



LIFE MEMBER JOHN FERGUSON 1983

John Ferguson played in the firsts from 1965 through to 1981 mostly as a corner infielder as well as several seasons at shortstop. He was an aggressive lefthanded hitter with power who consistently made good contact with runners on base.

Playing Achievements

- Represented Victoria on 7 occasions including 5 Claxton Shield series as Victoria won 2 Australian Championships
- Playing Manager and Club Coach for 9 Summer Seasons.
- Played for Australia against touring Japanese teams in 1970's
- BV Div 1 Golden Glove Shortstop 1977/78
- BV Div 1 Home Run Award 1976/77. (Included 2 Grand Slams)
- Selected at Third base in Club's Finest 50 Centenary Celebrations in 2014
- World Masters Silver Medal 2005

Coaching Achievements

- Club Coach for two Div 2 Club Championships 1981/82, 1982/83
- BV Coach of the Year 1977/78
- Manager Div 2 Firsts Premiership 1982/83
- Manager of U18 State League Champions 2005
- Managed DBA U19's to 5 consecutive Championships 1977- 1981
- Coached Club all levels -Senior/Junior/Masters and Women's teams
- Claxton Shield Selector and Assistant Coach
- Vic State U18 Selector and Assistant coach 5+ years.





Games

- Seniors - over 600
- Coach/Manager – over 1000 across all grades

Off Field Contributions

- One of the prime movers in the amalgamation of the Prahran and Cheltenham Clubs in 1972 and in the relocation from the Gas Works and the development of the facilities at Cheltenham's present base in the Kingston Heath Reserve in Cheltenham.
- Chairman of Selectors Summer 10 Seasons
- Member of the Clubs Summer Committee and Club Board positions at executive level, with service extending over 30 years.
- Responsible for many successful Grant Submissions
- Ground manager for 2 decades for Centre baseball at Cheltenham.
- Member of the BV Pennant Committee (mid 1970's and early 1980's and again between 2013-16)

Awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 in recognition of his services to baseball.

The 'Rustlers' logo is a stylized, cursive script in a dark blue color. The letters are thick and have a slight shadow effect, giving it a three-dimensional appearance. The word is written in a classic, flowing font style.