## The First Graders

## **Nathan Hauritz**

Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 50

Full Name: Nathan Michael Hauritz

Date and Place of Birth: **18 October 1981, Wondai, Queensland** Secondary School: **Nudgee College, Wide Bay, Queensland** 

Occupation: Professional Cricketer

Playing role: All-rounder. Right arm off-spin bowler / right hand bat

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2006-07	18	18	4	98	654	46.71		4	11
2007-08*	19	19	3	122	552	34.50	1	2	16
2008-09	3	3	1	94*	138	69.00		1	3
2009-10		First	Class	Cricket	Only				
2010-11	3	3	0	42	83	27.67			1
2011-12	9	9	0	56	241	26.80		1	3
Totals	52	52	8	122	1,668	37.91	1	8	34
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w	
2006-07	288.4	64	27	847	31.37	5-69	1		
2007-08	276	65	34	749	22.03	6-48	2	1	
2008-09	20	3	2	59	29.50	1-27			
2009-10		First	Class	Cricket	Only				
2010-11	25	1	3	99	33.00	1-33			
2011-12	124.3	29	21	318	15.10	7-50	1		
Totals	734.1	162	87	2,072	23.82	7-50	4	1	





With the increasing accent on pace on his first-class home ground the Brisbane 'Gabba, off-spinner Nathan Hauritz joined Randwick Petersham in 2006-07 in an attempt to revive his first class career on the spin-friendly SCG. The move proved a fruitful decision as he played three first class games including the Pura Cup Final plus nine limited overs matches for the NSW Blues that season. From there Nathan went on to become Australia's front-line spin bowler playing in 16 Test Matches between November 2008 and October 2010.

Nathan made his first appearance for the club against University of New South Wales at the Village Green on 23 September 2006. In that limited overs match he scored 68 not out as part of a new club record fifth wicket partnership of 164 with Shawn Flegler. And while he didn't take a wicket, the students struggled to hit him off the square as he finished with 0-18 off 10 accurate overs. He made up for that wicket-less stint however, with a 5-69 return against Fairfield-Liverpool at Petersham next game. During the remainder of that summer he was a major contributor when not turning out for the NSW Blues. He scored a fantastic 98 against Bankstown and 51 versus Manly while he had returns of 4-24 against Manly and 4-36 playing Hawkesbury.

In 2007-08 he assumed the captaincy of the team which made the semi-finals. He had "bags" of 5-54 against Sutherland at Petersham and match figures of 10-70 (6-48 and 4-22) against University of New South Wales at Coogee. In the semi against Gordon at Chatswood oval he scored a superb 122 and put on 65 for the tenth wicket with Burt Cockley to set a new club partnership record.

Over the following two seasons Nathan Hauritz wore the Randwick Petersham colours on only three occasions because of his first-class cricket commitments. On 28 November 2008 Nathan's hopes and dreams were realised when he was picked to play his second Test against New Zealand at Adelaide. Nathan's selection saw him become Randwick Petersham's second Test cricketer behind Simon Katich.

In his Test career he took 63 wickets at 34.98 and scored 426 runs at 25.05. In the Melbourne Boxing Day Test in 2009 against Pakistan, Nathan took his first five wicket haul in first class cricket taking 5-101 while he rattled up his best score of 75. A matter of days later he was at the Sydney Cricket Ground bowling Australia to an unexpected victory by just 36 runs when he took 5-53 in the second innings defending a small target. He finished that series the leading Australian wicket taker with 18. The 2009-10 season was a busy time for Nathan as he played in all three forms of the game for Australia and didn't get to play a single game for NSW or Randwick Petersham.

Nathan was a top performer for NSW as well taking 42 wickets and scoring 476 runs in his 17 matches. Losing his place in the Australian Test side prior to the 2010-11 season made him more determined than ever and he rattled up 332 runs including two centuries for NSW as well as taking 19 wickets including a 5-39 haul in Perth to bowl the Blues to a good win. His 146 at the Sydney Cricket Ground against Tasmania was the highest score by a nightwatchman since the Sheffield Shield competition started in 1892.

A devastating injury to his bowling arm in 2011 threatened to sideline Hauritz for the summer but despite some ongoing soreness he continuously lined up for the club. His man-of-the-match award in the 2011-12 Twenty20 Grand Final brought Randwick Petersham its first premiership win in 1st Grade while his marathon 4-31 off 21 overs in the Belvidere Cup semi-final ensured the team contested its second successive 1st Grade Grand Final.

In 2012-13 Nathan returned to his home state of Queensland where he turned out for the Queensland Bulls. In his six seasons with the club Hauritz took 87 wickets and scored 1,668 runs in his 52 games. He recorded his best figures in 2011-12 when he took 7-50 against Parramatta while his 10-70 match figures in 2007-08 remains one of the best performances in the club's first 12 years. Hauritz was also named in the Randwick Petersham Team of the Decade in 2011.