

# The First Graders

## Ben Marciante



### **Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 88**

Full name: **Benjamin Marciante**

Date and Place of Birth: **19 August 1991, Sutherland**

Secondary School: **St John Bosco**

Occupation: **Carpenter**

Playing role: **Right arm fast medium bowler/left hand bat**

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
<b>2012-13</b>	8	8	2	38*	131	21.83			3
<b>T20</b>	2	2	1	18	21	21			0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>38*</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>21.71</b>			<b>3</b>
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w	
<b>2012-13</b>	39.4	4	8	202	25.25	2-35			
<b>T20</b>	4	0	0	31	-	0-13			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>29.13</b>	<b>2-35</b>			



After scoring 241 runs and taking 13 wickets in 2nd Grade including performances of 81 and 5-21, pace bowling all-rounder Ben Marciante made his 2012-13 1st Grade debut with Randwick Petersham in round eight against Hawkesbury at Coogee. Because the limited overs match was all over in just 48 overs with Hawkesbury making 75 and RPC 5-76, the former Sutherland 1st grader did not get an opportunity to show his wares with either bat or ball.

However, it was the replay of the 2011-12 Grand Final against Sydney University where Marciante made his mark taking a timely wicket. Brought on to bowl Ben immediately broke a troublesome partnership which triggered a collapse and saw Uni. eventually all out for 109 to lose the match to Randwick Petersham by one run.

Called into the side on the morning of the 2012-13 1st Grade Qualifying Final against Sutherland at Glenn McGrath Oval, Ben proved to be one of the stars in the team's solid win. Coming to the crease with the score a bit shaky at 6-151 chasing 207, Marciante batted with skipper Adam Semple for almost two hours while the pair put on an unconquered 61 to ensure a good win. Ben finished with 31 off 83 balls to complete a fine double having taken 2-35 with the ball.



With 497 runs and 30 wickets for the 2012-13 season including 152 runs and eight wickets in 1st Grade, Ben Marciante returned the third highest aggregate in the batting and second highest in the bowling for the season. This was enough to see him named the Randwick Petersham Player of the Season which was an outstanding result for a player in his first season with a new club.

Unfortunately Ben suffered an injury prior to the start of the 2013-14 season and it was almost Christmas before he could return to the game. He played only seven games in 2nd Grade for 134 runs and 13 wickets at 20 before he succumbed to the injury and retired from Grade Cricket at the end of the season. In 24 matches with the club in grades 1 and 2, he scored 610 runs and took 43 wickets.

