

George Ritchie Dickinson

Born: Dunedin 11 March 1903. Died: Lower Hutt 17 March 1978

First five-eight

Represented N.Z. 1922, 5 matches

Points for N.Z. 6 points (2 tries)

Provincial record: Otago 1922-24 (Kaikorai Club), South Island 1922

Attended O.B.H.S. 1st XV 1918-21. At the age of 19, Dickinson made his first-class debut for the South Island and was selected for the 1922 All Black team to Australia. He appeared in four of the five matches including all three vs New South Wales. He dropped out of first-class rugby at the age of 21. An outstanding cricketer, Dickinson became the first so-called 'double All Black' when he represented New Zealand at cricket against Victoria in the 1924-25 season and then played against Australia in 1927-28 vs England 1928-29, and South Africa 1931-32. As a fast bowler, he took 17 wickets in six Test matches. His best performance was 7-58 for Otago vs Australia in 1927-28. His last representative cricket was played for Wellington in the 1943-44 season. Dickinson worked as a commercial traveller.