



The First Graders

Brenton Barker

Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 64

Full name: **Brenton Barker**

Date and Place of Birth: **8 July 1982, Sydney**

Secondary School: **Waverley College**

Occupation: **Business owner**

Playing role: **Right hand bat**



| BATTING | | | | | | | | | |
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| Season | Mtch | Inns | N.O. | Best | Runs | Ave. | 100 | 50 | Ct. |
| 2008-09 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 3.5 | | | |

Brenton Barker was an experienced club member when he made his 1st Grade debut in 2008-09 having joined the club in its first season seven years earlier. It was fitting that he should debut that season as it was his best in Grade Cricket. He scored 412 runs that summer and hit his second century with 105 not out against Bankstown at Coogee Oval in 2nd Grade.

That century was a history-making one for the club as it was part of a record partnership of 309 in 207 minutes for the fifth wicket with Tim Laws who hit 231. Brenton and Tim came together with the team score a tottering 4 for 24. It broke the previous all-grades fifth wicket partnership record of 197 set in 2002-03. Their performance also enabled 2nd Grade to post a new record team score of 7-389 declared.

Brenton got the 1st Grade selectors call in round 14 for the clash with Northern District at Waitara Oval (now Mark Taylor Oval). Unfortunately it was not a happy match to mark such an occasion as the team was beaten outright. Although Barker's best performances were when opening the innings, he batted number seven in both digs making five and two. And while Brenton never got to play in 1st Grade again, his selection was a well-earned one at a time when he was on top of his game.

Barker continued to play for the club until the end of 2011-12 when he decided to join Eastern Suburbs. He retired from Randwick Petersham the 14th highest run-getter in the club's 11 years history with 2,754 runs in all grades from 120 matches at an average of 24.37. He scored two centuries and was the second highest run-scorer behind Alex Sciascia in 3rd Grade with 1,997 runs. He also held 45 catches in his time with the club.

