

Old Scotch Football Club  
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – CLUB LEGENDS 1970s (1970 – 1979)

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 1970s ...

### **R. J. Robert "Bob" Welch**

Big Bob Welch was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1967. **He played 259 games** for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1967 – 1984. He was our **Reserves Best & Fairest in 1973 & 1976, and played in the Reserves premierships teams of 1973 & 1980. He captained our Reserves in 1976 & 1979.**

He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1979 upon playing 200 games for the Club. Later, he became the twenty-second Secretary of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1983.

He became a member of the VAFA Executive from 1985 – 1992, and VAFA Vice President from 1987 – 1992.

Later, he was President of the Old Scotch Collegians' Association in 2005.

### **H. R. Hec Ingram**

Hec Ingram was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1927 following in the footsteps of his older brother Bruce "Honey" Ingram. He played eight seasons for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1927 – 1936 and was a **Victorian representative in 1931. He played in our A Section premiership team of 1931.**

Much later, he became **the eighth president of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for six years from 1969 – 1974.** He enjoyed being our Reserves premiership president in 1969 & 1973, B Section premiership president in 1970, and Club 18 premiership president in 1971.

He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1976. Before he died, Hec named his team of the best OSCFC players before the War. Hec died in 1998.

Hec is brother of OSCFC player Bruce Ingram (1925 – 1928) and father of OSCFC player William "Bill" Ingram (1961 – 1968).

### **L. K. Leigh McGregor**

Leigh McGregor an *Old Scotch Boy* was recruited from *University Blues* in 1961. He played 82 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1961 – 1965 and captained our Reserves in 1964 & 1965. In 1964, coached by Arthur Marshall, Leigh **captained our Reserves to a Reserves Section 2 Premiership** – *Old Scotch* 6.5.41 defeated *Commonwealth Bank* 1.17.23.

After retiring from playing, **Leigh coached our Reserves for seven years from 1969 – 1974 & 1985.** During that time he was a **premiership coach in 1969 & 1973.** In 1969, Leigh coached our Reserves to a **B Reserves Section Premiership** – *Old Scotch* 9.4.58 defeated *St Bernards* 6.12.48. In 1973 he coached our Reserves to another **B Reserves Section Premiership** – *Old Scotch* 10.11.71 defeated *University Blacks* 6.9.45.

Later, following the reign of Hec Ingram, Leigh became the **ninth President** of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* **for ten years from 1975 – 1984.** He was a premiership President in 1977 & 1978, a Reserves premiership president in 1980, and an Under 19 premiership president in 1984. He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1979.

**Our annual "Best & Fairest" Award is named after Leigh's father John Gordon McGregor. The VAFA awarded Leigh a Certificate of Merit in 1985.**

In 1988, Leigh was President of the Old Scotch Collegians' Association, and from 1988 – 2001 he was Executive Director of the Old Scotch Collegians' Association.

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Leigh is father of OSCFC players Matthew McGregor (1985 – 1991) & Simon McGregor (1988).

**J. D. John Anderson (“Ando”)**

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. 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 OSCFC Team of the Century**, and later in 2013 made a **VFAA Big V Champion**. **In 2017, John was named on the wing in the VFAA’s “Greatest Amateur Team of the Past 50 Years (1967 – 2017)”.**

**S. L. Simon Tallent**

In 1971, Simon Tallent was recruited from *Scotch College* and played three games for our club in 1971 & 1972 while still at school where he was 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 club’s 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 1977 B section & 1978 A section premiership teams, 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 in 1981 – *Old Xaverians* 12.12.84 defeated *Old Scotch* 12.10.82.

In 1984, he was awarded Life Membership of the Club 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 OSCFC Team of the Century.**

Simon is the father of OSFC player Charlie Tallent (2002 – 2011).

### **Dr P. M. Peter Sherwen**

Peter Sherwen was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1975 and played three games while still at school in 1975. He played 237 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1975 – 1995.

He also **played in our back-to-back premierships of 1977 (B Section) & 1978 (A Section)**, and was a **Victorian representative in 1977, 1978, 1981, 1982, 1983 & 1985, and an Australian Amateur Football Council representative in 1983 & 1985.**

**Peter was our Club's leading goalkicker in 1984, 1986 & 1987.**

He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1988 upon playing 200 games for the Club.

After retiring from playing, he **coached our Club in 1991, 1993 & 1994.** He then came out of retirement to play in our Club 18 premierships team of 1995.

**Peter has also acted as the Club's Honorary Medical Officer for 24 years** from 1991 until today.

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

More recently, in 2015 he was winner of the Bill Pearson Most Valuable Person Award and continues to act as the club's Honorary Medical Officer. Dr Peter perpetuates our club's reputation in amateur football circles of looking after the welfare of both our own and opposition players.

In 2016, the VAFA named Peter a Big V Champion.

Peter is brother of OSCFC player Rick Sherwen (1981 – 1986) and father of OSFC player and past Club Captain Scott Sherwen (2007 – 2015).

### **L. A. Laurie Aghan**

In 1976, John Anderson recruited Laurie Aghan by from *Reservoir Old Boys* to coach our club after coaching him in Victorian Representative teams. **He coached both the Old Scotch Collegians Football Club Seniors and Reserves teams for six years from 1976 – 1981, and our Seniors again in 1990.**

**He was a premierships coach in 1977 (B Section) and 1978 (A Section), plus Reserves premierships coach in 1980.**

In 1977 Laurie coached the club to a **B Section Premiership** – *Old Scotch* 13.22.100 defeated *Ivanhoe* 7.16.58.

In 1978 he coached the club to an **A Section Premiership** – *Old Scotch* 16.16.112 defeated *North Old Boys* 16.11.107.

In 1980 he coached our Reserves to a **B Reserves Section Premiers** – *Old Scotch* 17.12.114 defeated *Old Xaverians* 8.9.57

In 1980 he also coached the club to be *B Section Runners Up*, but most importantly returning the club to A Section - *Old Xaverians* 12.12.84 defeated *Old Scotch* 12.10.82.

Later in 1988 he also coached our Under 19s. Laurie coached 135 senior OSFC games at a win ratio of 56%. He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1988.

**In 2000, he was named as coach of the OSCFC Team of the Century, and awarded a VAFA Certificate of Merit in 2002.**

Laurie is father of OSCFC player Jason Aghan (1987 – 1990).

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