. He then went on and played 53 games for the *Richmond FC* from 1965 – 1969. In 2000, he was named at centre half back in our *OSFC Team of the Century*. Manson described Big Red as one of the first picked in any team as he was a solid and tough well constructed defender.

### **R. W. Richard “Dick” Tindale**

In 1955, Richard Tindale was recruited from *Scotch College* and played 60 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1955 – 1957 & 1962. He debuted in our Seniors on 23 April 1955. He was a Victorian representative in 1956, 1957 & 1962 and an Australian Amateur Football Council representative in 1956 in the Olympic Games demonstration Australian Rules Football match. He also coached our Juniors in 1968. In 2000, he was named on the half back flank of our *OSFC Team of the Century*. Manson described Dick as a forceful constructive and attacking backman capable of kicking with both feet.

Next week we will look at the centreline players and followers ...

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