

CRACKERS CHRONICLES – CLUB COACHES EIGHTIES (1982 – 1989)

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 great club coaches.

This week we focus on our club coaches of the Eighties ...

**T. F. Trevor Read 1982 - 1985**

In 1982, Trevor Read took over the coaching of our Seniors team from Laurie Aghan. Trevor had played in the *Melbourne High School Old Boys' A Section* team and then with *Mordialloc* in the VFA. In the Amateurs, he had coached *Carey Old Boys*, *Parkside* and from 1987 – 1981 *Melbourne High School Old Boys*. He had also coached the Metropolitan Schoolboys team and the Victorian Schoolboys team. In 1981, he was coach of the highly successful *VFA Under 18 Victorian Team*. He brought a whole new style of "switch football" play to our club from the "long-kicking" style of Laurie Aghan. Trevor recruited club senior games record-holder Andrew Smith to our club. He coached our Seniors in A Section for four years; 1982 to 7<sup>th</sup> position, 1983 to 6<sup>th</sup> position, 1984 to 6<sup>th</sup> position and 1985 to 5<sup>th</sup> position. In 1983, he also coached our Reserves team.

**B. J. Barry Price 1986**

In 1986, Barry Price, the former star *Collingwood Football Club* player was recruited from teaching at *Scotch College* to first coach our Seniors for one season, taking over from Trevor Read, before coaching *East Burwood* in the Eastern Football League for two years. He had played 158 games with *Collingwood* and kicked 60 goals. He had won the Copeland Trophy for Best & Fairest at *Collingwood* in 1969, represented Victoria in 1970, and was vice-captain of *Collingwood* in 1972. Barry then moved to Western Australia at the age of 26, in the prime of his playing career, to study and play for *Claremont*, returning to *Collingwood* in 1979 at the age of 30. Injuries curtailed his comeback with the Magpies, but he became a skills coach with their club in the early 1980s. In 1986, he coached our Seniors to 6<sup>th</sup> position in A Section. However, his appointment at *Scotch College* required him to attend to school affairs throughout the year and precluded him from continuing his coaching role with our club.

Later, Barry was again appointed coach of our Seniors team in 2006 and 2007 when he was Director of Sport at *Scotch College*.

Barry's son Rohan Price played 109 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1992 – 1995 & 1997 – 2002.

**D. J. Don Davenport 1987**

In 1987, Don Davenport, the former *Richmond Football Club* player, took over the coaching of our Seniors team for one season from Barry Price. He had played 56 games with *Richmond* from 1964 – 1967, 1969 & 1971, and kicked 38 goals.

Don was a wingman and half-forward flanker who joined *Richmond* from *Loch*. He was a very agile and skilful player who had the ability to baulk his way out of trouble. He made his senior debut on 13 June 1964 and went on to play 34 consecutive games before injuries hampered his progress. In 1971, he was a member of the *Richmond* Reserves Premiership side. He spent two seasons with *Dandenong* in between stints with *Richmond* and later returned to *Dandenong* before taking over as *Richmond's* Under 19s coach in 1975. His VFL Under 19 side made the grand final in each of his three years as coach, winning in 1975 and 1977, and losing narrowly to *North Melbourne* in 1976. Don served as a specialist coach at *Richmond* in 1980 and 1981.

At the time of his appointment as coach of our Seniors team, he was boarding headmaster at *Scotch College*. Don had also coached the *Scotch College* football and cricket teams since 1977, and they won the 1980 Associated Public Schools Football Premiership under his guidance.

In 1987, he coached our Seniors to 5<sup>th</sup> position in A Section.

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**S. L. Simon Tallent 1988 - 1989**

In 1971, Simon Tallent was recruited from *Scotch College* and played three games with our club whilst still at school in 1971 & 1972, where he was Captain of Football in 1972, debuting in our Seniors on 12 August 1972. He played 221 games with 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 State Representative in 1978 & 1979. Simon captained our club for five years from 1980 – 1984.

**Simon was awarded Life Membership of our club in 1984**, 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*.

In 1988, Simon took over the coaching of our Seniors team from Don Davenport. In 1988, he coached our Seniors to 8<sup>th</sup> position in A Section, and in 1989 to 7<sup>th</sup> position in A Section. He also coached our Reserves team in 1989 and again in 1996.

In 2000, Simon was named on the interchange bench in the *OSFC Team of the Century*.

Simon is the father of former OSFC player Charlie Tallent who played 113 games from 2002 – 2011.

Next week we will look at club coaches of the Nineties ...

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