

Old Scotch Football Club
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – MANSON RUSSEL’S BEST EVER OSFC TEAM – FORWARDLINE

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):

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

This week we focus on the forwardline players ...

A. J. M. Michael “Mick” Eggleston

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

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 a Life Member of our club in 1985.

In 2000, Mick was named on the half forward flank of our *OSCFC Team of the Century*.

Mick died in 1988.

Manson described Mick as a very creative forward.

T. L. Lionel King

In 1951, Lionel King joined the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from *University Blacks FC* where he had played in all their “A” Section premiership teams of 1946 – 1949, and went on to play 22 games for us until 1952, all in our Seniors, playing in the number “7” jumper. He debuted in our Seniors on 21 April 1951.

Manson described Lionel as a rugged centre half forward who kicked with both feet.

P. M. Peter Sherwen

In 1975, Peter Sherwen was recruited from *Scotch College* and played three games while still at school. He debuted in our Senior team on 9 August 1975. He played 237 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1975 – 1995. He also played in our back-to-back premierships 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 a Life Member of our club in 1988 upon playing 200 games for our club.

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 2000, Peter was named on the half forward flank of our *OSCFC Team of the Century*.

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

Manson described Peter as a brilliant footballer and great club man – very handy player to have in your team.

M. K. Michael Fitchett

In 1946, Michael Fitchett was recruited from *Scotch College* and played 67 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1946 – 1949. He debuted in our Seniors in 4 May 1946. He was the club's leading goalkicker in 1946 & 1947 and captained our club from 1947 – 1949. He was a Victorian State Representative in 1948 & 1949. Later from 1953 – 1956 he played 30 games for the *Hawthorn FC*.

In 2000, Michael was named in the centre of our *OSCFC Team of the Century*.

Manson described Michael as a brilliant player creating drive forward from the centre.

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. He debuted 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.

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

In 2000, David was named at full forward in our *OSCFC Team of the Century*.

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.

Manson said that as a player, David "did everything right!"

G. G. Graeme McLean ("Horse")

In 1964, Graeme McLean was recruited from *Scotch College* and played seven Under 19s games for our club while still at school, before going on to play 39 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1964 – 1967, playing in the number "33" jumper. He debuted in our Seniors on 7 August 1965. He was our club's leading goalkicker in 1966 & 1967, and the VAFA A Section leading goalkicker in 1967. He was then recruited by the *St Kilda FC* in 1968.

Graeme died in 2013.

Manson described Graeme as an outstanding high-flying forward and goal kicker.

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

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