

Old Scotch Football Club
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – CLUB LEGENDS 1990s (1990 – 1999)

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 1990s ...

A. R. Andrew "Gus" Taylor

Andrew Taylor was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1953 and between 1953 – 1955 played 21 Under 19 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club*. Later in 1989 and 1990, he coached our Under 19s. In 1989, **he coached our Under 19s to an Under 19s Section 2 Premiers** – *Old Scotch* 18.10.118 defeated *St Bernards* 7.8.50. He died in 2000. Gus was passionate about football – the Demons as well as Old Scotch – and made a tremendous contribution to our club, not only in what he did in so many roles but also in being a through gentleman and friend to so many people. **Our annual "Most Promising Under 19 Player Award" is named after Andrew.**

J. R. John Montgomery

John Montgomery was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1961. He played 8 Juniors games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1961. He re-joined the Club in 1986 when his eldest son Scott started playing in the Under 19s, helping goal umpiring, running the kiosk & bar in 1991 and later joining the club committee in 1992 & 1993.

He went on to be the fourteenth President of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for five years from 1994 – 1998 during a very demanding time following our move to the Camberwell Sportsground. He was very proud to be Club 18 Premiership President in 1995 (as son Scott Montgomery captained our Club 18 team).

He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 2000. John continues to act a timekeeper for our Reserves & Seniors.

John is father of OSCFC players Scott Montgomery (1986 – 2000), Peter Montgomery (1988 – 1995) & Ed Montgomery (1992 – 1996).

N. M. T. Nick Hooper

Nick Hooper was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1987. **He went on and played a record 316 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1987 – 2003. Currently he is our club's record holder for number of club games played. He was our Under 19s Best & Fairest in 1988, VAFA Under 19 Section 2 Best & Fairest in 1988, our Reserves leading goalkicker in 1990 & 2002, and our Reserves Best & Fairest in 1992, 1996, 1997, 1999 & 2002.**

Nick played in our Reserves premiership team of 1993 and **captained our Reserves for six years from 1996 - 2000 and again in 2003.**

He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1997 upon playing 200 games for our Club.

Nick is brother of OSCFC player David Hooper (1987 – 1998).

Next week we will look at club legends of the 2000s ...

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