



# LIFE MEMBER

## Jack Metherell

9 November 1912–30 November 1992



Jack Metherell was recruited to Geelong from Subiaco Juniors (Western Australia). Jack's older brother Len also played for Geelong.

In his career, Jack played 65 games for Geelong and kicked 221 goals. Col Hutchinson describes him as 'a dangerous goal-sneak, [who] scouted the packs

cleverly for crumbs, led to position smartly and kicked accurately.'<sup>1</sup>

Jack's first senior match was in round 14, 1932 and his last game for Geelong was the 1937 Grand Final where Geelong defeated Collingwood to win their third premiership. In the 1937 grand final, Jack Metherell kicked four goals and was one of the

best on ground with 13 kicks and 6 marks. Jack was Geelong's leading goal kicker on three occasions: in 1934 with 43 goals; in 1936 with 58 goals including ten goals in one match against Essendon at Corio Oval; and in 1937 when he kicked 71 goals. Jack Metherell received 12 Brownlow medal votes in his career.

During the war he served in the army within Australia.

He was later a successful coach in the TANFL with North Hobart winning six premierships. He also coached Tasmania in interstate football including Tasmania's first win over Victoria in 1960.<sup>2</sup> Jack Metherell was a current Geelong player in the match against past players in 1933 which led to the formation of the Past Players and Officials Association.

Jack was the Geelong Past Players and Officials Association delegate to the VFL Combined Past Players Association from 1975 into the 1980s. He was made a life member of the Geelong Past Players and Officials Association in 1983.<sup>3</sup>

### Sources

- <sup>1</sup> Hutchinson, C. 1984, *Cat's Tales*, Geelong Advertiser Pty Ltd, pp. 131 and 163
- <sup>2</sup> Wikipedia, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack\\_Metherell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack_Metherell) (accessed 26 March 2013)
- <sup>3</sup> Minutes 3 March 1983