

Old Scotch Football Club
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – CLUB CAPTAINS 60s (1961 – 1971)

Welcome back to this week's edition of "**Crackers Chronicles**".

This season, as promised, each week in this column we will trace some of the history of the *Old Scotch Football Club* by recounting the contributions made by our great club captains.

This week we focus on our club captains of the Sixties ...

P. K. Ken Melville 1961

In 1958, Ken Melville, an old boy of *Scotch College* was recruited to our club from *University Blacks*. He had been a Victorian amateur representative in 1952 & 1953, before going on to play 71 games for the *Melbourne FC* from 1953 – 1956. He debuted in our Seniors on 12 July 1958 playing in the number "7" jumper. From 1958 – 1961, he played 59 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* and captained our club for one year in 1961.

In 2000, Ken was named on the wing in the *OSCFC Team of the Century*.

P. K. Peter Harkness ("Pole") 1962

In 1956, Peter Harkness, an old boy of *Scotch College* was recruited to our club from *University Blues* debuting in our Seniors on 21 April 1956 and playing one season in the number "20" jumper to become our club's Best & Fairest. At the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games, he played in a demonstration game of Australian Rules football between the VFA and a team of amateur players drawn from the VFL and VFA. In 1959, he returned to the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* and played 73 games for our club in 1956 & from 1959 – 1962 in the number "19" jumper. He was our club's Best & Fairest again in 1960 & 1962, a Victorian representative in 1956 & 1960, and an Australian Amateur Football Council representative in 1960. Peter captained our club for one year in 1962.

In 2000, Peter was named in the ruck in our *OSCFC Team of the Century*. Peter died in 2016.

I. McK. Ian Wilson 1963 - 1966

In 1961, Ian Wilson, an old boy of *Scotch College* where he had been Captain of Football in 1959, was recruited to our club from *University Blacks* and played 162 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1961 – 1970, debuting in our Seniors on 22 April 1961 and playing in the number "5" jumper. He played in our 1961 & 1967 Reserves premiership teams, and our 1965 & 1970 B Section premiership teams. Ian captained our club for four years from 1963 – 1966.

In 1965, coached by Don Howell, he captained the club to be a **B Section Premiership** - *Old Scotch* 18.10.118 defeating *Caulfield Grammarians* 4.11.35. He was also a Victorian State representative in 1963.

Later after he retired, in 1988 & 1989 he was Club Secretary and in 1990 he coached our Reserves. Ian died in 1998.

In 2017, Ian was named in the forward pocket and vice-captain of our *OSFC Reserve Team of the Century*. Ian is the father of Tom Wilson (1988 – 1999).

D. C. David Birch 1967

In 1961, David Birch was recruited from *Scotch College* as an Under 19 player and played 156 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1961 – 1974, debuting in our Seniors on 2 April 1963 and playing in the number "3" jumper. He played in our 1965 B Section premiership team and was club Best & Fairest in 1965. He was also a Victorian State representative in 1966. David captained our club for one year in 1967.

J. H. John Hay ("Hasha") 1968

In 1965, John Hay was recruited from *Scotch College* where he had been Captain of Football in 1964 as an Under 19 player and debuted in our Seniors on 26 June 1965. He played 68 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1965 – 1968 in the number "36" jumper, and later in the number "9" jumper. He played in our 1965 B Section premiership team and captained the club for one year in 1968. He was also a Victorian State Representative in 1968.

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D. J. David Hughes 1969 - 1971

In 1961, David Hughes was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Junior player and debuted in our Seniors on 12 August 1961 going on to play 163 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1961 – 1976 playing in the number “1” jumper. 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 for three years from 1969 – 1971. He was a Victorian 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.

In 1970, coached by David Kidd, he captained the club to a **B Section Premiership** – *Old Scotch* 14.22.106 defeated *St Bernards* 7.9.51.

After retiring from playing, David served on the VAFA Independent Tribunal for 32 years from 1984 until today.

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, he was named at full-forward in the *OSFC 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.

Next week we will look at the club captains of the Seventies, Eighties & Nineties ...

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