

The First Graders

Damian Wall



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 68

Full name: **Damian Albert Wall**

Date and Place of Birth: **4 December 1987, Liverpool, NSW**

Secondary School: **Performing Arts High School, Campbelltown, NSW**

Occupation: **Forklift driver**

Playing role: **Right hand opening batsman/wicketkeeper**

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2009-10	1	1	1	1	1				
2010-11	24	24	0	137	804	33.50	1	6	12
2011-12	22	22	0	116	491	22.30	1	2	14
Totals	47	47	1	137	1,296	28.17	2	8	26
BOWLING									
	Overs	Mds	Wkts	Runs	Ave.				
2011-12	1	0	0	3	-				
WICKETKEEPING									
	Caught	Stpd.	Total	Byes					
2009-10	1	0	1	13					
2010-11	10	0	10	10					
Totals	11	0	11	23					



Damian Wall was one of the hardest hitting batsmen to play for Randwick Petersham. But despite his aggressive nature he was also capable of building an innings with patience and perseverance. In his first full season in 2010-11 he topped the batting in 1st Grade and overall for the club with a huge tally of 804 runs which included a century and six fifties. He was also the sixth highest runs-scorer in the 1st Grade competition and won selection in the under 23 years NSW Futures Cup team.

Damian's debut for Randwick Petersham occurred in 2009-10 although he played only one game in 1sts and another in 2nds. But fully fit the following summer he was the dynamic batsman of the team featuring in it making the Grand Final of the Belvidere Cup. He scored 67 opening the batting in that match being dismissed to a freakish catch with the team well placed at 2-119 chasing 283 for victory. Many considered that catch to be the turning point in a game which Randwick Petersham went down by 54 runs.

Wall started 2010-11 with a fine 60 batting no. six against Easts while he snapped up six catches as wicketkeeper the very next day against Sydney in a one-dayer at Drummoyne Oval. And while he gave way with the gloves when new 'keeper Anthony Sams took over in round three he continued to pile on the runs. In round 10 chasing a modest 226 the side was struggling at 5-101 when Wall took the long handle to the attack whacking 96 off 106 balls with 14 fours and a six as he and Adam Semple (35 not out) put on a then 1st Grade record 133 for the sixth wicket to take the match.

Within 13 days of that near-century Wall was opening the innings smashing 137 against Western Suburbs at Pratten Park off just 157 balls with 18 fours and a six. A score of 56 off 61 balls in the Limited Overs competition Qualifying Final against Sydney was quickly followed by 77 versus Sydney University in the competition high-scoring Semi-Final which was lost by 12 runs. His devastating form at the top of the order made him one of the most dangerous openers in the Sydney competition.

Damian continued that form into 2011-12 when he scored 116 with 11 fours and three sixes in the first game against Bankstown at Bankstown Oval. That gave him 920 runs in his previous 25 innings with the club, a performance which won him selection in the NSW Second XI. Unfortunately the dashing opener lost a bit of form and could only pass the half-century twice during the remainder of the summer culminating in him missing out on selection in the Belvidere Cup Grand Final team at season's end. However, he was an important and successful member of the premiership winning teams in the Twenty 20 Cup and Limited Overs competitions. And for the second successive season he was the side's leading catcher snaring 14 scalps to go with the 12 he took the previous summer.

Season 2011-12 was Damian's last with Randwick Petersham returning to Campbelltown-Camden the following year.