

The First Graders

Nathan Ellis

Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 91

Full name: **Nathan Trevor Ellis**

Date and Place of Birth: **22 September 1994, Caringbah**

Secondary School: **Menai High**

Playing role: **Right arm pace bowler / right hand bat**

Occupation: **University Student**



BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2013-14	16	11	5	15*	73	12.17			3
T20	6	1	1	0*	0	0			2
2014-15	15	8	6	15*	43	21.50			5
T20	6	0							4
TOTALS	43	20	12	15*	116	14.50			14
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w	
2013-14	162	39	22	512	23.27	5-37	1		
T20	21	1	6	117	19.50	4-10			
2014-15	196.3	33	31	741	23.90	3-24			
T20	24	0	8	142	17.5	4-18			
TOTALS	403.3	73	67	1512	22.57	5-37	1		



Brought in to replace the injured Jake Wilson in round 2 against Easts at Waverley Oval in 2013-14, Nathan Ellis was the seventh youngest player at 19 years and 20 days to make his 1st Grade debut with the club. He bowled first change that day and celebrated when he had well-established first grader and former State player Ian Moran caught behind by Anthony Sams for just six. It was just the eighth ball he had bowled and had not conceded a run. He finished with 2-24 off 11 overs in an impressive debut.

Next match at Coogee he took 3-23 off 12 overs after taking two quick wickets to have North Sydney on the back foot at 2-13. In the Twenty20 match against Uni. of NSW at Coogee, Nathan was introduced to the attack with the score 2-16 and bowled an inspired spell to knock over the next three without conceding a run and have the students floundering at 5-16. The game was won easily and Nathan was named Carlton Mid Player of the Round, finishing with 4-10.

In the last of the competition preliminary rounds against St George at Hurstville where a win would ensure a place in the finals series, Ellis blasted out Saints' three top bats (Copeland, May, Chu) in the space of a few balls again without conceding a run! Saints slumped from 2-55 to 5-63 and never recovered. But the best was yet to come as the young quick cut a swathe through the strong Sydney University premierships-line up in the Semi-Final at Coogee when he took 5-37 to have the students 9-101 before they finished with 179. His first five overs that day allowed nine runs but in the following three overs he took four wickets for three runs! By the end of his 12th over he had the amazing figures of 5-19 against a team which ended up 1st Grade Premiers.

With bowling spearhead Jake Wilson breaking a finger early in the 2014-15 season it was left to Nathan Ellis to lead the attack. And he led it well. He bowled 54 overs more than anyone else in Belvidere Cup taking out the aggregate with a well-earned 31 wickets which was equal 10th in the whole of the 1st Grade competition. He took three wickets in an innings a remarkable eight times to emphasise his consistency. His best performances were 3-24 v Uni. NSW; 3-28 v Sutherland (when he had two wickets in the first over) and 3-29 v St George. He also was a dominant force in the Twenty20 Cup where he took eight wickets at 17.75 each with 4-18 against Sutherland his best. He took another 11 wickets in the Poidevin Gray competition to give him a season tally of 50 wickets.

Ellis also showed his ability with the bat in the match against Parramatta at Old Kings. Staring defeat in the face at 9-190 chasing 7-342 declared, Ellis joined Brandon McLean and the pair put on 63 over the following 83 minutes for an honourable draw. It was a remarkable display of grit and determination by two of the club's youngest players.

Sadly for Randwick Petersham, and after 74 matches, 563 runs and 114 wickets in all grades, Nathan decided to switch clubs and joined St George from the 2015-16 season.