

Old Scotch Football Club
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – CLUB LEGENDS 1920s (1921 – 1929)

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

Each week in this column we will trace some of the history of the *Old Scotch Football Club* by recounting the contributions made by some of our club legends.

This week we focus on club legends of the 1920s ...

R. C. Clive Heatley Jnr ("Cocky")

An old boy of *Scotch College* where he had been Captain of Football in 1913, Clive Heatley, better known as "Cocky", played four games for *University FC* in the VFL in 1914. He later captained the *University FC* in the MFA in 1914 & 1915. After WWI, in 1919 & 1920 he captained *University A FC* in the VJFL.

However, upon foundation of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1921, he was recruited to the club from *University A FC* to both captain and coach the team, which he did for five years from 1921 – 1925.

"Cocky", a centreman, was said to combine considerable all-round football ability with mastery in the art of 'staging' for free kicks. Under Heatley, Old Scotch went top of the ladder in 1923 and 1924, with Allan Staley stamping himself as the MAFA's best ruckman of the period, the McLorinan brothers Sandy & Jock marshalling a watertight defence, and the likes of Gordon Law, Harold Staley and Clive Fergie (ex-*Fitzroy FC*) giving the side unmatched strength through the middle. After slipping to second in 1925, the side quickly resumed its supremacy with two more flags in 1926 and 1927.

"Cocky" played seven seasons with our club from 1921 – 1927, was the club's Best & Fairest in 1921 & 1923, **premiership captain and coach in 1923 & 1924**, as well as the club's leading goalkicker in 1924.

In 1923 he both captained and coached the club to its first A Section Premiership - Old Scotch 17.11.113 defeating University B 12.7.79.

In 1924 he again both captained and coached the club to its second **A Section Premiership - Old Scotch 11.6.72 defeating Hampton Amateur 7.13.35.**

In 1925 he captained and coached the club to be A Section Runners Up - *Elsternwick A* 6.15.51 defeating *Old Scotch* 3.12.30

"Cocky" was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1972, but he died in 1973.

In his team of the best OSCFC players before the War, Hec Ingram named Cocky in the centre and both captain & coach of his team.

A. W. Allan Staley

Allan Staley joined the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in its foundation year, 1921, and went on to play ten seasons with our club until 1932. **He played in our 1923, 1924, 1926 & 1927 premiership teams.**

He was our club's Best & Fairest in 1925. He was also a Victorian State Representative and Victorian state captain in 1925, 1926 & 1927, while Cocky Heatley and Clive Fergie were captains of *Old Scotch* during those years. He was reputed to be one of the toughest ruckmen playing the game. Allan died in 1966.

In his team of the best OSCFC players before the War, Hec Ingram named Allan in the first ruck of his team.

J. G. Gordon Law

Gordon Law was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1922 and went on to play 15 seasons (267 games – a then club record) for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1922 – 1936. **He played in the eight pre-war A Section premiership teams of 1923, 1924, 1926, 1927, 1931, 1932, 1933 & 1934.** He was also a Victorian State Representative in 1927 & 1928.

Gordon was the club's Best & Fairest in the premiership year of 1932 and captained the club for one year in 1935.

In 1935 he captained the club to be A Section Runners Up - *University Blacks* 16.12.108 defeating *Old Scotch* 12.20.92.

He started his career in the number "12" jumper, then the number "2" jumper and finished his career in the number "9" jumper.

Gordon was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1959, having already played 200 games back in 1930. Gordon died in 1966.

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In his team of the best OSCFC players before the War, Hec Ingram named Gordon on the half-forward flank of his team.

Gordon is father of OSCFC player Max Law (1953) and champion OSCFC & Hawthorn FC player Ian Law (1956 – 1960).

W. H. William “Bill” Everard

Bill Everard was an *Old Scotch Boy* politician, who was a Member of the Victorian Legislative Assembly for the Electoral district of Evelyn from 1917 until his retirement in 1950. He took over from Bill Littlejohn as second President of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for 17 years from 1927 – 1940, and again after WWII from 1946 – 1948. He was a premierships president in 1927, 1931, 1932, 1933 & 1934. He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1936. However, he helped re-form the Club in 1946 after World War II and was made “Life President” in 1947 and a Patron of the Club in 1949. Bill died in 1950. **He is our longest serving Club President with five A Section premierships** during his term.

C. A. Clive Fergie

An old boy of *Scotch College* where he had been in the School 1st XVIII in 1912 – 1914, Captain of Football in 1914, Clive Fergie joined the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1926 from *Fitzroy FC* at the age of 30, after having played 50 games for *Fitzroy FC* and kicking 37 goals in five seasons from 1920 – 1924. He then played with our club for another five seasons from 1926 – 1930. He played in our 1926 & 1927 premierships teams in the number “1” jumper. He was our club’s Best & Fairest in 1926. **Clive both captained and coached** our club for four years from 1926 – 1929, **winning the A Section premierships in 1926 & 1927.**

In 1926 he both captained and coached the club to an **A Section Premiership** - *Old Scotch* 9.16.70 defeating *Elsternwick A* 7.16.58.

In 1927 he again both captained and coached the club to another **A Section Premiership** - *Old Scotch* 19.10.124 defeating *University B* 13.12.90.

He then continued to both captain and coach the club in 1928 & 1929, and just coach in 1930. Clive died in 1960.

In his team of the best OSCFC players before the War, Hec Ingram named Clive on the half-forward flank and deputy vice-captain of his team.

Next week we will look at club legends of the glorious 1930s ...

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