

= Mick Harvey (umpire) =

Clarence Edgar (Mick) Harvey , (born 17 March 1921 at Newcastle , New South Wales) , is a former first @-@ class cricketer and Australian Test cricket umpire . He was the brother of Test batsmen Merv and Neil Harvey .

Harvey made his first @-@ class debut in 1948 ? 49 , playing in the first three matches of the season for Victoria as an opening batsman . However , he was unproductive , scoring only 91 runs at a batting average of 15 @.@ 16 , and was dropped . He moved to Queensland the following season in search of more opportunities and was selected in one match .

Harvey had his best first @-@ class season in 1950 ? 51 , scoring 490 runs at 37 @.@ 69 , including his maiden first @-@ class century against a full @-@ strength New South Wales team with several Test bowlers . However , he struggled the following season and was dropped , and did not play a single first @-@ class match in 1952 ? 53 . Recalled the following season , he overcame a slow start to score two centuries later in the summer to end with 421 runs at 38 @.@ 27 for the summer . After a poor season , Harvey was dropped late in the 1955 ? 56 season .

Harvey was dropped after two matches in 1956 ? 57 , ending his first @-@ class career . After his playing career was over , Harvey took up umpiring , and made his first @-@ class debut in 1974 ? 75 . He became a regular official over the next few seasons and then broke into international umpiring in 1978 ? 79 . In that summer , Harvey stood in two One Day Internationals (ODIs) and one Test . The following season he made his final appearances at international level , presiding over another Test and four ODIs . His last season of top @-@ level domestic umpiring was in 1981 ? 82 during which he officiated in two matches . He finished his career having presided over 31 first @-@ class and 13 List A matches .

= = Early years = =

Mick 's father Horace " Horry " Harvey moved to Broken Hill , New South Wales where he worked for BHP driving horse @-@ drawn trailers . In 1914 , he married Elsie May Bitmead and their first two children , daughter Rita and son Merv , were born in the mining town . The family relocated to Newcastle , a mining town and harbour in New South Wales , where Clarence Edgar Harvey ? always known as Mick , as he was born on Saint Patrick ? s Day ? and Harold were born . In 1926 , the Harveys shifted to the inner @-@ Melbourne suburb of Fitzroy , a staunchly working @-@ class , industrial area . During their relocation , Ray was born in Sydney . Horace secured a job at the confectionery company Life Savers (Australasia) Ltd , located next door to their house at 198 Argyle Street . The 19th century two @-@ storey house was owned by the firm and was used as lodgings for the workers ? families . It no longer exists , having been demolished to make way for a textile factory . The two youngest sons Neil and Brian were born in Fitzroy . The Cornish @-@ descended Horry raised his family as strict Methodists , disallowing gambling , alcohol , tobacco and profanity in his household . An ardent cricketer , he encouraged his children to play sport . He himself played for the Rita Social Club after moving to Fitzroy .

As recreational facilities and grass ovals were sparse in densely populated Fitzroy , the boys took to playing cricket in a cobblestone laneway between their terraced house . Here they played cricket with a tennis ball , home made cricket bat and a kerosene tin for a wicket . They were usually joined by other local children , two of whom became elite sportsmen : Allan Ruthven (an Australian rules footballer) and Harold Shillinglaw (both an Australian rules footballer and first @-@ class cricketer) ? the group also played Australian rules football , kicking around rolled up cardboard and newspaper . Much of the batting skill displayed by the Harvey brothers has been attributed to these games played on the unpredictable bounce of the bumpy laneway . The surface also had a V @-@ shaped slope inwards towards the centre of the lane , causing balls to deviate sideways after bouncing . As the laneway meant that the playing area was long and narrow , the young boys also had to learn to play the ball straight in accordance with orthodox cricket technique . The Harveys played another form of cricket in their concreted backyard using a marble instead of a ball that sharpened their reflexes , and a miniature bat . All were right @-@ handed batsmen with the exception of Neil .

All of the children attended the nearby George Street State School and , one by one , the brothers joined the Fitzroy Cricket Club as they reached their early teens . The club had a program whereby they gave a medal for every local school to award to the best cricketer in their ranks in that year . The successful student would then be given access to all of the club 's facilities . All of the Harvey brothers were recipients were of this medal . At Fitzroy , they came under the influence of former Victorian all @-@ rounder Arthur Liddicut and the club ? s veteran captain Joe Plant . The Harveys had no formal coaching , and their father , although a regular presence at the club , chose to stay in the background as their respective careers developed . Horace did not advise his sons on how to bat , allowing them to formulate their own style and technique . According to the Harvey brothers , it was their mother who was vocal and extroverted , in contrast to their reserved father . The boys who failed to score runs were given kitchen duty , and according to them , their parents never showed favouritism .

During the winter , they played baseball for Fitzroy , often competing in matches played as curtain raisers to the elite Australian rules football competition , the Victorian Football League . Saturday night entertainment for the family typically consisted of dinner after the day ? s cricket matches for Fitzroy , and Plant , Liddicut and other cricket club personnel were often invited . Under the influence of Plant and Liddicut , the boys were taught to adopt an aggressive approach , using fast feet movement to attack spin bowling in particular .

