

The First Graders

Graham Doig



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 5

Full name: **Graham Richard Doig**

Date and Place of Birth: **18 July 1971, Kogarah**

Secondary School: **St Gregory's College, Campbelltown**

Occupation: **Horticulturist**

Playing role: **All-rounder. Right hand bat/right arm medium pace bowler**

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2001-02	18	18	3	72	345	23.00		2	8
2002-03	4	3	2	52*	57	57.00		1	1
Totals	22	21	5	72	402	25.13		3	9
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5W	10W	
2001-02	173.1	22	25	616	24.64	3-22			
2002-03	33	1	4	140	35.00	2-29			
Totals	206.1	23	29	756	26.07	3-22			



Graham Doig was the last Petersham-Marrickville 1st Grade captain having skippered the side in 2000-01, the season before the club merged with Randwick to form Randwick Petersham. However, he decided not to put up his hand for the position with the newly merged unit in the same way as Randwick skipper Andrew Millican did not, paving the way for a fresh approach under new captain Paul Toole. Doig was keen to concentrate on winning a spot in the new team which duly came his way and he was awarded Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap no. five. Being named in the side was a reflection of his two seasons with Petersham-Marrickville where he was the leading 1st Grade all-rounder.

Doig proved an ideal utility player with Randwick Petersham providing much-needed solidarity in the middle order while proving to be a consistent wicket-taker with the ball. In just the third round he showed the class which produced a century against St George for the "Petes" two seasons earlier when he hit 72 against Gordon at Killara as part of a match-winning team score of 8-381. The next game in a one-dayer against Easts his 40 was timed to perfection resulting in a win on the last ball of the match.

While he was involved in three record partnerships during the season, perhaps his greatest and most important performance with the bat came in the match against Manly at Manly Oval. Sent in to bat on a wet wicket which had not fully recovered from the first day's washout a week earlier, RPC was quickly in trouble at 4-40. Graham then got together with John Moffatt and the pair threw caution to the wind as they attacked the bowling knocking the ball to all parts of the oval in a carefree display. The result was a very competitive total of 195 with Doig out for 43 and Moffatt remaining unconquered on 90. That score proved to be a winning one with the Manly batsmen all at sea in the conditions to be out for 104 after being 8-39.

With the ball Doig was used as a change bowler with great success. He was an ideal line-and-length medium pacer moving the ball about to great advantage as his 25 wickets at 24.64 testifies. He was the perfect foil for the fast men Adam Warren (63 wickets), James LeHuray (28) and Andrew Harrison (20) while combining well with swing bowler Scott Obey (28). It was a very effective attack which was a principal factor in the team recording 11 straight first innings wins after losing its first match.

Much more was expected of the 31 year old in 2002-03 but after an unconquered 52 and just four 1st Grade matches Doig was forced to retire from the club due to family and business pressures. Through his all-round performances, positive approach and calming influence he had played a vital role in establishing the club as a viable and competitive unit at a time when solidarity concerning the merger was essential.