



The First Graders

Paul Greentree

Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 46

Full Name: **Paul David Greentree**

Date and Place of Birth: **5 March 1984, Auburn**

Secondary School: **Seven Hills High**

Occupation: **Sales Manager**

Playing role: **Right hand bat / wicketkeeper**

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2005-06	10	11	2	82*	253	28.11		1	2
2006-07	10	11	0	33	141	12.82			5
Totals	20	22	2	82*	394	19.70		1	7



It is the dream of any young cricketer to score a century on their debut in 1st Grade and but for running out of partners, Paul Greentree could well have celebrated that amazing achievement. The occasion was a two-day match against Hawkesbury at Owen Earle Oval, Richmond. Paul batted no. six and when the last man was dismissed with the team total on 277, Paul was left high and dry on top-score of 82 not out!

Paul was promoted to 1st's after captaining the 2nd Grade side and performing well with the bat. He had been identified during his early days with the former Petersham-Marrickville club as a 1st grader of the future and 3 December 2005 was the day he fulfilled that prediction. A stylish batsman and an excellent slip fielder when not keeping wickets, Greentree looked destined for a long career in the top grade. He played another nine games in 1st Grade that season and while not recapturing the form he showed on debut, he was a consistent run-getter finishing with an average second only to Richard CheeQuee.

With as many as seven first class or former first class players in the side including Simon Katich and Nathan Hauritz, batting positions were very competitive in the 2006-07 1st Grade team. The fact that Paul managed 10 appearances in a side brimful of such talent was testimony to his potential. However, runs were hard to come by with 33 against UTS Balmain in a one-dayer at Drummoyne Oval his best effort.

Disappointingly, that was Paul Greentree's last season with Randwick Petersham as he left the club to play Shires cricket from the commencement of the 2007-08 season. Although only 23 years of age he had a commendable record with the club of 2,051 runs with a highest score of 92 from 98 matches in six seasons. He made 18 dismissals on the few occasions he kept wickets while he held 50 catches, the fourth highest behind ace fielder Joseph Hill's 59. He won the club's annual fielding award in 2003-04, the same season he took out the Player of the Final award in 3rd Grade's historic premiership victory.