

Old Scotch Football Club
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – MANSON RUSSEL'S BEST EVER OSFC TEAM – INTERCHANGE
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Welcome back to this week's edition of "**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 interchange players ...

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 – 1993, all bar 13 games in our Seniors. He debuted in our Seniors on 11 April 1981. He was an Under 18 State Representative in 1981 and an Under 19 State Representative in 1982. He was our club's Best & Fairest in 1986 & 1988. He was also the VAFA "A" Section Best & Fairest in 1988, and State Representative in 1988 & 1989. Manson described John as a very consistent and reliable left-footed ruckman.

R. S. Rod Olsson

In 1961, Rodney Olsson was recruited from *Scotch College* and played 19 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in our Seniors, playing in the number "41" jumper. He debuted in our Seniors on 22 April 1961. Then in 1962, he was recruited by the *Hawthorn FC* and went on to play 116 games for Hawthorn until 1969. Later he coached the *Geelong FC* from 1976 – 1979. He was a sterling, hard-working ruck rover and great club man. Manson described Rod as a very solid mark and all-rounder who could look after himself.

A. C. Andrew Smith

In 1982, Andrew Smith was recruited by Trevor Read and Bill Pinner from the *Richmond Football Club Under 19s*. He debuted in our Seniors on 1 May 1982. He went on and played a then record 299 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1982 – 1998. He was our club's Best & Fairest in 1984 & 1989, and VAFA "A" Section Best & Fairest in 1985. Andrew was also a Victorian representative in 1985, 1986, 1988 & 1989. With those games included, he played well over 300 games of amateur football.

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He was awarded a Life Member 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.
Manson described Smithy as a great all-rounder.

Coach

Back in 1994, Manson did not name his “best” coach, but he did coach our club himself from 1958 to 1960, and again in 1963, to be runners-up in “A” Section in 1958 & 1959.

Next week we will look at a team of those many players that failed to make our *OSFC Team of the Century* back in 2000, but which I am calling our “Reserve OSCFC Team of the Century”.

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