

# The First Graders

Andrew Harrison

**Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 10**

Full name: **Andrew Peter Harrison**

Date and Place of Birth: **10 February 1975, Canterbury, NSW**

Secondary School: **Sydney Technical High School**

Occupation: **Operations manager, power industry**

Playing role: **Right hand fast-medium bowler / right hand bat**



BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2001-02	10	6	2	17*	41	10.25			3
2002-03	15	7	0	4	7	1.00			3
2003-04	9	4	2	15	16	8.00			2
2004-05	12	8	1	36	59	8.43			0
2005-06	16	15	3	26*	132	11.00			2
2006-07	13	9	5	13*	26	6.50			5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>7.81</b>			<b>15</b>
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w	
2001-02	120	15	20	526	26.30	5-52	1		
2002-03	151	28	21	492	23.43	3-8			
2003-04	107.1	14	12	434	36.17	3-28			
2004-05	151.5	28	29	540	18.62	5-36	2		
2005-06	218.1	24	37	826	22.32	4-32			
2006-07	133	18	18	554	4.17	4-43			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>881.1</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>3,372</b>	<b>24.61</b>	<b>5-36</b>	<b>3</b>		



The season before the merger with Randwick was one of great frustration for Andrew Harrison as he battled with stress fractures in his back. The previous seasons of fast bowling had taken their toll and he was forced to play as a batsman in Petersham-Marrickville's 2000-01 4th Grade team. It was quite a come-down for the fiery competitor who had made his 1st Grade debut with the "Petes" in 1995-96 taking 25 wickets including a return of 6-46. By the end of that season however, he was feeling a bit more like his old self and after hitting his first Grade Cricket half century (66) bowled a few overs in the latter part of the season including an 8-30 spell against Randwick.

The merger with Randwick in 2001 to form the new Randwick Petersham entity brought with it renewed enthusiasm for Andrew and he was named in the club's first 1st Grade team and allocated cap number 10. Bowling in tandem with Adam Warren, Scott Obey and James Le Huray brought its own rewards and he ended the season with a healthy 22 wickets highlighted by a 5-52 bag against Campbelltown. A highlight was having Uni. of NSW's opening batsman David Carson caught by Ian Barter for 10 to give Andrew the first wicket in 1st Grade for the new club. A further 25 wickets in 2nd Grade gave him a season tally of 47 which he capped with the runner-up prize in the Player of the Season competition.

Over the following five seasons Andrew was a major force in the Randwick Petersham 1st Grade team. The six-foot redhead's bowling was quick and hostile as Test batsman / wicketkeeper Brad Haddin would agree when "Harro" cleaned him up cheaply in both innings of the 2003-04 1st Grade Grand Final. His consistency was emphasised in 2005-06 when he was the leading wicket-taker in the side taking 47 wickets off a mammoth 266 overs including bags of four wickets in an innings on five occasions.

By the end of the 2006-07 season Harrison had taken more 1st Grade wickets than any other bowler with his total standing at 137. But with a number of pressing injuries and a keenness to remain in the game as long as he could sustain his fitness, he asked to play in 4th Grade where he continued until the end of the 2011-12 season, captaining the team in his final two years.

At the end of that season and just after his 37th birthday Andrew decided that it was time to call it quits. He retired with a record the envy of many and one which reflected his lion-hearted attitude to his cricket. In his 21 seasons he captured 504 Grade wickets including 230 in 1st Grade, 22 in Poidevin-Gray and 18 in A W Green Shield to take him to 544 club wickets. He also scored 2,888 runs. In his 160 games with Randwick Petersham he took 288 wickets including 137 in 1st Grade while he scored 1,245 runs. By 2012-13 he remained Randwick Petersham's leading 1st Grade wicket-taker and third greatest in all grades.