



# The First Graders

## Rory Burns

### **Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 92**

Full name: **Rory Joseph Burns**

Date and Place of Birth: **26 August 1990, Epsom, Surrey, England**

Secondary School: **City of London Freeman's School**

Playing role: **Left hand bat and wicket-keeper**

Occupation: **Professional Cricketer**



BATTING									
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.
2013-14	10	11	1	80*	290	29		2	5
T20	6	6	1	102*	195	39	1		4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>102*</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>32.33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
BOWLING									
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w	
2013-14	2	0	0	14					

Rory joined Randwick Petersham for the 2013-14 season from English county club Surrey. He had been named Surrey County Championship breakthrough player of the year a month or so earlier. A haul of 917 first-class runs in the English season had many raving about the 23-year-old wicketkeeper-batsman as an international player of the future.

Arriving in time for round 3, Burns had a subdued start with single figures in his first two trips to the crease. However, in his third game he set a new club record to become the first Randwick Petersham player to score a century in a Twenty 20 match. Opening the batting against Manly at Manly Oval, Rory smashed 11 fours and four sixes in an unconquered innings of 102. That win was the springboard for the side to go on and win the Twenty20 Cup premiership with Burns totalling 195 in his six innings in the competition.

In Belvidere Cup, Rory played some consistent knocks but it wasn't until round 7 against Hawkesbury he managed his first half-century when he hit 71 against Hawkesbury. Chasing 123 he and Shaun Eaton passed the target just one down for an emphatic nine wickets victory.

But it was the last match before Christmas against Bankstown at Bankstown Oval where Burns stamped his class. Set 165 to win, Rory and Nick Stapleton ran down the total without the loss of a wicket. The 10 wickets win was a new record for the club in a limited overs match. Stapleton finished 75 not out while Burns scored 80 not out off 91 balls with 10 fours and a six.

A neat 44 against Campbelltown followed a couple of matches later but at the end of round 12 he received the call to return to Surrey in preparation for the 2014 English County season. Advice was received on 15 September 2014 that Rory had been presented with his county cap by the Surrey club.