

Jack Herring (Vermont & BHRDCA) – 1929 to 1972

A long time servant of the association and a player with Vermont for over forty seasons, Jack Herring served as BHRDCA vice-president from 1962-63 to his sudden death on the field in 1972.

BHRDCA records show that to the end of the 1964-65 season Herring had made 5027 runs, 4811 of these with Vermont and he took 135 wickets, 119 with Vermont. So far, only one century has been found for Herring, along with 34 half-centuries.

Starting in 1929-30, Herring quickly established himself as a leading player with Vermont and in 1930-31 made 365 runs.

In 1935-36, Herring made 99 against Mont Albert. In the following season, Herring took figures of 5-57 and 4-73 against St. Peters in the 'B Grade' Semi Final and he ended that season with 43 wickets. In 1937-38, Herring took 29 wickets including 7-45 against Mitcham and match figures of 11-41 against the Box Hill Methodists.

In 1940-41, Herring played with Mitcham (as Vermont went into a brief hiatus) and he made 216 runs.

Returning to Vermont, Herring made 26 in the 'A Grade' Grand Final against St. Peters in 1942-43, which resulted in Vermont's first 'A Grade' premiership. In 1946-47, Herring made his only recorded ton with 112 against the Box Hill Church of Christ in 'A Grade'.

By the 1950's, Herring was seen as one of the most consistent batsman in the competition. He made 403 runs in 1954-55 and other scores of 95 and 94 were found. By 1961-62, Herring was playing in Vermont's second XI and he made 465 runs for the season.

Early in the 1972-73 season, Herring was playing against East Doncaster when he collapsed and died at the crease – a sad loss of a long term servant of his club and the Association.