

CRACKERS CHRONICLES – THREE-GENERATIONAL FAMILIES

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 two of our great 'three-generational' playing families.

This week we focus on ...

The Campbell family

Three generations of Campbells have played football with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club*:

1st generation – **Keith Campbell** 1922 & 1926 – 1928

Keith Campbell played in the *Scotch College* 1st XVIII Football Team in 1920 and joined the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1922. He later re-joined the club in 1926 and played a total of four seasons with our club until 1928. He played in our 1927 A Section Premiership team.

Later, when his son Euan Campbell played for our club, Keith was President of our club for three years from 1966 – 1968. Keith died in 1981.

2nd generation – **Euan Campbell** 1963 – 1967 & 1969 - 1974

Euan Campbell is the son of Keith Campbell. In 1963, Euan was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player, debuting in our Seniors on 24 April 1964. He played 148 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1963 – 1967 & 1969 – 1974, starting off in the number "46" jumper, changing to the number "11" jumper in 1966 after Peter Clarke retired following the 1965 premiership, and finally moving to the number "2" jumper in 1969 upon returning to our club from the *Melbourne Football Club*. (In 1968, Euan played one senior game for *Melbourne v Geelong* at Kardinia Park). Euan played in our 1965 B Section premiership team coached by Don Howell. He was a Victorian State Representative in 1969. Later, he played in our 1973 Reserves Premiership team. Euan retired after the 1974 season. Euan is the father of former club player Daren Campbell.

3rd generation – **Darren Campbell** 1981 - 1985

Darren Campbell is the son of Euan Campbell. In 1981, Darren was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player and played 73 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1981 – 1985 & 1987 – 1988, debuting in our Seniors on 22 May 1982, but playing in variously numbered jumpers. In 1982, Darren was a Victorian Under 19 State Representative.

The Steele family

Three generations of Steeles have played football with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club*:

1st generation – **Stan Steele** 1933 & 1934

In 1933, Stan Steele was recruited from *Scotch College* and played two seasons with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1933 & 1934 whilst still at school where he was Captain of Football in 1934, playing in the number "22" jumper, and before transferring to *University Blacks Football Club* to play with his brother Ray Steele. Stan played in our 1933 A Section Premiership team coached by Gus Dobrigh and our 1934 A Section Premiership team coached by Vic Belcher. Stan is the father of former club players Ken Steele and Bryan Steele. Stan died in 1985.

2nd generation – **Ken Steele** 1959 – 1960

Ken Steele is the son of Stan Steele and the older brother of Bryan Steele. In 1959, Ken Steele was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player and played 27 Juniors games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1959 – 1960, playing in the number "22" jumper. Ken is the father of former club player Robert Steele.

2nd generation – **Bryan Steele** 1964 – 1972 & 1974 - 1976

Bryan Steele is the son of Stan Steele and the younger brother of Ken Steele. In 1964, Bryan Steele, an old boy of *Scotch College* was recruited from *University Blacks* (as a Victorian State

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Representative in 1963) where his father Stan had played, and played 167 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1964 – 1972 & 1974 – 1976, debuting in our Seniors on 24 April 1964 and playing the majority of his career in the number “16” jumper. Bryan played in our 1965 & 1970 B Section premiership teams. He was also a Victorian State Representative again in 1965. In 1973, Bryan captained & coached *Old Carey FC* but after just one season returned to *Old Scotch*. In 1974, John Anderson stepped down as club captain to allow Bryan to return to the club as captain of our club for one year. The following year, 1975, Bryan stepped down as captain to coach our Seniors. John Anderson then became club captain again.

In 2017, Bryan was named in the forward pocket and deputy vice-captain of our *OSFC Reserve Team of the Century*.

Bryan is the father of former club player David Steele, uncle of former club players Barry and Robert Steele and cousin of former club players Tony Steele and club captain Stuart Steele.

3rd generation – **Robert Steele** 1989 – 1992

Robert Steele is the son of Ken Steele and cousin of David Steele. In 1989, Robert Steele was recruited from *Scotch College* and played 56 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1989 – 1992, playing in the number “49” jumper.

3rd generation – **David Steele** 1989 – 1993 & 1995 - 1996

David Steele is the son of Bryan Steele and cousin of Robert Steele. In 1989, David Steele was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player, playing 102 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1989 – 1993 & 1995 – 1996, playing in the number “19” jumper before changing to the number “34” jumper upon his return to our club. In 1989, David played in our Under 19 Premiership team coached by Gus Taylor.

Other members of the Steele family to have played for *Old Scotch Football Club* include:

Tony Steele 1960 & 1962

Tony Steele is the son of Ray Steele (brother of Stan Steele) and cousin of Bryan Steele. In 1960, Tony Steele was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player and played 25 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1960 and 1962, debuting in our Seniors on 19 May 1962 and playing in the number “51” jumper. In 1960, he was our Juniors Best & Fairest. Tony is the father of former club players Barry Steele and Stuart Steele.

Barry Steele 1989 – 1993

Barry Steele is the son of Tony Steele and older brother of Stuart Steele. In 1989, Barry Steele was recruited from *Scotch College* and played 77 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1989 – 1993, debuting in our Seniors on 12 May 1990 and playing in the number “35” jumper. Barry played in our 1989 Under 19 Premiership team coached by Gus Taylor and our 1993 Reserves Premiership team coached by David Kay.

Stuart Steele 1996 – 1998

Stuart Steele is the son of Tony Steele and younger brother of Barry Steele. In 1992, Stuart Steele was recruited from *Scotch College* and played 64 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1992 & 1995 - 1998, debuting in our seniors on 12/12/1992 and playing in the number “35” jumper. In 1993, Stuart played two games for the *Richmond FC* (one game v *Hawthorn* at the MCG & one game v *Sydney* at Waverley Park). His grandfather Ray Steele had played 42 games for the *Richmond FC* from 1940 – 1943. Stuart captained our club for three years from 1996 – 1998. In 1997, coached by Wayne Harmes, he captained the club to be *A Section Runners Up – Old Xaverians* 10.13.73 defeated *Old Scotch* 9.13.67. Again the next year in 1997, again coached by Wayne Harmes, he captained the club to again be *A Section Runners Up – Old Xaverians* 21.13.139 defeated *Old Scotch* 11.12.78.

Well folks, that brings us to a close for this year. Next year, we will look at our club presidents and club coaches ...

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