

The First Graders

Adam Warren



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 9

Full name: **Adam Craig Warren**

Date and Place of Birth: **2 July 1975, Hobart, Tasmania**

Secondary School: **Marcellin College, Randwick, NSW**

Occupation: **Carpenter**

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

BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2001-02	20	14	3	22*	97	8.82			6
2002-03	20	18	8	30*	199	19.90			9
Totals	40	32	11	30*	296	14.10			15
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w	
2001-02	379.5	79	63	1161	18.43	7-36	4	1	
2002-03	317.5	67	46	880	19.13	5-43	2		
Totals	697.4	146	109	2,041	18.72	7-36	6	1	



Having spearheaded the Randwick attack with great success in each of the two seasons prior to the 2001 merger with Petersham-Marrickville it seemed a foregone conclusion that Adam Warren would be named as a new ball bowler in the starting line-up of the newly merged entity Randwick Petersham. And not only did he take the new ball but the 63 wickets he finished with that season stood as a club record which remained unbroken 12 years after it was established.

A well-built bustling fast bowler with a fair turn of pace, Warren produced one of the best performances of the 2001-02 season being pipped by a solitary wicket for the honour of being Sydney's leading wicket-taker. His positive attitude, enthusiasm and lion-hearted efforts were attributes which were bound to produce the results they did. Only four scores in excess of 200 were achieved against Randwick Petersham with Adam Warren leading the attack. Wicket-keeper Daryl Parmenter enjoyed Adam's bowling as well taking 23 of his record 64 dismissals off the right hander's bowling.

His best performance was against North Sydney with match figures of 11 for 87 made up of 7-36 in the first innings and 4-51 in the second. He also took 6-59 v Parramatta; 5-76 v Balmain; and 5-84 in the Qualifying Final again against Balmain. His resilience was also a feature of his bowling as he bowled 380 overs in taking his 63 wickets at the impressive average of 18.43 runs per wicket. The fact that Randwick Petersham won 11 successive matches on the first innings was true testimony to Adam's contribution as an outstanding fast bowler. His efforts were not missed by the State selectors and he played four times for NSW in the Second XI.

His amazing performance in just one season of Randwick Petersham Cricket may be favourably measured against the 65 wickets record in 100 years of Randwick Cricket set by Scott Obey in 1998-99 and the 69 wickets recorded by David Chardon in 1983-84 as the best in the 50 years history of Petersham-Marrickville. And apart from setting a number of bowling records Adam Warren was Randwick Petersham's first Player of the Season Award winner.

Repeating that first season performance in 2002-03 was hard to imagine. And while Warren didn't quite achieve the dizzy heights of that first summer his follow-up year was not far behind. He took 5-43 against Easts at Waverley Oval before humbling Gordon in a fiery display to take 5-52 in the first innings and 4-40 in the second to grab outright points. In a one-day match against Campbelltown on their patch he began with a 3-6 spell to help knock the Ghosts over for 103 in just 36 overs. His 46 wickets that season at just 19.13 would be the envy of any fast bowler in any cricket season.

Batting in the lower order Adam Warren was no rabbit. He was involved in a number of important partnerships such as an unconquered 38 for the ninth wicket with Andrew Harrison against Gordon in 2001-02 and a superb 71 for the eighth wicket with Joseph Hill against Uni. of NSW in 2002-03. He was also a reliable catcher snaring 15 in two seasons.

In 2003-04 Warren decided to try his luck in Melbourne in an effort to achieve first class cricket representation. And while that did not eventuate he became a successful player with St Kilda bowling them to a VCA premiership. His Randwick/ Randwick Petersham career had netted him 311 1st Grade wickets at the excellent average of 19.68. He also took five wickets in an innings 14 times while he scored 1,098 runs with 53 not out his best score.