

VICTORIAN AMATEUR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

IN MEMORIAM.

ARIJS LOZENICINS

1934 - 1977.

Arijs Lozenicins, Immediate Past President of the Victorian Amateur Volleyball Association, Federal Volleyball Official, International Referee, Coach and a trusted friend to all people connected with the sport of Volleyball, died on September 16, 1977 after a long illness in Germany at the age of 43 years.

His involvement with sport covers a period of not less than 28 years going back to 1949 when he together with his parents arrived in Australia. His first stay was in Sydney for a few years and his first involvement in sport was with Basketball. In Melbourne he joined the Latvians and at a later stage the Melbourne-Hawks Volleyball Club, as player and as coach. From the beginning he involved himself at Association level, first as Coach of the Victorian representative team followed for a considerable period as Secretary and finally as President of the Association.

He became the Victorian Delegate to the Australian Volleyball Federation Executive and was eventually elected as Records Secretary to above organization, a position which he held until Easter 1977.

One of his greatest achievements was the technical direction and organization of the First Asian Volleyball Championships in Melbourne in 1975, an event which became an outstanding success.

In an equally important role, Arijs has been for many years one of the leading Volleyball referees in Australia and had also the distinction to be one of the few International Referees which Australia has produced.

To honour his achievements for the sport of Volleyball, Life Membership was awarded to Arijs by the Association in 1975.

As a personal friend of many years, I can only say that his loss can hardly be replaced. We have worked in common together to develop the sport of Volleyball in all its aspects. We have not always agreed but we never lost the sight of our common goal.

My own, and the Victorian Amateur Volleyball Association membership, deepest sympathy is extended to Arijs children, parents and relatives which he so loved and which stood to him in his hour of greatest need.

MAY YOUR SOUL REST IN PEACE.

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