



## Vale Jack Wadsworth

By John Ferguson

It is with much sadness that our Club records the passing of **Jack Wadsworth** – a true legend in the game.

Jack Wadsworth was outstanding pitcher and brilliant utility infielder. He played shortstop in Prahran's first "Major League" A Grade Premiership team in 1949 at Olympic Park, defeating Collingwood (4-1).

Always a fierce competitor, he was ballplayer with special insight and initiative that allowed him to find a way to win whatever the circumstances and conditions. Jack won Baseball Victoria's A Grade Competition Best Player Award in 1950 and 1957.

Jack's performances in the Claxton Shield in 1950 earned him selection as No 1 pitcher in the All Star Australian side.

Jack was elected as a Life Member of the Prahran Baseball Club in 1957 before he moved the Malvern Baseball Club as their playing manager and Club Coach with outstanding success over many decades.

Jack Wadsworth was awarded the Australian Sports Medal for services to Baseball in 2000. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Edna and her family.

