

CRACKERS CHRONICLES – 1965 PREMIERSHIP PLAYERS

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 club legends.

This week we focus on our 1965 ninth premiership players ...

1965 B Section Premiers *Old Scotch* 18.10.118 defeated *Caulfield Grammarians* 4.11.35 at the South Melbourne Football Ground on 25 September 1965.

Backs	Lachie McLean	Clive Jones	Al Douglas
Half Backs	John McKenzie	Dick Morton	David Haugh
Centres	Euan Campbell	David Birch (B&F)	John Hay
Half Forwards	Bryan Steele (VC)	Peter Clarke	David Hughes
Forwards	Jim Forrest	Graeme McLean	Ian Wilson (C)
Followers	Dick Frew	Harvey Atkinson	
Rover	David Simpson		
19th & 20th	Cyril Benjamin	Andy Sinclair	

Coach - Don Howell

In 1965, Don Howell, took over the coaching of our Seniors team from Mick Eggleston. He had first played with *Portland Football Club* before moving to *St Kilda* from 1953 – 1955 playing 29 games, and then transferring to *Collingwood* from 1957 – 1958 playing 17 games. He then played with *Frankston*, and later was playing coach with *McKinnon* and *Glenhuntly* until 1964. It is reputed that Don was the first "professional" to coach our club. Don coached the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for four years; in 1965 winning our first B Section premiership defeating *Caulfield Grammarians* and earning promotion back to A Section in 1966 after five years languishing in B Section; in 1966 to 5th position in A Section, in 1967 to 8th position in A Section and in 1968 to 10th position in A Section, relegating our club to B Section in 1969.

A tribute reunion pre-match luncheon for "Red Nut" was held at the home of *Old Scotch*, the Camberwell Sportsground, on 26 May 2018. Don died in 2019.

Don's son Nick Howell played 32 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1989 – 1991.

Harvey Atkinson

In 1964, Harvey Atkinson was recruited from *Scotch College* and played five games with our Juniors while still at school, before debuting in our Seniors on 29 August 1964. He played 43 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1964 – 1966, playing in the number "9" jumper. Harvey played in our 1965 B Section premiership team. Tragically, Harvey died very young in September 1966 following the 1966 season.

Cyril Benjamin

In 1960, Cyril Benjamin was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player but did not debut in our Seniors until 20 May 1964. He played 131 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1960 – 1969, playing in the number "21" jumper. He played in our 1964 Reserves premiership team coached by Arthur Marshall. Cyril then played in our 1965 B Section premiership team. Later, he also played in our 1967 and 1969 Reserves premiership teams coached by Ray Sneddon and Leigh McGregor. During that time, in 1967 he acted as Club Secretary. Cyril retired after the 1969 season.

David Birch

In 1961, David Birch was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player and debuting in our Seniors on 2 April 1963. In 1962, he was our Juniors leading goalkicker. He played 156 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1961 – 1974, playing in the number "3" jumper. David played in our 1965 B Section premiership team and was our club's Best & Fairest in 1965. He was also a Victorian State Representative in 1966. Later in 1967, David captained our club for one year. David retired after the 1974 season.

He is the older brother of former club player John Birch (1964 – 1968).

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Euan Campbell

In 1963, Euan Campbell was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player and debuting in our Seniors on 24 April 1964. He played 148 games with 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. He was a Victorian State Representative in 1969. Later, he played in our 1973 Reserves premiership team coached by Leigh McGregor. Euan retired after the 1974 season.

Euan is the son of former OSCFC player Keith Campbell (1922 & 1926 – 1928) & Club President (1966 – 1968), and father of former OSCFC player Darren Campbell (1981 – 1988).

Peter Clarke

In 1960, Peter Clarke was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player but did not debut in our Seniors until 24 April 1964. He played 162 games with the *Old Scotch Football Club* from 1960 – 1961, 1964 – 1965 & 1968 – 1978, playing initially in 1964 & 1965 in the number “11” jumper, then on returning to our club in 1968 playing in the number “14” jumper from 1968 - 1978. He was both our Juniors leading goalkicker and Best & Fairest in 1961. Then in 1962 & 1963, due to injury, he coached our Juniors before returning to playing in 1964. Peter played in our 1965 B Section premiership team and was our leading goalkicker with 43 goals. Later, Peter played in our 1970 B Section premiership team coached by David Kidd. He also played in our 1969 Reserves premiership team coached by Leigh McGregor and was our Reserves leading goalkicker in 1974, 1975 & 1977. Peter captained our Reserves in 1975 & 1977 and also coached our Reserves in 1975.

