

The First Graders

Daniel Sams



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 83

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Date and Place of Birth: **27 October 1992, Bankstown**

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Occupation: **Fitness Instructor**

Playing role: **Left arm pace bowler/right hand bat**

BATTING										
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.	6s
2012-13	19	22	2	72	398	19.9		3	6	
T20	3	2	0	11	21	10.50			0	
2013-14	14	13	1	78	427	35.58		2	12	
T20	6	5	1	34	55	13.75			3	
2014-15	13	11	0	82	322	29.27		2	9	
T20	4	2	1	6*	7	7			1	
2015-16	15	13	0	121	379	29.15	1	1	3	10
T20	7	7	1	43	183	30.50			4	9
2016-17	17	17	0	56	323			1	7	9
T20	4	4	0	86	142	35.50		1	1	10
TOTALS	102	96	6	121	2,257	25.08	1	10	46	38
BOWLING										
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w		
2012-13	198	35	27	738	27.33	5-28	1			
T20	10	0	1	59	59	1-23				
2013-14	240	46	22	743	33.77	4-47				
T20	23.1	0	13	128	9.85	4-16				
2014-15	133.5	17	23	516	22.43	4-33				
T20	15.4	0	4	83	20.75	1-13				
2015-16	237.3	41	38	792	20.84	6-60	1			
T20	27	0	10	161	16.10	3-18				
2016-17	221.2	30	41	909	22.17	6-54	2			
T20	16	0	8	119	14.88	3-12				
TOTALS	1,122.3	169	187	4,248	22.72	6-54	4			



2012-13: After 32 matches and 37 wickets in 1st Grade, this 19 years old left-hand fast bowler joined us in 2012-13 from Bankstown. The younger brother of 1st Grade wicketkeeper Anthony, Daniel made his club debut in Round one against Northern District at Mark Taylor Oval. Batting number seven with the score a shaky 5-126 he departed 114 runs later after making 72 off 127 balls with 10 fours. It proved to be a winning batting effort as Randwick Petersham won the game by 29 runs, 255 to 226. With the ball he bowled 16 overs and took 0-48.

In his second match he rattled up 59 against Parramatta while his 3-30 against Wests in round three enabled his team to start the season with three wins from three games. By season's end Daniel Sams was the leading all-rounder in 1st Grade with 398 runs and 27 wickets and was named The Most Promising Player in the Club. He also scored 210 in PG's to give him a season total of 608.

And while he was a regular performer in 1st Grade throughout the season it was his batting in the third Poidevin-Gray under 21 match of the season which emphasised his attacking brilliance. With a huge 282 to win at Bankstown Oval, Daniel was at his best breaking the club's PG highest score record with 143 not out off 112 balls which included 10 fours and nine mighty sixes. His effort won the match with seven overs to spare.

His batting flair was again on show in the 1st Grade Limited Overs Qualifying Final against University of NSW when he scored 73 off just 83 balls in a disappointing team total of just 136.

Throughout the season Sams bowled a consistent line and length adding plenty of fire with his left-armers. He was a regular wicket-taker as his 27 1st Grade wickets indicate. His best return was 5-28 against Mosman while he took three wickets in an innings on five occasions.

2013-14: In an almost carbon-copy of the previous season, Daniel hit 75 in the first match of 2013-14 while he and Jake Wilson put on a new record partnership of 85 for the 10th wicket. Late in the season he was in the 70s again with 78 against Sydney at Drummoyne while along the way he had four scores in the forties. His 427 runs for the season was the third best in the team.

With the new ball Sams bowled with plenty of pace although wickets were hard to come-by early in the season. But he was on song in the Semi-Final and Grand Final of the Twenty20 Cup competition when he took 4-17 in the semi and 4-16 in the GF. Both match-winning performances. His 4-47 v Gordon and 3-59 against Sutherland were his best efforts in the Belvidere Cup comp.

Notwithstanding a broken thumb which saw Sams miss eight matches, he won the club Fielding Award snaring 18 catches in all competitions. With his dynamic bowling and batting coupled with his brilliant fielding he was clearly one of the up-and-coming young stars of the club.

2014-15: Daniel Sams was one of the top performers in 1st Grade in 2014-15. In just the second round he hit his then highest score for the club when he rattled up 82 in a record seventh wicket partnership of 183 with his brother Anthony (105) against Campbelltown at Coogee. Later in the season he hit 57 against Gordon and 47 playing Sutherland.

The left-hander again spearheaded the attack with Nathan Ellis and was always a threat to opposing batsmen with good pace. His consistency was underlined by taking three wickets in an innings five times while against Sutherland at Glenn McGrath Oval he returned his season's best with 4-33.

2015-16: The spearhead of the 1st Grade attack, Daniel Sams had a magnificent season with the ball in 2015-16 taking 48 wickets, the most by a 1st grader since Jon Lewis took 52 in 2003-04. His consistency was outstanding and he took at least one wicket in 20 of the 24 innings in which he bowled. He took two wickets on 13 occasions and three five times. His best performance was his career-best 6-60 off 18 overs against Sutherland at Petersham Oval. His 48 wickets comprised 38 in the combined Belvidere Cup / Limited Overs competition while in the Twenty20 Cup he took 10 including a superb 3-18 off the maximum four overs against Newcastle. His performance went a long way towards his team securing the Twenty20 Cup for the third time.

Daniel's overall total of 48 was second only to his bowling partner of last season Nathan Ellis who took 50 for his new club St George. Daniel also passed the 100 wickets in 1st Grade milestone to finish with 138. He also had a great summer with the bat hitting a career-best century of 121 off 187 with 14 fours and three sixes against Gordon at Petersham Oval in a season total of 379. He almost had a second ton when he belted 92 against Uni. of NSW at Village Green off just 90 balls with 10 fours and two sixes.

2016-17: Daniel had another brilliant season hitting 465 runs while taking 49 wickets. His performance was noted by State selectors and he played NSW 2nd XI against Canterbury (NZ). He also participated in the Sydney Sixers Academy. By seasons end he had been named in the Kingsgrove Sports Merit XII-1st Grade Team of the Year.

In his 22 stints at the bowling crease he missed out on taking a wicket only three times. His best was 6-54 off 16 overs against Uni. NSW which was also a career-best. Another top performance came against Manly with 5-45 off 15.1 overs. His 4-30 playing Wests at Petersham Oval included the prize wicket of Michael Clarke for six.

With the bat he was simply devastating in a T20 match against Manly at Manly Oval. Coming in at no. 5 he thrashed a quick-fire 86 off just 43 balls for a strike-rate of 200 while hitting 6 fours and 7 mighty sixes. The game was won 6-195 to 4-177. He also hit a valuable 56 in a 77 runs partnership with Adam Semple playing Mosman at Allan Border Oval. He ended the season with 19 sixes—the same number as the previous summer.

In just 5 seasons with the club Daniel has amassed 2,257 runs and taken 187 wickets to be one of the club and Sydney's top all-rounders.