



HERBET RAPHAEL
PRESIDENT 1933 -1950
LIFE MEMBER 1940
PATRON 1951 -1966

Herb Raphael lived near the Prahran Cricket ground and was a great fan of both cricket and baseball. There is no record that that he had played either sport at the senior level. His interests and passion lay in scouting for talented young players to build the Club and in administration. Herb was a renowned for his regular attendance at all Prahran CC and Melbourne High School games in the area and he was never reluctant in issuing of invitations for try outs to any likely prospects.

Along with Ted Greenwood who had led the reformation of the Prahran BC in 1926 after the disruption and aftermath of the First World War, they formed a strong and long serving Executive that built the Club into a formidable force over two decades.



Herb was very proud of the Club's tradition and the following comments were taken from own notes written in the early 1960's shortly before his death in 1966

1939 - According to records published in the Age by Mr, H Francis our Club had a unique performance - in 10 years they scored 249 points out of a possible 336 points and also scored 1220 runs to 475 runs against them. Winning percentage .741. Having won the Metropolitan Division Premiership our Club was sent to Dandenong to play against Carlton Baseball Club for the Major Championship of Victoria and after a great game Prahran won 5 runs to 3.

1949 "This was our really great year as we won the Major "A" Grade Premiership from our old rivals Collingwood. The Grand Final scores were: Prahran 4 runs Collingwood 1 run.

Herb was a legendary presence around the Club, usually wearing his leather overcoat and never known to miss a game.

The Victorian Baseball Association formally recognised Herb's devotion and contribution to the Game with a special 40 Years of Service Award.

**Herb Raphael as a young President
in c 1935.**

