

CRACKERS CHRONICLES – CLUB COACHES SEVENTIES (1969 – 1981)

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 Seventies ...

D. J. David Kidd 1969 - 1972

In 1957, David Kidd an old boy of *Scotch College* was recruited from the *Ararat Football Club*. He played 86 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1957 – 1960 & 1962 – 1963, debuting in our Seniors team on 27 April 1957, and playing in the number "18" jumper. After retiring from playing, David coached our Juniors for four years from 1964 – 1967. He then coached our Reserves in 1968, before going on to coach our Seniors team for four years from 1969 – 1972, taking over from Don Howell. In 1969, he coached our Seniors to 4th position in B Section losing the first semi final to *St Bernards*. In 1970 he coached our Seniors to our **second B Section premiership** defeating *St Bernards* at Victoria Park, and earning promotion back to A Section. In 1971, he coached our Seniors to 9th position in A Section and unfortunately the club was relegated to B Section for the following season. In 1972, he coached our Seniors to 4th position in B Section, losing the first semi final to *Ivanhoe*. Following the defeat, David retired from coaching. **David was awarded Life Membership of our Club in 1973.** David died in 1992.

In 2017, David was named as coach of our *OSFC Supplementary Team of the Century*.

David's brother Geoff Kidd played 27 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1965 – 1966, debuting in our Seniors on 5 June 1965, and was our club Secretary in 1966.

I. K. Ian Law 1973 - 1974

In 1956, Ian "Liberty" Law, the son of Gordon Law, was recruited from *Scotch College* where he was Captain of Football in 1956, and played four games with our Juniors whilst he was still at school. He then played 71 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1956 – 1960, playing in the number "9" jumper and debuting in our Seniors on 27 April 1957. He was a Victorian State Representative in 1958, 1959 & 1960 and an Australian Amateur Football Council Representative in 1958. He was our club's Best & Fairest in 1959 and VAFA A Section Best & Fairest in 1959. He then went on and played 106 games with the *Hawthorn Football Club* from 1960 – 1968. Later in 1973 & 1974, Ian coached our Seniors team for two years taking over from David Kidd. In 1973, he coached our Seniors to 7th position in B Section, and in 1974 to 4th position in B Section, losing the first semi final to *Ivanhoe*.

In 2000, Ian was named as first rover in our *OSFC Team of the Century*.

B. J. Bryan Steele 1975

In 1964, Bryan Steele, an old boy of *Scotch College* was recruited from *University Blacks* (as a Victorian State Representative in 1963) where his father Stan Steele had played, and played 167 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1964 – 1972 & 1974 – 1976, debuting in our Seniors on 24 April 1964 and playing the majority of his career in the number "16" jumper. Bryan played in our 1965 & 1970 B Section premiership teams coached by Don Howell and David Kidd. He was also a Victorian State Representative again in 1965. In 1973, Bryan captained & coached *Old Carey* but after just one season returned to *Old Scotch*. In 1974, John Anderson stepped down as club captain to allow Bryan to return to our club as captain of our club for one year.

The following year 1975, Bryan Steele stepped down as club captain to coach our Seniors team for one season, taking over from Ian Law. John Anderson then became club captain again. Bryan coached our Seniors to 7th position in B Section, avoiding relegation to C Section but chose to stand down as Senior coach as he felt he was unable to lead the club back to A Section.

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

Bryan is son of former club 1933 premiership player Stan Steele, father of former club player David Steele, uncle of former club players Barry and Robert Steele and cousin of former club players Tony Steele and club captain Stuart Steele.

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L. A. Laurie Aghan 1976 – 1981

In 1976, John Anderson recruited Laurie Aghan from *Reservoir Old Boys Football Club* to coach the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club*, after Laurie had coached John in Victorian Representative teams. Laurie took over the coaching of our Seniors team from Bryan Steele and our Reserves team from Peter Clarke. Laurie coached both our Seniors and Reserves teams for seven years from 1976 – 1981, plus our Seniors team again in 1990.

In 1976, he coached our Seniors to 3rd position in B Section, losing the preliminary final to *Marcellin* and our Reserves to be runners up to *Ivanhoe*. In 1977, he coached our Seniors to our **third B Section premiership**, defeating *Ivanhoe* at Victoria Park and earning promotion to A Section, and our Reserves to again be runners up to *Ivanhoe*. In 1978, he then coached our Seniors to our **ninth A Section premiership** at Elsternwick Park defeating *North Old Boys*. In 1979, he coached our Seniors to 10th position, and the club was relegated to B Section. In 1980, he coached our Seniors to be runners up in B Section to *Old Xaverians*, again earning promotion back to A Section, and he also coached our Reserves to a B Reserves Section premiership. In 1981, he coached our Seniors to 7th position in A Section and retired.

