

# The First Graders

## Monty Panesar



### Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 78

Full Name: **Mudhsuden Singh Panesar**

Date and Place of Birth: **25 April 1982, Luton, Bedfordshire, UK**

Secondary School: **Stopsley High School, Luton, Bedfordshire**

Occupation: **Professional Cricketer**

Playing role: **Left arm orthodox spin bowler / left hand bat**

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2011-12	11	5	1	6	12	3.00			1
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w	
2011-12	124	29	14	353	25.20	4-61			



With a record of 126 Test wickets for England and 494 first class wickets, spin bowler Monty Panesar played nine games with Randwick Petersham in 2011-12. The signing was the result of extensive negotiations with the club after Club President Mike Whitney received a recommendation from former Blues team mate Greg Mathews who had been coaching the slow orthodox left-hander. He arrived in time for the start of round two but prior to the last game before Christmas Monty was named in the England squad to play Pakistan in a three-Test series in United Arab Emirates. Having missed the first Test when England were soundly beaten he was called into the side for the second match in Abu Dhabi. While the side was again defeated by the Pakistanis Monty was the hero in the second innings taking 6-62 from 38 overs. His 1-91 in the first dig gave him match figures of 7-153.

Monty's time with us made an article in The Cricketer (UK) magazine where he was quoted as saying he was "enjoying the banter (of his Randwick Petersham team mates) but was getting a lot of stick about his batting at Cardiff (when he and James Anderson defied the Australian's for 100 minutes to salvage a draw and go on to win the 2009 Ashes Series). "They couldn't believe I managed to bat for so long" said Monty.



In his nine Randwick Petersham innings he managed to score 12 runs at an average of 3.00 with six his highest score. He did better with the ball taking 14 wickets from 124 overs at an average of 25.2 and an economy rate of 2.8. His best was 4-61 against Hawkesbury off 26 overs while against Fairfield he conceded only 52 runs off 27 overs with one wicket.

While Monty enjoyed playing on Coogee Oval he was no stranger to the ground. In January 2003 as a member of the ECB National Academy he played against the NSW Institute of Sport with match figures of 4-109 including future Test spinner Jason Krejza and former Petersham-Marrickville player Daniel Smith. This match featured other future internationals Ed Cowan, Chris Tremlett, Chris Read and Kabir Ali.