

VALE – KEVIN BROWN (1941-2026)



It is with great sadness that the association records the passing this week of one of its finest players in Kevin Brown, aged 85.

Brown was one of the best top-order batsmen, not only in our competition, but throughout Tasmania during his playing days.

His talents saw him represent the State in six first-class games, and two one-day games, including facing the first ball in the first-ever domestic limited overs game in Australia 1969 where he opened the innings with fellow Coastal great, Baden Sharman, against Victoria at the MCG, facing Alan “Froggy” Thomson.

His top score for Tasmania came against the touring New Zealand team at the TCA Ground where he made an unbeaten 82 in the second innings.

Brown also played for the Tasmanian Country XI in an historic tour game against South Africa at the Devonport Oval where he was hit in the head by a delivery from Peter Pollock before going on to make a courageous half-century.

On the local front, Brown played 24 seasons spanning four clubs, beginning at Sheffield in the 1958-59 season before moving to Devonport ahead of the 1961-62 season. He transferred to Yeoman for its 1967-68 campaign and stayed at Les Clark Oval until his retirement at the conclusion of the 1981-82 season, save for a season at Ulverstone in 1974-75.

His career tally of 8274 runs @ 30.54 sees him ranked eighth on the competition's all-time run scoring tally, with the NWTCA batting average trophy awarded to him in 1964-65, 1967-68 and 1972-73.

Brown played in eight premierships, one with Devonport (1966-67) and the remaining seven with Yeoman (1968-69, 69-70, 70-71, 71-72, 76-77, 77-78, 78-79) and starred in several of them, highlighted by scores of 162 not out and 125 in the 1971-72 and 1978-79 deciders respectively.

He also served on the NWTCA board and was acknowledged for his service to Coastal cricket by being awarded with the Dell Luck Merit Award in 1983.

Brown's playing career was honoured in 2006 with induction into the NWTCA/CNW Hall of Fame and last year for the Association's 75th Anniversary he was named in the NWTCA/CNW Team of the Decade for both the 1960's and 1970's.

The CNW Board and members extend their deepest sympathies to Kevin's family during this difficult period, and as a mark of respect, all games this weekend will see players and umpires wear black armbands.

Vale Kevin.

Statistics:

First Class: for Tasmania: 6 matches; 250 runs @ 31.25; HS 82*

List A: for Tasmania: 2 matches; 25 runs @ 12.50; HS 14.

NWTCA/CNW: 24 seasons; 8,276 runs @ 30.54; 8th on All-Time Leading Run Scorers.

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Brad Cole
for Cricket North West**