

HOTS AND WANGA- TWO OUT AND OUT CHAMPIONS

This season we've been taking a close look at some of OFC's greatest ever players.

In this edition we thought we'd compare two midfield stars who have remarkably similar records in the red and white.

Their names are Marcus Hottes and Noel King.

Both were midfielders with extraordinary vision and balance and both won four OFC Best and Fairest awards. (only bettered by Tim Scott with five and Michael Scott with eight !).

The similarities between Hottes and King don't end there, both were also excellent cricketers with King in particular making his mark at District level with Ringwood (which was his connection to OFC). Cricketers who play footy often have excellent reactions and strong hand-eye co-ordination.

Both played in winning grand final teams, King in 1988 in Division Two and Hottes in 2017 in Division One.

Interestingly both shared their last Best and Fairest wins with other players.

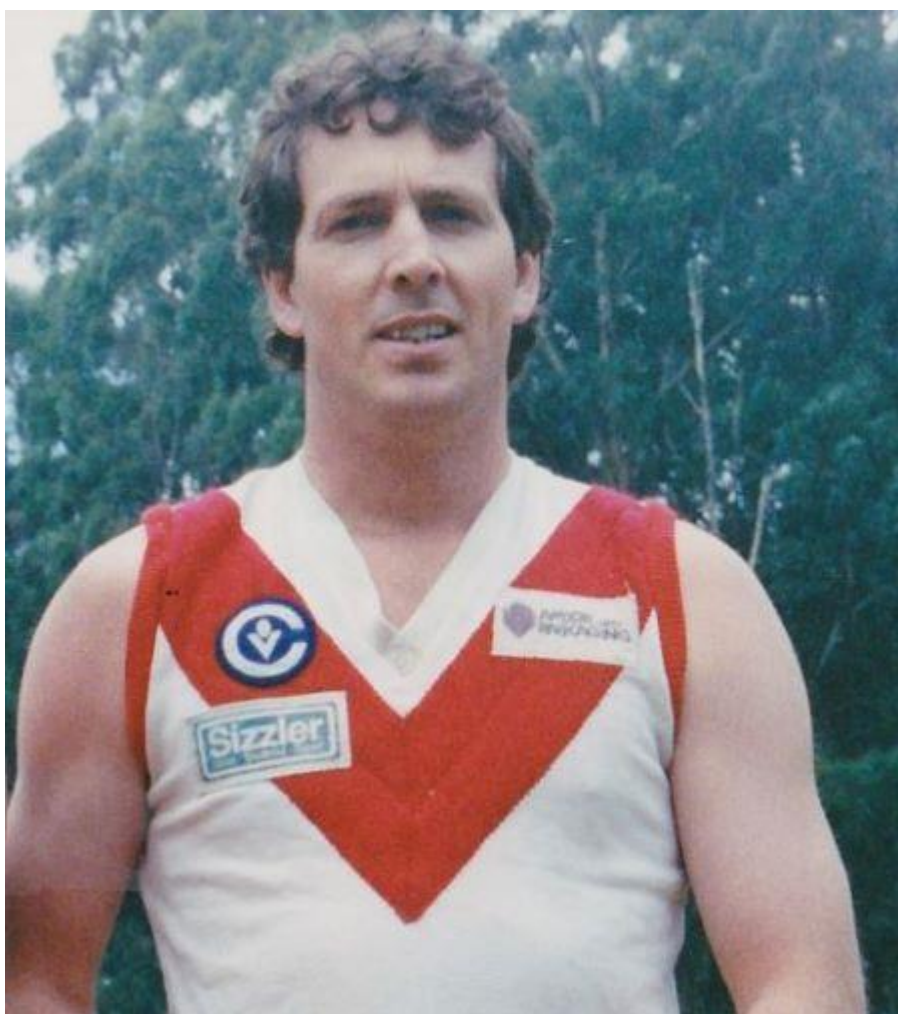
King in 1993 with Timmy Jacobs and Hottes in 2019 with Kelsey Currie. This suggests that although getting "a bit long in the tooth" King and Hottes were champions who were still key players in their teams.



Hottes- finished a stellar career by signing with OFC and winning four B and Fs.

Hottes has his nose in front of King with one particular benchmark, Marcus won a Div One Best and Fairest in 2018 while Noel never saluted at League level..

In terms of quantifiable records over a significant period of time King and Hottes are the two best midfielders to ever play for OFC (for the purposes of this exercise we have categorised Michael Scott as an onballer).



Noel King- one of the OFC greats.

Michael Scott on Noel King's strengths-

- * great poise in heavy traffic***
- * hated losing***
- * read the game brilliantly***
- * was always looking to distribute the ball***

OFC diehards on Marcus Hottes-

- * the best awareness of any player I've seen at OFC***
- * very seldom caught or pinged for incorrect disposal***
- * excellent at bringing others into the game***

*** played with injuries.**

Brendan Donovan on Marcus Hottes- won the B and F every year he played with us, that speaks for itself. Slept in his Skins after a game !