



Congratulations ROCFC Legend Simon Emanuele - Game 300

ROCFC vs SHOC Saturday August 6th 2016,
ROC Park ~ Campbelltown Oval, 10:15am





Simon "Tommy / Captain Blood" Emanuele attended Rostrevor College from 1988-92, after completing his Primary School education at St. Joseph's, Hectorville.

He played football in each of the five years he was at the College. In Primary School he had played for the combined St. Joseph's Hectorville/Newton Primary team, between 1985-87.

He made his ROCS debut in Round 1 of the 1993 season, playing for the D Grade in the A8 Reserves competition, against Seaton Ramblers - he was named on a wing. Coached by Warren "Wow" Jones, the team reached the Grand Final in Simon's first season, playing off against Prince Alfred OC.

Some of his other coaches through the journey have included, John McVann, Chris Cattrall, Peter



Congratulations to Simon [Captain Blood] Emanuele on a fantastic achievement on reaching 300 games for the ROCFC.

During my involvement at the ROCS, **Simmo** has become a great on field leader, with his courageous & fearless style of play, always encouraging his team-mates to keep trying no matter the situation of the contest.

Both on & off the field of battle, **Simmo** has dedicated his time to keeping the C's running smoothly, organising officials & helpers each

Pedersen, Mick Borrillo and Steve Edwards. Simmo has represented ROCS in all four grades. He played A Grade under coach **Chris Platten** in 1998, making his debut against Gaza as a wingman.

He was awarded **Player Life Membership of the SAAFL** in 2004, after making 150 appearances for the club.

Moving to London in 2003 on a working holiday, he subsequently missed the next 4 seasons of football.

On his return, he was named **Captain** of the 2007 C Grade. The following season he was **Runner-up** in the ROCS C1 Best and Fairest. He has been **C Grade Captain** since 2009, and the side has not missed the finals since 2010. In 2011 the C grade were beaten C1 Grand Finalists against Prince Alfred OC.

Simmo has always been an excellent team player, so it comes as no surprise that he has won numerous **Best Team Man** (2007, 2012, 2014, 2015) and **Coaches Awards**.

The highlight of **Simmo's** playing career thus far, would be captaining the C1 side to a flag in 2013. In a tense finish, ROCS 8.13 (61) defeated Walkerville 8.8 (56). It was just reward for **Simmo** and **Steve "Super-Coach" Edwards**, who had worked tirelessly together over many seasons.



season, during a successful period in the clubs history. Adding to the behind the scenes efforts is his role as Club Treasurer.

Most amazing is **Simmo's** ability to juggle footy, work and family commitments, over such a long period of time.

As the ROCFC forges ahead into the future, **Simmo's** games record may be broken, but his impact on the footy club will never be matched.

Steve "Super-Coach" Edwards
C Grade Coach (150+)

A great clubman, he has been **ROCS Treasurer** since 2011, and in 2014 was awarded the "**Mosel/Roberts/Trimboli Trophy**" for his services to the club.

At the 2015 AGM he was named **Life Member of the ROCFC**.

Over the years, he has had wonderful support from his loving (and understanding) wife **Alice**, and his children, **Millie, Henry and Joseph**. On most triple-headers, the children, along with **Simmo's dad Joe**, can be seen making a bee-line for the Canteen/BBQ area. His mother **Lesley**, is expected to make a cameo appearance on Saturday. Not quite your football aficionado, it will be the third occasion she has seen her son in action for the ROCS - the others being on his 200th game and in the 2013 Grand Final.

This Saturday, **Simmo** is set to become only the second player in the club's history to play 300 games - equalling the total of the legendary **Brian Carey**. We congratulate him on this fantastic achievement, and hope the boys can get over the line against arch-rivals SHOCS.

At 40 years of age, **Simmo** shows no signs of slowing down, and we hope to see him play on in 2017, and beyond.

Rino Cialini
ROCFC Football Director

