

The First Graders

Alex Kemp



Randwick Petersham 1st Grade cap number: 99

Full name: **Alexander Robert Kemp**

Date and Place of Birth: **2 December 1988, Brisbane, QLD**

Secondary School: **Brisbane State High**

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

Occupation: **Professional Cricketer/Coach**

BATTING										
Season	Mtch	Inns	N.O.	Best	Runs	Ave.	100	50	Ct.	6s
2014-15	8	8	0	83	169	21.13		1	2	
2015-16	15	15	1	114	579	41.35	1	4	4	6
T20	7	7	2	81*	258	51.60		2	5	12
2016-17	16	18	1	122	666	3	2	4	10	16
T20	3	3	0	28	35	11.67	0	0	2	2
TOTALS	49	51	4	122	1,707	36.32	3	10	23	36
BOWLING										
Season	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Ave.	Best	5w	10w		



2014-15: Alex joined Randwick Petersham from the Redlands club in Brisbane mid-way through 2014-15. A right hand opening bat, the 26 year old played six first class games for Queensland in 2012.

He made his debut with Randwick Petersham in round 8 against Sydney University at Uni. 1 scoring 12 runs. However, it was two matches later when he showed his class with a brilliant 83 against Gordon at Coogee Oval. In that match, he and Daniel Sams put on the best partnership of the season for the fourth wicket with 128. But the runs dried up in his remaining five matches with 16 against Blacktown the best.

2015-16: Season 2015-16 brought out the best in Alex who showed his class in a tally of 837 runs—579 in Belvidere Cup and 258 in Twenty20. He had a reasonable start in Belvidere Cup hitting 58 against Sutherland and 48 playing Fairfield-Liverpool prior to Christmas. However, after the break Alex hit his straps with a brilliant 87* against Hawkesbury, a 51 against Manly and 83 playing Easts. This set the scene for a spectacular finish hitting 114 against Uni. NSW off 159 balls with 15 fours and two sixes.

In the Twenty20 Cup however, he was brilliant with performances which contributed greatly to the team's win in the competition. In seven innings he totalled 258 at 51.60 hitting 12s sixes and holding 5 catches along the way. With a strike-rate of 150 he was the top batsman in the whole of the competition which the team won. He and Nathan Price dominated as evidenced by Nathan's total of 252 being just six behind Alex's.

In T20 against North Sydney at Coogee, Kemp smashed 81 off only 33 balls with 4 fours and 7 sixes! The team score that day was 4-217—a new record for the club. In the Qualifying Final against Manly at SCG Alex blasted 33 off 26 balls with 3 fours and a six to put the side in a winning position.

Alex Kemp registered 1,000 runs in 1st Grade in just 30 innings over a season and a half. Prior to the start of the 2016-17 season he was appointed captain following Adam Semple's decision to stand down.

2016-17: Alex took over as 1st Grade captain from the retiring Adam Semple. And while he was not as prolific in the T20 comp as he had been the season before he completed the summer with a huge total of 701 runs including 666 in the Belvidere Cup.

He was involved in a new record opening partnership when he and Anthony Sams put on 254 in just 228 minutes in chasing down Blacktown's 9-373 declared. This broke the 1st Grade record of 165* held jointly by Joseph Hill and Paul Toole v Gordon in 2002-03 and Rory Burns and Nicholas Stapleton playing Bankstown at Bankstown Oval in 2013-14. It also broke the club record of 235 set by Angus Stewart and Troy Brewster v Mosman in 3rd Grade in 2008-09. It was also the second highest partnership for the club in any grade behind the 293 set by Eddie Otto and John McLoughlin for the second wicket against Gordon in 2009-10. Alex hit 122 off 197 with 16 fours and 4 sixes.

His most dynamic innings however, came in round 8 v North Sydney at North Sydney Oval. Chasing 176 it was a disastrous start with Anthony Sams out first ball. But Alex then took over and smashed an outstanding century of 104* off just 68 balls in 96 minutes with 14 fours and 5 massive sixes. The target was achieved just two down in only 24.1 overs earning the side a valuable bonus point.

The two centuries were not the only scores of note. Alex hit 63 against NDs, 68 v Parramatta, 57 playing Hawkesbury while in the final round he hit 55 off 67 balls against Easts at Waverley Oval.

It was a brilliant season by one of the most punishing batsmen in Sydney Premier Cricket.