

The First Graders

David Mitchell



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 16

Full name: **David Scott Mitchell**

Date and Place of Birth: **6 October 1980, Sutherland**

Secondary School: **Caringbah High**

Occupation: **Architect**

Playing role: **Right hand bat/wicketkeeper**

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2001-02	1	1	0	0	0	0			1
2002-03	1	1	0	8	8	8.00			1
2003-04	8	9	2	108	171	24.43	1		1
2004-05	8	9	0	33	81	9.00			1
2006-07	7	8	0	49	169	21.13			2
2007-08	1	1	0	15	15	15.00			0
2008-09	13	15	1	39	192	13.71			5
Totals	39	44	3	108	636	15.51	1		11
BOWLING									
Season	Caught	Stpd	Total	Byes					
2003-04	10	0	10	16					
2004-05	5	1	6	3					
Totals	15	1	16	19					



David Mitchell's debut in 1st Grade was a strange scenario. He made a duck and held a catch in his only appearance in 2001-02 yet won the club's coveted Most Promising Player Award by taking all before him in 2nd Grade. His 517 runs at 36.93 in 2's and his 31 dismissals behind the stumps as wicketkeeper while allowing only 18 byes in 900 plus overs indicated clearly he had the talent for higher honours. And while another single appearance greeted him the following season it was 2003-04 which will remain his fondest in the top grade.

Having already experienced the competitiveness of 1st Grade cricket while with Randwick for four seasons prior to the 2001 merger, David took his opportunity with both hands when promoted to take the gloves behind the stumps following an injury to regular record-breaking 'keeper Daryl Parmenter. He snared 10 catches while allowing only 16 byes but it was his first match that summer in the top grade where he showed his class. Against Parramatta at Coogee it was a poor batting display by many experienced first graders yet David Mitchell stood out with a majestic 108 out of a meagre total of 187. It was his first and as it turned out, his only 1st Grade century but it was pure class. His 38 partnership for the tenth wicket with last man Glenn Farquharson was a real gem and a team record.



It was not until 2008-09 that David had a regular spot in 1st Grade when he played 13 games as a batsman. He won his place after scoring 79 in the first match of the season in 2nd Grade. David's 1st Grade season however, was not an overall successful one with a best score of just 39 in a total of 192.

The following season David took on the captaincy of 2nd Grade leading the side to a spot in the Qualifying Finals. He went one better in 2010-11 with the team losing out to Gordon in the Semi-Final. That was to be David's last season and he put the cap on a wonderful career with his retirement at the end of that summer.