

Old Scotch Football Club
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – CLUB CAPTAINS 70s, 80s & 90s (1972 – 1998)

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 Seventies, Eighties & Nineties ...

J. D. John Anderson ("Ando") 1972 – 1973 & 1975 - 1979

In 1966, John Anderson was recruited from *Scotch College* and played 229 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1966 – 1980, debuting in our Seniors on 21 June 1966 and playing in the number "34" jumper until he became club captain in 1972 and switched to the number "1" jumper. In 1966, he was our Under 19s leading goalkicker.

John captained the club for seven years from 1972 – 1973 & 1975 – 1979. He was our club's Best & Fairest in 1969, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1976 & 1977, and our club leading goalkicker in 1973.

He played in our 1970 B Section premiership team coached by David Kidd, and was the club's Best & Fairest. He later played in our back-to-back premiership teams of 1977 (B section) & 1978 (A section). In 1977, coached by Laurie Aghan, he captained the club to a **B Section Premiership** – *Old Scotch* 13.22.100 defeated *Ivanhoe* 7.16.58, and was our club's Best & Fairest.

In 1978, again coached by Laurie Aghan, he captained the club to an **A Section Premiership** – *Old Scotch* 16.16.112 defeated *North Old Boys* 16.11.107.

He was a Victorian representative in 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976 & 1977 (Captain), and Australian Amateur Football Council representative in 1973 & 1976.

In 1978, he was awarded a Life Member of the club, also for having played 200 games for the Club in 1978. Unfortunately, John died of a heart attack in Greece in 1999.

In 2000, John was named ruck-rover in and captain of our *OSFC Team of the Century*, and later in 2013 made a VAFA Big V Champion. In 2017, John was named on the wing in the VAFA's "Greatest Amateur Team of the Past 50 Years (1967 – 2017)".

B. J. Bryan Steele 1974

In 1964, Bryan Steele, an old boy of *Scotch College* was recruited from *University Blacks* (as a Victorian State representative in 1963) and played 167 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1964 – 1972 & 1974 – 1976, debuting in our Seniors on 24 April 1964 and playing the majority of his career in the number "16" jumper. Bryan played in our 1965 & 1970 B Section premiership teams. He was also a Victorian State Representative again in 1965. In 1974, John Anderson stepped down as club captain to allow Bryan to return to the club as captain of our club for one year. The following year, 1975, Bryan stepped down as captain to coach our Seniors. John Anderson then became club captain again.

In 2017, Bryan was named in the forward pocket and deputy vice-captain of our *OSFC Reserve Team of the Century*.

S. L. Simon Tallent 1980 - 1984

In 1971, Simon Tallent was recruited from *Scotch College* and played three games for our club in 1971 & 1972 while still at school, and where he had been Captain of Football in 1972, debuting in our Seniors on 12 August 1972. In 1973, in his first full season with our club, Simon won our Best & Fairest wearing the number "16" jumper. However, when Bryan Steele returned to captain our club in 1973 and resumed his old number "16" jumper, Simon then played in the number "17" jumper until 1980 when he became club captain and switched to the number "1" jumper taking over from John Anderson. He played 221 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1971 – 1991 and was our club's Best & Fairest in 1973. He also played in our back-to-back premiership teams of 1977 (B section) & 1978 (A section), and was a Victorian representative in 1978 & 1979. Simon captained the club for five years from 1980 – 1984.

In 1980, coached by Laurie Aghan, he captained the club to be *B Section Runners Up*, but returning the club back to A Section – *Old Xaverians* 12.12.84 defeated *Old Scotch* 12.10.82.

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He was awarded a Life Member of our club in 1984 upon playing 200 games for our club.

After retiring from playing, in 1987 Simon went on to be the twenty-fifth Secretary of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club*. He also coached our club in 1988 & 1989, and coached our Reserves in 1989 & 1996. In 2000, Simon was named on the interchange bench of our *OSFC Team of the Century*. Simon is the father of OSFC player Charlie Tallent (2002 – 2011).

F. J. W. Fergus Kiel 1985 – 1986

In 1976, Fergus Kiel was recruited from *Scotch College*. He played 221 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1976 – 1993 debuting in our seniors on 23 April 1977 and playing in the number “30” jumper. He played in our back-to-back premierships teams of 1977 (B Section) and 1978 (A Section). He was also a Victorian representative in 1984 & 1985.

Fergus captained our Club in 1985 & 1986 and later in 1989 was our Club 18 team leading goalkicker.

He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1990 upon playing 200 games for the Club.

R. W. Rob Fuller (“Frosty”) 1987 - 1995

In 1982, Rob Fuller was recruited from *Scotch College* where he was Captain of Football in 1982 & 1983, and played five games for our club while still at school debuting in our seniors on 10 July 1982. He then played four games for the *Richmond FC* in 1984. He returned to our club in 1985 and played 157 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1982 and from 1985 – 1995 playing in various numbered jumpers until he switched to the famous number “4” jumper in 1989. He was a Victorian representative in 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994 & 1995. He captained Victoria in 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993 & 1994. He was also an Australian Amateur Football Council representative in 1986, 1988, 1989 & 1994, and captained Australia in 1989 & 1994. Rob captained our club for nine years from 1987 – 1995.

He was named VAFA Personality of the Year in 1993 and awarded a VAFA Certificate of Merit in 1994. In 2000, he was named on the half-back flank as vice-captain of our *OSFC Team of the Century*. He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 2001, and named a VAFA Legend of the Big V in 2007.

S. B. Stuart Steele 1996 – 1998

In 1992, Stuart Steele was recruited from *Scotch College* and played 64 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1992 & 1995 - 1998, debuting in our seniors on ??/1992 and playing in the number “35” jumper. Stuart captained our club for three years from 1996 – 1998.

In 1997, coached by Wayne Harmes, he captained the club to be *A Section Runners Up – Old Xaverians* 10.13.73 defeated *Old Scotch* 9.13.67.

Again the next year in 1997, again coached by Wayne Harmes, he captained the club to again be *A Section Runners Up – Old Xaverians* 21.13.139 defeated *Old Scotch* 11.12.78.

Next week we will look at the club captains of the Two Thousands ...

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