

# The First Graders

## Peter Bayley



### **Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 25**

Full Name: **Peter Richard Bayley**

Date and Place of Birth: **19 November 1975, Canterbury**

Secondary School: **Sydney Tech High, Bexley**

Occupation: **TAFE IT Teacher**

Playing role: **Right arm seam bowler / right hand bat**

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2002-03	2	0	0	0	0	0			
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best			
2002-03	8.1	2	1	27	27.00	1-27			



Peter Bayley was a member of the first Randwick Petersham 4th Grade team in 2001-02. The following season he was in 1st Grade.

A medium pace bowler who bowled a consistent line and length, Peter was able to tie up an end and frustrate opposing batsmen while moving the ball just enough off the seam to collect important wickets. With those attributes he was brought into the 1st Grade team for the clash against Campbelltown in the limited overs match at Raby Oval.

With Adam Warren knocking over the first three batsmen for just six runs it looked as though Bayley would not be required. However skipper Paul Toole threw him the ball towards the end of the innings and he responded appropriately by taking a wicket for just 27 runs off almost nine overs to see "The Ghosts" all out for just 103. The match was won by seven wickets.

Brought back into the side in the fifth round of the Limited Overs Competition against Parramatta at Coogee, Peter didn't get to bat or bowl in a game Randwick Petersham won 4-167 to 166 with Richard Chee Quee hitting 76 and Scott Obey, Adam Warren and Matt Cassar taking eight wickets between them.

While Peter only got to play those two 1st Grade games with the club, he had already made his debut in the top grade with Petersham-Marrickville in 1998-99 playing against a Northern District side at Waitara Oval which included Australian Test captain Mark Taylor. Bayley took his first 1st Grade wicket in that match dismissing the competition's highest run-getter Mark Higgs who later went on to play for New South Wales.

Two seasons later in 2004-05, Peter Bayley was the leading wicket-taker for the club in 2nd Grade which went on to win the Premiership under the captaincy of Greg Hartshorne. He took 2-29 and 3-30 in the Grand Final to finish the summer with 37 2nd Grade wickets at 21.38. He was later named Randwick Petersham Clubman of the Year.

In November 2005 Peter and his family moved to Coffs Harbour where he continued to play representing Coffs Harbour in a number of country matches. He retired as a player at the end of 2008-09. In his four seasons with Randwick Petersham he took 133 wickets at an average of 20.51.

7. Where were you playing prior to joining Randwick Petersham and after?:

JUNIOR & EARLY SENIOR CRICKET: PEAKHURST SOUTH CC (St George Assoc)

GRADE: PETERSHAM-MARRICKVILLE (1995/96 - 2000/2001)

AFTER RPC: MOVED TO COFFS HARBOUR (Nov 2005) AND PLAYED WITH WEST COFFS CRICKET CLUB, AND REPRESENTED COFFS HARBOUR DCC (until retiring at the end of season 2008/2009

. Any particular memories of your time with Randwick Petersham.

BEST MOMENT WITH RPCC WAS BEING PART OF THE 2004/2005 2ND GRADE PREMIERSHIP WINNING SIDE. ALTHOUGH GRADED IN 3RD GRADE ORIGINALLY, I ENDED UP PLAYING EVERY MATCH THAT SEASON IN GREG HARTSHORNE'S 2ND GRADE SIDE (AFTER THE WEST INDIAN NEVER MADE IT ONTO THE FIELD FOR RPC).

OTHER FAVOURITE GRADE CRICKET MEMORY WAS MY 1ST GRADE DEBUT WITH PETERSHAM-MARRICKVILLE IN 1999. I TURNED UP TO WAITARA OVAL (NOW MARK TAYLOR OVAL) TO PLAY ND'S AND THERE WAS MEDIA EVERYWHERE, TV AND NEWSPAPER JOURNALISTS, VIDEO CAMERAS AND TELESCOPIC LENSES. NO THEY HADN'T HEARD I WAS PLAYING MY FIRST GAME, JUST GOT WIND THAT A CERTAIN OPPOSITION PLAYER NAMED MARK TAYLOR WAS POSSIBLY ABOUT TO PLAY HIS FINAL GAME AS AUSTRALIAN CRICKET CAPTAIN. WHAT A GAME: OUR CAPTAIN, FORMER 1ST CLASS CRICKETER DAVE FULTON WON THE TOSS, WE SCORED AROUND 200, THANKS TO 80 ODD BY A MUCH YOUNGER IAN MORAN. THEIR CAPTAIN THOUGHT THAT HE SHOULD FIELD AT 1ST SLIP INSTEAD OF THE CURRENT WORLD RECORD HOLDER (M Taylor) AND HE DROPPED 2 CATCHES. MARK TAYLOR HIT A COUPLE OF CLASSIC BOUNDARIES BEFORE BEING CAUGHT BY GREG HARTSHORNE AT 2ND SLIP. I CLAIMED MY FIRST 1ST GRADE WICKET, MARK HIGGS, WHO WAS THE LEADING RUN SCORER IN 1ST GRADE AT THE TIME (HE WENT ON TO PLAY 1ST CLASS CRICKET AND 1 DAY CRICKET FOR AUS). AND WE WON THE GAME. TWO DAYS LATER TUBBY MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WAS GOING TO RETIRE. GREAT MEMORIES. I ALSO ENJOYED LISTENING TO ANDREW HARRISON GEEING UP ONE OF TUBBY'S SONS ALL AFTERNOON WHILE THEY PLAYED CRICKET TOGETHER ON THE SIDELINES :)

### **2004-05 Player category: Peter Bayley**

Applying his trade, Peter picked up 37 wickets this summer and was a major force in the Second Grade Final where he was able to make breakthroughs at important times. In that match, he took 2 for 29 and 3 for 30 from a total of 34

overs in an outstanding display. But he will also be remembered for his batting in that Final where he and Rodney Stafford put on 34 for the last wicket to virtually take the match away from UTS Balmain. Ironically, it was the same ground as the Final, Bankstown Oval, where Peter returned his best figures of the season...6 for 29 (the first 6 as well) in 2's in the last match of the competition before the finals series.

Peter is a product of the former Petersham Marrickville club having joined in 1995-96. At the time of the merger in 2001, he was that club's 3rd Grade captain. He has since gone on to take 132 wickets for Randwick Petersham and in 2002-03 made his 1st Grade debut with the club.

Peter's contribution to Randwick Petersham however, goes well beyond his cricketing exploits. He is the club's webmaster, developing the web site to such a level that it is regarded as the best in Sydney Grade cricket. The many weekends he spent with Ray Stafford on that project last winter, have well and truly proved their worth.

From an outstanding field of contenders, it is a true reflection of Peter's ability, his dedication and his loyalty that he has been awarded the club's highest accolade for a player---Clubman of the Year.