= = World War II and first @-@ class debut = =

A printer by trade , Harvey first played in the Fitzroy First XI in 1938 ? 39 . Mick opened the batting with Merv , and in 1942 ? 43 , when Neil broke into the First XI , the family occupied the first four batting positions for the team ; Merv and Mick opened and Ray and Neil came in after them . During World War II , Harvey enlisted in the Second Australian Imperial Force at Fitzroy on 4 March 1943 and was a member of the 39th Infantry Battalion and went on to serve in Kokoda . He was discharged on 29 March 1946 with the rank of private . He resumed cricket with Fitzroy at the war ? s end and made enough runs to be selected for Victoria ? s first three Sheffield Shield matches of the 1948 ? 49 season . Playing as an opening batsman , he made 10 and 13 on debut against Queensland , and was trapped leg before wicket (lbw) in both innings in an eight @-@ wicket win . In the next match against New South Wales , who boasted Australia ? s new ball opening bowlers Ray Lindwall and Keith Miller , Harvey made 19 and 33 in a drawn match . In the subsequent match against South Australia , he made 4 and 12 , again being trapped lbw in both innings . The 1948 ? 49 season was purely domestic with no touring Test team , so all of Australia ? s international representatives were available for the whole season . Having scored only 91 runs at a batting average of 15 @. @ 16 , Harvey was dropped from the team . He did not play alongside Ray , who was dropped , and Merv , who had retired . It was Harvey 's last season for Fitzroy , and in 90 first @-@ grade matches , he scored 2 @, @ 601 runs at an average of 30 @. @ 24 .

= = Move to Queensland = =

At the time , Queensland were the least successful team in the Sheffield Shield , and Harvey moved north to Brisbane the following season to try to get more opportunities to play Sheffield Shield cricket . Harvey joined the Toombul grade club , and made his first @-@ class debut for Queensland against Victoria late in the season , although none of his brothers played for Victoria in this match ; Merv had already retired , Neil was representing Australia , and Ray had been dropped . In his only match for the summer , he scored 1 and 13 and took two catches in each innings as an opener . He was dropped after the match .

In 1950 ? 51 , his most prolific first @-@ class season , he hit 490 runs at 37 @. @ 69 for Queensland . The season started with consecutive matches against a full @-@ strength New South Wales , who had an attack including Lindwall , Miller , Alan Walker and Alan Davidson . In the first match , in Brisbane , Harvey made 40 and 19 batting at No. 7 before being dismissed by Davidson and Lindwall respectively . The visitors won by an innings .

In the return match at the Sydney Cricket Ground , Harvey was promoted to bat at No. 3 . He made 38 in the first innings before being dismissed by Walker . Harvey broke through for his maiden first @-@ class century in the second innings , scoring an unbeaten 100 . Queensland declared at 4 / 237 as soon as he reached his milestone , only to see the hosts reach the victory target of 225 with all ten wickets intact .

Harvey played against an international outfit for the first time in the following match against the touring England cricket team , but made only three in his solitary innings . However , he continued to score consistently , making a half @-@ century in each of the next three matches . From the third of these matches ? against South Australia ? onwards , he generally opened the batting for Queensland . On his first innings back as an opener , he narrowly missed a century , being dismissed for 95 by Geff Noblet . However , it was enough for the Queenslanders to take a 162 @-@ run first innings lead in a low @-@ scoring match in which only one team surpassed 240 once , and set up an eight @-@ wicket victory , the only time his state won a match for the season . Harvey ? s performance tapered away in the last two matches of the season . He made only 0 and 2 in the last match against Victoria , and 48 runs in his last four innings .

Harvey started the 1951 ? 52 season poorly , scoring 9 and 5 against a full @-@ strength New South Wales team . In the following match , he made 90 in the first innings as Queensland defeated the touring West Indies by ten wickets . Harvey was sidelined for six weeks before returning in late December against Victoria . He struggled in this match and the next against New South Wales , scoring 9 , 20 , 9 and 3 . In the next match , he made 46 in the first innings before managing only five in the second , against South Australia . Nor did Queensland have success in these three matches . They were one wicket away from victory in the first match when time ran out , and lost the other two . Harvey was dropped for the remainder of the season , ending with 196 runs at 21 @.@ 77 .

Harvey was overlooked for Queensland selection for the whole 1952 ? 53 season . He was recalled at the start of the 1953 ? 54 campaign and made 26 and 20 in the first match against New South Wales , failing to convert his starts into big scores . He was retained despite making 15 and 0 in the next match against Victoria , but scored only 1 in the first innings of the match against South Australia starting on Christmas Day . Victoria were set 329 for victory , and having made only 62 runs in five innings for the season so far , he was the mainstay of the innings , scoring 102 , but his team were all out for 245 .

