

The First Graders

Brett Hunter



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 14

Full name: **Brett Stewart Hunter**

Date and Place of Birth: **21 February 1975, Kogarah**

Secondary School: **Marist Brothers College, Kogarah**

Occupation: **Marketing Manager**

Playing role: **All-rounder. Right hand bat / right arm off-spin bowler**

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2001-02	12	9	0	57	141	15.67		1	6
2002-03	7	4	2	24*	38	19.00			2
2003-04	18	14	4	68*	230	23.00		1	13
2004-05	18	19	4	55	348	23.20		1	8
2005-06	9	9	0	33	92	10.22			3
2006-07	8	7	1	51*	73	12.17		1	4
Totals	72	62	11	68*	922	18.08		4	36
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w	
2001-02	43.3	3	6	188	31.33	2-0			
2002-03	8	2	1	30	30.00	1-23			
2003-04	140	24	11	490	44.55	2-28			
2004-05	157	25	9	598	66.44	2-38			
2005-06	84	9	8	311	38.88	4-84			
2006-07	46	7	2	154	77.00	1-8			
Totals	478.3	70	37	1,771	47.86	4-84			



Brett Hunter was one of the club's best all-rounders in its first 10 years being the first picked in one-day cricket matches. A hard hitting batsman in any position he was handy as an off-spinner while simply dynamic in the field. Named in the first Randwick Petersham 2nd Grade team in 2001-02 Brett found himself in the club's first limited overs 1st Grade side shortly after against the defending premiers St George at Hurstville. Brett Hunter took the honours that day top-scoring with 46 to help guide his team home with just two balls to go. Brett also lined up in five two-day games in the top grade that season again top scoring with a gutsy 57 against Campbelltown in a losing match while batting with a runner after an earlier injury.

While he played in 33 Limited Overs matches in his 72 match Randwick Petersham 1st Grade career, Hunter also had some outstanding performances in the two-day version of the game. In 2003-04 he hit four sixes in his 68 not out against Campbelltown to achieve an amazing win. With very few games played because of continual rain it was a surprise to all at Petersham Oval that the umpires allowed the match to go on in gloomy conditions. With 165 to get in just 120 minutes a draw looked a foregone conclusion until Brett and Joe Hill came together and hit a record fifth wicket partnership of 122 in just 64 minutes and knock over the 165 target in only 97 minutes just as the heavens opened! It was one of the great games in the club's first decade.

Brett was a consistent performer throughout 2003-04 and 2004-05 playing both seasons in 1st Grade. He had the thrill and disappointment of playing in a losing Grand Final against Easts while rattling up almost 600 runs, taking 20 wickets and snaring an amazing 21 catches during that period. In a match against University of NSW at the Village Green Hunter hit one of his biggest sixes onto the top of the new pavilion which bounced over the back causing a lengthy delay while the ball was retrieved!

In 2006-07 Brett Hunter was the toast of the club being named as the Player of the Season. He rotated between 1st and 2nd grades that summer enjoying success in each. He established a couple of bowling high marks in Seconds while in 1st Grade he set a new tenth wicket partnership record with James Byrne. The occasion was the match against Mosman at Rawson Oval which looked all over for RPC with the score-line tottering at 9-237 chasing 292. But Hunter and Byrne played the bowling to all parts of the ground putting on a club record partnership of 57 runs to take the match. Brett finished with 51 not out with Byrne 17 not out.

The excitement of that season was followed by disappointment as Brett announced his retirement as a player. He did so after a six season career with Randwick Petersham which brought him 1,941 runs, 101 wickets and 53 catches. When added to his three seasons with Randwick he finished with a total of 2,932 runs, 144 wickets and 73 catches.