

The First Graders

Robert Wilson



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 70

Full name: **Robert Wilson**

Date and Place of Birth: **10 September 1982, Paddington**

Secondary School: **Waverley College**

Occupation: **Communications Manager**

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

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2009-10	8	3	0	35	52	17.33			2
T20	1	1	1	1	1				0
2010-11	6	6	1	27	42	8.40			1
2011-12	1	0	0	0	0	0			0
Totals	16	10	2	35	95	11.88			3
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w	
2009-10	44	4	1	156	156.00	1-47			
T20	2	0	1	21	21	1-21			
2010-11	38.50	4	2	132	66.00	1-33			
2011-12	5	1	1	23	23	1-23			
Totals	89.50	8	5	332	66.40	1-23			



After a number of seasons with Eastern Suburbs, off-spinner Robert Wilson joined Randwick Petersham in 2009-10. The 27 year old began with his new club in 2nd Grade before being called into 1's in round eight against Sydney at Coogee Oval. He wasn't required to bat while he bowled 11 tight overs for just 32 runs. His was an important contribution at a time when accuracy and persistence were required as Sydney were at one stage well on track to run down Randwick Petersham's huge 7-403 declared. That a win was achieved by a mere four runs emphasised Rob's economy rate of less than three an over, the best of all six bowlers.

Opportunities in the side were limited for Wilson with leggie Rodney Stafford undertaking the principal spin duties. However, the following 2010-11 season Rob was named in the starting line-up. He again bowled tidily although without a great deal of wicket-taking success and after four matches was dropped to 2nd Grade. With the clash against eventual premiers Sydney University looming in round 13, Wilson was recalled to the team. Sent in to bat in damp conditions against a spirited attack, Rob found himself joining Rod Stafford with the score a shaky 8-156. But despite the bowler friendly atmosphere, the two "rabbits" showed up their more illustrious team-mates by putting on 97 in 84 minutes for the 9th wicket—just five runs short of the club record. Wilson's 27 off 81 balls was the "rock" which enabled Stafford to launch into the bowlers and end up with a presentable total of 253. Unfortunately in drier more favourable batting conditions the target presented few problems to the strong Uni. batting line-up which ran it down with ease.

In the last match of 2011-12, Wilson was again brought into the side in a limited overs match against Sutherland at Glenn McGrath Oval. It was a game where a win was essential for the team to cement a place in the final six. Brought into the attack when the batsmen were hitting out, Rob again showed that he was difficult to get away by conceding only 23 runs in his five overs while securing a wicket. Keeping the Sharks to a reasonable score of 5-221 enabled Randwick Petersham to record the win and secure an important fourth place on the competition ladder.

At the end of the season Wilson returned to Eastern Suburbs where he played out the 2012-13 season before retiring. In his three seasons with Randwick Petersham he scored 477 runs with a high score of 51 and took 49 wickets with 4-10 against Northern District in 2nd Grade his best.