Peter served on the committee as Chairman of Selectors in 1976 & 1977 at the start of the successful Laurie Aghan era. Peter finally retired from playing after the 1978 season.

Peter was awarded Life Membership of our Club in 1977.

Alistair “Al” Douglas

In 1963, Alistair Douglas was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player and debuting in our Seniors on 13 June 1964. He played 55 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1963 – 1965, playing in the number “40” jumper before later changing to the number “7” jumper in 1965. In 1964, he captained our Juniors, but only for seven games as he played thirteen games in our Seniors. Al played in our 1965 B Section premiership team. Al ceased playing with our club after the 1965 premiership when he moved to the country where he played with *Shepparton*, *Swan Hill* and *Tocumwal* football clubs.

James “Jim” Forrest

In 1964, Jim Forrest was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player debuting in our Seniors on 30 May 1964 and playing three senior games in his first season. He played 55 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1964 – 1968, playing in the number “29” jumper. Jim played in our 1965 B Section premiership team. Jim retired after the 1968 season. Jim died in 2003.

Richard “Dick” Frew

In 1962, Dick Frew was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player debuting in our Seniors on 21 July 1962 and playing six senior games in his first season. He played 180 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1962 – 1966 & 1972 - 1977, playing initially in the number “42” jumper and later upon his return to our club from overseas in the number “53” jumper before finishing his career in the number “37” jumper. In 1962, in his first season with our club, he played just twelve games in our Juniors but was our Juniors Best & Fairest. Dick played in our 1965 B Section premiership team. Later, he played in our 1973 Reserves premiership team coached by Leigh McGregor and was our 1974 Reserves Best & Fairest. Dick retired after the 1977 season.

David “Huffa” Haugh

In 1962, David Haugh was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player and played three games in our Juniors while still at school. Later in 1964, David joined our club as a senior player debuting in our Seniors on 6 June 1964. He played 99 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1962 – 1968, initially playing in the number “61” jumper and in 1965 changing to the number “35” jumper. He

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played in our 1964 Reserves premiership team coached by Arthur Marshall. David played in our 1965 B Section premiership team and was named “Best First-Year Player” in our 1965 awards. Later, he played in our 1967 Reserves premiership team coached by Ray Sneddon. Huffa retired after the 1968 season.

John “Hasha” Hay

In 1965, John Hay was recruited from *Scotch College*, where he had been Captain of Football in 1964, as a Juniors player and debuted in our Seniors on 26 June 1965. He played 68 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1965 – 1968, playing in the number “36” jumper, and later in the number “9” jumper as captain. John played in our 1965 B Section premiership team, was runner up in our 1965 Best & Fairest award and named “Best in the Finals” in 1965. Later, he captained our club for one year in 1968. He was also a Victorian State Representative in 1968. Hasha retired after the 1968 season.

David Hughes

In 1961, David Hughes was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player and debuted in our Seniors on 12 August 1961, whilst still at school. He played 163 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1961 – 1976, playing in the number “1” jumper. He was our club’s leading goalkicker in 1962, 1964 (also VAFA B Section leading goalkicker), 1968, 1969 & 1970. David played in our 1965 B Section premiership team. He was our club’s Best & Fairest in 1967 and captained our Club for three years from 1969 – 1971. He was a Victorian State Representative in 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1969 & 1971, and captained Victoria in 1969. He was also an Australian Amateur Football Council Representative in 1964, 1965 & 1968, winning the AAFC Medal in 1964, and captaining the AAFC team in 1968.

In 1970, David captained our B Section premiership team coached by David Kidd and was our club’s leading goal kicker.

After retiring from playing in 1976, David served on the VAFA Independent Tribunal for 35 years from 1984 until today.

