

The First Graders

Nathan Price



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 67

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Date and Place of Birth: **5 June 1987, Waratah, NSW**

Secondary School: **Whitebridge High School, Newcastle**

Occupation: **Accountant**

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

BATTING										
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.	6s
2009-10	16	14	3	67	251	22.82		2	9	
T20	2	2	0	17	17	8.5			0	
2010-11	19	18	4	73*	573	40.93		5	7	
2011-12	26	25	5	151*	714	35.70	1	2	8	
2012-13	13	15	2	101*	239	18.38	1	1	9	
T20	1	1	0	1	1	1			0	
2013-14	16	17	3	92	500	35.71		5	13	
T20	6	6	1	41	175	35			0	
2014-15	15	15	2	97*	525	40.38		5	12	
T20	4	4	0	48	95	23.75			4	
2015-16	15	14	3	162	822	74.72	3	3	7	22
T20	7	7	0	101	252	36	1		1	13
2016-17	16	19	2	140	815	47.94	3	1	12	32
T20	4	4	0	69	137	34.3		2	1	4
TOTALS	160	161	25	162	5,116	37.62	9	23	83	71
BOWLING										
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w		
2009-10	185.3	36	23	603	26.22	4-36				
T20	6	0	1	50	50	1-28				
2010-11	161.3	22	23	648	28.17	4-51				
2011-12	63	5	5	285	27.00	2-34				
2012-13	63	12	12	230	19.16	5-25	1			
2013-14	81.1	18	7	231	33.00	3-14				
T20	12	0	2	99	49.50	1-25				
2014-15	96	13	11	343	31.18	2-15				
T20	8	0	1	63	63	1-19				
2015-16	138	19	13	472	36.30	4-35				
T20	17	0	7	119	17	3-12				
2016-17	51	7	3	195	59	2-20				
T20	7	0	0	69	-	0-21				
TOTALS	889.1	132	108	3,407	31.55	5-25	1			



Nathan Price has the distinction of leading a Randwick Petersham 1st Grade team to a premiership victory. That occasion was the Grand Final of the 2011-12 Limited Overs Competition when the side defeated Fairfield-Liverpool at Coogee Oval. The victory came just six weeks after the club had annexed its first premiership when it won the Twenty20 Cup. Nathan Price was an integral part of that victory hitting 21 off seven balls to enable the side to post a match-winning score of 5-181 off 20 overs. .

2009-10: Nathan Price was a leading Newcastle cricketer when he decided to join Randwick Petersham prior to the start of the 2009-10 season. He debuted in round one in a limited overs match at Village Green against Uni. Of NSW. Coming to the crease at no. six with the total a shaky 4-59 Price struck an impressive 50 off 67 balls with five fours and a six. When he bowled the last Uni. batsman with his ninth ball to give the team a solid win, there was no hesitation in him being named man-of-the-match.

Nathan was one of the "finds" of the 2009-10 season being a consistent performer with both bat and ball. His deceptive seam bowling earned him the new ball from Christmas with 18 of his 23 wickets coming after the festive season. He took three wickets in an innings five times with his 4-36 against Bankstown at Bankstown Oval his best. He was also named best fielder in the club.

2010-11: In 2010-11 the 23 year old defied the “second season syndrome” by scoring more runs than in his first while he repeated his 23 wickets haul. He was one of the most consistent batsmen in the team with five half-centuries which went a long way in helping the team secure a spot in the Belvidere Cup Grand Final. He showed his versatility by batting as high as no. one and as low as no. six. His early season performances caught the eye of state selectors and he won a place in the NSW Second XI team. His outstanding season was such that he won the club’s prestigious Player of the Season Award by a huge 131 points.

2011-12: Price’s then highest score came in 2011-12 when he rattled up 151 not out against Parramatta at Old King’s Oval. He came to the wicket batting no. seven with the score a precarious 5-54 and when skipper Scott Coyte declared, the total had reached 9-337. In his 321 minute stay at the crease hitting 18 fours, he and no. nine Adam Semple hit a club and 1st Grade record eighth wicket partnership of 182 (that record was broken when James Psarakis and Soumil Chhibber hit 191 in 2015-16). Apart from its club record status it was also the highest eighth wicket partnership in the Sydney 1st Grade competition Nathan’s 714 runs for the summer was in the top 20 leading run-getters in Sydney.

