

Old Scotch Football Club
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – CLUB LEGENDS 1950s (1950 – 1959)

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 1950s ...

A. R. Allen Morris

In 1952, Allen Morris was recruited from *Scotch College*. He played 148 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1952 – 1962 in the number "24" jumper, debuting in our Seniors on 3 May 1952. He played two games in our first Juniors premiership team of 1952 and was vice-captain. In 1953, together with his brother Ralph, **he started, published and mailed out the weekly OSCFC "Drumsheet" newsletter** (later changed to an email formatted "eDrumsheet" in 2006, and from 2014 published on the OSFC website).

Allen captained the club for two years in 1955 & 1956. In 1955, coached by Peter Joseland, Allen captained the club to be *B Section Runners Up*, but returning the club to A Section - *Coburg* 10.12.72 defeating *Old Scotch* 8.2.50.

He was the club's Best & Fairest in 1957 and also a Victorian State Representative in 1959 & 1960. In 1958, Allen was **instrumental in establishing our Reserves team and also our Warriors team in 1961**. He coached our Juniors in 1961 and our Warriors in 1962 & 1966. **Allen has been involved with all our club's teams.** Allen was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1970.

In 2017, Allen was named in the ruck and captain of our *OSFC Reserve Team of the Century*.

Allen is the brother of fellow OSCFC Life Member Ralph Morris (1952 – 1963) and continues to attend our matches.

Dr C. McD. Colin Melville ("Doc")

Colin Melville was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1953. He played 188 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1953 – 1966.

Colin acted as the club's Honorary Medical Officer for 47 years from 1966 – 2012, and coached our Juniors for five years from 1972 – 1976.

He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1978 and awarded a VAFA Certificate of Merit in 2015. Dr Colin was very instrumental in establishing our club's reputation in amateur football circles of looking after the welfare of both our own and opposition players.

Colin is the brother of Ken Melville, who captained our club in 1961 after playing for the Melbourne FC, and he continues to attend our matches.

B. A. Bryan Gibbs ("Gibbles")

Bryan Gibbs was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1955 and played 107 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1955 – 1961. He was the club's leading club goalkicker in 1960. After retiring from playing, Bryan coached our Juniors from 1969 – 1971.

During his playing career, Bryan was also Treasurer of our club from 1957 – 1963, committee member from 1964 – 1966, Vice President of the club in 1972 and then went on to become the twentieth Secretary of the OSCFC for eight years from 1973 – 1979, and again in 1997. During his term as secretary, he was a Reserves premiership secretary in 1973 and a premiership secretary in 1977 & 1978.

He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1978.

Since then, Bryan has acted as Chairman of Selectors from 1978 – 1979, Vice President of the club from 1980 – 1981, Treasurer again in 1983, eleventh President of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for four years from 1987 – 1990, Vice President in 1992 and currently is Chairman of the Match Committee from 2009 until now. During his term as President, he was an Under 19 premiership President in 1989.

At some time, Bryan has filled every role in our club from player, coach, committee member and match official. Our annual award to a club member for “Distinguished Service” to our Club is named after Bryan.

Bryan also served from 1974 – 1977 as OSCFC Delegate to the VAFA. Later, he joined the VAFA Executive Committee from 1980 – 1982 and acted as VAFA Under 18 Team co-ordinator from 1981 – 1983. **He was awarded a VAFA Certificate of Merit in 1992.**

Bryan is the father of OSCFC player and fellow Life Member Stuart Gibbs (1989 – 2000). He continues today to act as a match-day statistician.

D. J. David Kidd (“Kiddo”)

David Kidd was an *Old Scotch Boy* recruited from *Ararat FC* 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 the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for four years from 1969 – 1972. During that time, in 1970 **he coached the club to a B Section Premiership** – *Old Scotch* 14.22.106 defeated *St Bernards* 7.9.51.

He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1973. David died in 1992.

The trophy for the winner of the first-round match between *Old Scotch* and *De La Salle*, the *Hollier/Kidd Cup*, is named in honour of David.

He is the brother of OSCFC player Geoff Kidd (1965 - 1966) and club secretary (1966).

Next week we will look at club legends of the 1960s ...

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