

CRACKERS CHRONICLES – CLUB COACHES TWO THOUSANDS (2000 – 2011)

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 Two Thousands ...

B. J. Brendan Mason 2000

In 2000, Brendan Mason joined our club from VFL club *Box Hill*, following an earlier stint with the VSFL Under 18 team *Eastern Rangers*, taking over the coaching of our Seniors from Wayne Harmes. In 1977 & 1978, Brendan played Under 19s and Reserves with the *Essendon Football Club* before beginning a coaching/playing career in three major country football leagues – the Ballarat, Bendigo and Hampden Leagues. He then coached the *Richmond Under 19s*, the *Eastern Ranges* and *Box Hill Football Club* in 1999.

Due to a significant change in his employment, Brendan only coached our club for one season, coaching our Seniors to 6th position in A Section.

A. C. Andrew Smith 2001

In 2001, Andrew Smith, a 299-game player for our club and then assistant coach, stepped up to coach our Seniors when Brendan Mason was unable to continue as coach due to a significant change in his employment. Andrew played with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1982 – 1998. He was our club's Best & Fairest in 1984 & 1989 and VAFA A Section Best & Fairest in 1985. Andrew was also a Victorian State Representative in 1985, 1986, 1988 & 1989. With those games included, he played well over 300 games of amateur football.

Andrew only coached our club for one season, coaching our Seniors to 7th position in A Section.

However, he did continue for four more years from 2002 – 2005 as assistant coach to Dale Tapping.

D. W. Dale Tapping 2002 - 2005

In 2002, Dale Tapping joined the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* taking over the coaching of our Seniors from Andrew Smith. From 1997 – 2001, Dale was senior coach at *Old Brighton Grammarians*. Prior to that in 1996 he was assistant playing-coach of *Wallen* as well as a fitness skills coach to the *Calder Cannons*. Dale's playing career included 1973 – 1980 at *Abbotsford/Collingwood Youth Club*, 1981 at *Bulleen Templestowe* Under 17 premiership team, 1981 – 1983 in *Collingwood Under 19s*, 1984 – 1992 105 senior games with *Prahran*. During that time he played in *Prahran's* 1987 premiership team, played six Reserves games with *Melbourne* in 1988 and captained *Prahran's* 1991 Reserves premiership team. From 1993 – 1995, Dale played with *Old Xaverians*, playing in their 1995 premiership team. In 1993 & 1994, he was a VAFA State Representative.

Dale coached our club for four seasons coaching our Seniors to 3rd position in A Section in 2002, losing the preliminary final to *Old Xaverians*, 3rd position again in 2003, losing the preliminary final again to *Old Xaverians*, 6th position in 2004 and finally 4th position in A Section in 2005, losing the first semi final yet again to *Old Xaverians* at Box Hill City Oval!

B. J. Barry Price 2006 – 2007

Back in 1986, Barry Price, the former star *Collingwood Football Club* player was first recruited from teaching at *Scotch College* to coach our Seniors for one season before going on to coach *East Burwood* in the Eastern Football League for two years. He had played 158 games with the *Collingwood* and kicked 60 goals. He 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 *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 the club in the early 1980s.

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However, his appointment at *Scotch College* precluded him from continuing to coach our club. In 2006, Barry was again re-appointed coach of our Seniors team when he was Director of Sport at *Scotch College*, taking over the coaching of our Seniors team from Dale Tapping. Barry coached our club for two more seasons, coaching our Seniors to 4th position in A Section in 2006, losing the first semi-final to *University Blues*, and 7th position in A Section in 2007.

Barry is the father of former OSCFC player Rohan Price who played 109 games from 1992 – 1995 & 1997 – 2002.

P. C. Peter Banfield 2008 – 2011

In 2008, Peter Banfield joined our club taking over the coaching of our Seniors team from Barry Price. Originally from *North Ringwood*, from 1984 - 1986 Peter played 11 games with the *Essendon Football Club* when the Bombers were a powerful unit. From 1987 – 1989, he was part of the fledging *Brisbane Bears Football Club* and played 45 games over three seasons at Carrara. From 1990 – 1993, he played 95 games with *West Adelaide*. After retiring from playing, Peter built a fine record as a coach at *Ainslie* in Canberra winning three successive premierships 1994, 1995 & 1996. From 1997 – 2000, he was an assistant coach at *St Kilda*, from 2001 – 2002 an assistant coach at *Melbourne*, from 2003 – 2004 coach of the *Bendigo Bombers* and from 2005 – 2007 coach of the *Casey Scorpions*.

Peter coached our club for four seasons, coaching our Seniors to 4th position in 2008, losing the first semi final to *Old Xaverians*, 6th position in 2009, 6th position again in 2010 and finally 7th position in A Section in 2011.

Next week we will look at club coaches of the Two Thousand and Tens ...

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