In 1998, David returned to our club to manage our Under 19s team for six years from 1998 – 2003.

David was awarded Life Membership of our Club in 2000. In 2000, he was named at full-forward in our *OSFC Team of the Century*.

In 2000, the VAFA awarded David a Certificate of Merit.

In 2011, David was named a VAFA “Big V Champion” and awarded Life Membership of the VAFA.

In 2018, David was elevated to “Legend of the Big V”.

David is the younger brother of former OSCFC player Bill Hughes (1960 – 1963).

Clive Jones

In 1959, Clive Jones was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player debuting in our Seniors on 20 August 1960. He played 105 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1959 – 1961 and 1963 – 1967 playing in the number “22” jumper and later in 1963 moving to the number “2” jumper. In 1960, he was our Juniors Best & Fairest jointly with Tony Steele. In 1961, he played in our 1961 Reserves premiership team coached by John Gifford. Clive played in our 1965 B Section premiership team. Clive retired after the 1967 season.

John McKenzie

In 1961, John McKenzie was recruited from *Scotch College* debuting in our Seniors on 22 April 1961. He played 132 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1961 – 1968 & 1972 - 1974, playing in the number “27” jumper. John played in our 1965 B Section premiership team. He was our club’s Best & Fairest in 1966. He was also a Victorian State Representative in 1965 & 1966. John retired after the 1968 season, but made a comeback 1972 – 1974 playing in the number “3” jumper before finally retiring. John died in 1999.

In 2017, John was named at centre half back in our *OSFC Supplementary Team of the Century*.

Graeme “Horse” McLean

In 1964, Graeme McLean was recruited from *Scotch College* and played seven games with our Juniors while still at school, debuting in our Seniors on 7 August 1965. He played 39 games with the

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Old Scotch Collegians Football Club from 1964 – 1967, playing in the number “33” jumper. Graeme played in our 1965 B Section premiership team. He was our club’s leading goalkicker in 1966 & 1967 (also the VAFA A Section leading goalkicker in 1967). He was then recruited by the *St Kilda Football Club* in 1968. Graeme died in 2013.

Manson described Graeme as an outstanding high-flying forward and goal kicker, and named him in his “*Best-ever Old Scotch Team*”.

In 2017, Graeme was named at full forward in of our *OSFC Supplementary Team of the Century*.

Lachie McLean

In 1961, Lachie McLean was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player and debuted in our Seniors on 10 June 1961. He played 41 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1961 – 1966, playing in the number “34” jumper before changing to the number “4” jumper in 1965 and finally the number “38” jumper in 1966. Lachie played in our 1965 B Section premiership team. Lachie retired after the 1966 season.

Richard “Dick” Morton

In 1962, Dick Morton was recruited from *Scotch College* and played five games with our Juniors while still at school. In 1963, he was our Juniors Best & Fairest, debuting in our Seniors on 27 July 1963 and playing five Seniors games. He played 78 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1962 – 1966, playing in the number “8” jumper. Dick played in our 1965 B Section premiership team and was awarded the 1965 Coach’s Trophy. Dick retired after the 1966 season.

David Simpson

In 1964, David Simpson was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player debuting in our Seniors on 24 April 1964 and playing three games in our Seniors. He was our Juniors leading goalkicker in 1964. He played 60 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1964 – 1967, playing in the number “6” jumper. David played in our 1965 B Section premiership team. David ceased playing for our club after the 1967 season.

Andy Sinclair

In 1961, Andy Sinclair was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player and captained our Juniors team. He debuted in our Seniors on 10 June 1961 playing seven Seniors games. He played 87 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1961 & 1963 – 1967, playing in the number “20” jumper. Andy played in our 1965 B Section premiership team. Andy retired after the 1967 season.

