

The First Graders

John McLoughlin



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 59

Full Name: **John Andrew McLoughlin**

Date and Place of Birth: **5 November 1980, Darlinghurst**

Secondary School: **South Sydney High**

Occupation: **Industrial Administration Clerk**

Playing role: **Right hand bat**

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2007-08	18	21	1	126	451	22.55	1	1	7
2008-09	5	4	0	51	66	16.50		1	1
2009-10	11	11	2	157*	299	33.22	1		3
2010-11	9	9	1	57*	168	21.00		1	3
2011-12	7	6	2	80	199	49.80		1	3
2012-13	5	7	0	53	93	13.29		1	4
2013-14	4	5	0	37	94	18.80			0
Totals	59	63	6	157*	1,370	24.04	2	5	21
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w	
2010-11	2	0	0	14					



The name of John McLoughlin is etched in the club record books as the joint holder of the highest ever 1st Grade batting partnership. The occasion was a match against Gordon in 2009-10. John and Eddie Otto put on a mammoth 293 for the 2nd wicket in 287 minutes at Chatswood Oval to successfully chase down Gordon's 9-354 declared. While Otto was out for 163, McLoughlin remained 157 not out scored off 281 balls in 328 minutes with 20 four and one six. Coming together at 1-9, the pair took the score to 2-302 when Otto was dismissed.

Named as the Most Promising Player in the Club in 2006-07, John made his 1st Grade debut in round one of the 2007-08 season against St George at Hurstville Oval. And while he made only four runs batting at no. four on that occasion it was the start of a career which would see McLoughlin develop into one of the 1st Grade team's most valued and reliable "go to" players.

John McLoughlin had plenty of experience behind him when making his 1st Grade debut having first joined the former Randwick club as a Green Shield boy in 1996-97. He also played his first match in Sydney Grade Cricket that season making 49 not out against Petersham-Marrickville in 5th Grade. By the time he took the field as a 26 years old debutante in Nathan Hauritz' 1st Grade side he had played 11 seasons of lower grade cricket with Randwick and Randwick Petersham scoring 3,260 runs, taking 12 wickets and holding 65 catches.

In his second game in 1sts, John rattled up a fine 74 against Sydney University at Petersham and three rounds later had his first ton in the top side scoring 126 against Blacktown at Blacktown. A batsman with a good technique he played solidly all season and his summer total of 451 was one of the best aggregates in the club.

Over the next few seasons McLoughlin was in and out of the side although he remained a consistent performer when given the opportunity. In each of the six seasons since he made his initial 1st Grade appearance, John has not missed scoring a fifty of a hundred with his massive 157 not out in 2009-10 the standout. And just as that huge knock put him in the partnership record books for the club so did another in 2011-12. In a match against Campbelltown at Coogee which resulted in an outright win, John teamed up with Adam Semple to set a new 1st Grade and club record of 235 for the sixth wicket. McLoughlin hit a majestic 80 on that occasion while Semple went on to a score of 158 not out. John missed out taking the batting average with his 49.80 that season as his aggregate of 199 was just one run short of the qualification requirement.

In 2012-13 John was instrumental in the club winning the State Challenge Shield Final against Illawarra at Kensington Oval when he hit 53 (retired) opening the batting. Later that summer he was the foundation of the innings when he batted for 165 minutes in making 53 against Wests at Pratten Park to force a good win after the side was in early trouble.

In 2013-14 McLoughlin played just four matches in 1st Grade. Against Sydney at Drummoyne, he and Daniel Sams got together in a 111 runs partnership after the side was on shaky ground at 6-74. However, his best effort was a top-score of 30 against a raging Western Suburbs and Australia Test fast-bowler Mitchell Starc on a bowler-friendly wicket at Coogee Oval. That the team went on to win the match was testimony to McLoughlin's tenacity and resolve in an outstanding display.

In 2014-15 John was appointed captain on the 2nd Grade team where he led by example taking out the batting aggregate with 495 runs including his fifth career century when he hit 135 against Campbelltown-Camden at Raby Oval in the first round of the season. He also hit two fifties in a total which took him to 3,123 runs in 2nd Grade—the highest in the grade and the first to top 3,000.

A foundation member with Randwick Petersham, John McLoughlin has to date accumulated a total of 5,443 runs in 14 seasons, the second highest for the club while only four others have played more than his 196 games. He is also proving to be a highly valued administrator through his work on the club website and through other modern media outlets such as Facebook and twitter.