

The First Graders

Paul Staunton



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 7

Full Name: **Paul Alan Staunton**

Date and Place of Birth: **22 February 1975**

Secondary School: **Christian Brothers Lewisham**

Occupation: **Power Industry Representative**

Playing role: **Right hand bat/right arm off-spin bowler**



BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2001-02	5	6	0	34	87	14.50			1
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w	
2001-02	55.1	13	4	178	44.50	3-64			

Paul Staunton was named in the first Randwick Petersham 1st Grade team following some fine performances with Petersham-Marrickville. As a batsman who could bat anywhere in the order and an off-spin bowler to partner the leg-spin of Grant Parmenter he provided the team with flexibility and balance. He was also an excellent fieldsman.

Paul batted at seven and made 26 in a total of 180 in the first innings of the club's first 1st Grade game at Petersham Oval which was lost to University of NSW. He showed his versatility by opening the batting in the second dig scoring 16 after bowling 10 overs of off-spin for a 0-35 return. In the second match against Sydney University Staunton wrote himself into the club history books hitting a solid 34 to share in a seventh wicket partnership of 117 with Richard Chee Quee. The final score of 7-306 set the side up for its first win with Paul bowling 22.3 overs straight for 3-64 to have the students out for 206. At the end of the 2012-13 season the Chee Quee-Staunton seventh wicket partnership remained a club record.

Unfortunately for Paul he lost form after just five 1st Grade games and was relegated to 2nd Grade. His contribution in the lower grade was not as regular as he would have liked however, and he struggled for the remainder of the season scoring a total of 138 runs and taking just six wickets at 54.17 each. It was a far cry from the successful all-rounder in Petersham-Marrickville's final season in 2000-01 who scored 364 1st Grade runs and took 23 wickets.

In 2002-03 Staunton played 2nd and 3rd Grade with only limited success. A highest score of 25 in 2nds and a 3-43 return with the ball in 3rds was far from his capabilities and he did not return to the club at the end of that season. In his two seasons with the club Paul Staunton scored 343 runs, took 26 wickets and held 11 catches.