

# *The First Graders*

## Chris Benjamin



### **Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap no. : 22**

Full name: **Christopher David Benjamin**

Date and Place of Birth: **4 August 1973, Kogarah**

Secondary School: **Sydney Technical High School**

Occupation: **Fire Brigade Station Officer**

Playing role: **Right hand opening batsman**

<b>BATTING</b>									
<b>Season</b>	<b>Mtch</b>	<b>Inns</b>	<b>N.O.</b>	<b>Best</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Ave.</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Ct.</b>
<b>2002-03</b>	2	2	1	1	2	2.00			2



Chris Benjamin joined Randwick Petersham in 2002-03 after 10 seasons with Easts where he held the record for the highest individual 2nd Grade score when he hit 223 not out against Manly at Waverley Oval in 1997-98.

He played in the first round of Randwick Petersham's second season 2002-03. And while he only scored one run he regards the game as a memorable one because of the quality of the team. It was a star-studded line-up with Simon Katich, Matt Cassar, Darren Wotherspoon, Robert Smith, Joseph Hill as well as Chris all making their debut with Randwick Petersham. Interestingly Katich as the marquee player made a duck that day while former New Zealand first class player Joe Hill smashed 123 from 122 balls to register the greatest performance for the club on debut. The opposing team University of NSW was no match that day with Randwick Petersham running out winners by 95 runs—8-260 to 6-165 in the Limited Overs affair.

With work commitments restricting his availability Chris played only one other match in 1st Grade that season fitting in well in the 2nds where he scored 264 runs. He also played a 3rd Grade match.

After a Sydney Grade Cricket career spanning 12 seasons Chris retired at the end of his season with us.