

Old Scotch Football Club  
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – EARLY SIXTIES

Welcome back to “**Crackers Chronicles**”. This week we trace some of the history of the *Old Scotch Football Club* by recounting the contributions of four of our Life Members from the early 1960s.

**A. F. Andy Watson**

Andy Watson was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1958. He played 232 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1958 – 1972. He was our Juniors leading goalkicker in 1959, Reserves Best & Fairest in 1968 & 1970, and played in our “B” section premiership team of 1970. He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1972 for having played 200 games for the Club back in 1969. He was the first player elected a Life Member under the new criteria of 200 games played for the Club. He died in 1989.

**N. C. Norm Cossar**

Norm Cossar was an *Old Scotch Boy* and sixth President of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for six years from 1960 – 1965. During his term as president, Norm was a Reserves premiership President in 1961 & 1964, and premiership President in 1965. He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1967. He died in 1987.

Norm is father of OSCFC player Brian Cossar (1956 & 1963).

**G. E. Geoff Speed (“Sammy”)**

Geoff Speed was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1960. He played 144 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1960 – 1971. He played in the Reserves premiership teams of 1961, 1967 & 1969, and in the Club 18 premiership team of 1971.

Geoff went on to be President of the Old Scotch Collegians’ Association in 1992, and fifteenth President of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for five years from 1999 – 2003. He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 2003. Geoff died in 2018.

Geoff is father of OSCFC player Andrew Speed (1992 – 2001).

**P. T. Peter Clarke**

Peter Clarke was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1960. He played 162 games for the *Old Scotch Football Club* from 1960 – 1978. He was both our Juniors leading goalkicker and Best & Fairest in 1961. Then he coached our Juniors in 1962 & 1963. Later, Peter was our Seniors leading goalkicker in 1965 and played in the “B” Section premiership team of 1965. He also played in our Reserves premiership team of 1969 and was Reserves leading goalkicker in 1974, 1975 & 1977. Peter captained our Reserves in 1975 & 1977 and coached our Reserves in 1975.

Peter also served on the committee as Chairman of Selectors in 1976 & 1977 at the start of the successful Laurie Aghan era.

He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1977.

Next week we will look at the Life Members from the late 1960s ...

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