

Old Scotch Football Club
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – POST WAR FORTIES

Welcome back to “**Crackers Chronicles**”. This week we trace some of the history of the *Old Scotch Football Club* by recounting the contributions of two of our Life Members from the late 1940s, immediately after WWII.

A. J. M. Michael “Mick” Eggleston

Mick Eggleston was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1948 and went on to be the club's Best & Fairest in 1949.

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 the Club in 1964.

Mick was a Vice President of our club for four years from 1980 – 1983 and was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1985.

He is father of OSCFC players Tim Eggleston (1975 – 1981) & John Eggleston (1976 – 1982), and father of OSCFC Secretary Jennie Eggleston (1985). Unfortunately, Mick died of a brain tumour in 1988. He is honoured by the “Cordner Eggleston Cup” for competition between Scotch College and Melbourne Grammar School.

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

M. G. Manson Russel

Manson Russel was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1948 where he was Captain of Football in 1948, but played three senior games while still at school.

He then went on and played a then record 235 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1948 – 1962. In 1950, he was the club's Best & Fairest and the VAFA A Section Best & Fairest. Later he was named the club's Best Team Player in 1953, 1955, 1956 & 1957.

He was the club's leading goalkicker from 1949 – 1954 & 1956 – 1959, totalling over 400 goals.

Manson captained the club in 1953, 1954 & 1957 – 1960.

He represented Victorian in 1952, 1953, 1956 & 1959.

During his playing career, he was also our tenth Secretary of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1955 & 1956. He coached our Club for four years from 1958 – 1960 and again in 1963.

Manson also managed to play in our Reserves premiership team in 1961.

He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1970, having also played 200 games for the club back in 1961.

He acted as the club's VAFA delegate from 1949 – 1971, becoming a member of VAFA Executive from 1963 – 1983, then later VAFA Chairman from 1971 – 1977 and VAFA President from 1978 – 1980.

Manson was elected a Life Member of the VAFA in 1978, awarded an *Australian Football Foundation* Merit Award in 1979, and made a Patron of the VAFA in 1984.

Our annual award to a senior player for “Most Sacrificial Acts” is named after Manson Russel.

He is father of OSCFC player Tim Russel (1984 – 1995).

In 2000, Manson was named as deputy vice-captain in the forward pocket of our *OSCFC Team of the Century*.

He was made a Legend of the Big V in 2008 and Patron of our club in 2015.

Next week we will look at the Life Members from the early 1950s ...

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