

The First Graders

Grant Parmenter



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 8

Full Name: **Grant Raymond Parmenter**

Date and Place of Birth: **19 May 1965, Murrundi, NSW**

Secondary School: **Muswellbrook High School**

Occupation: **Cricket Coach**

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

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2001-02	15	12	3	48*	162	18.00			11
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w	
2001-02	201.5	21	30	712	23.73	4-24			



In its 100 years Randwick Cricket Club produced many fine leg-spin bowlers. Grant Parmenter was one of them taking 188 wickets and scoring 1,374 runs in his six seasons up to 1998-99 when he switched to Shires cricket for a couple of seasons. With the new challenge of Randwick Petersham however, he was back as the first choice spin bowler in the 1st Grade team joining younger brother Daryl in the line-up. They also became the first brothers to play together in a Randwick Petersham team.

Wearing 1st Grade cap no. 8 under the club's capping system Grant took the field for Randwick Petersham's first match against University of NSW at Petersham Oval. Batting first the side was soon in trouble and it was left to Parmenter to hold the innings together which he did with an unconquered top score of 48. The total of 180 appeared to be a well-below-par score and so it proved with the students passing the target for a hollow victory. And while the loss was a difficulty for the team so was the broken finger Grant suffered after just 7.2 overs with his figures 0-36.

After a couple of weeks on the sidelines nursing his injury, Parmenter returned to the team and showed he had lost little of his form with some impressive bowling spells. His best return was in a one-dayer at Allan Border Oval in a match featuring Shoaib Akhtar the then world's fastest bowler. With 4-53 he restricted Mosman to just 165 which Richard CheeQuee and younger brother Daryl polished off in less than half the allotted 50 overs.

While many leg spinners regularly come in for heavy punishment in limited over matches that was not the case with Grant Parmenter. He had a happy knack of containing batsmen anxious to hit out before bringing about their downfall. Apart from his performance in the Mosman game he took 3-40 against Northern District amid some very tight bowling displays in other games to ensure a place in the Limited Overs Competition Semi-Final for Randwick Petersham. That match was at Coogee against Mosman but this time the Whales did much better with the bat hitting 201 despite Parmenter taking 3-37. RPC made 158.

Throughout the season Grant was a consistent performer. A handy contributor with the bat in the lower order he continually had batsmen guessing with his accurate and well flighted leg-spinners. That the side won 11 matches on the trot on the first innings is testimony to the impressive bowling stocks available to skipper Paul Toole, not the least of whom was Grant Parmenter as head of the spin department. In the tough match against Bankstown at Bankstown Oval Grant absolutely bamboozled the Bankstown Boys with a return of 4-24 resulting in a superb victory by 8 wickets. With a mixture of fast, medium, swing and off-spin bowlers, Grants over-the-wrist style provided the team with the perfect balance.

With the season ending in controversy following an appeal against RPC's win in the final round against Fairfield-Liverpool and the team's relegation from 1st place to 4th and subsequent omission after a defeat in the Qualifying Final, concentration was centred on the next season. Sadly for Randwick Petersham however, that was the first and only season with the club for Grant Parmenter. In the off-season he received a lucrative offer from a Shires club to be its captain/coach in 2002-03 which, as a professional cricket coach, he found was too hard to refuse.

Grant Parmenter finished his Randwick/ Randwick Petersham career with 258 wickets and 1,810 runs.