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## SCOTT TREGONING- The Champ Who Shouldn't Have Played ?

*In our continuing series on OFC's greatest ever players this week we look at Scotty Tregoning, and lets start with his career record*

### CAREER CV.

First senior game 2002.

Regular through 2003-04 before break out year in 2005\*.

League B&F 2008 1st Div.

League B & F 2009 2nd Div \*

Club B&F 2006. 2008. 2009\*

League Rep 2008-09

Club Captain 2008. 09\*. 10

Premiership captain



Scott's introduction to OFC was through the strong connection enjoyed with Billanook College where many of our U16 & U18 players schooled during the late 90s and early 2000s. While teams regularly played finals, a premiership from several grand finals alluded them. Despite this, many of the Billanook boys cohort went on to distinguished OFCFNC careers.... and senior premierships. During 2001 season, as U18 captain, Scott suffered a potentially career ending injury - a rare inner end collar bone dislocation which was dangerous due to risks of severing arteries, and difficult to repair despite operations.

Medical advice was to reduce collision risk. i.e. stop football.

Scott's decision was to build up shoulder strength through weights and to continue playing despite advice. He also wanted (read, the family wanted) this aspect kept in house ( i.e. his own house!). The results became plain to see in the muscle growth and fitness he became to personify.

On the field, Scott was always quickest across the ground, adding length and accuracy to his kicking. In his early days as a half back flanker, It was common for Scott to run bouncing the ball from half back to mid field and kick long to the goals or flat to a lead - Unstoppable at pace with the strength that went with it.

In the premiership years, it was Scott's repeat delivery as a centreman kicking long from midfield that was telling.

After the 2009 Premiership Scott and his partner went to live in Sydney where they have become the parents of two children- he still follows events at OFC.

Quote from Peter Hayne, Scott's s/father and first coach:-

- "... undoubtedly the best outside receiver of any age seen in the Yarra Valley, while as an inside contested ball gatherer, he was also among the best 3 or 4. Scott was the perfect midfielder as shown by his comp medals".

*"Scotty Dog " anecdotes,*

*"...at the 2009 League Best and Fairest vote count Scott went home early so there was a big panic in the room when he hit the lead. We need to remember OFC had finished bottom of the ladder that season so there was presumably no way Scott could win the League top gong. Or so we thought. By the time we contacted him and urged him to come back he was already home. So he turned around and drove back to the vote count. It was probably one of the most significant B and F win's in League history.."*

*"...I remember we played Kinglake in 2009-at Kinglake- and there was huge support for the locals after the fires . They had a great team, which nearly beat us in the Grand Final, but Scott shut the raucous crowd down on that day when he sharked a tap-out in the middle and in typical explosive fashion powered his way clear then raced to the edge of the square and slotted a long goal. Tap-out to goal took about four seconds. As he jogged back to the middle the only sound from the crowd was of "jaws dropping""*