

The First Graders

Jake Scicluna



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 85

Full name: **Jake Nathan Scicluna**

Date and Place of Birth: **6 October 1994, Gosford**

Secondary School: **Wyong High School**

Occupation: **Apprentice Greenkeeper**

Playing role: **Right hand opening bat**

BATTING										
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.	6s
2012-13	8	9	0	69	152	16.88		1	1	
2013-14	7	6	0	119	145	24.17	1		1	
T20	1	1	0	0	0	0			0	
2014-15	14	14	0	111	308	22.00	1	2	5	
T20	6	4	1	59	107	35.67		1	1	
2015-16	15	14	2	106	438	36.50	1	3	4	5
T20	7	5	2	16	36	12			0	1
2016-17	17	20	5	89	449	32.77		2	3	9
T20	4	4	1	16*	18	6			1	
TOTALS	79	77	11	119	1,653	25.47	3	7	16	11



2012-13: Jake became the third youngest player behind Usman Khawaja and Soumil Chhibber to receive a 1st Grade cap with Randwick Petersham. The 18 year old made his debut against Wests in 2012-13 in round three at Pratten Park. He opened the innings before being bowled for a duck after facing 13 balls. He joined us that season from Wyong DCC on the Central Coast and was called into 1st Grade after just two games of Sydney Grade Cricket having performed well in 2nd Grade in both matches with scores of 35, 53 and 26.

In just his second match in the top grade Jake gave a real glimpse of his talent by top-scoring with 30 in the Limited Overs match against Manly at Manly Oval. Two matches later in a limited overs affair at Coogee Oval against Gordon, Scicluna confirmed his promise with 69 in an opening partnership of 145 with seasoned player Anthony Sams. Jake batted for 144 minutes, faced 125 balls and hit six fours and a six. His performance set the team up for a good win.

While he finished the season in 2nd Grade there was no doubting his talent and ability to perform at the top level. Jake also played for New South Wales in the under 19 year's championship.

2013-14: In 2013-14 Jake struggled in grade games but in the 1st Grade Qualifying Final at Coogee Oval against Mosman he showed his real class. Going in to bat in the unfamiliar number eight position with the score 6-36, he scored 119 in one of the best innings of the season. His farming of the strike when last man Jake Wilson strode to the crease at 9-110, resulted in the creation of a new 10th wicket partnership record of 93 with Jake Wilson who scored just seven. It was a classic innings and a display of rare talent which enabled the side to post a score of 203. Bowling Mosman out for 157, the 1st Grade team progressed to the Semi-Final, all on the back of Scicluna's amazing performance.

Jake was also the dominant batsman in the 2013-14 Poidevin Gray team scoring almost twice as many runs as anyone else. He featured in season-best partnerships for each of the first four wickets with four different players. The opening bats' 241 runs were scored at an average of 40.17 with 73 against Gordon in the final round at Chatswood Oval his best.

Jake missed a game due to selection in the New South Wales 2013-14 under 19's team participating in the Australian Under 19 Championships in Tasmania. Jake scored 163 in the tournament including a 90 against ACT.

2014-15: Opening the batting from the start of 2014-15 Scicluna was off to a flying start scoring 111 against North Sydney at North Sydney Oval in just his third trip to the crease. He batted for 266 minutes and faced 235 balls hitting 16 fours. Runs were hard to come by after that dig but in round 12 against Bankstown at Petersham Oval he hit a dashing 64 as opener off 80 balls with eight fours and two sixes to set the scene for a mammoth score of 8-413 to secure a win for his side.

In the Twenty20 Cup competition, Jake scored 107 runs with 59 off 46 balls against Illawarra at North Dalton Park, Wollongong his best. With the Twenty20 Cup and Poidevin Gray scores, Jake ended the season with a total of 482 runs.

2015-16: Jake Scicluna enjoyed his best 1st Grade season in 2015-16 with a total of 474 runs including 438 in Belvidere Cup. He also hit his third top-grade century with a brilliant 106 in 239 minutes with 17 fours against defending premiers Sydney University at Uni. Oval. His innings was the backbone of the team enabling a competitive total of 8-306 to be posted. Uni. were bowled out for 166 to give the side a convincing win. His century followed knocks of 63 playing NDs in round 1 and 70 against Campbelltown the following match. In four innings he had scored 243 runs.

The Twenty20 Cup however, which the team won, gave him little opportunity to maintain his form as he was listed to bat 7 in each match, taking the field with just a handful of balls to be bowled in most instances. He was back in the runs towards the end of the season however, with a couple of 20s and a masterful 65 playing Uni. of NSW at Village Green when he hit 10 fours in facing 105 balls.

He was granted a scholarship under the club's Phil Tresidder Memorial Scholarship scheme and ventured to the UK in the off-season playing with Farnsworth Social Circle CC which won the 2016 Bolton League premiership.

2016-17: Jake began the season in brilliant fashion partnering Anthony Sams in a record partnership of 217 for the 3rd wicket in just 109 minutes against Fairfield-Liverpool at Coogee Oval. While Sams made 152 Jake was unluckily caught-and-bowled for 89 made off just 93 balls with 6 fours and 4 mighty sixes. Their performance broke the previous record of 188 set by Usman Khawaja and Simon Katich against St George at Hurstville Oval in 2007-08. The final score of 7-332cc resulted in a win by 9 runs.

Two matches later he was in the runs again with a solid 73 off 109 balls with 8 fours against NDs at Mark Taylor Oval. He was also involved in a 112 partnership with James Psarakis for the 5th wicket. This enabled a massive total of 6-431 declared in 91 overs. The match ended in a draw.

Unfortunately Jake's form fell away a bit and the best score he could put together after than was a couple of 30s and a 40* against North Sydney. Despite that lapse he finished with a solid total of 467 at the handy average of 25.70.