

Parramatta District Cricket Club – Family Connections

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The Parramatta District Cricket Club (then known as Parramatta and Central Cumberland Electorate Cricket Club) was one of the eight foundation clubs of the NSWCA Electorate Competition (now NSW Premier Cricket) on the 7th of October 1893 – the other clubs were East Sydney, Glebe, Manly, Paddington, Sydney University, Redfern and Canterbury.

Over the passage of time from those early days of grade cricket through to the modern era of the 21st century ‘Family Connections’ have played a large part in the Parramatta Cricket Story. Outlined below are several interesting facts on one branch of these family connections, Fathers and Sons, and First Grade involvement with the Parramatta Club.

- **Father and Sons who have played 1st Grade for the Parramatta District Cricket Club:**

Father	Sons
William Peter Howell	William Hunter Howell, Arthur and Norman Howell
Sam Stone	James Stone and son-in-law Owen Smith
Lou Benaud	Richie and John Benaud
Phillip Eagar	Robert Eagar
Lloyd Cadden	Robert Cadden
Gordon Woolmer	Brian Woolmer
Albert Alderson	Douglas and Gregory Alderson
Wally Cornock	Richard Cornock
Bobby Aitken	Robbie, James and Glenn Aitken
Thomas J. Wood	James and Michael Andrew Wood
Allen Turrell	Adam Turrell
Greg Monaghan	Ben Monaghan
Mark Crittenden	Trent Crittenden
John Affleck	William and Timothy Affleck
Paul Calvert	Andrew Calvert

- **Father and Sons who’ve captained Parramatta District Cricket Club in 1st Grade:**

- Lou Benaud – sons Richie and John Benaud.
- Lloyd Cadden – son Robert Cadden.
- Tom Wood – son Michael A. Wood

- **Father and sons who have captured over 300 wickets in 1st Grade for Parramatta District Cricket Club:**

- Lou and Richie Benaud - according to the NSWCA library they are the only Father and Son combination to have achieved this feat at one Sydney grade club.

- **Father and Sons who have scored a century, and taken 5 wickets in an innings in 1st Grade for the Parramatta Club:**

- Thomas J. Wood and Michael A. Wood

- **Father and Sons who have scored a century 1st Grade for the Parramatta Club:**

- Thomas J. Wood and Michael A. Wood
- John Affleck and William Affleck – another son Tim scored 99.
- Paul Calvert and Andrew J. Calvert.

(Robbie Aitken, and James Aitken scored a century for Parramatta in 1st grade and their father Bobby made 98).

- **Father and Sons to hold the office of Parramatta District Cricket Club President:**

- Ernie Gould (father) 1953 – 1960 and Wesley Gould (son) 1978 – 1981.

David Ferguson (father) 1988 – 2003 and Bradley Ferguson (son) 2003 – 2005 [another son Bruce was Deputy President 1984 – 88).

- **Father and Sons who have captured 5 Wickets in an Innings in 1st Grade for the Parramatta District Cricket Club:**

- William Peter 'Old Bill' Howell and sons William Hunter 'Young Bill', Arthur and Norman Howell.
- Lloyd Cadden and Robert Cadden (son).
- Lou Benaud, and Richie and John Benaud (sons).
- Bobby Aitken and Robbie Aitken (son).
- Tom Wood and Michael A. Wood (son).