

CRACKERS CHRONICLES – CLUB COACHES NINETIES (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 great club coaches.

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

**L. A. Laurie Aghan 1990**

Laurie Aghan had coached both our Seniors and Reserves teams for seven years from 1976 – 1981. In 1988, he made his first come-back and coached our Under 19s team for one season when his son Jason was playing.

Then in 1990, he made yet another come-back taking over the coaching of our Seniors team from Simon Tallent for one more season. In 1990, he coached our Seniors to 7<sup>th</sup> position in A Section before finally retiring from coaching *Old Scotch*.

**Laurie was awarded Life Membership of our club in 1988.** In 2000, he was named as coach of our *OSCFC Team of the Century*, and awarded a VAFA Certificate of Merit in 2002.

Laurie is father of former OSCFC player Jason Aghan who played 39 games from 1987 – 1990.

**P. M. Peter Sherwen 1991 & 1993 - 1994**

In 1975, Peter Sherwen was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player but played three games in our Seniors whilst still at school, debuting in our Seniors on 15 April 1975. From 1975 – 1978 & 1980 – 1995, he played 237 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club*.

He also played in our back-to-back 1977 B Section & 1978 A Section premiership teams, and was a Victorian State Representative in 1977, 1978, 1981, 1982, 1983 & 1985, and an Australian Amateur Football Council Representative in 1983 & 1985.

Peter was our club's leading goalkicker in 1984, 1986 & 1987.

**Peter was awarded Life Membership of our club in 1988**, upon playing 200 games for our Club. After retiring from playing, Peter coached our Seniors team in 1991, taking over from Laurie Aghan and again in 1993 & 1994, taking over from Russell Greene.

In 1991, he coached our Seniors to 3<sup>rd</sup> position in A Section, losing the preliminary final to *North Old Boys*. In 1993, he coached our Seniors to 7<sup>th</sup> position in A Section and in 1994 to 5<sup>th</sup> position in A Section.

Peter has also acted as the Club's Honorary Medical Officer for 29 years from 1991 until today.

In 2000, he was named on the half forward flank in our *OSCFC Team of the Century*.

More recently, in 2015 he was winner of the Bill Pearson Most Valuable Person Award and continues to act as the club's Honorary Medical Officer.

Peter is brother of former OSCFC player Rick Sherwen (1981 – 1986) and father of former OSFC player and past Club Captain Scott Sherwen (2007 – 2015).

**R. J. Russell Greene 1992**

In 1992, Peter Sherwen stood aside to allow Russell Greene to coach our Seniors team. Russell, a former champion AFL player had from 1974 – 1980 played 120 games with the *St Kilda Football Club*, and from 1980 – 1988 played 184 games with the *Hawthorn Football Club*. He had played in *Hawthorn's* premiership teams in 1983, 1986 & 1988. He took over the coaching of our Seniors team from Peter Sherwen for just one season. Peter continued to act as an assistant seniors coach. In 1992, Russell coached our Seniors to 6<sup>th</sup> position in A Section. In 1993, Peter Sherwen resumed as coach of our Seniors team for two more seasons.

**W. V. Wayne Harmes 1995 - 1999**

In 1995, the club appointed Rod Ashman, former player at the *Carlton Football Club*, to take over the coaching of our Seniors team from Peter Sherwen. However, with the appointment of Rod full-time to the staff at *Wesley College*, he was unable to fulfil his appointment with our club. Rod recommended his close friend Wayne Harmes as a possible replacement. Wayne, a former AFL star played 169 games with the *Carlton Football Club* kicking 86 goals. He played in *Carlton's* 1979, 1981 & 1982 premiership teams. In 1979, he won the inaugural Norm Smith Medal for Best in the VFL Grand Final. Wayne coached our Seniors team for five years in A Section; in 1995 he coached our Seniors to 4<sup>th</sup> position, losing the first semi final to *University Blues*, in 1996 he coached our Seniors to 5<sup>th</sup> position, in 1997 to be runners up to *Old Xaverians* by 6 points, in 1998 to be runners up again to *Old Xaverians* by 98 points, and in 1999 to 8<sup>th</sup> position, narrowly avoiding relegation to B Section.

Next week we will look at club coaches of the Two Thousands ...

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