

The First Graders

Nick Warren

Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 75

Full Name: **Nicholas Alexander Warren**

Date and Place of Birth: **26 June 1982, Moseley, Birmingham, UK**

Secondary School: **Wheelers Lane Boys School, Birmingham, UK**

Occupation: **Sales Representative**

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



BATTING										
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.	6s
2010-11	18	11	3	30	78	9.75			6	
2011-12	24	11	5	10	36	6.00			12	
2012-13	14	12	5	28*	111	15.85			4	
T20	1	0								
2015-16	1	1	1	10	10	-			0	1
T20	1	DNB								
2016-17	4	DNB								
TOTALS	63	35	14	30	235	11.19			22	
BOWLING										
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5W	10W		
2010-11	207	33	46	755	16.41	5-51	2			
2011-12	173.5	31	32	685	21.40	3-13				
2012-13	126.5	27	20	411	20.55	5-48	1			
T20	4	0	2	30	15	2-30				
2015-16	6	2	0	19	-	0-19				
T20	2	0	1	13	13	1-13				
2016-17	26	5	3	65	21.67	2-11				
TOTALS	545.4	98	104	1,978	19.02	5-48	3			



2010-11: It was most fortuitous for Randwick Petersham Cricket when Nick Warren casually wandered down to Coogee Oval prior to the start of the 2010-11 cricket season "looking for a game". Fortuitous indeed as over the following three seasons Warren would become the spearhead of the 1st Grade attack taking almost 100 wickets in the process.

A former England under 19 right arm opening bowler Warren played a handful games for Warwickshire in County Cricket between 2002 and 2005 making his debut against a strong West Indies A team. He made his Sydney Grade Cricket and Randwick Petersham 1st Grade debut in round two against Fairfield-Liverpool at Rosedale Oval in what was a rather inauspicious start. He made only eight runs and took 0-23 off 10 well controlled overs in a match which ended in a tie with both sides scoring 167. Four games later however, Warren showed his style and talent finishing with match figures of 7-100 including 5-51 in the first innings against Blacktown.

Nick's consistency as a wicket-taker that summer was soon evident as he went on to take at least one wicket and as many as five in each of the 21 innings in which he bowled after his first wicket-less game. He had a second five-wicket haul against Mosman collecting 5-71 off 18 overs to ensure a place in the finals series for his team. To complete a fine double his 30 runs off 25 balls going in at number 10 indicated some handy ability with the bat.

Nick also had the thrill of playing in a 1st Grade Grand Final in his first season taking the new ball against Sydney Uni. at Bankstown Oval. He bowled 25 overs in that match for a 2-64 return and while he could not add a premiership to his outstanding season it was fitting that he finish atop the bowling honours for the club for 2010-11.

2011-12: Warren was again amongst the wickets in 2011-12 and with Burt Cockley, Scott Coyte, Jake Wilson and Nathan Hauritz made up one of the most feared attacks in the competition. Again a super-consistent wicket-taker for the first half the season a leg injury in the latter part reduced his effectiveness and he struggled to add to his impressive season tally of 32 scalps. He again played in a Grand Final which unfortunately for Nick and the club was against the same opponent at the same venue with the same result.

2012-13: The following season, in what was a virtual replay of the previous two Grand Finals, Randwick Petersham again clashed with Sydney University although this time the venue was University Oval. Sent in on a rain-affected pitch, the side was in trouble at 9-67 when Nick Warren was joined at the batting crease by no.11 Jake Wilson. Not to be overcome by the situation Nick displayed plenty of guts and determination to bat for 86 minutes and face 80 balls to make 27 not out. The pair put on 43 to get the score to 110. With the score on 31 in the run chase Warren took the first Uni. wicket then proceeded to cut a swathe through the batting line-up leaving them a shaky 7-75 by stumps on day 1. Next day Nick had a wicket without addition to the score providing the necessary impetus for the team to rally and go on to defeat Uni. by the narrowest of margins—one run. Warren finished with the excellent figures of 5-48 off 16 overs, his best with the club.

Still hampered by a leg injury Warren again bowled with plenty of purpose with hauls of 3-13, 3-29 and 3-31 to go with his 5-48 in a season total of 22 wickets to enable him to take his 100th 1st Grade wicket.

2015-16: After three seasons Nick returned to the bowling crease in 2015-16 to fill a shortage taking 1-13 in a T20 match against Uni. of NSW. He also played a Grade game against NDs returning 0-19 off 6 overs.

2016-17: Having been involved as a club bowling coach, Nick was called in to give a hand in 4th Grade in rounds 6, 8 and 12. He took 5-27 and 4-20 in two of those spells indicating he had lost little of his skill. Coaxed into 1st Grade for the last three games he bowled only 18 overs while taking 3 wickets. In the final round against Easts he reduced them from 2-32 to 4-37 which effectively broke the back of their batting enabling a solid win to be achieved. He finished with 2-11 off 6 overs in an excellent display. An interesting aspect of the 6 games he played during the season, was that he never got to bat on any occasion.