

# The First Graders

## Adam Semple



### Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 52

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Secondary School: **The Entrance High School**

Occupation: **Acoustics Consultant**

Playing role: **All-rounder. Left hand bat /right arm medium pace bowler**

BATTING										
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.	6s
2006-07	19	19	1	83	407	22.61		3	4	
2007-08	19	21	6	105*	395	26.33	1	1	8	
2008-09	3	3	0	30	71	23.67			1	
2009-10	13	10	0	64	144	14.40		1	2	
T20	2	2	0	29	41	20.50			0	
2010-11	23	20	3	101	584	34.35	1	1	8	
2011-12	28	26	6	158*	837	41.90	1	3	6	
2012-13	18	22	4	72	364	20.22		4	6	
T20	3	3	1	21*	44	22.00			1	
2013-14	17	16	1	109	441	29.40	1	2	5	
T20	6	5	2	42*	123	41.00			2	
2014-15	15	14	2	104*	403	33.58	1	4	5	
T20	6	6	3	88*	269	89.67		3	2	
2015-16	15	13	3	74*	204	20.4		1	6	8
T20	7	7	0	68	116	16.57		1	8	4
2016-17	17	16	6		247	24.70			5	5
T20	4	4	0	43	128	32			1	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>158*</b>	<b>4,818</b>	<b>28.51</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>17</b>
BOWLING										
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w		
2006-07	161.5	27	25	650	26.00	5-42	1			
2007-08	154.2	33	23	589	25.61	4-12				
2008-09	21	5	4	57	14.25	3-24				
2009-10	22	3	3	99	33.11	2-6				
2010-11	91.5	8	14	385	27.50	2-10				
2011-12	109.4	15	17	448	26.40	4-23				
2012-13	146.3	38	23	451	19.60	4-36				
T20	10	0	4	70	17.50	2-22				
2013-14	145.3	33	28	470	16.79	6-12	1			
T20	24	0	6	123	20.50	2-16				
2014-15	128.3	15	18	562	31.22	4-32				
T20	21	0	11	122	11.09	3-20				
2015-16	167.3	30	22	544	24.72	4-43				
T20	27	1	8	174	21.75	2-22				
2016-17	209.5	37	37	764	20.65	7-64	3			
T20	15	0	4	107	26.75	2-25				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,455.3</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>5,615</b>	<b>22.73</b>	<b>7-64</b>	<b>5</b>			



**2006-07:** Joining us from the Central Coast, all-rounder Adam debuted in round one of season 2006-07. Although not required to bat or bowl in that game he went on to become one of the finds of the season scoring 407 runs batting in the second half of the order and taking 25 wickets. He had scores of 83, 82 and 59 while against Northern District he and Matt Mott put on 139 in a fine partnership. Against Mosman Adam entered the record books with Matt Taylor when they put on 100 for the sixth wicket against Mosman to set a new 1st Grade club record. He also took 5-42 against North Sydney with his right-arm medium-pacers.

**2007-08:** In his second season the dashing left-hander scored his maiden 1st Grade century with an unconquered 105 against Blacktown at Joe McAleer Oval. He started the season brilliantly top-scoring in round one with 77 to tie the match with St George at Hurstville Oval. A bag of 23 wickets to go with his 395 runs indicated his value as one of the team's most consistent players.

**2008-09 / 2009-10:** Season 2008-09 was a disaster for Adam being restricted to just three games due to a knee injury which sidelined him for the majority of the summer. He made his comeback after Christmas with a brief appearance in 3rd Grade where he hit 124. And while he was back on the park at the start of the following season he struggled to regain form before a recurrence of his injury forced him out during the second half of that summer.

**2010-11:** It was a much healthier Adam Semple who took the field in 2010-11 and while he remained restricted with his bowling because of his problem knee there were no such difficulties with his batting as he returned his best season with 584 runs including a magnificent 101 against St George at Coogee Oval. That innings was part of a new club and 1st Grade fifth wicket partnership record when he and Adam Coyte put on 232. He was also involved in another 1st Grade record when he and Anthony Sams put on 122 in just 85 minutes for the sixth wicket against Parramatta at Coogee. Adam hit 70. He was considered the "rock in the middle" of the batting order and was a major contributor in the side making the Grand Final.

**2011-12:** Season 2011-12 will be remembered as the year Adam Semple took all before him in firmly establishing himself as not only one of Randwick Petersham's greatest ever all-rounders but one of the best players in Sydney Grade Cricket. Prior to Christmas Adam had scored just one half-century. After the break he scored 81 in a record eighth wicket stand of 182 with Nathan Price and followed that up two matches later with a record 235 runs sixth wicket partnership with John McLoughlin. On that occasion he scored 158 not out, his best in 1st Grade and the highest total for the club during the season. By season's end he had five half-centuries to go with that ton while his season tally of 837 included 138 from 23 well-struck sixes, seven more than any other Sydney 1st Grade player. The interesting fact about his batting is that he batted only once above number five in the order with most of his runs coming from the seven, eight and nine spots. He was more than useful with the ball taking 17 wickets with his brisk medium-pacers including a 4-23 return against North Sydney. The 1st Grade team again made the Grand Final and again they were defeated by Sydney University. It was no surprise that Adam was named the Randwick Petersham 2011-12 Player of the Season.

