

# The First Graders

## Matt Banes



### **Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 26**

Full Name: **Matthew John Banes**

Date and Place of Birth: **10 December 1979, Pembury, Kent**

Secondary School: **Tonbridge School, Kent**

Occupation: **Professional Cricketer**

Playing role: **Right hand bat / right arm off-spin occasional bowler**

<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>	4	4	0	15	42	10.50			1



Matthew Banes had quite a “ride” in his first and only season with Randwick Petersham. A 23 years old Englishman from Kent County Cricket Club looking for a bit of experience overseas, he joined the club in 2002-03. As he arrived after the commencement of the season his first game was in the 5th Grade team scoring 58. He was promoted to 4th Grade where he played two matches showing outstanding batting ability with scores of 98 and 181 for a total of 279 runs and an average of 139.50 which remains a club record average for that grade.

Again moved up the grade team list he scored 25 in his only 3rd Grade game before going on to 2nds. In a match against Balmain at Petersham Oval he recorded a great double of 59 in the first innings and 60 in the second to ensure an outright win for his team. Within three matches Matthew was making his 1st Grade debut for Randwick Petersham.

1st Grade proved a different proposition for Matthew Banes and in just four matches in the top grade the best he could do was a score of 15 in an aggregate of 42. And while his performances were a little disappointing in 1st Grade it was clear he had plenty of ability.

He returned to the UK a better batsman where he completed the English season with a number of First Class team appearances. He gave away county cricket at the end of the 2003 season with a record of 388 runs from 11 matches with 69 his best score.

In his one season with Randwick Petersham he scored a total of 565 runs at 56.50, set a 4th Grade batting average record, played all five grades and made his Sydney Grade Cricket 1st Grade debut.