

The First Graders

Brandon McLean



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 82

Full name: **Brandon Jason McLean**

Date and Place of Birth: **27 October 1992, Brisbane, QLD**

Secondary School: **Caringbah High School**

Occupation: **Sporting goods sales representative**

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

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2012-13	10	9	5	29	68	13.60			5
T20	3	2	2	26*	27	-			1
2013-14	6	4	2	40*	78	39			0
T20	3	0	0	0	0				1
2014-15	9	8	4	75*	115	28.75		1	3
Totals	31	23	13	75*	288	28.80		1	10
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w	
2012-13	34	2	2	173	86.50	1-26			
2013-14	33	3	4	168	42	3-57			
T20	4	0	1	28	28	1-9			
2014-15	62.4	2	8	246	30.75	3-30			
Totals	133.4	7	15	615	41.00	3-30			



After topping the 2nd Grade bowling aggregate with 28 wickets in 2011-12, 19 years old leg-spinner Brandon made his 1st Grade debut in round one of the 2012-13 season against Northern District at Mark Taylor Oval. He scored eight runs in a valuable partnership of 32 with captain Adam Semple and took 0-23 off four overs with the ball. And while he finished the season playing 10 matches in the top grade, opportunities for the youngster were limited.

His first wicket in 1st Grade came in round two against Parramatta when he took 1-35 off four overs. He bowled well a couple of games later against Wests at Pratten Park although his 10 overs for 41 failed to return him a wicket. His batting showed a great deal of improvement throughout the season and his 29 off 54 balls against a star-studded Sutherland attack gave an indication of better things to come in the seasons ahead.

In the State Challenge prior to the start of the season against Illawarra at Kensington Oval, Brandon took 3-36 off eight overs to help secure the title for the club.

In 2013-14 McLean played just six games in 1st Grade with limited bowling opportunities. However, he played some important innings with the bat. In Round 2 against Easts he remained 34 not out batting no.10 while in the following game versus North Sydney he smashed 40 off 52 balls with three sixes, again batting second last. Against Hawkesbury he managed to get 14 overs and finished with the good figures of 3-57 with his leg-breaks. All those games were won.

He also played in each of the three preliminary matches in the CSG Twenty20 competition which ended up in a premiership win for the club although he only got to bowl four overs for a wicket and didn't get to bat.

Unfortunately a hand injury saw him play the second half of the season in 5th Grade where he was quite dominant despite his restriction.

In 2014-15 Brandon played nine matches in 1st Grade and six in 2s. Opportunities were limited once again in the top side despite McLean returning his best figures in the first round with 3-30 off eight overs. The only other occasion he took more than one wicket was in the final round against Uni. of NSW when he took 2-7.

Brandon's all-round ability was on display in round 13 against Parramatta at Old Kings. Nine down and more than 150 to get, McLean and Nathan Ellis got together in a dogged partnership of 63 for the final wicket successfully holding out the Eels for 83 minutes to force a fascinating draw. Brandon's 75 not out was top score for the team and his highest score in 1st Grade.

Disappointingly Brandon McLean was lost to the club when he joined University of NSW for the 2015-16 season.