

Bob Jackson

Though popular enough with those who knew him, Bob presented a dour image on the table. He displayed phenomenal anticipation with a near perfect temperament. His total dedication to winning every point made him virtually unbeatable for several years after he began using thick grey Dolinar sponge on the forehand and black sponge on the backhand.

As a 19 year old in 1950 he won the NZ Open and North Island Singles titles.

In 1954 he was in the first officially selected New Zealand Men's team to compete at the World Championships

1956 saw him win the Australian Open Men's singles, the first New Zealander to do so - going through the matches without losing a game. He also won the Men's Doubles with an Australian partner. In 1957 he defeated both Toshiaki Tanaka (World Champion) and Ichiro Ogimura (World number 2) during the Japanese tour of NZ.

The "Player of the Year" award was introduced in 1955. Bob Jackson was the inaugural winner and he won it again in 1956 and 1958.

National Titles:

New Zealand Open

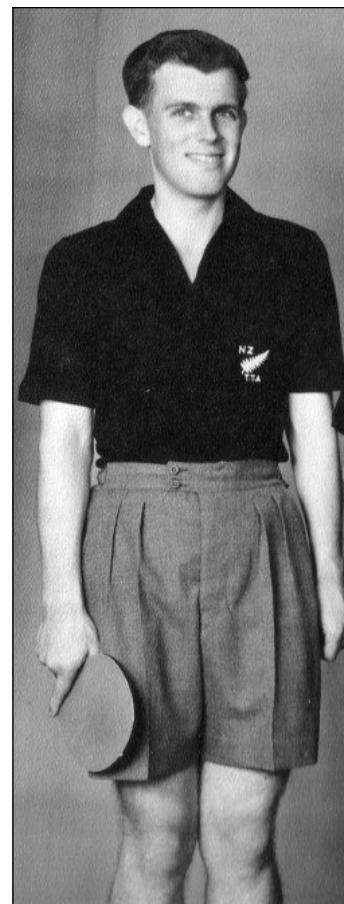
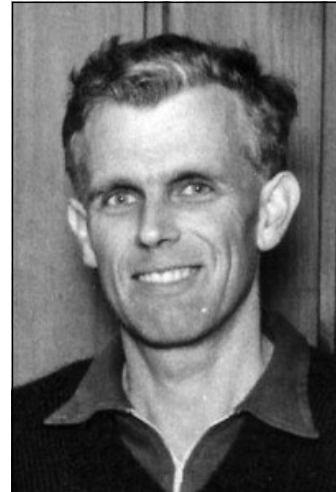
Men's Singles - 1950, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58
Men's Doubles - 1953, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59
Mixed Doubles - 1954, 55, 56, 57
Under 18 Boys' Singles - 1949

North Island Open

Men's Singles - 1950, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58
Men's Doubles - 1950, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58
Mixed Doubles - 1953, 54, 55

South Island Open

Men's Singles - 1955
Men's Doubles - 1955



1950

Bob Jackson continued



1955



Auckland Men's team 1950
Winners Kean Shield NZ Champs

L/R: Kevin Dwyer, Bob Jackson, Russ Algie,
Owen Jaine (in front)