

The First Graders

Adam Coyte



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 72

Full Name: **Adam Luke Coyte**

Date and Place of Birth: **30 March 1991, Camden, NSW**

Secondary School: **Mount Annan High School**

Occupation: **Public Servant**

Playing role: **Left hand bat/right arm medium pace bowler**

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2010-11	24	24	2	223*	759	34.50	1	2	6
2011-12	28	28	3	83	752	32.50		7	6
Totals	52	52	5	223*	1,511	32.15	1	9	12
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w	
2010-11	103.33	12	9	395	43.89	2-15			
2011-12	143.5	24	15	471	31.40	4-28			
Totals	247.1	36	24	866	36.08	4-28			



A former Australian and New South Wales under 19 left hand batsman, Adam Coyte joined Randwick Petersham from Campbelltown-Camden in 2010-11 just as elder brother Scott did a year earlier. Adam made his 1st Grade debut in the green and gold baggy cap in round one making 10 off 16 balls against Eastern Suburbs at Kensington Oval. That was somewhat of an historic event as Kensington Oval had not had a 1st Grade game played there for almost 40 years.

That was not the only part of cricket history in which Coyte was involved for just 11 matches later, he had re-written the Belvidere Cup 1st Grade records becoming the youngest player to score a double century in the 117 years history of the Sydney Grade Cricket competition. Adam was just 19 years and 312 days when he strode to the wicket with the score a shaky 4-46 against St George at Coogee Oval in round 12. When the fifth wicket fell the score had climbed to 278 with Coyte and Adam Semple (101) putting on a record partnership of 232. A declaration was made at the fall of the ninth wicket with the score 427 leaving Adam undefeated on 223. Apart from his association record his score was a record 1st Grade innings for the club.

Prior to that amazing performance Coyte had displayed a glimpse of his undoubted talent a few games earlier when he opened the batting and hit a stylish 94 off just 79 balls with 14 fours and a six to chase down Northern District's 222 in just 29.3 overs. That game had been reduced to a one-day affair after day one was washed out. It was a spectacular win. A dashing 52 against Sydney in the Limited Overs competition Qualifying Final was another valuable innings as it put his side into the semis.

Adam's 759 was the next best season aggregate behind Damian Wall's 804 to complete an outstanding first year with the club. He also played Second XI cricket for New South Wales, won the club's Most Promising Player Award while his performances throughout the summer went a long way to securing a place in the Belvidere Cup Grand Final for his team. In that match against Sydney Uni. at Bankstown Oval, the side's chances of chasing down 282 for victory looked on track while Coyte was at the crease. His departure however, with the score on 3-161 was the start of a collapse which saw seven wickets fall for the addition of only 67 runs and the premiership slip away.

Coyte's second season with the club was filled with more consistent scores although the big hundreds were missing. He made seven half-centuries and was making a name for himself as a big-match specialist. His best score was 83 against North Sydney in the Belvidere Cup Qualifying Final while he top-scored with 57 off 46 balls in the Twenty 20 Cup Grand Final to give Randwick Petersham its first premiership. He followed up with 51 in the Qualifying Final of the Limited Overs competition against Fairfield-Liverpool and top-scored with 55 against the same club in the Grand Final to secure a second premiership. He narrowly missed another 50 plus score when he was out for 42 in the Belvidere Cup Grand Final against Sydney Uni. which once again relegated the club to runner-up. His 752 runs for the season was second only to Adam Semple with 837.

Adam became a regular part of the bowling attack with his medium-pacers taking 4-28 off 20 overs against Bankstown in round one. He also bowled well in the Belvidere Cup Grand Final with 2-45 from 20 overs. He took two wickets in an innings on four other occasions as part of his season's tally of 15 wickets.

After two impressive seasons with Randwick Petersham Adam Coyte returned to Campbelltown-Camden.