

George Dolan (Nunawading) – 1956 to 1985

Edited version of George's biography from the Nunawading CC website

Joining Nunawading in 1956, George Dolan holds the enviable record of playing finals every season from 1956-57 until 1971-72. During this time, Nunawading won six 'A Grade' Premierships and finished runners-up on three other occasions. George played approximately 320 games over 28 seasons.

Nunawading records show that George made 9223 runs from 1960-61 and with an additional 1441 runs found BHRDCA records up to 1959-60, George made almost 11,000 runs for the club.

Nunawading records show that George made 11 centuries and 57 fifties during his career.

In his second game with the club in 1956-57, Dolan made 102 against the Doncaster Footballers. In 1957-58, Dolan made 512 runs which culminated in a magnificent 104 against Blackburn in the second innings of the Grand Final to ensure Nunawading's first 'A Grade' flag by two wickets.

1958-59 saw another Nunawading Premiership with Dolan making 58 in the Grand Final against the Doncaster Footballers to finish with 557 runs for the season. In 1960-61, Nunawading won their third 'A Grade' flag in four years and Dolan capped off a fine season with 66 in the Grand Final against Templestowe. During this season, Dolan also made scores of 123 and 107.

Nunawading finished runners-up to Blackburn in 1962-63, despite 78 from Dolan. In 1963-64, Dolan made a further 421 runs and in 1964-65, Dolan made 685 runs including 145 against Forest Hill and 65 in the Semi Final against East Burwood.

Dolan went onto to captain Nunawading's 1968-69 'A Grade' Premiership side and made 203 in the mid 1970's at age 44. His last game was in 1984-85 when Nunawading's second XI won the Shield 2nd's flag, with Dolan making 58 to help Nunawading over the line.

After his retirement from cricket, George took up lawn bowls and won the Mitcham bowling club championship at age 71.