

# The First Graders

## Ian Barter



### **Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 3**

Full Name: **Ian Barter**

Date and Place of Birth: **8 November 1974, Kogarah**

Secondary School: **Peakhurst High School**

Occupation: **General Manager in the construction industry**

Playing role: **Right hand bat**

<b>BATTING</b>									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2001-02	19	23	3	81	571	28.55		3	5
<b>BOWLING</b>									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best			
2001-02	2	0	1	2	2.00	1-2			



Ian Barter was one of the more successful batsmen in the first Randwick Petersham 1st Grade team in 2001-02. With Richard Chee Quee dominating the Randwick Petersham batting as well as the whole of Sydney Grade Cricket to pass the 1,000 runs mark, Barter did well to finish the season third in the aggregates with 571.

While not a regular in the 1st Grade Randwick batting line-up before the merger he repaid selectors for their confidence with a number of fine performances. Batting at the top of the order or first wicket down, Barter showed his mettle when he and Daryl Parmenter put on over 90 against Parramatta in round three with Ian scoring 41. The very next match Ian (81) partnered skipper Paul Toole (100) to rattle up 178 for the second wicket against Gordon at Killara. It was the highest club partnership for any wicket in any grade in the whole of the 2001-02 season and paved the way for a hard earned victory.

The stylish right-hander continued his good form with a timely 43 to share another century partnership with Paul Toole (88) in a match against North Sydney shortly after. He followed that up with an unconquered 67 against Hawkesbury to confirm his well-earned tag as the most consistent bat in the team next to "Cheeqs".

It was the last match before the finals series however, which established Ian Barter as a batsman of real class. Sent in at Coogee by second-placed Fairfield-Liverpool, Randwick Petersham had slumped to 2-14 when Barter strode to the crease to join Richard Chee Quee. The Fairfield and New South Wales fast bowler Don Nash was at his fiery best having all batsmen ducking and weaving against some genuine and hostile pace.

When Chee Quee was given out in controversial circumstances to a leg side catch by the wicket-keeper, the score had reached 3-170 with the partnership yielding a massive 156. With the second new ball Nash ripped through the remainder of the batting line-up to finish with 9-63 and have RP all out for a disappointing 240. Barter was one of the last to be dismissed for a magnificent 80 which was classed by many good judges as one of the gutsiest innings of the summer. The result of that match was determined in the Association Appeal rooms when Fairfield's objection that their loss on the field was the result of a watered pitch was upheld. RP's loss in the first Qualifying Final following that decision brought a premature end to the season which had been an outstanding one for the club in its first season.

Unfortunately for Randwick Petersham that season was the last for Ian Barter. With a fast developing business career Ian was forced to give the game away. In 10 seasons with Randwick and one with Randwick Petersham Ian retired with the impressive record of 4,266 runs and 145 dismissals behind the stumps as wicket-keeper. Interestingly he made his 1st Grade debut with Randwick when called into the side in 1997-98 when regular glove-man Daryl Parmenter was injured after coming into contact with a dressing room wall. In his first match against Sydney University Barter snared six catches behind the stumps drawing favourable comments from players and officials alike.