

# Frank Soars

2019 Inductee No. 21



The legendary Frank Soars joined Manly Vale in 1956 and later went to Harbord before settling at Mona Vale. The first bowler from Mona Vale to be selected for NSW, Frank was considered the best player produced on the Northern Beaches. In discussions as to "best bowler NEVER to represent Australia" Frank's name was always to the fore.

The late Bowls Australian representative and BA Hall of Famer Ken Woods quoted in 2011, "Frank was the best bowler I ever played against".

A Rat of Tobruk in World War II, Frank suffered with health problems which curtailed his career significantly. A man with an incredibly sharp wit, a booming voice and a very quick delivery, Frank Soars was one of those irreplaceable characters of our game.

- NSW Cap #617 – Played 85 tests (from 19/11/1965)
- NSW State Selector 1982-19
- 1970 Won Australian Fours
- 1980 Won Centenary Singles
- 1970 Won NSW State Singles
- 1967 Won NSW State Champion of Champions Singles
- 1970 Won NSW State Triples
- 1981 Won NSW State Triples
- 1966 Won NSW State Fours
- Won 10 District Singles
- Won 8 District Team Events
- Won 21 Major Singles events (Including 2 Ampol Master of Masters, 3 City Masters, 3 East Cessnock Invitation, 3 Banyo Q Invitation, 2 North Manly Champion of Champion Singles)
- Won circa 50 team tournaments
- Won circa 35 Club championships