

The First Graders

Richard Chee Quee



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 4

Full Name: **Richard Chee Quee**

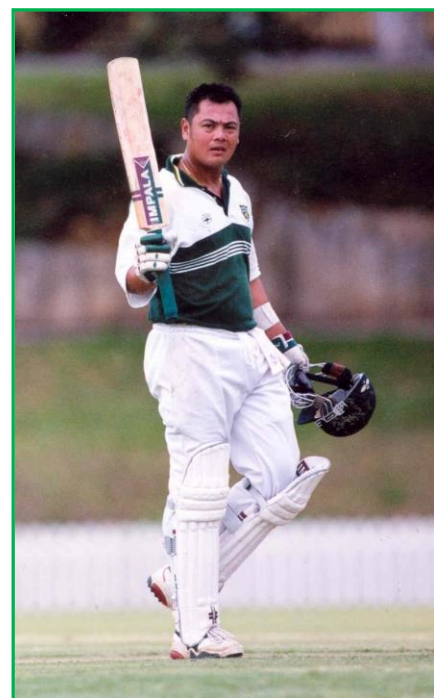
Date and Place of Birth: **4 January 1971, Camperdown**

Secondary School: **Marcellin College, Randwick**

Occupation: **Floor coverings manager**

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

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2001-02	20	24	2	113	1,003	45.59	3	5	7
2002-03	21	23	2	139*	874	41.62	2	4	23
2003-04	22	24	5	111	907	47.74	1	3	16
2004-05	18	20	0	83	643	32.15		4	8
2005-06	18	21	2	92	601	31.63		4	7
Totals	99	112	11	139*	4,028	39.88	6	20	61
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best			
2001-02	5.3	0	0	35	0	0-2			
2002-03	2	1	0	4	0	0-4			
2003-04	19.5	5	5	82	16.40	3-22			
2004-05	9	0	1	51	51.00	1-28			
2005-06	5	0	1	20	20.00	1-20			
Totals	41.2	6	7	192	27.43	3-22			



Richard Chee Quee was the dominating batsman of Randwick Petersham in its early years. A most consistent batsman he rarely failed while his slip catching, along with his batting, was the best in the Sydney 1st Grade Cricket competition.

Chee Quee joined Randwick Petersham in its first year from Randwick where he had been one of its best performers for a number of years. A former New South Wales player with 45 first-class and one-day limited overs matches under his belt his experience at the top of the batting order was a recipe for success at a time when it was important to bed down the merger with Petersham-Marrickville.

In Randwick Petersham's first year Richard hit 1,003 runs for the season which won him the coveted Bill O'Reilly Medal as the 2001-02 Sydney Grade Cricket Player of the Season. He had scores of 113, 106, 103 not out along with six scores between 80 and 90. It was the first time in the history of the two merged clubs Randwick and Petersham-Marrickville that a player had passed the magic 1,000 runs in a season. Richard also topped the batting in three of the following four seasons with totals of 874, 907 and 601 hitting six centuries and 20 fifties along the way.

In 2004-05 the NSW Cricket Board granted Richard a Testimonial Year, the highlight of which was a dinner for 400 at Petersham RSL attended by many of Richard's first class cricketing mates including Adam Gilchrist, Michael Clarke, Stuart McGill, Brett Lee and Simon Katich. It was the first testimonial year granted by the club and one of few endorsed by Cricket New South Wales.

When Richard retired at the end of 2005-06, he did so with a Sydney Grade Cricket record second to none. His 11,874 runs in 1st Grade placed him third on the then all-time run scorers list just 480 behind Greg Hayne from Balmain. Of those runs 7,846 were scored with Randwick and 4,028 with Randwick Petersham. In all grades, Richard accumulated 12,507 runs in Grade Cricket, 973 in Poidevin Gray and 424 in A W Green Shield for a career total of 13,904 runs. As a slip fielder there have been few better and Richard showed his adeptness in the field by snaring 211 catches in his career including 179 in 1st Grade of which 61 were with Randwick Petersham. In 2002-03 he was the leading fielder in Sydney 1st Grade Cricket with 23 catches.

While he had the distinction of being the first player of Chinese origin to play first class cricket in Australia, when Richard Chee Quee went to the crease there was an air of excitement and expectation. His attacking style of play gave spectators and team mates a thrill sensation like no other. He was in fact as he was so often described—the ultimate entertainer. At the 10th Anniversary dinner in 2011 Richard Chee Quee was named in the Randwick Petersham Team of the Decade.