

The First Graders

James Psarakis



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 102

Full Name: **James George Psarakis**

Date and Place of Birth: **10 October 1996, Tamworth**

Secondary School: **Tamworth High School**

Occupation: **Event Co-Ordinator Hockey NSW**

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

BATTING										
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.	6s
2015-16	10	7	1	104	346	57.66	1	2	6	12
T20	3	2	1	5*	9	9				
2016-17	17	17	4	110*	492	37.85	1	1	5	8
T20	4	4	0	24	62	15.50	0	0	1	2
TOTALS	34	30	6	110*	909	37.88	2	3	12	22
BOWLING										
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best				
2015-16	21	2	3	88	29.33	1-9				
2016-17	26	4	3	69	23					
TOTALS	47	6	6	127	21.17	1-9				



2015-16: James joined the club from Tamworth. After five rounds in 2nd Grade he was promoted to 1st Grade and made his debut against Fairfield-Liverpool at Rosedale Oval in round 6 on Saturday 21 November 2015. Listed at no.9 in the order he came into bat with the score a perilous 7-144. Joining Soumil Chhibber he went on to score 98 before being caught on the boundary attempting to bring up a well-deserved century. His innings took 178 minutes and he faced 165 balls hitting 3 fours and 2 sixes. The partnership with Chhibber was worth 191 which was a new club and 1st Grade record for the eighth wicket. This was the **FOURTH HIGHEST PARTNERSHIP FOR THAT WICKET IN THE HISTORY OF SYDNEY GRADE CRICKET**. The highest was 220* in 1940; the second was 203 in 1914 and the third highest was 196 in 1920. This was the best 8th wicket partnership in the past 75 years. The final score was 8-341.

In round 10 Psarakis today hit one of the greatest 1st Grade centuries in the 15 years history of Randwick Petersham Cricket. James came in to bat at Coogee against Mosman with the score a shaky 6-91 after two days of heavy rain. He and Daniel Sams put on 32 (7-123) then with Soumil Chhibber the pair put on a valuable 94 before Soumil was out for 34 (8-217). James and no.10 Barry McCarthy (27*) then put on 60 before James was bowled the ball after he had hit a mighty six to bring up his first Sydney Grade Cricket century off 187 balls with 6 fours and 5 sixes. His 104 enabled the side to post a highly competitive score of 281.

Over the following weeks he hit a 50 against Easts and 48 playing Wests to complete the season with 346 runs at an average of 57.7. With his runs in 2nd Grade, the Twenty20 Cup and Poidevin Gray he totalled a massive 837 at 46.5 to leave no doubt about his ability.

2016-17: James hit his straps early with a dashing 110* against Northern District at Mark Taylor Oval. He was involved in a partnership of 112 with Jake Scicluna for the 5th wicket which enabled a massive score of 6-431 declared to be posted although the match finished in a draw. But good scores deserted him and the best he could do by Christmas was 40* against Uni. NSW. However, towards the end of the season he managed to put a series of good totals together with 35, 51, 36 and 45 in successive matches to complete the summer with 554 runs at the excellent average of 32.59. He also hit 8 sixes.

Unfortunately James was lost to the club joining Western Suburbs from the 2017-18 season.