The century saw Harvey retained in the side and started a productive second half of the season . He made 2 and 58 in the next match starting on New Year ? s Day , against New South Wales . Harvey then made 84 in the only innings of a drawn match against Victoria , before scoring 111 in an innings win against Western Australia . It was the first time in over two years that Harvey had played in a victorious Queensland side . He made only 2 in the final match of the season against South Australia to end with 421 runs at 38 @.@ 27 for the summer .

= = Decline = =

Harvey continued his good form at the start of the 1954 ? 55 season , scoring 90 and 9 in the opening match against New South Wales . He then made 49 and 9 against the touring England cricket team of Len Hutton . In the Christmas match against South Australia , Harvey failed to capitalise on his starts , making 31 and 35 as Queensland won by 34 runs . The following week , he made only 0 and 3 not out in the New Year ? s match against New South Wales . He finished the truncated season with only 16 in the following match against Victoria , ending the summer with 242 runs at 30 @.@ 25 .

Harvey had a poor season in 1955 ? 56 . He scored only 37 runs in six completed innings in the first three matches . In the next match against Western Australia , he made only 8 in the first innings but scored 70 not out in the second innings as his team ? s run @-@ chase petered away to a draw , and he retained his position in the team . He then made 17 and 28 in the next match against South Australia , run out in the latter innings after making a start . After making 10 and 20 in the next match against New South Wales , he was dropped for the remainder of the season , having made

only 190 runs at 17 @. @ 27 for the season .

Recalled at the start of the 1956 ? 57 season , Harvey made 40 and 28 in his first match of the summer against New South Wales , but after scoring only 2 and 2 not out against Western Australia in the next match , he was dropped for the final time .

Noted for his sound defence , he was a patient and dogged batsman , in contrast to the exciting styles of brothers Merv , Ray and Neil . According to Neil , Mick had a weakness against spin bowling . Harvey was a rare bowler during his first @-@ class career . He bowled only five overs in total , delivering one over in five different matches . He never took a wicket . Altogether , he made 1 @, @ 716 first @-@ class runs (mostly as an opener) in 37 matches at an average of 27 @. @ 23 . Harvey was also a regular choice for the Queensland baseball team during his career . His daughter Pauline Harvey @-@ Short represented Australia at softball , before becoming a sports administrator . She is a fellow of the Australian Council for Health , Physical Education and Recreation , and was a founding member of Womensport Queensland in 1993 , serving as the chair of the board from 2007 until 2010 . Her daughter Kirby Short plays cricket for the Queensland women 's team .

= = Umpiring career = =

After his retirement as a player , Harvey took up umpiring . His initial first @-@ class match was in 1974 ? 75 , when he officiated in Queensland ? s home match against Victoria late in the season ; at the time the host team provided both umpires . The following year , he was selected for four first @-@ class matches , one of which was against the touring West Indies . He also officiated in his first List A match , presiding over the final of Australia 's domestic limited @-@ overs tournament , which Queensland hosted against Western Australia . The following two seasons were similar ; Harvey stood in four first @-@ class matches including one against a touring international team , and one List A match , both of which were quarter @-@ finals .

In 1978 ? 79 , Harvey ? s appointments increased . Harvey stood in all of Queensland 's five home Shield matches , as well as their match against the touring Englishmen . He stood in one List A match involving Queensland and was then rewarded with his international debut in the second ODI between Australia and England at the SCG , before presiding over the next ODI at the MCG . At the end of the season , Harvey was selected for the first of his two Tests . The first , played by Australia against Pakistan at the MCG in March 1979 was dramatic . During the run @-@ chase , the Australians were stunned by a spell of 7 wickets for 1 run by Sarfraz Nawaz , just when they looked like winning . Sarfraz ended with 9 / 86 ? the other wicket was run out ? as Australia collapsed from 3 / 305 to 310 all out to lose by 71 runs . Harvey ? s partner was Robin Bailhache .

Harvey ? s other Test match was between Australia and the West Indies at the MCG during the Christmas @-@ New Year period of 1979 ? 80 . It was won by the visitors by 10 wickets , with a bowling attack of Andy Roberts , Michael Holding , Colin Croft , and Joel Garner proving too powerful for their hosts . Harvey ? s colleague was Tony Crafter . Harvey also stood in four ODIs played during the inaugural World Series Cup that season , which involved England , Australia and the West Indies . He presided in three of the round @-@ robin matches , the third of which was between the two visiting teams at the Gabba . It was the only time that Harvey umpired a match at his adopted home ground . He later presided over the first match of the finals series , between the West Indies and England at the MCG . This was his sixth and final appointment at ODI level . Harvey also officiated three Shield matches , Queensland ? s tour match against England and one of their domestic one @-@ dayers during the season .

The following season , Harvey presided over four of the five home Shield matches , a tour match by India , and a domestic one @-@ dayer , but was overlooked for an international fixture . Harvey ? s final fixtures were during the 1981 ? 82 season . He officiated in two matches hosted by Queensland in November , a Shield match and a one @-@ dayer , both against Queensland . Altogether , he umpired 31 first @-@ class and 13 List A matches in his career . He continued to umpire interstate matches at youth level until 1988 and stood in six finals the first grade of Queensland 's local competition .

