

The First Graders

Simon Katich



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 19

Full Name: **Simon Mathew Katich**

Date and Place of Birth: **21 August 1975, Middle Swan, WA**

Secondary School: **Trinity College, Perth, WA**

Occupation: **Professional Cricketer**

Playing role: **Left hand bat / left hand chinaman bowler**

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2002-03	10	10	1	177	495	55.00	2	1	4
2003-04	4	4	1	110*	179	59.67	1	1	
2004-05	3	3	1	70	136	68		2	1
2005-06	1	1	0	10	10	10.00			
2006-07	9	9	0	74	292	32.44		3	2
2007-08	11	11	5	149*	581	96.83	1	3	11
2010-11	5	5	1	94	315	78.75		4	2
2011-12	7	6	0	53	169	28.20		1	1
2012-13	7	9	1	137	450	56.25	2	2	4
T20	1	1	0	43	43	43			3
2013-14	3	3	0	45	115	38.33			2
T20	5	4	0	19	35	8.75			3
Totals	66	66	10	177	2,820	50.36	6	17	33
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w	
2002-03	42.1	4	3	179	59.67	1-19			
2003-04	43	12	8	127	15.88	3-30			
2004-05	15	0	1	68	68.00	1-40			
2006-07	19	0	2	75	37.50	1-20			
2007-08	49	3	10	191	19.10	3-27			
2010-11	8	0	0	18					
2011-12	17	3	2	86	43.00	2-36			
Totals	193.1	22	26	744	28.62	3-27			



Simon was an established first class player when he joined Randwick Petersham in 2002-03 having played for WA for six seasons. He began with an inauspicious duck in round one against University of NSW followed in round two by an almighty 177 against Mosman at Petersham Oval including nine sixes and 17 fours. That score remained a club 1st Grade record for seven years. He also knocked 100 not out against Easts that summer with his single on the last ball to bring up his century also winning the match.

One of his greatest innings for the club was in the Qualifying Final of 2007-08 against eventual premiers St George when he and Usman Khawaja put on 188 for the third wicket with Simon remaining unconquered on 149. His innings included 10 sixes to break his previously held record of nine set five years earlier. His batting average of 96.83 that season was the best in the competition and set a new club record.

In 2012-13 he scored 137 out of a total of 237 in the second innings against Bankstown batting for 302 minutes after the side had been dismissed for a record low 55 in the first innings.

Simon had never played in a premiership winning team with the club until 2013-14 when he was a member of the side which won the Grand Final of the CSG Twenty20 competition. At the end of that season he announced his retirement from all cricket. In a fitting finale to his career at the 2014 AGM Simon Katich was awarded Life Membership of Randwick Petersham Cricket Club.

In his first season with the club Simon was immediately drafted into the NSW Sheffield Shield team where he remained for the following 10 summers. In just his second season with NSW, Simon became Randwick Petersham's first Test cricketer when he played for Australia against Zimbabwe at the SCG in 2003. From there he went on to a Test career spanning 56 matches scoring 4,188 runs at the excellent average of 45.03 with 10 centuries. He also played 45 One-Day International matches and three T20 Internationals. He scored his maiden Test century with 125 against India at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 2004 and in 2009 was named Australian Test Player of the Year.

Katich also had a magnificent career for NSW starring as both player and captain before he announced his retirement from first class cricket in Australia in June 2012. He represented NSW in 58 first class matches scoring 5,309 runs at an average of 61.73 including 15 centuries. Simon played 56 Limited Overs matches for NSW scoring 1,846 runs at the superb average of 40.13 and had the distinction of leading NSW to victory in the inaugural Champions League Twenty20 tournament in India in 2009. He also captained NSW on 96 occasions in all three forms of the game.

His best season for NSW was 2007-08 when he scored an amazing 1,506 runs setting a new record for the most runs in a season throughout the 116 years of the Sheffield Shield competition. Simon also led the side to victory in the Sheffield Shield, then known as the Pura Cup, having scored a century against each State. His massive 306 against Queensland that season was the highest individual score at the SCG since Don Bradman hit 452 against Queensland 78 years earlier in 1929-30. At seasons end he was awarded the prestigious Steve Waugh Medal.