

Victor Leslie George

Born: Invercargill 5 June 1908. Died:

Front-row forward

Represented N.Z. 1939, 7 matches (3 internationals)

Points for N.Z. nil

Provincial record: Southland 1929, 30, 32-39 (Invercargill Club), South Island 1943,35,38,39
N.Z. Trials 1934, 35, 37

Educated at Otago Boys' High School. Had a long career in the Southland team and several All Black trials before touring Australia in 1938 as a rugged prop standing just under 6 feet and weighing 14st 4 lb. He played in all three internationals.

Included by Winstone McCarthy in his "Team that Never Was" - the touring party due to tour South Africa but denied the opportunity due to the outbreak of WWII. George was described as "hard as they come despite his 30 years".

After the war Les George served on the Southland R.F.U. executive 1949-75, being president in 1956,57 coach from 1946-54 and selector from 1952-60. He was South Island selector from 1961-70 and N.Z. selector from 1964-70. He served on the N.Z.R.F.U. Council from 1966-72. His services were recognised with him being elected a life member of the Invercargill Club in 1969 and the Southland R.F.U. in 1976.

His brother, Cyril, represented Southland 1929-38 and was an All Black trialist in 1934.

Les George was a farmer, and later a storeman in Invercargill.