

# ***Jack Davin (Mitcham) – 1941 to 1957***

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A gutsy opening batsman who commenced with Mitcham in 1941-42, Jack Davin played in five 'A Grade' Premierships with that club and is remembered for his outstanding finals record. Davin is recorded with 3920 runs between 1941-42 and 1955-56 but is likely to have made closer to 6000 runs with the Mitcham Cricket Club.

In 1943-44, Davin carried his bat for 61 as Mitcham suffered a narrow defeat to the Box Hill Methodists in the Grand Final. He finished the season with 539 runs and 28 wickets. In 1944-45 he won the BHRDCA 'A Grade' batting average with 595 runs at 49.58. This season included a score of 152 not out against the Box Hill Methodists and other scores of 82 and 81.

Davin played in the 1946-47, 1947-48 and 1949-50 Premierships for Mitcham. They won a fourth flag in 1950-51 with Davin making 91 against East Doncaster in the Semi Final and 100 against East Burwood in the Grand Final.

1951-52 was undoubtedly Davin's greatest season. He won the BHRDCA 'A Grade' batting average with 620 runs at 155.00 which included scores of 128, 113, and 89 not out during the season. In the Semi Final, he made 116 against Nunawading which was followed with another century in the Grand Final against East Burwood, which Mitcham lost after they conceded the match.

Davin played in his fifth Premiership in 1954-55 and in the Semi Final made 66 against Vermont followed with 60 against Blackburn in the Grand Final. In his final season of 1956-57, Davin was found with scores of 91 and 78 not out.

Davin attended the Mitcham 130<sup>th</sup> celebrations in March 2014 and suggested he should make a comeback as an eighty year old and help the recently relegated Mitcham back into 'Shield Grade.'

As an ex-boxer, he was still in good shape – maybe he could have helped!