

HAWTHORN

GRANT BIRCHALL

DEF - \$496,600

Edging towards being a tad expensive, but he ticks off all the boxes as a quality SuperCoach defender. For a cheaper price I would rather take Shannon Hurn, but Birchall isn't a whole lot dearer and he has averaged 94, 94 and 92 over the past three seasons. The only issue with taking Birchall is that you may already have 2-3 of Mitchell, Suckling and Hodge. If you don't then Birchall is your man! He is a fantastic running defender and we know how valuable those types of players are in the SuperCoach world.

Others to consider.....

Jordan Lewis - MID - \$520,900

Plays as a run-with-player quite often, but it doesn't appear to affect his SuperCoach output. Lewis isn't a SuperCoach star but since 2007 his averages have been 93, 92, 88, 91 and then improving to 96 over the past two seasons. The only issue is that he has lost his DPP of mid/fwd that he has had before. But he is in the mix with the abundance of POD midfielders that can produce a 95-100 average.

Luke Breust - FWD - \$444,700

"BREEUUUUUUSSSSST" has probably snuck under the SuperCoach radar the past couple of seasons. People would have been on him in his debut year where he played 16 games and averaged almost 70. Unlike many players he didn't drop off in his second season and his third season was just as good. He averaged 85 and then 82 in the past two seasons, but he's young so I'd expect him to improve further. A real positive is that he played 16 games in his debut season, 22 the year after and then 21. Played in a premiership now and he has cemented himself into this great Hawks outfit.