

Know your Blind Mice . . .

MURRAY (MAULER) MEHRTON.

Mr. Mehrton started his baseball career in 1941 while still at school, and joined Fitzroy as a pitcher in 1942. He played with Fitzroy until mid-season of 1951, except for the war years, when he saw service in the Navy in the South-west Pacific area.

He received a very bad knee injury during the 1951 season when it was ripped open by spikes when sliding to base. This forced him to give up his first love, and he was urged to hold his interest in the game by umpiring. Bill Delves, a Fitzroy selector, swung the decision, and by 1954 Mr. Mehrton had had first senior game, between Carlton and Prahran.

He was appointed to the squad handling the Claxton Shield Series in 1955, and had charge of the W.A. v. N.S.W. game.

His reaction to night baseball is that it is terrific, and a joy to call, and the obvious crowd temperament can and will do the game a lot of good. His hobbies? Baseball — baseball — and then more baseball!

Source: Night Baseball Programme 1957. Held at South Melbourne. Cricket/Football Ground