Later 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 and coached our Seniors team for one more season to 7th position in A Section before finally retiring from coaching *Old Scotch*. **Laurie was awarded Life Membership of our club in 1988.** In 2000, Laurie 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.

Laurie Aghan's full football playing and coaching history:

PLAYING

	Club	Games	Comments
• 1952	<i>Beacon Rovers Under 18s</i>	12	15 years old
• 1953 & 1954	<i>South United</i> (Sat morning competition)	36	
	<i>Waterside Workers</i> (Sat morning when team played)	10	Team won Premiership
	<i>South Melbourne Districts</i> (Sat afternoon competition)	16	
• 1955 & 1956	<i>Montague Rovers</i>	30	
• 1957 - 1959	<i>Port Melbourne Amateurs</i> (Sat afternoon competition)	55	19 years old Team Premiers in E & D Grades
	<i>Port Melbourne Colts</i> (Sunday competition)	43 (incl. 1960 & 66)	
• 1959	<i>Port Melbourne</i> in VFA	1	
• Part 1960	<i>Port Melbourne Colts</i>	(see 1957 – 59)	
• Part 1960 & 61	<i>Northcote</i> in VFA	(see 1963 - 66)	
• 1962	<i>Kilsyth</i> (Played for <i>Northcote</i> in VFA in their last game of season – their relegation game)	18	Captain Coach
• 1963 – 1965 & part 1966	<i>Northcote</i> in VFA	103	1964 2 nd Division Premiership
• Part 1966	<i>Port Melbourne Colts</i>	(see 1957 – 59)	Made Club Captain upon arrival and won Best & Fairest
• 1967	<i>Sandringham</i> in VFA	15	Represented VFA in combined team which played against the Ferntree Gully League
• 1968	<i>Clayton</i>	18	
• 1969	<i>East Malvern Amateurs</i>	15	Broke leg. Team won Premiership
	Total games played	372	

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COACHING

	Club	Games	Comments
• 1962	<i>Kilsyth</i>	18	Playing captain-coach
• 1970 – 1974	<i>Reservoir Old Boys</i> in VAFA (Both Seniors & Reserves)	About 200	<i>Seniors:</i> 1970 E Section Runners-up 1971 D Section Runners-up 1972 C Section Premiers (Champions) 1973 B Section Premiers <i>Reserves:</i> 1970 E Reserve Section Runners-up 1971 D Reserve Section Runners-up 1972 C Reserve Section Premiers 1974 A Reserve Section Premiers
• 1974	<i>VAFA Victorian State Teams</i> v South Australia	1	Won – Vic 18.4.112 def SA 17.9.111
	v Tasmania	1	Won – Vic 12.10.82 def Tas 6.11.47
• 1975	<i>Yarraville</i> in VFA 2 nd Division	18	
• 1976 - 1981	<i>Old Scotch Collegians</i> in VAFA (Both Seniors & Reserves)	189	<i>Seniors:</i> 1976 B Section 3 rd 1977 B Section Premiers 1978 A Section Premiers 1979 A Section 10 th & relegated 1980 B Section Runners-up 1981 A Section 7 th <i>Reserves:</i> 1980 B Reserve Section Premiers
• 1982 & 1983	<i>Old Melburnians</i> in VAFA (Both Seniors & Reserves)	76	<i>Seniors:</i> 1982 B Section Premiers <i>Reserves:</i> 1982 B Reserve Section Premiers
• 1983	<i>VAFA Victorian State Teams</i> v VFA	1	Won – VAFA 18.16.124 def VFA 16.10.106
	v SA	1	Won – Vic 12.10.82 def Tas 6.11.47
• 1984	<i>VAFA Victorian State Teams</i> v SA	1	Won – Vic 21.20.146 def SA 13.8.86
	v VFA	1	Lost – VFA def VAFA
	v Victorian Country	1	Won – VAFA 15.10.100 def Vic C
• 1985	<i>Bulleen/Templestowe</i> in VAFA (Both Seniors & Reserves)	37	<i>Seniors:</i> In A Section <i>Reserves:</i> In Preliminary Final
• 1986	<i>Templestowe</i> in Diamond Valley League	18	
• 1988	<i>Old Scotch Collegians</i> Under 19s	19	<i>Under 19s:</i> Finished 3 rd . Son Jason played
• 1990	<i>Old Scotch Collegians</i> in VAFA	18	<i>Seniors:</i> In A Section
• 1991	<i>North Ringwood</i> in EDFL	20	<i>Seniors:</i> Finished 3 rd in First Division
• 2000 & part 2001	<i>Aquinas</i> in VAFA (Both Seniors & part Reserves)	37	<i>Seniors:</i> 2000 4 th Division 1 <i>Reserves:</i> 5 th
• 2000	<i>Old Scotch Collegians FC</i>		Named “Coach of Team of the Century”
	Total games coached	657	
	TOTAL	1,029	

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

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