

Old Scotch Football Club
THIRD XVIII PREMIERSHIPS 1971, 1995 & 2017

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 lesser known players.

To celebrate the success on Sunday of our Thirds winning the *2017 Premier B Thirds Section* premiership, I thought we should recount some of the history of our *Social/Warriors/Club XVIII/Thirds*. In 1961, the club founded a third senior team to afford players that failed to attain selection in either our Reserves or Under 19s teams the chance to play football.

From **1961 – 1970**, the team operated on a predominantly informal social basis. The annual fixture consisted of games against APS and other school teams, plus other Vafa clubs. However, in 1971 the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* was a prime-mover in formalising this competition under the banner "Club XVIII".

In **1971**, *Old Scotch* captained and coached by Peter Wood, and known as the "Warriors", 8.8.56 defeated *Powerhouse/Old Haileybury* 6.1.37 to win the inaugural *Club XVIII* premiership. The grand-final was played at 11:30am on 28 August 1971 at Flinders Park (the home ground of the AMP Society FC & the ANZ Bank FC) and now Rod Laver Arena. The 1971 Best & Fairest was Geoff McCracken.

FB:	Richard Smith	Peter Wood (C)	Ross Boulter
HB:	Andrew Kaye	Steve Wilson	Dave Garrett
C:	Dave Johnston	John Head	Ian Symington
HF:	Phil Wright	Geoff McCracken	Rob Ball
FF:	Chris Nixon	Chris Finch (VC)	Chris Alenson
RUCKS:	Ross McLean	Roger Gibbons	
ROVER:	Ray Sneddon		
19 th :	Geoff Speed	20 th :	Rob Garnsworthy

Goals: McLean 3, Sneddon 2, Garnsworthy, McCracken, Wright
Best: McLean, Boulter, Johnston, Gibbons, McCracken, Nixon

It was not until 24 years later in **1995** that *Old Scotch*, coached by Simon Illingworth & captained by Scott Montgomery, 8.12.60 defeated *Old Xaverians Crocs* 8.9.57 at 2:00pm on 20 August 1995 at Elsternwick Park to win only our second *Club XVIII* premiership. The 1995 Best & Fairest was Nick Tribe.

FB:	Matt Clunies-Ross	Michael Bingley	Scott Montgomery (C)
HB:	Heath Middleton	Andrew Aston	Andrew Chambers
C:	Michael Godwin	Nick Tribe	James Geddes
HF:	Rod McLeish	Jarrod Deakin	Cam Knight
FF:	David Hooper	Darren Bingley	Peter Sherwen
RUCKS:	Paul Williamson	David Bini	
ROVER:	David Norman		
INTERCH:	Simon Illingworth	Brad Aujard	Stuart Sheahan
	Jonathan West	Chris Thomas	Stephen Pryde
		Brett Langley	Doug Murtagh

Goals: Aston 2, Bingley 2, Bini, Deakin, Norman, Pryde
Best: Godwin, Tribe, D Bingley, M Bingley, Aston, Pryde

Now, 22 years on in **2017**, *Old Scotch* coached by Paul Gregor & Terry "Crackers" Kendell, and captained by John Stavris (who unfortunately due to injury did not play) 10.16.76 has defeated *De La Salle* 2.6.18 at 9:20am on Sunday 3 September 2017 at Elsternwick Park to win only our third premiership and first *Thirds* premiership. Jack Otter was named Best on Ground in the grand final.

FB:	James Parsell	Nick Lindsay	Chris Perrott
HB:	Matthew Tyler	Nick Stavris	Dom McDermott
C:	Jack Slobom	Nick Sheehan	Jack McIntosh
HF:	Andrew Hayes	Will Michael	Richard Goodey (Act C)
FF:	Corey Mackenzie	Ned Walmsley	Jack Otter
RUCKS:	Harry McCallum	Tim Melville	
ROVER:	Luke Daggian		
INTERCH:	Will Hewson	Mitch Bradley	Stephen Filippou
	Josh Gordon	John McLellan	Brenton Morley

Goals: Otter 3, Morley 2, Filippou, Hayes, Michael, Sheehan, Walmsley
Best: Otter, Lindsay, McCallum, Daggian, McDermott, Tyler

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Well folks, that about covers our three *Third XVIII* premierships. Check in again next season when we will focus on our **34 club captains**.

I hope you found this, and all my columns this season, interesting ... I welcome any feedback to gmccracken@oldscotchfc.com.au