

# The First Graders

## Scott Obey



### Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 15

Full Name: **Scott Arthur Obey**

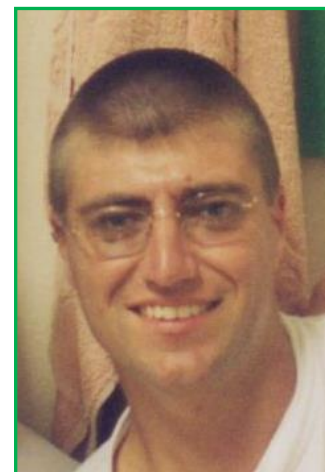
Date and Place of Birth: **25 August 1972, Waverley**

Secondary School: **South Sydney High**

Occupation: **Power Industry Supervisor**

Playing role: **Right arm medium pace swing bowler/ right hand bat**

| BATTING       |              |            |           |              |              |             |          |          |          |
|---------------|--------------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Season        | Mtch         | Inns       | N.O.      | Best         | Runs         | Ave.        | 100      | 50       | Ct.      |
| 2001-02       | 16           | 9          | 3         | 9            | 16           | 2.67        |          |          | 3        |
| 2002-03       | 20           | 8          | 1         | 1            | 2            | 2.00        |          |          | 2        |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>36</b>    | <b>17</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>9</b>     | <b>18</b>    | <b>1.38</b> |          |          | <b>5</b> |
| BOWLING       |              |            |           |              |              |             |          |          |          |
| Season        | Overs        | Mdn        | Wkts      | Runs         | Ave.         | Best        | 5w       | 10w      |          |
| 2001-02       | 232.1        | 71         | 28        | 609          | 21.75        | 5-39        | 1        |          |          |
| 2002-03       | 338.4        | 95         | 53        | 956          | 18.04        | 7-64        | 2        | 1        |          |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>570.5</b> | <b>166</b> | <b>81</b> | <b>1,565</b> | <b>19.32</b> | <b>7-64</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> |          |



In 101 years of Randwick cricket Scott Obey took more 1st Grade wickets in a season than any other player. The season was 1998-99 and Scott was the leading bowler in Sydney 1st Grade Cricket taking 66 wickets for the season, two more than Gary Bensley's record 64 in 1979-80. But despite that historic milestone and his undoubted ability, he was not selected in the first Randwick Petersham 1st Grade team following the merger between Randwick and Petersham-Marrickville in 2001. Scott started his Randwick Petersham career in the Second XI but after five wickets in the first match and 7-68 in the second he was back in 1st Grade where he remained for the next two seasons.

Scott Obey was a genuine swing bowler. He bowled off just a few steps while extracting amazing swing and swerve with the new ball. There were many occasions where batsmen raised the bat over their shoulder to a seemingly wide ball only to see their stumps cartwheeled. He was in the mould of the great Australian swing bowler Bob Massie who took 16 wickets in a Test Match at Lords in 1972. He had revived the lost art of swing bowling with devastating effect as few batsmen could master his crafty movement and pin-point accuracy.

In a match against Western Suburbs at Coogee Oval in 2001-02, Obey was almost unplayable as he bamboozled a strong batting line-up to take 3-0 off 7 overs before finishing with 3-17 off 12 and have Wests out for just 110. In the very next match against Manly at Manly Oval he demolished the home side for 104 taking 5-39 in the process. Scott finished the season with 28 wickets and was a wonderful foil for fast bowler Adam Warren who spearheaded the attack.



The following season it was Scott Obey who took the bowling honours with a superb return of 53 wickets at just 18.04 runs each. Against St George at Petersham Oval he recorded his best 1st Grade figures when he took 7-64. A few games later he took 6-50 against North Sydney at North Sydney no.1 following up with 4-43 in the second dig to give him match figures of 10-93. The very next match he took 4-22 and 4-45 against Gordon at Petersham which gave him 18 wickets at 7.61 runs each in an eight day period from 62 overs with 22 maidens.

Sadly 2002-03 was to be Scott's last season. With a young family and business pressures complicated by a nagging injury, Scott Obey retired. He concluded his 10 season Grade Cricket career with 348 wickets and 409 runs including 251 wickets and 338 runs with Randwick. In 2011 Scott was named in Randwick Petersham's Team of the Decade.