



De La Salle OCAFC Team of the Decade 1955 - 1964



**COACH
JIM
SMITH**

**CAPTAIN
DICK
HELLARD**

Full Backs

**BERNIE
TEAGUE**

**TOBY
PEARSON**

Half Backs

**DICK
HELLARD**

**PETER
KELLY**

**GRAEME
COMPTON**

Centreline

**PETER
HANNEBERRY**

**MORRIE
MURPHY**

**PARK
SHIEL**

Half Forwards

**JOHN
SALMON**

**JOHN
GILFEDDER**

**GERRY
GILL**

Full Forwards

**TERRY
HEFFERNAN**

**BERNIE
BLIGHT**

**COLIN
CANTWELL**

Ruck
**BILL
WATTS**

Ruck Rover
**PETER
HEANEY**

Rover
**PETER
GILES**

Interchange

**BRIAN
CONWAY**

**JOHN
TINDLEY**

**BRO
CORMACK**

Off-field

**JOHN
DILLON**

**BERNIE
HAWKINS**

**BRIAN
MCCUSKER**

**PETER
STRICKLAND**

**DICK
HELLARD**

HOW WE PERFORMED

1955	“E” Section	PREMIERS	1960	“B” Section	RUNNERS UP
1956	“D” Section	THIRD	1961	“A” Section	SEVENTH
1957	“D” Section	RUNNERS UP	1962	“A” Section	TENTH
1958	“C” Section	PREMIERS	1963	“B” Section	FOURTH
1959	“B” Section	FOURTH	1964	“B” Section	FIFTH

On-field

Jim Smith

Jim Smith coached the Club for the first five seasons, reaching the finals every year. A gentle man with a great capacity for hard work.

Bernie Teague

Hard working and determined player who made his opponent earn his kicks. State rep.

Julian Nance

Reliable straight ahead player, renowned for his excellent kicking. State and All Australian Rep.

Toby Pearson

Strong, tough utility player, good overhead mark and booming kick.

Dick Hellard

Tremendous determination, seldom beaten, capable of reading the play very well. State rep.

Peter Kelly

Rugged defender with a good pair of hands. Many times would send the side into attack with his creative dashes.

Graeme Compton

Very reliable, unruffled defender who seldom failed to get in the best players. A beautiful kick of the torpedo punt.

Peter Hanneberry

Fast clever wingman who could run all day. His disposal to the forwards was always first class.

Morrie Murphy

He was a strong mark, a good kick and his running and tackling were an inspiration to his team mates.

Park Shiel

Speedy, free running winger whose drop kicks went a country mile.

John Salmon

Good overhead mark for his size, with great disposal. Was a consistently good performer.

John Gilfedder

Six foot three, centre half forward with a good pair of hands and excellent disposal. Teamed well with Murphy and Cantwell.

Gerry Gill

A member of the team that played in the exhibition games at 1956 Olympics. Clever fast thinking and was dangerous around the goals.

Terry Heffernan

Beat many a taller ruckman with clever use of his body and developed a great understanding with his rovers.

Colin Cantwell

Possessed a breathtaking spring and his kicking for goal was a delight to watch. He did his best training at Markillies Hotel.

Bernie Blight

Barrel chested rover who played with great determination and bore into the packs. Dangerous around goal.

Bill Watts

Strong tough ruckman who was seldom beaten. Took some good grabs around the ground and was very protective of his rovers.

Peter Heaney

Tall skilful ruckman who marked well around the round. Palmed the ball beautifully to the rovers.

Peter Giles

B Grade B&F winner and State Rep. Would duck and weave his way through the opposition and finish with a prodigious drop kick.

Brian Conway

Another rover who could duck and weave his way out of danger. A very vocal player and an inspiration to his team mates.

John Tindley

Long striding utility player who could play in a variety of positions. Also played with Collingwood reserves.

Bro Cormac

Great high mark and beautiful kick. Had the ability to be in the right position at the right time and was seldom beaten.

Off-field

John Dillon

First of a number of outstanding off field leaders who contributed significantly at the VAFA Executive level.

Bernie Hawkins

First Secretary to hold the position for consecutive years. Set the tradition for high quality service in the role.

Brian McCusker

First ever Secretary whose attention to detail, thoroughness and hard work is legendary.

Peter Strickland

Club stalwart who is still available for canteen duties for Under 19 games! One of the reasons that De La is a strong club today – a great link to De La history and people.

Dick Hellard

Early captain, who upon stepping down from this role became President. Set the tradition for key on-field people contributing at committee level.