

Old Scotch Football Club
INTER-CLUB TROPHIES

Welcome back to “**Crackers Chronicles**”. Before I start my series on our club captains, now that the *Old Scotch Football Club* has returned to Premier Section, I thought I should first report on the inter-club trophies our Seniors will be playing for this season.

Currently, we have **four** inter-club trophies. The holder of each trophy is the winner from the first time each club plays each other in any one season; and they then hold the trophy for the rest of that season, or in the case of promotion or relegation, until the two clubs meet again:

- Round 1 Saturday 7 April 2018 at Brighton Beach Oval.
Following the 2017 Premier B Grand Final, the two clubs agreed to inaugurate in 2018 the **Michael W Perry Trophy** to celebrate competition between the *Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club* and the *Old Scotch Football Club*.

In 1962, Michael Perry was recruited from *Scotch College* and played 59 games from 1962 – 1964 for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club*, before being recruited by the *Richmond Football Club*. 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 Football Club* from 1965 – 1969. In 2000, Michael was named at centre half back in our “Team of the Century”.

Later, when his son Nick played for *Old Brighton Grammarians* (where he had gone to school) Michael was president of the *Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club* from 1994 – 1998. In 1997, he was dual B Section premierships president of their Reserves and Seniors teams. His son Nick Perry captained *Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club* from 1995 – 1998. Nick played 200 games for the *Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club*, is a Life Member of the club and captained their 1997 B Section premierships team.

- Round 3 Saturday 21 April 2018 at Harry Trott Oval.
In 2013, the two clubs and Damien Davis agreed to inaugurate the **Jellis Craig Cup** for competition between the *Collegians Football Club* and the *Old Scotch Football Club*.

Jellis Craig Real Estate Agents and Property Managers sponsors both clubs. Currently, the cup is held by *Old Scotch* because in Round 3, 2015 *Old Scotch* defeated *Collegians*. To date, *Old Scotch* has won the cup in 2013 & 2015 while *Collegians* won the cup in 2014.

Also, for the first time this year 2018, to commemorate Anzac Day, the two clubs will be inaugurating a new perpetual **MacNeil Cup** for the winner of competition between the two clubs. The cup is named after Neil Harcourt MacNeil, headmaster of *Wesley College* during World War II, when *Wesley College* re-located to *Scotch College*, Hawthorn to share its campus while the US army took over *Wesley College*'s St Kilda Road campus as the headquarters of its military ordnance.

On the day, the two clubs will also be awarding medals to the best player in each team. The **medal for the best Old Scotch player** will be named after **Stanley Walter Neale MC** (*Scotch College* 1906 – 1912). Stanley was born at Carlton on 2 January 1893. He was a top sportsman at *Scotch College* as a member of the 1907 Athletics team and the premierships 1912 Athletics team. He was a member of the 1st XI every year from 1909 to 1912, winning the premierships in 1911 with his team mate Neil Harcourt MacNeil (they were also 1909 and 1910 1st XI team mates), after whom the cup is named. He was 1st XI Captain in 1912. Stanley was a member of the 1st XVIII every year from 1909 to 1912, winning in 1911 and being 1912 Captain. He was a 1911 Prefect (as was MacNeil), and was 1912 School Captain.

From 1913 to 1914 Stanley played 28 games for the *University FC* in the VFL.

The AIF was formed on 15 August 1914 and Stanley enlisted on 17 August 1914. In summary, he joined the Public Schools' Company of the 5th Battalion, so he would have served alongside Old Wesley Collegians. He landed at Gallipoli on Landing Day, 25 April 1915. He served through the entire Gallipoli campaign, and fought at Fromelles in 1916. At the Battle of Polygon Wood in September 1917 he won the Military Cross (MacNeil also won a MC). Realising that his company was digging in behind its objective, and in the absence of any other officers, he led his men to the objective, and then defended it against air and land attack. The citation for his MC stated that he “worked unceasingly, regardless of danger, consolidating his line under heavy fire” and setting a fine example to his men. On 12 February 1918 he attended a dinner in the least damaged building in Kemmel, Belgium, with a number of other Public School boys, including many Scotchies. On 29 September 1918 near Bellicourt, France, while standing on the edge of a trench getting his men under cover,

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he was hit by machine gun fire and died on a stretcher en route to an American Dressing Station. Among his personal effects sent home was a football jersey.

- Round 4 Saturday 28 April 2018 at Sportscover Arena.
On 7 August 1983, the two clubs inaugurated the **Australian Rules Football Cup** for competition between the *Old Melburnians Football Club* and the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club*, to commemorate 125 years of Australian Rules Football since 7 August 1858.

The cup was first played for in 1983 to commemorate all clashes between the two arch rival old boy clubs, whose schools played the first recorded game of Aussie Rules Football back in 1858. Currently, the cup is held by *Old Scotch* because in Round 4, 2011 *Old Scotch* defeated *Old Melburnians*.

- Round 7 Saturday 19 May 2018 at Waverley Oval.
On 1 August 1998, the two clubs inaugurated the **Kidd-Hollier Memorial Perpetual Trophy** for competition between the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* and the *De La Salle Old Collegians Football Club*, in recognition of the excellent service given by David Kidd (OS) and Wal Hollier (DLS) to their respective clubs.

David Kidd was an old *Scotch College* boy recruited from the *Ararat Football Club* in 1957. He played 86 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1957 – 1960 & 1962 – 1963.

After retiring from playing, David coached our Juniors for four years from 1964 – 1967. He then coached our Reserves in 1968, before going on to coach our Seniors for four years from 1969 – 1972. During that time, he coached our “B” section premiership team in 1970. He was awarded a Life Member of the club in 1973. David died in 1992.

Walter “Wal” Hollier captained the first ever *De La Salle* VFA team in 1955, in the absence of Jim Hawkins who was unavailable. He played 46 games, 37 in the Seniors, for the *De La Salle OC FC*. After retiring from playing, Wal went on to be the club’s second ever club president in 1956 and club secretary in 1957 & later in 1962. The Hollier family continues to support the club.

Currently, the cup is held by *Old Scotch* because in Round 2, 2015 *Old Scotch* defeated *De La Salle*.

Well folks, that about covers our inter-club trophies. Check in again next week 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