Price went on to again play Second XI cricket for NSW that season while he also represented the State in the annual indigenous Imparja Cup tournament in Alice Springs. The following 2012-13 season he was selected in the Australian Indigenous Development Squad which toured India and was named the Lord Taverners Indigenous Cricketer of the Year.

2012-13: Nathan had a great start to 2012-13 taking 5-25 off 12 overs against Northern District at Mark Taylor Oval in the first round before hitting a classic 101 not out off 115 balls against Parramatta at Coogee Oval next game. However, in keeping with the glorious uncertainty of cricket the remainder of the season was not reflective of his ability or capabilities with both runs and wickets hard to come by. However his season tally of 239 runs pushed him into seventh place on the all-time 1st Grade list of run-scorers with a total of 1,777 runs.

2013-14: Nathan Price was the 1st Grade team’s leading run-getter in 2013-14 with 500 runs including five fifties in the Belvidere Cup. He also hit 175 in the Twenty20 Cup win. One of his best performances was a dashing 92 against Blacktown while his 63 not out in the second innings against Sydney University was part of a partnership of 129 in 91 minutes with Shaun Eaton. That effort enabled the team to win outright after being 47 runs behind on the first innings. He also did well in the field securing 13 catches.

2014-15: Price was again the leading run-getter in 1st Grade in 2014-15 with 525 runs and second overall in the club. With his 95 in the Twenty20 Cup he totalled 620. He hit five fifties and was left 97 not out in the match against Sutherland where one more run would not only have at least tied the game but would have given the side a place in the finals instead of being relegated to seventh on quotient. Like the previous year he was involved in a great partnership with Shaun Eaton. Against Campbelltown at Coogee he scored 72 of 158 the pair put on for the third wicket. Nathan was at his brilliant best in the field winning the club fielding award for the second time. His 12 catches, mainly at slip, took his total to 58 just three behind Richard Chee Quee’s 61.

With 3,090 runs Nathan Price was fourth on the list of Randwick Petersham all-time top 1st Grade run scorers. He also had 85 wickets. He was again selected in the NSW Indigenous Imparja Cup team for 2015.

2015-16: In 2015-16 Nathan Price was declared the “Player of the Season for the third time. Nathan topped the batting as he had done the previous two years. It was also the fifth time in the previous seven years he had exceeded the 500 runs mark. But 2015-16 surpassed all others as he broke the 1,000 runs milestone with a massive total of 1,074 at the impressive average of 59.66. He hit four centuries and three fifties with his best being 162 against Sutherland, 148* playing Manly, 123* against Hawkesbury while in the Twenty20 match against Sydney at Coogee Oval he rattled up 101 in 54 minutes off just 51 balls with three fours and a record-shattering nine sixes! Those smacks over the fence were just a part of an amazing 35 sixes he hit throughout the season! And he almost added another three figure score to his tally when he was caught behind for 99 playing Campbelltown-Camden. He also had scores of 56 against Sydney University and 63 playing Sydney. Between rounds 5 and 11 his five innings produced 466 runs (which included three centuries) at the almost unbelievable average of 155.33!

With his medium-paced swingers he took 20 wickets with 4-35 against Penrith at Howell Oval his best. He also held eight catches which took his record to 70—the most by any player in the club’s 15 year history. He was also the third highest run-getter behind Usman Khawaja with 4,895 while that season he also passed 100 1st Grade wickets—only the ninth player to do so.

Nathan also had the honour of captaining the NSW Indigenous team in the inaugural National Indigenous Cricket Championships in Alice Springs. And with his mammoth Sydney Grade Cricket tally of 1,074 runs, the Sydney Cricket Association declared him to be the highest season run-scorer by an Indigenous player in the history of the 1st Grade competition.

2016-17: Nathan had another outstanding season although it may best be described as two separate summers. Up until Christmas 2016 and a little after, he had produced just 458 runs in 16 innings including two “ducks”. But the real Nathan Price stood up for the remaining seven innings over a period of 49 days in which he scored a remarkable 494 with three centuries to give him a total of 952 for the season. He hit a timely 112* against Manly on 21 January 2017 and two matches later hit 140 against Mosman which was laced with 12 fours and nine sixes to equal the number hit by Simon Katich in 2002-03 also against Mosman. And in the final day of the season he belted 128 playing Easts at Waverley Oval off just 108 balls with seven boundaries and six sixes. That innings took him past the impressive 5,000 1st Grade runs milestone to finish the summer with a record of 5,116. His 13 catches took his total to 83 in 1st Grade, the most by any player for the club in 1st Grade.