

The First Graders

Jade Dernbach



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 45

Full name: **Jade Winston Dernbach**

Date and Place of Birth: **3 March 1986, Johannesburg, South Africa**

Secondary School: **St John the Baptist, Johannesburg**

Occupation: **Professional Cricketer**

Playing role: **Right arm fast medium bowler / right hand batsman**

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2005-06	9	9	2	20	35	5.00			
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w	
2005-06	137.5	24	15	547	36.47	3-45			



It has often been said that Sydney Grade Cricket provides an ideal grounding for budding English cricketers. And so it proved to be as within six years of Jade Dernbach making his 1st Grade debut with the club he was opening the bowling for England in a One Day International match against Sri Lanka at The Oval.

An enthusiastic and energetic fast bowler, 19 years old Jade played his first match for the Randwick Petersham 1st Grade team in round two of the 2005-06 season immediately after his arrival from the UK. Unfortunately it was not the introduction he was looking for being out for a duck in each innings while conceding 99 runs in taking one wicket against University of New South Wales at Petersham Oval. It was a match which turned out to be an outright loss by one of its worst losing margins—an innings and 45 runs despite fielding players of the calibre of Simon Katich and Richard Chee Quee.

It was a season the 1st Grade side finished 19th out of 20 in the Belvidere Cup and last in the Limited Overs Competition. Dernbach quickly found out why the Sydney Grade Cricket competition is regarded as one of the strongest club comps in world cricket as he struggled to make a mark. He bowled the third highest number of overs in the 1st Grade team behind Andrew Harrison and Nathan Rosser going for 3.97 runs in each of his 138 overs. His 15 wickets was the fourth highest for the team with Harrison's 37 by far the best.

In the under 21 Poidevin Gray competition however, Dernbach's pace and aggression proved a real handful for the opposition with returns of 2-25 and 3-35 in the two matches he played before being called back to Surrey early in the new 2006 year.

In a write-up of his profile by Crickinfo comment was made that "a spell in Australia, playing grade cricket in Sydney for Randwick Petersham, helped to improve his all-round game". The profile went on to say "Jade Dernbach is a very modern cricketer. Earrings on both ears, tattoos covering each arm and words to accompany each delivery. His bowling is a merry-go-round of variations with slower-balls, quicker slower-balls, yorkers, bouncers but crucially an ability to touch 90 mph. His variety, alongside a deep-well of confidence that helps him hold his nerve, has made him a regular part of England's limited-overs teams but he is "desperate" to make the jump to Test cricket".

Randwick Petersham is proud to be part of the early development of Jade Dernbach and his progress will continue to be followed with much interest.