



The First Graders

Arun Harinath

Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 48

Full name: **Arun Harinath**

Date and Place of Birth: **26 March 1987, Sutton, London, UK**

Secondary School: **Tiffin Boys Grammar School, UK**

Occupation: **Professional Cricketer**

Playing role: **Left hand bat / right arm off-spin bowler**



BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2005-06	5	6	0	24	87	14.50			4

At just 18 years of age Surrey County Cricket hopeful Arun Harinath ventured to Sydney to gain much valued experience. He commenced in 2nd Grade and while he only averaged a bit over 30 from nine innings with a best score of 60, he was called into the 1st Grade side on 15 January 2006 for the limited overs match against Gordon at Killara Oval. He scored 19 runs that day which was a sizeable contribution in the overall scheme of things as the side was bundled out for only 90. Top score was just 23 in a game lost by eight wickets.

Arun played out the remaining four matches of the season in 1st Grade with 24 his highest score in a season tally of 87. With his 2nd Grade performances he totalled 359 runs for the season to finish 20th in the overall club standings just one run behind another promising youngster in Usman Khawaja. His efforts in the field were first-class and he snared 10 catches. Harinath was one of six newly capped 1st Grade players that season and interestingly, three of them were English recruits. The other two were Jade Dernbach and Chris Whelan.

Harinath graduated from the Surrey Cricket Academy in 2006. He made his first-class debut in 2009 and after 39 first class matches hit his highest score when he totalled 154 in 2013 against Derbyshire at Derby. During the course of that innings he shared in a third wicket stand of 180 off 49 overs with 38 years old former Australian skipper Ricky Ponting who went on to make 180. By the end of that 2013 season he had accumulated more than 2,000 first class runs.