



2023 Induction

Phil Brideoake

For continuous and passionate impact on South Australian Baseball through excellence in Playing & Managing/Coaching

Phil first registered as a player at the West Torrens Baseball Club in 1931 & debuted in A Grade in 1934.

He played 17 seasons for West Torrens & was playing/coach for 10 seasons & non-playing coached for 1 season winning 6 premierships. With West Torrens Phil won 3 Capps Medals

In 1954 Phil transferred to the struggling Glenelg Club who had not had much success in the formation of the club 22 years ago. Over the next 2 seasons, Phil as Club Coach doubled the number of teams competing, increasing the number of team competing in finals by 4 times and winning 5 premierships, 2 less than the first 18 years of competition. Although Phil was mainly a catcher he won the 1955 Capps Medal as a 1st Baseman.

Phil played for South Australia in the Claxton Shield from 1937 to 1939 (Claxton Shield was suspended due to World War II 1940 to 1945) and 1946 to 1949 & non-playing coach in 1951.

He received All-Australian selection from 1946 to 1949 as a Catcher.

Phil was a four-time Capps Medalist & was picked in the South Australian 75th Anniversary Claxton Shield All-Star team as the Catcher.

Phil was inducted to the Australian Baseball Federation Hall of Fame in 2016.

West Torrens Baseball Club

Player – 1930 to 1953 (19 seasons)

A Grade Player #49

1934 to 1940, 1946 to 1953 (19 seasons) – 270 games

Playing/Coach – 1937 to 1940, 1946 to 1951 (10 seasons)

6 x Premiership Playing/Coach – 1940, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951

3 x A Grade Best & Fairest Player – 1939, 1947, 1948

2 x SABL Batting Average trophy – 1947 (.472), 1948 (.487)

Night Baseball League – West Torrens Eagles

Coach – #22 – 1953/54

Night Baseball League – Sturt Tigers

Player – #36, 1955/56

Glenelg Baseball Club

Major A Player #84

Playing Coach – 1954, 1955 (37 games)

2 x Batting Average trophy – 1954, 1955

2 x Fielding Average trophy – 1954, 1955



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Claxton Shield

7 x Player – 1937, 1938, 1939, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949

1 x Non-Playing Coach – 1951

Australian Selection

4 x Player (Catcher) – 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949

Major Awards

4 x Capps Medalist – 1939, 1947, 1948 (West Torrens), 1955 (Glenelg)

1951 Elected Life Member of West Torrens Baseball Club

2009 SA Claxton Shield Diamond Anniversary All Star Team – Catcher

2016 Inducted into the Australian Baseball Federation Hall of Fame

2018 Inducted into the West Torrens Baseball Club Hall of Fame

2018 West Torrens Team of the Century - Catcher