

The First Graders

Matthew Mott



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 37

Full name: **Matthew Peter Mott**

Date and Place of Birth: **3 October 1973, Charleville, Queensland**

Occupation: **Cricket Coach**

Playing role: **Left hand bat / right arm medium pace bowler**

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2004-05*	17	21	2	168*	839	44.16	2	2	5
2006-07	10	8	2	93	310	51.67		2	5
Totals	27	29	4	168*	1149	45.96	2	4	10
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w	
2004-05*	41.1	7	4	186	46.50	2-5			
2006-07	23	0	4	131	32.75	2-5			
Totals	64.1	7	8	317	39.63	2-5			



*captain

Prior to the start of the 2004-05 season Matt Mott transferred from Victoria to take up a coaching role with the New South Wales Cricket Association but wanted to keep playing cricket at club level. Matt came to Randwick Petersham with a first class record of 3,723 runs including seven centuries and 20 half centuries for both Victoria and Queensland, with a top score of 216.

Matt made an immediate impact in Sydney Grade Cricket that summer scoring 839 runs, the seventh highest in 1st Grade while his top score of 168 not out was the season's fourth best. Apart from his value as a run-getter, his importance to the club was further emphasised when he took over as captain when former 1st Grade skipper Paul Toole stood down for family reasons. Matt did a great job as skipper although the side didn't have a good a year.

Matt began the 2004-05 season with a tradesman-like 35 against Mosman to help register a solid win. Three matches later however, he was at his very best putting on a new club record partnership of 214 in the drawn match against North Sydney at North Sydney Oval with Usman Khawaja. While Khawaja scored 120 Mott dominated with a tally of 157. Matt followed up next game with a top-score of 75 against Sydney University although the students won narrowly.

Round six of that season produced a bit of hit and miss. Bowled out for just 99 in the first innings it looked a forlorn hope of saving the match after Campbelltown had scored 8-232 declared. However, it was Matt Mott at his brilliant best hitting 168, the second highest-ever 1st Grade score for the club behind Simon Katich's 177 in 2002-03 to savour some pride from a first innings loss. Matt was again in the record books as his 110 for the eighth wicket with James Byrne set a new mark.

Another solid Matt Mott 75, this time against Gordon resulted in a good win at Petersham. Mott's 47 against UTS Balmain at Drummoyne was also an important innings which resulted in a five wickets win. Matt's 839 runs for the season at an average of 44.16 was an impressive debut season with the club despite the fact the side won only eight of 20 matches to finish in 10th place. His season's total was the best in the club.

Matt's coaching commitments saw him miss the entire 2005-06 Grade Cricket season however, he returned to play in limited overs matches in 2006-07. That season his eight trips to the crease resulted in scores of 93, 88, 66 and 52 not out which went a long way to securing the side a place in the Limited Overs Competition Grand Final which was unfortunately lost to Bankstown at Cooee Oval.

That Grand Final turned out to be Matt Mott's last match with the club as he was subsequently appointed full-time Coach of the New South Wales SpeedBlitz Blues. He was also at the helm when New South Wales won the 2009 Champions Twenty20 League in India.