

Old Scotch Football Club
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – CLUB LEGENDS 1940s (1946 – 1949)

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 1940s ...

A. J. M. Michael "Mick" Eggleston

Mick Eggleston was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1948 and went on to be the club's Best & Fairest in 1949.

Later in 1958 he returned to the club from *University Blues* and played 68 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1948 - 1949 and 1958 – 1960. After retiring from playing, he coached the Club in 1964.

Mick was a Vice President of our club for four years from 1980 – 1983 and was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1985.

He is father of OSCFC players Tim Eggleston (1975 – 1981) & John Eggleston (1976 – 1982), and father of OSCFC Secretary Jennie Eggleston (1985). Unfortunately, Mick died of a brain tumour in 1988. **He is honoured by the "Cordner Eggleston Cup" for competition between Scotch College and Melbourne Grammar School.**

In 2000, Mick was named on the half forward flank in our *OSCFC Team of the Century*.

M. G. Manson Russel

In 1948, Manson Russel was recruited from *Scotch College*, where he was Captain of Football in 1948, and played three senior games for our club while still at school. **He went on and played a then record 235 games** for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1948 – 1962 in the famous number "4" jumper. In 1950, he was the club's Best & Fairest and the VFA A Section Best & Fairest. Later he was named the club's Best Team Player in 1953, 1955, 1956 & 1957. He was the club's leading goalkicker from 1949 – 1954 & 1956 – 1959, totalling over 400 goals.

Manson captained the club for six years in 1953, 1954 & 1957 – 1960. He was a Victorian representative in 1952, 1953, 1956 & 1959.

During his playing career, he was also our tenth Secretary of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1955 & 1956. He coached our club for four years from 1958 – 1960 and again in 1963.

In 1958 he captained and coached the club to be *A Section Runners Up - Collegians* 9.6.60 defeating *Old Scotch* 8.6.54.

In 1959 he again captained and coached the club to be *A Section Runners* again - *Collegians* 14.12.96 again defeating *Old Scotch* 11.8.74.

Manson also managed to play in our Reserves premiership team in 1961 captained by Don Vale and coached by John Gifford – *Old Scotch* 9.9.63 defeated *University* 3.7.25 to become *North Reserves Section Premiers*. *Old Scotch* 8.9.57 then defeated *Ormond* 2.6.18 (*South Reserves Premiers*) to be *Champions of Reserves Sections*. He was awarded a Life Member of our Club in 1970, having also played 200 games for our club back in 1961.

He acted as the club's VFA delegate from 1949 – 1971, becoming a member of VFA Executive from 1963 – 1983, then later VFA Chairman from 1971 – 1977 and VFA President from 1978 – 1980.

Manson was elected a Life Member of the VFA in 1978, awarded an *Australian Football Foundation* Merit Award in 1979, awarded a VFA Certificate of Merit in 1982, and made a Patron of the VFA in 1984.

Our annual award to a senior player for the "Most Sacrificial Acts" is named after Manson.

Manson is father of OSCFC player Tim Russel (1984 – 1995).

In 2000, Manson was named as resting forward-pocket rover and **deputy vice-captain of our OSCFC Team of the Century**.

He was made a **VFA Legend of the Big V** in 2008 and Patron of our club in 2015.

Next week we will look at club legends of the 1950s ...

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