



L. (Lou) Salvana - 1946/1947

Lou Salvana was an orchardist in the Mitcham/Donvale area and excelled at both Cricket and Football during his sporting life. Lou was born at Camberwell in November 1897 and passed away at Mitcham in December 1974

Lou played 6 games for Melbourne Football Club in the Victorian Football League in the 1919 season. He kicked 3 goals in those 6 games after crossing from Prahran Football Club. He was known as 'Lou' when playing football but was known as 'Charles' when playing cricket. Lou had a strong interest in local sport and served the (now) Eastern Football Netball League for 6 years as Chairman of the Tribunal from 1962 to 1967.

One First Class game for Victoria against New South Wales was probably the highlight of Lou's cricket career - he made 6 and 0 and took one catch in the game played during the 1926/27 season. A right hand, top order batsman, he played 18 First Eleven matches for Prahran and then 191 for Hawthorn-East Melbourne where he went on to Captain the Third Eleven later in his career.

Locally, Lou played cricket for the CYMS club that disbanded after the 1945/46 season and he then moved to Belgrave Cricket Club. He served as a Vice President on the RDCA Association Executive from 1943/44 to 1949/50 and then again in 1963/64 and 1964/65. He served as the Association's representative to the Victorian Junior Cricket Union (VJCU) from 1948/49 until 1954/55 and served that organisation as Assistant Secretary/Administrator for many years from 1954/55. In recognition of that service, the VJCU (now Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union - VMCU) awarded Lou Life Membership in the 1971/72 season.

Lou Salvana served the RDCA as President of the Association from 1950/51 until the end of the 1961/62 season and was awarded Life Membership of the Association in the 1946/47 season. His service to local cricket continued for many years after being awarded the Association's highest honour.