Bryan Steele

In 1964, Bryan Steele, an old boy of *Scotch College* was recruited from *University Blacks* (where he had been vice-captain and a Victorian State Representative in 1963) debuting in our Seniors on 24 April 1964. He played 167 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1964 – 1972 & 1974 – 1976, playing the majority of his carer in the number “16” jumper. Bryan played in our 1965 B Section premiership team and was vice-captain. He was also a Victorian State Representative again in 1965. Later, he played in our 1970 B Section premiership team coached by David Kidd. Bryan was our club captain in 1974 and coached our Seniors in 1975. Bryan retired after the 1976 season. In 2017, Bryan was named on the half forward pocket and deputy vice-captain of our *OSFC Supplementary Team of the Century*.

Bryan is the son of former OSCFC player Stan Steele (1933 – 1934).

Bryan is also the father of former OSCFC player David Steele (1993 & 1995 – 1996), uncle of former OSCFC players Barry Steele (1989 – 1993) & Robert Steele (1989 – 1992), and cousin of former OSCFC players Tony Steele (1960 & 1962) and OSCFC club captain Stuart Steele (1996 – 1998).

Ian “Willo” Wilson

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In 1961, Ian Wilson, an old boy of *Scotch College* where he had been Captain of Football in 1959, was recruited to our club from *University Blacks*, debuting in our Seniors on 22 April 1961. He played 175 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1961 – 1970, 1976 & 1981 playing in the number “5” jumper. He played in our 1961 & 1967 Reserves premierships teams coached by John Gifford and Ray Sneddon. Ian captained our 1965 B Section premierships team. Later, he also played in our 1970 B Section premierships team coached by David Kidd. Ian captained our club for four years from 1963 – 1966. He was also a Victorian State Representative in 1963.

In both 1976 and 1981, he attempted come-backs.

Later, after he retired from playing following the 1981 season, he was Club Secretary in 1988 & 1989 and in 1990 he coached our Reserves. Ian died in 1998.

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

Our annual “Encouragement to an Emerging Senior Player” award is named in Ian’s honour.

Ian is the father of former player club Tom Wilson (1988 – 1999).

ALSO PLAYED MANY GAMES DURING SEASON AND IN TEAM PHOTOGRAPH

Andrew Forsyth

In 1964, Andrew Forsyth was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player and debuting in our Seniors on 24 April 1965. He played 38 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1964 – 1966 playing in the number “13” jumper. In 1965, Andrew played 11 games in our Seniors team coached by Don Howell. Andrew ceased playing for our club after the 1966 season. Andrew died in 2017.

David Hassett

In 1963, David Hassett was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player debuting in our Seniors on 2 May 1964. He played 55 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1963 – 1969, playing in the number “17” jumper. He played in our 1964 Reserves Premiership team coached by Arthur Marshall. In 1965, David played 13 games in our Seniors team coached by Don Howell. David retired after the 1965 season. However, he attempted a come-back from injury in 1968 & 1969 finally retiring after the 1969 season.

Alan Nicholls

In 1963, Alan Nicholls was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player and debuting in our Seniors on 16 May 1964. He went on to play a then record 269 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1963 – 1978, playing in the number “22” jumper. He played in our 1964 Reserves Premiership team coached by Arthur Marshall. In 1965, Alan played 18 games in our 1965 Seniors team coached by Don Howell. **Alan was awarded Life Membership of our Club in 1974** upon playing 200 games for our club. Alan retired after the 1978 season.

Andy Watson

In 1958, Andy Watson was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player and debuting in our Seniors on 6 August 1960. He played 232 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1958 – 1972, playing in the number “12” jumper. He was our Juniors leading goalkicker in 1959, Reserves Best & Fairest in 1968 & 1970. In 1965, Andy played 14 games in our 1965 Seniors team coached by Don Howell. Later, he played in our 1970 B Section premierships team coached by David Kidd.

Andy was awarded Life Membership of our Club in 1972 for having played 200 games for our club back in 1969. He was the first player awarded life membership under the new criteria of ‘200 games played for our Club’. He retired after the 1972 season. Andy died in 1989.

Steve Wilson

In 1961, Steve Wilson was recruited from *Scotch College* as a Juniors player debuting in our Seniors on 14 April 1962. He played 82 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1962 – 1966, playing in the number “23” jumper. In 1965, Steve played 12 games in our Seniors team coached by Don Howell. Steve retired after the 1966 season.

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Next week we will look at premiership players of 1970 ...

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