

# The First Graders

## Soumil Chhibber

**Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 81**

Full name: **Soumil Chhibber**

Date and Place of Birth: **16 June 1995, Delhi, India**

Secondary School: **Homebush Boys High**

Occupation:

Playing role: **Right arm off-spin bowler/right hand bat**



BATTING										
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.	6s
<b>2012-13</b>	17	12	2	51	148	14.8		1	4	
<b>T20</b>	3	0	0	0	0	0			0	
<b>2013-14</b>	15	14	5	57*	241	26.78		1	9	
<b>T20</b>	6	4	3	18*	32	32.00			4	
<b>2014-15</b>	13	11	5	41*	164	27.33			1	
<b>T20</b>	6	1	1	5*	5	-			0	
<b>2015-16</b>	15	9	2	98	255	36.42		2	8	2
<b>T20</b>	7	4	3	7	13	13			1	
<b>2016-17</b>	5	3	1		20				1	
<b>T20</b>	4	4	3	13*	32	32				2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>24.59</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4</b>
BOWLING										
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w		
<b>2012-13</b>	136	20	14	494	35.28	3-25				
<b>T20</b>	5	0	1	56	56	1-20				
<b>2013-14</b>	113.2	18	20	420	21	4-33				
<b>T20</b>	1	0	0	20	0	0-20				
<b>2014-15</b>	96	8	6	409	68.17	2-56				
<b>T20</b>	9	0	4	39	9.75	3-12				
<b>2015-16</b>	173.3	17	15	649	43.26	3-67				
<b>T20</b>	23	0	9	133	14.78	2-11				
<b>2016-17</b>	19	1	2	112	56					
<b>T20</b>	12	0	5	79	15.80	3-9				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>587.5</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>2,411</b>	<b>31.72</b>	<b>4-33</b>				



**2012-13:** A Delhi, India born 17 year old right arm off-spinner, Soumil joined Randwick Petersham in 2012-13 from Western Suburbs where he played lower grades. The youngest player at that time, behind Usman Khawaja to make his 1st Grade debut with the club, he did so in round one against Northern District at Mark Taylor Oval where he scored eight runs batting at number nine and took 2-58 off 20.2 overs. His first wicket was former NSW player Dominic Thornley who had scored 71 in a partnership of 140. That wicket began a collapse with seven wickets falling for 46 to enable his team to win the match by 29 runs.

Soumil displayed his class with the ball in the match against Wests at Pratten Park when he bowled 24 overs to take 2-57 with nine maidens. Towards the end of the season he recorded his best figures with 3-25 against Fairfield-Liverpool while in the Qualifying Final against Sutherland he was very tidy in a pressure game to return 2-49 off 13.

Chhibber showed he was no slouch with the bat despite his tender years by combining with his captain Adam Semple to put on 66 for the 7th wicket against Penrith at Coogee Oval. His contribution was a remarkable 51 which included seven fours and a six. His season's effort of 14 wickets and 148 runs was an excellent effort for a youngster fresh out of A W Green Shield. Soumil also represented New South Wales in the 2012-13 under 19 years championship.

**2013-14:** Season 2013-14 produced further evidence that Soumil Chhibber was a most promising all-rounder. In round 2 against Eastern Suburbs, Chhibber was the star of the match with a career best 57 not out batting at no. nine and 3-36 off 14 overs to secure a good win for his side. And while he struggled to make inroads with the ball in the next few matches he was consistent with the bat providing some solidarity in the second half of the order.

Towards the end of the season however, he had his off-spinners back on track with some consistent returns such as 2-23; 2-27; 2-28 while against Fairfield-Liverpool he finished with his season's best of 4-33 from 10 overs. His season's total of 241 runs and 20 wickets was a fine double for the slightly built 18 years old.

**2014-15:** Soumil found wickets hard to come by in 2014-15 although in an early Twenty20 Cup match against Sutherland he took 3-13 off three overs to force a good win. But in the Belvidere Cup competition his return of six wickets at 68.17 runs apiece was not reflective of his ability. Against Parramatta he took 2-56 off 14 overs which was his best return. Chhibber's batting however, continued to improve and he played a number of valuable innings at no. 9 in the order. He had five twenties and a 41 not out in a partnership of 117 with Nick Stapleton against Bankstown at Petersham Oval.

**2015-16:** Season 2015-16 saw Chhibber part of an historic batting performance. Batting no. eight in the match against Fairfield-Liverpool at Rosedale Oval, Randwick Petersham's middle order crashed as the score slumped from 1-107 to be 7-144. Soumil was joined by 1st Grade debutante James Psarakis and the pair then re-wrote the club record book with a partnership of 191 for the eighth wicket in 178 minutes breaking the club and 1st Grade record of 182 set by Nathan Price and Adam Semple against Parramatta in 2012-13. Psarakis finished with 98 and Chhibber 92\*. 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.

Skipper Adam Semple decided to bat into the second day to give young Soumil a chance to make his century. Unfortunately, he was caught for 98 after facing 179 balls and hitting five fours. The match was won by 196 runs. Chhibber gave an earlier hint that his batting had come on in leaps and bounds by hitting 63 in a partnership of 105 with Jake Scicluna against Sydney University in round 3. It was the best seventh wicket partnership for the season.

An interesting aspect of his bowling that season was that he switched to bowling leg-spin in lieu of his standard off-spin. And while he didn't take a great number of wickets he was most consistent and was a particularly difficult customer for opposing batsmen in the Twenty20 Cup. In the latter competition which was won by his team, he had many good performances at the bowling crease and none better than his 2-11 off 4 overs in the Preliminary Final against Manly at the SCG. His 10 wickets at an average of 13.30 was outstanding bowling for a spin bowler in a T20 match. His best effort in Belvidere Cup was 3-67 off 20 overs against Uni. of NSW at the Village Green.

**2016-17:** Soumil suffered an injury early in the season which kept him out for most of the summer. He did manage to play in the four T20 matches however, taking a valuable 5 wickets for 79 runs including a superb 3-9 against Illawarra.