

## ***Alan Barelli (Mitcham) – 1935 to 1957***

The oldest son of Mitcham legend Lou Barelli, Alan Barelli was born in 1920 and made his debut for Mitcham in 1935-36 and played in their 'B Grade' Premiership in 1936-37. By 1940-41, Alan was a leading player in Mitcham's first XI and he won six 'A Grade' premierships for Mitcham and was captain in several of these flags.

Alan won the BHRDCA 'A Grade' batting average in 1945-46

Alan was one of the leading players in the BHRDCA after WWII and played in all six of Mitcham's 'A Grade' flags, in a golden era of the 1940's and 50's – 1946-47; 1947-48; 1949-50; 1950-51; 1954-55; and 1956-57.

Alan would have added a seventh 'A Grade' Premiership to his record, but as captain he conceded the 1951-52 'A Grade' Grand Final to East Burwood after a dispute regarding BHRDCA playing rules.

Alan is recorded with 2797 runs and 282 wickets from his career with Mitcham and played his final game in the 1956-57 Grand Final against the Doncaster Footballers. Alan died in 2008.

Alan played 18 matches with Hawthorn in the VFL from 1940 to 1942 before serving in WWII.