

CRACKERS CHRONICLES – THREE-GENERATIONAL FAMILIES

Welcome back to this year's first 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 our members. This week we pick up from the last edition of last season when I outlined the contributions of two of our great 'three-generational' playing families, the Campbells and the Steeles.

This week we focus on an additional 'three-generational' playing family ...

The Melville family

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

1st generation – **Hugh Melville** 1946

Hugh Melville, an old boy of *Scotch College*, played in the School 1st XVIII in 1940 & 1941 and was vice-captain of the 1942 school premiership team. In 1942, he joined the Melbourne University Rifles and from 1944 – 1946 served in the AIF. He served in the 9th Division in Borneo for about six months. In 1946, upon his discharge, Hugh joined the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* and played nine games with our club, playing in the number "14" jumper.

Later, Dr Hugh Melville acted as an honorary medical officer of our club for many years.

Hugh's two sons, Robert Melville and Peter Melville also played with our club.

2nd generation – **Robert Melville** 1971 - 1976

Robert Melville is the elder son of Dr Hugh Melville. In 1971, Robert Melville was recruited from *Scotch College* as an Under 19s player while still at school and played 69 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1971 – 1976, debuting in our Seniors on 19 August 1972 and playing in the number "23" jumper. In 1972, Rob was our Juniors Best & Fairest and our Juniors leading goalkicker.

2nd generation – **Peter Melville** 1976 – 1981 & 1983 – 1984

Peter Melville is the younger son of Dr Hugh Melville. In 1976, Peter Melville was recruited from *Scotch College* as an Under 19s player and played 107 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1976 – 1981 & 1983 – 1984, debuting in our Seniors on 7 July 1979 and playing in the number "6" jumper until 1981 and in the number "12" jumper in 1983 & 1984. Peter was our Juniors captain in 1977.

Peter is the father of OSFC players Andrew Melville, Timothy Melville and Cameron Melville.

3rd generation – **Andrew Melville** 2007

Andrew Melville is the eldest son of Peter Melville. In 2007, Andrew was recruited from *Scotch College* as an Under 19s player and played 13 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* playing in the number "47" jumper.

Andrew is the older brother of Timothy & Cameron Melville.

3rd generation – **Timothy Melville** 2008 – 2017

Tim Melville is the middle son of Peter Melville. In 2008, Tim was recruited from *Scotch College* as an Under 19s player and played 128 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 2008 – 2017 playing in the number "81" jumper. He played in our 2017 Thirds premiership team.

Tim is a younger brother of Andrew and an older brother of Cameron Melville.

3rd generation – **Cameron Melville** 2014 – 2018

Cam Melville is the youngest son of Peter Melville. In 2014, Cam was recruited from *Scotch College* as an Under 19s player and has played 70 games so far with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club*

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from 2014 – 2018, debuting in our Seniors on 23 July 2016 and playing in the number “75” jumper but changing to the number “42” jumper in 2018.

Cameron is the younger brother of Andrew & Tim Melville.

Well folks, that brings us up to date on **known** ‘three-generations’ of club players. If you are aware of any other families, other than the Campbells, Steeles and Melvilles, please let me know. Next week, we will start looking at our club presidents and club coaches ...

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