

# The First Graders

## Shaun Eaton



### Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 84

Full name: **Shaun Eaton**

Date and Place of Birth: **23 October 1993, Gosford**

Secondary School: **Wyong High School**

Occupation: **Sports ground curator assistant**

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

BATTING										
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.	6s
2012-13	13	13	1	117	232	19.33	1		5	
T20	3	3	0	30	49	16.33			0	
2013-14	17	18	2	91*	407	25.44		2	7	
T20	5	5	1	32*	59	14.75			2	
2014-15	15	14	0	76	396	28.29		4	10	
T20	6	6	2	14	42	10.50			2	
2015-16	12	11	1	42	128	12.80			4	1
T20	7	7	4	40*	126	42			2	6
2016-17	6	6	2	33	74	18.50			1	1
T20	1	1	1	24*	24					1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>1,537</b>	<b>21.96</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>9</b>
BOWLING										
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w		
2012-13	22	3	4	105	26.25	1-3				
T20	7	0	2	51	15.50	1-18				
2014-15	24.2	6	5	65	13.00	2-13				
2015-16	13	2	0	46						
2016-17	12	2	0	50						
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>78.2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>28.82</b>	<b>2-13</b>				



**2012-13:** After joining RPC in 2012-13 from Mosman and impressing in the first match in 2nd Grade, all-rounder Shaun Eaton was called in to replace the injured Nick Warren in round two against Parramatta at Coogee. He didn't get to bowl but batted with the score a precarious 6-187 chasing 224. He faced 33 balls scoring 13 not out to assist Nathan Price (101\*) run down the target for a good win. Apart from being his 1st Grade debut with the club it was also his first game in the Sydney 1st Grade competition.

In the limited overs match against competition leader Sutherland at Coogee, Eaton was again called into the side as cover for Jake Scicluna who was injured in the match the day before. Batting no. four he was at the wicket with the score a perilous 2-18 chasing the Sharks 260. After settling in, Eaton went on the attack and got the score to 169 before he was caught and bowled for a magnificent maiden 1st Grade century of 117 from just 90 balls with 13 fours and six sixes. Unfortunately the tail was not able to wag and the side lost by 56 runs. A feature of Shaun's innings was the fact the attack included NSW players Steve Smith, Nick Maddinson and Adam Zampa. Australian Test star Shane Watson played in the match but did not bowl after being dismissed for a duck. Another former Australian player Phil Jaques captained the star-studded Sutherland side.

Shaun was the star of the Poidevin Gray team and was named Best Poidevin Player of the Season. He completed the season with 674 runs in all grades and forms of the game and took 23 wickets. He was also awarded the Phil Tresidder Memorial Scholarship to assist him with a season in England during the 2013 winter.

**2013-14:** Shaun played the whole 2013-14 in 1st Grade as a top-half batsman not being called on to bowl. His best performance came in round 15 against St George and Australian Test pace bowler Trent Copeland at Hurstville Oval. Chasing 204 to win and secure a place in the Qualifying Final, Eaton came to the wicket with the score 1-42. He and Nick Stapleton then put on 92. When the target was achieved Shaun remained 91 not out with 13 fours from 162 balls to be the mainstay of the innings.

Earlier in round 7 against Sydney University at Petersham Oval, RPC was set 144 in 33 overs to win outright after being 47 runs behind on the first innings. Eaton and Nathan Price then got together in an unconquered 129 runs third wicket partnership in 91 minutes to secure a great win over the eventual premiers. Shaun finished with 69 not out off 81 balls with 10 fours and a six after being second top-scorer with 38 in the first innings.

With 407 runs for the season Eaton was fourth in the 1st Grade aggregate. In his 18 trips to the crease he was out lbw no less than seven times. To further develop his game, Shaun spent the winter playing with London club Chingford playing in the Essex Premier League.

**2014-15:** Shaun was a more consistent player in 2014-15 with four half-centuries although he would be disappointed he had not converted some of them into three figure totals. His best was 76 against Campbelltown-Camden in round 1 while he hit 61 against North Sydney; 54 against Sydney University and 57 against Blacktown. Playing Campbelltown Shaun and Nathan Price put on 158 for the third wicket. His 110 partnership with Adam Semple against Sydney University ensured a good win.

**2015-16:** Season 2015-16 was not a good one for Shaun Eaton in Belvidere Cup with a best score of only 42 in a season tally of 128. He played well against Penrith coming in to bat with the score a shaky 5-136 chasing 227. A solid 42 off 69 balls in 79 minutes with just one four, when he was bowled the score of 215 was just 12 away from victory which unfortunately was not forthcoming.

In a T20 match against Newcastle at Waratah Oval in Newcastle, Shaun went to the crease at 4-106 and remained unconquered on 40 in the final score of 7-171 which was enough to take the points on the road to winning the Cup. He was a positive contributor to that premiership averaging 42 to be second-only to Alex Kemp while he hit six sixes in his seven innings.

**2016-17:** Shaun had limited 1st Grade opportunities this season but played well in the match against eventual premiers Sydney University. Batting at no. 7 he and Adam Semple put on an unconquered and important 43 for the 7th wicket to get the total to a respectable 7-229 at the end of the restricted 50 overs. Shaun scored 33 although rain set in shortly after and the match was washed out. He finished with 98 runs in 1st Grade but hit 282 in 2s with a high score of 80.