Although he left the Central Coast to join us in 2006-07 Adam Semple was clearly not forgotten and was named in The Entrance District Cricket Club's Team of the Century selected as part of the centenary celebrations for the club. He was also named in the Central Coast's Best Representative Players Team since it became a stand-alone region 15 years earlier.

**2012-13:** In 2012-13 Adam Semple received the ultimate accolade from Randwick Petersham selectors when he was installed as 1st Grade captain. In his first match in that role prior to the commencement of the season he led Randwick Petersham to a convincing win in the State Challenge Shield over the country champions, Illawarra. With the departure of more than half the 1st Grade side from the previous year including four first-class players, little was expected from the inexperienced replacements that season. However, Adam led his young charges to wins in the first three matches bolstered by his own selection in the NSW Second XI team where he hit scores of 103\*, 73\* and 56\*.

While 2012-13 was not as personally successful for Semple as previous seasons he managed to score 364 runs and take 23 wickets. However, due to his astute captaincy the team defied all predictions by making the Semi-Final going down to eventual premiers St George. He was later named Randwick Petersham Clubman of the Year in a fitting finale to the season.

**2013-14:** In 2013-14 skipper Adam Semple was Man of the Match and the David Warner Medallist winner for his performance in the Grand Final of the CSG Twenty 20 competition. At 4-73 chasing 9-131 to win the competition Semple's 37 not out off 24 balls with one four and three sixes enabled Randwick Petersham to take out the Cup with a last ball win eight down!

Apart from leading the 1st Grade team to its third premiership with the T20 win, 2013-14 was another good summer for Adam Semple, recording his third best season with the bat (441 runs) and best with the ball (28 wickets). Against Sutherland he hit his fourth century scoring 109 off 185 balls in a match lost by one wicket. He also scored half centuries against Blacktown and Gordon. He also recorded his best bowling performance when he took 6-12 off six overs against Sydney at Drummoyle Oval while his 4-19 off 8.5 overs against Fairfield-Liverpool was a top effort. The 1st Grade team made the Semi-Finals for the fourth successive year and the second under Adam Semple's captaincy.

**2014-15:** In 2014-15 Adam scored 672 runs including 269 in the Twenty 20 Cup at the fantastic average of 89.67 with a highest score of 88\*. His 403 in the Belvidere Cup included his fifth century hitting 104\* against Penrith at Howell Oval. He is also the club's second highest wicket-taker in 1st Grade with 176—12 behind Jake Wilson. Adam captained the side for the third successive season and while the team narrowly missed a place in the Qualifying Finals when relegated to seventh on quotient, he had a difficult season with the toss winning just five of 21 tosses. His win record however, was just the opposite losing only five of the 21 matches.

**2015-16:** Season 2015-16 brought victory to RPC for the third time in the Twenty20 Cup with Adam again leading the side. The team went through undefeated beating Sydney Uni. In the Grand Final at Coogee. Adam's best score was 68 off 48 balls with 4 fours and 4 sixes against North Sydney. In Belvidere Cup, he hit 74\* against Gordon off 109 balls with 5 fours and 4 sixes. He had a better season with the ball taking 22 wickets including a 4-43 winning performance against Manly at Manly Oval. He finished the season with 206 wickets after becoming the first bowler to pass 200 wickets in 1st Grade. At the end of the season he decided to relinquish the captaincy after four seasons in the top job.

**2016-17:** Adam stood down from the captaincy this year after a term of four years with Alex Kemp taking over. With Sam Doggett returning to Brisbane just after the start of the season and Soumil Chhibber breaking down, Adam was called upon by his skipper to do much more bowling. And what an outcome that produced with the right-arm medium pacer having his most successful season with the ball. He completed the season with 41 wickets at an average of 21.24 including a career best 7-64 off 17.5 overs against Campbelltown-Camden at Raby Oval in round 14. His previous best was 6-12 playing Sydney at Drummoyne Oval in 2013-14. Just prior to that performance he took 5-58 against Penrith at Petersham Oval and showed his liking for the Drummoyne Oval strip by returning 5-50 off 19.3 overs playing Sydney. He now has 247 wickets in 1st Grade.

Adam had a relatively quiet season with the bat scoring 375 runs with 43 in a T20 match his best. That took him to a career total of 4,818 runs in 1st Grade to confirm his standing as the club's greatest all-rounder. He has also held 70 catches.